



Mulvane's first sacker T.J. Lervik (33) waits for the throw at first base for a possible tag on Rose Hill runner

Cats Putting It Together; Split Two Home Contests

It must be getting close to regional time. The Mulvane High School baseball Wildcats played their best ball of the season Monday night, April 22, when they welcomed Goddard to the Mulvane sports complex.

Naughty hosts. The Cats bruised up the contending Lions, 7-2, in the opening game with Cat righthander Tim Glaser tossing a three-hitter, then had Goddard on the run in the second game only to lose in extra innings, 13-4.

The split left the Cats at 5-11 for the year. Goddard fell a couple of notches in the Chisholm Trail with its 9-5 log.

"We were really pleased with the first game," said MHS Coach Zeke Rash. "We felt like we may have played our best game of the year in that one. Tim Glaser was tremendous. He's got to be one of the best in the league. In the second game, we had two or three chances to win the ball game but didn't get it done, and they have a pretty good team."

Glaser mowed the Lions down in the opener, striking out three and walking only four.

Mulvane moved ahead quickly, scoring twice in the opening frame when Glaser tripled after a Tad Nicholson double. Glaser

then scored when Kasey McDowell singled. The Cats then put it away with three more in the fifth. Nicholson was hit by a pitch and Glaser singled. Both runners scored when McDowell doubled and McDowell came in to score when Mike Abasolo singled.

In the nightcap, the MHS baseballers ripped 11 hits but the Cat relieving corps couldn't shut the door. McDowell, Joe Flowers and Abasolo had two hits each in the nightcap and Glaser scored three times while Nicholson scored twice.

When your struggling, a split looks pretty good, and especially when it comes against one of the top teams in the league. The Cats' split with Rose Hill Thursday, April 18, at the Mulvane sports complex did look good to Rash.

The Wildcats jumped ahead early, then held on as RH rallied before snagging an 8-7 verdict Thursday in the opener. Rose Hill exploded in the middle innings to take an 11-5 triumph in the nightcap.

"We were able to just hang on in the opener," admitted Rash. "Our pitchers, for the most part, were able to give us a good job. Pete Myers came in and gave us four good innings, then Tim Glaser gave us a top-notch finish in the last two innings. That's (relief pitching) something we've had trouble with lately so it was good to wrap this one up."

The Cat coach also felt like the Wildcats did the job in the hitting department, too. "I was happy that we swung the bats pretty good and didn't help their pitchers out by swinging at bat pitches," said Rash. "But, I'm seeing some good improvement in that area. We have the guys making contact and that helps because it puts the ball into play and they made some errors because of it."

Mulvane took advantage of Rose Hill's ineptness in the opening inning to stake Myers to a 5-1 lead when the Rockets made two errors and had three wild pitches in the first. Tad Nicholson and Tim Glaser walked to start the game. Mike Abasolo slapped a run-scoring single, then Glaser scored on a wild pitch. After Kasey McDowell walked, Abasolo also scored on a wild pitch. T.J. Lervik tripled to drive in one run and scored on a wild pitch.

Joe Flowers came through with a double in the second inning, scoring Abasolo and he had a ground ball that scored Abasolo, who scored three times, in the fourth inning. His single in the sixth set up Glaser at third and Glaser then scored on another wild pitch.

Although Glaser had to work hard in his two innings, he escaped in with the save as

he gave up two hits in each inning.

The Rockets wrapped up the split by scoring four in the fifth, then tacking on three more in the sixth to make it 11-4 game.

McDowell went 3-for-3 and had two RBIs and one run scored in the nightcap and both designated hitter Noel Magee and Flowers had two hits, too.

"It wasn't bad except for those two innings," pointed out Rash. "I think it was the fourth inning about the worst defensive inning I've ever seen. We had a number of errors in that inning and you're not going to beat anybody doing that. And that was the ball game."

The Wildcats made three errors in each inning and several other mis-plays as the "wheels came off" for two innings.

The Cats won't be playing today but they will head for Nickerson for a double-header Monday, April 29. The two-game set is slated to begin at 3 p.m.

FIRST GAME

Goddard 001 001 0—2 3
Mulvane 200 032 x—7 14
Bell and Cumbie; Tim Glaser and Chad Gerwick.

SECOND GAME

Goddard 007 010 104—13 13
Mulvane 220 301 000—9 11
Esterline, Dreiling 4, Wichter 7, and Cumbie; James Starkweather, Joe Flowers 3, Bryce Schumacher 3, Brian Minks 6, Starkweather 9, Tim Glaser 9, and Chad Gerwick, Matt Phipps 9.

FIRST GAME

Rose Hill 121 011 1—7 12
Mulvane 510 101 x—8 5
Matt Hall, Jared Nickel 1, Nick Krueger 6, and Jason Loeck; Pete Myers, Tim Glaser 5, and Matt Phipps, Chad Gerwick 5.

SECOND GAME

Rose Hill 103 043 0—11 9
Mulvane 200 110 1—5 8
Nick Krueger and Miko Phinney; Joe Flowers, James Starkweather 3, Bryce Schumacher 7, and Chad Gerwick.

Chisholm Trail Baseball Standings

(Thru games played April 22)

Team	W	L
Valley Center	12	4
Maize	9	3
Rose Hill	9	3
Andover	8	4
Wellington	11	5
Goddard	9	5
Mulvane	5	11
Augusta	4	10
Nickerson	2	6
Circle	2	10
Buhler	1	11