

B-Ball Wildcats Don't Quit; Homer, Pitching Lift MHS

Mulvane and Andover traded punches in a Chisholm Trail League doubleheader Monday night, April 28, at Andover. And when it was all over, both teams could say they should have swept the other.

In reality, what happened is that two CTL foes took their best shots and came out with a split. Andover snapped a 9-9 tie with a run in the bottom of the sixth inning to nose out the Cats, 10-9, in the first game and the Wildcats turned the tables in the nightcap, scoring three times on a lightning bolt by Pete Myers in the top of the last inning to plunk the Trojans, 8-5.

The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 4-5 overall and 2-4 in Division I. Andover went to 7-3 overall and 3-3 in the loop.

"We probably should have swept them," said MHS Coach Zeke Rash. "We had it right there and let it get away. I was real happy with game No. 2, though. I felt like we played really good baseball. It was just about the best complete game for us this year as far as pitching, defense and offense is concerned. Everything just seemed to fall into place. We beat their best pitcher. I know, it was the best pitcher we've seen by far, so I was happy about that."

The Cats did their damage in the last frame in game 2 when Mike Johnson walked, stole second, went to third on a

passed ball and scored when Myers launched one over the centerfield fence. That sock came after two outs and a walk to Brian Minks and decided the game.

"The kids just didn't quit," emphasized Rash. "We had opportunities the whole game and finally busted through in the sixth inning to take the lead. I believe that's the biggest hit we've had all year. It was a real clutch-hit and it came against a really good pitcher. That should give Pete a lot of confidence. He went up there looking for a fastball, he got one and hit it over the fence. Coming with two outs and the game on the line, it was a real great effort on his part. Then Brian (Minks) came in and struck out the side in

the seventh. It looked super. That's what it's all about—good pitching and a few hits and you can beat some people."

Rash said he wasn't even dissatisfied with the first game, other than with the loss. "We actually played a pretty good ball game," said the Cat skipper. "We had one inning where we made a few mistakes that came back to haunt us. We gave them a run or two that they probably didn't deserve, but the guys came back like they always have. We had two runners on in the last inning and nearly won that one. Minks hit a ball about as hard as you can hit it. It just happened to be right at the leftfielder and ended the game, 10-9."

The Wildcats appeared to be in pretty good position in the opener at Andover. Lefty Ryan Rogers was moving along with a seven-hit, one walk job into the bottom of the 5th, immediately after the Cats had scored five times to take a 9-5 edge in the top of the fifth. In that inning, Chad Gerwick, who had five hits and scored three times in the series, banged out a one-out single and went to third when Matt Phipps pounded a double to center. After a second out, Bryce Schumacher doubled in the gap in right-center for two runs and Travis Morgan brought in another run when he reached on an error. Minks then smashed a two-run homer.

Rogers was pulled after a lead-off single in the 5th and Myers and Minks couldn't shut the door. The Trojans went on to score four runs in the fifth and added a final one in the sixth to win the game with the help of three walks and two passed balls.

"I was disappointed that we let it slip away, but I think we showed we could play with those teams in the upper level," stressed Rash. "Our pitchers struggled a little in that first game but, hey, Andover is probably the best hitting club we've seen so far this year, so we had our hands full," said Rash. "They swing the bats. There aren't any easy outs out there in their line-up."

The Wildcats had plenty of hitting for the day, too. In addition to Myers' winning shot, his third hit of the game, Minks had two homers in the first game and three RBIs. Gerwick finished with a 3-for-4 effort in the opener and Darrin Erbert went 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

The Wildcats went to Buhler Thursday, April 24, for another league doubleheader but that game was postponed because of rain. It has been re-scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Buhler.

Chisholm Trail Ball Standings

Baseball DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Maize	5	1	9	1
Goddard	5	3	7	3
Wellington	5	3	7	7
Andover	3	3	7	3
Valley Center	2	4	5	5
Mulvane	2	4	4	5
Augusta	2	4	4	6
Buhler	2	4	2	6

DIVISION II

Douglass	2	0	8	2
Rose Hill	5	1	6	6
Circle	3	1	4	5
Medicine Lodge	4	2	4	2
Clearwater	0	2	0	8
Belle Plaine	0	4	0	4
Bluestem	0	4	0	6

Softball DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Maize	4	0	6	0
Goddard	7	1	9	1
Mulvane	5	3	6	4
Andover	3	3	7	3
Valley Center	3	3	5	3
Wellington	2	6	7	7
Buhler	1	5	1	5
Augusta	1	5	1	7

DIVISION II

Rose Hill	6	0	9	3
Douglass	5	1	10	2
Clearwater	3	3	5	8
Medicine Lodge	2	2	2	2
Bluestem	0	2	0	4
Circle	0	4	0	4
Belle Plaine	0	4	0	10

FIRST GAME

Mulvane 220 050 0 9 9
Andover 102 241 x--10 11
Ryan Rogers, Pete Myers 5, Brian Minks 5, and Matt Phipps; Green and Carner.

HR—Brian Minks (M), 2; Proctor (A).

SECOND GAME

Mulvane 200 003 3--8 10
Andover 101 021 0--5 13
Pete Myers, Travis Morgan 5, Brian Minks 7, and Matt Phipps; Tim Hartness and Goodman.

HR—Pete Myers (M); Tim Hartness (A).

Mulvane at Buhler, DH, rain, pp until 1 p.m. Saturday, May 10, DH

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