

BBers Run Hot, Cold

There's a time to remember...and a time to forget.

Mulvane High School baseball coach Zeke Rash endured a little of each Thursday night, April 23, when Buhler came to Mulvane for a Chisholm Trail League doubleheader.

"A time to remember" was game No. 2, which saw the host Wildcats smother the Crusader offense behind a 16-hit assault for a 12-6 victory. "A time to forget" was the first game, which saw the Cats play terribly and Buhler pummel Mulvane pitching standout Ryan Rogers for a 15-3 decision.

The Wildcats were to have played Monday, April 27, at home against Andover but the game was postponed because of rain.

The split against the Crusaders left the MHS baseballers at 6-7 for the year overall and 4-6 in the CTL.

"Those were two pretty opposite games," pointed out Rash. "We'd like to forget about the first one. Buhler has a real good ball club. Ryan started but he wasn't sharp and they just jumped all over him for six runs. Our defense wasn't sharp, either. The kids made some errors, like a couple of pop-ups that nobody took charge on and they fell. That's something we practice every day, but it just didn't happen. They put us back on our heels pretty quickly and we never recovered."

Buhler, which improved its record to 8-4, zipped out to a 4-0 lead, then put the game away with a nine-run fifth after the Wildcats moved close with three runs in the bottom of the fourth.

"Ryan's fastball didn't have near the velocity that he normally has," said Rash. "And he had some control problems. They also have a very good hitting ball club and were hitting the ball around the field. It got pretty bad in the 5th when they scored nine runs to end it. I think Buhler is probably the best hitting ball club we've seen this year. Even at his best, they probably were going to score some runs off Ryan, and we didn't help him with our defense. It was just a combination of all those things rolled into one."

The Cats, who could manage only four hits, scored three times in the 4th to get back to within three runs (6-3). Darrin Erbert slapped a single to left and Chad Gerwick walked. Bryce Schumacher singled and that filled the bases for Justin Horton, whose base hit scored one. DH Garrett Hennes grounded out and another run scored, and the third run came in when Eric Tatum singled to left. That was all of the Wildcats' hits in the game.

"They pitched a kid that we beat around pretty good last year," said Rash. "We're hitting about .301 as a team this year and I

Chisholm Trail League Baseball Standings

DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Goddard	6	2	9	3
Augusta	6	4	9	5
Nickerson	5	5	7	5
Buhler	4	4	8	4
Maize	4	4	8	4
Wellington	4	4	6	6
Valley Center	4	4	4	4
Mulvane	4	6	6	7
Andover	3	7	5	7

DIVISION II

Rose Hill	6	0	7	5
Haven	8	4	10	4
Douglass	4	2	6	4
Medicine Lodge	4	3	8	3
Circle	4	4	4	8
Belle Plaine	2	6	2	6
Clearwater	1	5	2	10
Bluestem	1	7	3	10

Includes games through April 27

FIRST GAME

Buhler 410 19--15 12
 Mulvane 000 30--3 4
 B. Tyrell and Komelson; Ryan Rogers, Josh Sears 5, Brian Dinkel 5, and Jerimiah Webb.

HR—B.L. Bauer and B. Tyrell (B).

SECOND GAME

Buhler 000 400 2--6 10
 Mulvane 043 013 x--12 16
 B.L. Bauer, Archer 3, Parcell 6, and Komelson; Bryce Schumacher, Keene Hargrove 5, Chad Gerwick 6, and Jerimiah Webb.

HR—Komelson, Richardson (B); Bryce Schumacher (M).

Andover at Mulvane, DH, postponed, rain

Junior Varsity Results

Wichita Heights 11, Mulvane JV 9

Wichita Heights 13, Mulvane JV 13

Arkansas City 16, Mulvane JV 12

Mulvane JV 11, Arkansas City 8



thought we could do it again but he's really improved a lot since then."

The nightcap was totally different. Tatum and Jerimiah Webb both went 3-for-4 and Erbert, Gerwick, Schumacher and Lucas Powell had two hits apiece as the Cats beat up on the visitors.

"The kids played a super ball game," emphasized Rash. "Our kids have a lot of character and they bounced back. They were embarrassed by game No. 1 and because they are competitors, they bounced back."

Although Mulvane banged out 16 hits, Rash felt it was a short relief stint by Keene Hargrove that keyed the victory. "He came in in the fifth and held them scoreless for a couple of innings and that was the key. Keene has a great curve, probably the best on the team, and he kept them off-balance with his off-speed pitches. It was still a tight game when he came in."

The Cats immediately scored one, then added three more in the 6th. Rash then brought Chad Gerwick to the hill for the final three outs.

Schumacher started the 5th for Mulvane with a base hit and went to third on a Tatum base hit. He scored on an error.

In the 6th, Erbert ignited the rally with a one-bagger and Gerwick followed suit. After an out, Schumacher kept things going by walking to fill the sacks. Tatum nailed one for a double and all three runners scored. Webb followed with a single, scoring Tatum.

"we're playing some real good baseball at times, we just have to get more consistent," said Rash. "I am seeing improvement up and down the line-up in the hitting department so I'm fairly happy with the season so far."

The MHS junior varsity team lost two road games to Wichita Heights Saturday, April 25, and split home two with Arkansas City Thursday, April 23. Derek Nordquist, Derek Boyer and Jared Rice each scored two runs in the opener at Heights, and in the second game, Luke Scott had three hits, including a solo homer in the 4th, and knocked in three runs and Rice had three hits and scored two. In the Ark City opener, Brian McColpin slapped three hits and scored twice and Cale Carson had three hits and scored two. Mulvane won the second game by scoring nine times in the 4th to wipe out a 7-2 Bulldog lead. The big hits of the rally were RBI singles by Jonathan Reed, Kyle McGuire and Brian Love. Nordquist had two hits in the inning.