



Pitcher Brian Dinkel and catcher Jerimiah Webb talk it over on the mound

Cats Knock Off Crusaders

Let's see now. Only 67 more to go to catch that guy McGuire!

Mulvane High School third baseman Luke Scott pounded home runs in his second and third consecutive games Monday, April 12, helping lift the Cats to a double-header sweep of Wellington at the Mulvane sports complex. Mulvane won the opener by a 9-4 count, then made the most of seven hits in a 12-3 decision over the Crusaders.

The victories gave Mulvane a 2-4 in the Chisholm Trail League. Overall, Mulvane is 4-4.

"Luke's been hitting the ball really good," said Coach Zeke Rash. "We moved him into the four hole (clean-up) and he has really been producing. He had a big home run in the first game and that kind of sealed the victory. But we really had a lot of guys swing a good bat Monday against Wellington."

But to catch up with that Cardinal guy McGuire, Scott will have to pick up the pace a bit.

The Wildcats broke out of the gate early, scoring eight runs in the first three innings to take a comfortable lead. Lucas Powell slapped three hits and scored twice, Garrett Hennes went 2 for 3 with two runs and one RBI and Scott had three RBIs by going 2 for 4, including a solo homer in the 4th inning. Brian McCulpin also was a big gun, going 2 for 2 with three RBIs. That was more than enough for Nathan Gunter, who came in in relief in the first inning and pitched a strong game the rest of the way, allowing only four hits.

In the second game, Mulvane wiped out a 1-0 Wellington lead when the Cats scored four times in the 2nd inning. As is usually the case, the rally started with walks to Scott and Garrett Hennes. Jared Rice reached on an error with a run scoring and Eric Tatum singled to fill the bases. Jerimiah Webb hit a sac fly to center to deliver a run and another run scored on Brian McCulpin's base hit. Powell delivered the last run when he grounded out.

Scott's solo homer ignited a four-run 5th that saw the Cats grab a 10-3 and Randy Johnson's two-run blow in the 6th finished off the game and made a winner out of Derek Boyer, who held Wellington in check during his four-plus innings. Hennes mopped up two scoreless innings.

"In the first game, we played a great game defensively," said Rash. "We had no errors, no mental mistakes. Every play we should have made, we made. It was our best defensive game of the year."

The Cat offense made the most of things in the nightcap. "We got some people on base and then had hits with runners on," said Rash. "I don't think we stranded a runner. We also took advantage of them on the bases. We felt like we could steal on them and we did. I think the kids had six or seven stolen bases, so we played aggressively."

The MHS Cats entertained Goddard Thursday, April 8, for two baseball games and a slugfest broke out! Goddard had more "slug" than the Wildcats on a windy day at the sports complex. The Lions bombed four wind-aided homers in the opener for a 17-7 conquest, then in the second game, Mulvane scored 18 runs but still lost by a 24-18 count.

"The conditions were pretty awful," said Rash. "Every routine grounder was going through for a hit, the ground was so hard. I really thought we played pretty fair defensively considering the conditions. And you're also talking about Goddard. They can really hit the ball."

But the key was the Cats couldn't get a stop from the staff. "Offensively when you score 18 runs, you expect to win the ball game," said Rash. "We got some offense but we couldn't keep them from scoring."

In game No. 1, Randy Johnson went 2-for-3 with two runs scored, Brian Dinkel

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FIRST GAME
Wellington 200 110 0-4 4
Mulvane 233 100 x-9 12
Yiramontes, William Dean 5, and Brandon Wilmoth, Brian Love, Nathan Gunter 1, and Jerimiah Webb
HR-Luke Scott (M)

SECOND GAME
Wellington 101 100 0-3 5
Mulvane 040 242 x-12 7
Elliott Ybarra, Eldon Carter 5, and Brandon Wilmoth, Derek Boyer, Garrett Hennes 5, and Jerimiah Webb
HR-Luke Scott, Randy Johnson (M)

FIRST GAME
Goddard 516 05 17 11
Mulvane 140 11-7 10
Herd and Harrington, Josh Sears, Nathan Gunter 3, Brian Dinkel 3, Jared Rice 5, and Jerimiah Webb
HR-Craig 2, Crumble 1, Inebought (G)

SECOND GAME
Goddard 212 022 9 24 14
Mulvane 340 250 4 18 12
Means, Howard 2, Crumble 5, Blast 7, and Hinton, Garrett Hennes, Luke Scott 2, Derek Boyer 7, Nathan Gunter 7, and Jerimiah Webb
HR-Jared Rice (M)

FIRST GAME
Medicine Lodge 000 50 5 2
Mulvane 238 5x 18 10
J. Jacobs, Hauser 3, J. Jacobs 4, and Lanstford, Derek Boyer, Nathan Gunter 5, and Jerimiah Webb
HR-Hauser, Bohm (M), Luke Scott (M)

SECOND GAME
Medicine Lodge 000 010 0 1 4
Mulvane 000 210 x 3 3
Meador and Hauser, Brian Love and Jerimiah Webb

Junior Varsity Baseball
Goddard 1-3, Mulvane 0-2
Mulvane 1-8, Valley Center 12-6

went 2 for 3 with four RBIs and Eric Tatum went 2 for 3.

The Cat coach was disappointed with the second game. Mulvane banged out 12 hits with Luke Scott going 2-for-4 with two runs scored and three RBIs, Lucas Powell going 2-for-4 with three RBIs and two runs scored and Johnson, Tatum and Dinkel all scoring three times. Mulvane's big blow, however, was a three-run homer by Jared Rice, which sparked a five-run fifth inning that put Mulvane ahead, 14-13. The Lions put the game away, though, with nine runs in the last inning.

In a make-up twinbill Tuesday, April 6, Mulvane dumped Medicine Lodge, 18-5, in the opener and tacked on a 3-1 victory with sophomore Brian Love pitching a four-hit gem.

Mulvane run-ruled the Indians in the opener as Dinkel slapped three hits and knocked in five runs, Luke Scott scored twice and pounded a three-run homer in the 4th and Derek Boyer went 1-for-2 with two runs scored and two RBIs.

Mulvane gave Love all the backing he needed in the second game when the Cats punched across two runs in the 4th inning. Tatum singled with one out, stole second, took third on a ground out. After Dinkel walked, Tatum scored when the Indian pitcher balked trying to get Dinkel at first base. He scored moments later on a passed ball.

The junior varsity baseballers slipped to 1-3 on the year Thursday when Goddard beat Mulvane's JV, 1-0 and 3-2, in two tough luck contests. A week earlier, the jayvee baseballers split two games with Valley Center. They won the second game, 8-7, after losing in the first game by a 12-1 count.

The 1-0 loss spoiled a great pitching performance from Austin Higinbotham, who gave up only four hits and walked only one. Jonathan Reed had two of Mulvane's four hits. In the nightcap, Derek Nordquist knocked in one run with a double, then scored on an error but Goddard won the game with two runs in the bottom of the last inning.

Against Valley Center, Jake Myers walked and scored without the benefit of a hit in the second inning but VC scored 12 times in third inning to end the game. In game No. 2, Shawn Rogers, Ryan McKnight, Higinbotham and Reed scored in the final inning as the Cats rallied to win it.