

Mulvane Offense Comes Alive

The offense finally caught up with the defense in Rose Hill. The Mulvane High School baseball Wildcats put together their

FIRST GAME

Mulvane 204 203 2 -13 -14
Rose Hill 000 200 0 -2 -2
Josh Sears, Derek Boyer 6, and Jeremiah Webb, Brad Bradford and Michael Yops

SECOND GAME

Mulvane 130 020 0 -6 -10
Rose Hill 000 000 0 -0 -3
Nathan Gunter and Jeremiah Webb, Shawn Verma, Jeff Nickel 6, and Ryan Burks

FIRST GAME

Maize 540 704 -16 -6
Mulvane 000 0 -0 -1
Pruitt and Wray, Randy Johnson, Jared Rice 2, Austin Higinbotham 4, and Jeremiah Webb

SECOND GAME

Maize 023 200 4 -11 -11
Mulvane 001 000 2 -3 -8
Douglass, Nail 7, and Wray, Brian Love, Brian Dinkel 4, and Jeremiah Webb

FIRST GAME

Mulvane 000 100 0 -1 -5
Andover 003 101 x -5 -7
Derek Boyer, Luke Scott 6, and Jeremiah Webb, B Gonzalez and Rigby

SECOND GAME

Mulvane 000 200 0 -2 -4
Andover 004 002 x -6 -11
Luke Scott and Jeremiah Webb, Evans, S. Gonzalez 6, and Rigby

HR - Matt Johnson (A)

biggest offensive since early in the year Saturday, May 1, in a make-up doubleheader sweep of the Rockets

The series capped a hectic four days which saw Coach Zeke Rash's Cats play six games in four days, and the sweep of RH helped Mulvane snap out of a six-game skid. Mulvane boosted its record to 7-11 and to 3-11 in the Chisholm Trail League Division I

"Defensively, we played real good baseball during that six-game stretch and our pitchers are doing as much as they can," said Rash. "We just have to start hitting the baseball a little better, and we did that against Rose Hill. We struggle against good pitching. Some of our seniors need to pick up the slack in that area."

The Cats busted 14 hits in a 13-2 shelling of Rose Hill in the opener Saturday, then Nathan Gunter was outstanding in a 6-0 triumph over the Rockets in the second game. Gunter pitched a three-hit gem.

"We really needed those two wins," said Rash. "Hopefully, they'll get some confidence from it. We're 7-1 against 4A schools (the lone loss to Nickerson), so we've had some success against the 4A schools."

In the first game, Mulvane righthander

Josh Sears held the Rockets to only two hits. "He was pretty solid," said Rash of Sears. "And we had our best hitting production of the year behind him."

"We also had Lucas Powell at shortstop playing one of the best games I've ever seen a high school shortstop play. He just made one great play after another. Brian Dinkel also did a great job on defense at second base."

The Wildcats were led offensively by Powell, who went 5-for-5 with 5 runs scored. Eric Tatum went 2-for-4 with three runs scored, Dinkel had two hits and scored two and Sears went 2-for-4.

Gunter twirled Mulvane's first complete-game shutout of the season as he struck out seven but he worked out of trouble in nearly every inning. Top hitters for the Cats included catcher Jeremiah Webb, Tatum and Dinkel, each going 2-for-3. RBI hits by Powell and Dinkel sparked a three-run second that gave Mulvane a 4-0 lead.

The Wildcats went to Andover Wednesday, April 28, for another make-up set and the Trojans took both ends of the twinbill. They won the opener, 5-1, and took the second game 6-2. Coming back home Thursday, April 29, was no bargain

either as Maize romped in both games, 16-0, and 11-3

The Maize games are a pair Rash would like to forget. "It could have been worse, too," said Rash. "We didn't come out and play at all, so it was real disappointing. In baseball, you have days like that, though."

Mulvane's only hit in the opener was a lead-off single by Powell in the first inning. The Cats had a little more offense in the second game. Powell had two hits and Randy Johnson, Derek Boyer, Sears, Jared Rice, Luke Scott and Webb had one hit each.

Against the Trojans, Boyer and Scott teamed up on the mound for a seven-hitter but the MHS offense was stalled in neutral. Scott had two hits and Sears, Kyle McGuire and Dinkel had one hit apiece. In the nightcap, Mulvane's only runs came in the 4th when Tatum singled, Dinkel reached on a fielder's choice with Tatum getting to second. Scott banged a double for one run and McGuire grounded out with Dinkel scoring.

The Wildcats were idle Monday, May 3, and will play their final regular season game at home against Augusta at 4 p.m. today (May 6) at the sports complex.



Mulvane's Brian McColpin takes a cut against Maize

Chisholm Trail League Baseball Standings

DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Maize	8	2	8	4
Valley Center	11	3	13	3
Goddard	9	3	12	4
Augusta	6	4	9	5
Andover	6	6	8	6
Buhler	5	5	9	5
Nickerson	2	8	4	8
Mulvane	3	11	7	11
Wellington	1	9	1	13

DIVISION II

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