

# Batting Troubles Continue For MHS

One of the hardest things to do in the world of sports is to put a rounded surface against a round surface that is moving with great speed. That's hitting, and that's something the Mulvane High School baseball team is finding out just how difficult hitting is.

Their hitting woes continued Thursday, April 27, in a doubleheader loss at Maize. The host Eagles slammed out 17 hits in two games. Mulvane had eight. The Eagles had 17 runs. In plain English, Maize popped Mulvane 12-2 and 5-0.

"Maize is tough," said Cat Coach Dave Katzenmeier. "We did get back to playing some pretty good baseball after playing poorly last week, though. Our biggest problem is that we don't get the sticks going and we need it. We're not hitting a lot and that means we're not scoring a lot."

Mulvane had only five hits in the opener and three in the nightcap.

Katzenmeier felt the Cats got back into the groove defensively, though. "we got back to playing pretty good baseball," stressed Katzenmeier. "We made some doubleplays, we made the routine plays, so I walked off the field feeling better about that, but it all boils down to trying to get some runs some how. We were sure trying to scratch out something early but it didn't happen."

The Wildcats were out of the first game before going into the 3rd inning. The Eagles pitching put the Cats down one-two-three in each of the first three innings while the offense peppered MHS for five runs in the first inning without the benefit of a hit. Starter Brian Love had trouble finding the plate, walking the first four batters he faced.

## FIRST GAME

Mulvane	000	002	2	5
Maize	520	203	12	9
Brian Love, Austin Higinbotham 1, Jared Rice 5, Luke Scott 6, and Jeremiah Webb, Goode, Knight 5, and Reynolds				

## SECOND GAME

Mulvane	000	000	0	3
Maize	002	120	5	8
Pat Myers and Jeremiah Webb, Benck, Hysom 5, and Reynolds, Olson 5				

Maize added two more in the 2nd to take a 7-0 lead quickly.

The Cats finally broke through in the 6th inning when Love doubled, one of his two hits, and scored when Luke Scott singled. After Derek Boyer singled, Kyle McGuire had an RBI hit to score Boyer. McGuire finished with three of Mulvane's six hits.

In the nightcap, youngster Pat Myers pitched his best game but the Wildcat bats were mostly silent in the shutout. Sophomore Austin Higinbotham started the game with a single, Scott had a single in the 4th and Derek Nordquist singled in the 3rd. Scott made it to third after his single in the 4th and that represented the Cats' closest brush with a run.

"Really, Pat Myers pitched a really good ball game but we didn't score any runs behind him," said Katzenmeier. "Hitting is one of the toughest things to do in athletics and when you're swinging at bad pitches, it makes you look even worse."

The baseballers go to Augusta tonight (May 4) for their final regular season games of the season. The doubleheader will start at 4 p.m.