

Mulvane Baseballers Rebound With Split Against Andover

Coach Ramon Wiseman's faith was restored a bit Monday night, April 23, when his Wildcats went to Andover for two games.

"I think the kids proved me wrong," said Wiseman after the Wildcats pounded Andover in the opener, 9-6, and battled the Trojans

FIRST GAME

Mulvane 420 120 0-9 4
Andover 202 100 1-6 3

Brian Love, Pete Myers 7, and Ryan Tatum; Corley, Clark 4, and B. Banks.

SECOND GAME

Mulvane 000 001 0-1 1
Andover 200 200 x-4 5

Austin Higinbotham, Jon Rogers 4, and Ryan Tatum; S. Gonzalez and B. Banks.

FIRST GAME

Mulvane 000 10-1 2
Buhler 610 04-11 12

Austin Higinbotham, Jon Rogers 4, and Ryan Tatum; Cummins and Harrin.

HR—Kyle McGuire (M); Harrin (B).

SECOND GAME

Mulvane 200 00-2 4
Buhler 230 (12)x-17 12

Pat Myers, Jake Myers 4, Derek Nordquist 4, and Ryan Tatum; Spencer and Harrin.

HR—Wray, Poston (B).

down to the wire in a 4-1 loss in the nightcap.

"We handled them in the first game and in the second game, the kids got down four runs but they didn't fold," said Wiseman. "we got beat but I was pretty happy with the way we played. I thought the kids stepped up a little even in defeat."

It was the first doubleheader split this year for the Cat baseballers, who are 9-7 overall for the season.

Shortstop Kyle McGuire went 2-for-4 with one RBI and one run scored, Brian Love went 1-for-2 with three RBIs, Austin Higinbotham went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and one RBI and Derek Nordquist had a 1-for-2 game with three runs scored and four stolen bases to headline the offense in game No. 1. Love notched the win with a 12-strikeout effort.

Higinbotham and reliever Jon Rogers pitched well in the nightcap, spacing five hits, but Mulvane's lone run came in the 6th inning when Higinbotham walked and later scored on an RBI single to right by McGuire.

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Just when the MHS baseball Wildcats are starting to think they are pretty good, somebody comes along to bring them back down to earth. After eight consecutive victories, Buhler was that "somebody" Thursday, April 19.

The Crusaders hammered the Wildcats twice and neither game was much of a game. Buhler battered Mulvane, 11-1, in game No. 1, then zapped the Cats, 17-2, in the second game at Buhler. The doubleheader loss left Mulvane at 2-6 in the Chisholm Trail League and 8-6 overall.

"Our confidence against the bigger schools has been a killer all season for us," said Coach Wiseman. "The last couple of weeks, we have taken 10 steps forward but against Buhler, we took eight steps back. Our ability is there but the kids just don't think they can play with the bigger schools. I don't care if we play the Royals, I want to be in the game, but it has almost been accepted to lose to the bigger schools in the league. It's like it's okay, but it's not okay with me."

Wiseman said the Cats also didn't get a break the whole game. "They hit a lot of those Texas leaguers that were just falling in," said Wiseman. "I think we could have played our best baseball and it wouldn't have been good enough. It was a little disappointing to say the least. Ability-wise, we can play with these teams but we don't have the proper mental approach."

Buhler set the table by blasting off to a 6-0 start in the first inning and the Wildcats never challenged. Mulvane's first hit didn't come until a single by Austin Higinbotham in the 3rd inning. Kyle McGuire's lead-off homer in the 4th provided the MHS team with its only run of the game.

The Wildcats bounced out quickly in the nightcap, taking a 2-0 lead behind Pat Myers but Myers quickly surrendered a pair of runs in the bottom of the 1st, then Buhler teed off for five more in the 2nd to take charge.

Mulvane's scoring was started by Derek Nordquist, who singled to rightfield with one out. After an out, McGuire busted an RBI single. Ryan Tatum and Brian Love loaded the bases when they singled and McGuire scored on a passed ball but that was the end of the rally.