

Split Doubleheaders

BBers Find Their Bats Vs. Andover

For a game, anyway, the old days were alive and well at the Mulvane sports complex. The Mulvane High School baseball boys pounded Andover in the first game Monday night, April 22, but discovered every game is a new deal as they crumbled quickly in the nightcap. The Cats won the first game, 11-4, by pounding out 10 hits but Andover rebounded in the second game for a 17-7 decision.

"We won that first one so easily, I don't know if the guys thought they didn't have to turn it on in the second game or what," confessed Ramon Wiseman, the Mulvane BB coach. "We let another one slip through our fingers because I thought we should have won that second game, but the thing is that we're playing better. That's good to see."

The split left the Cat record at 6-10 overall.

The Wildcats were on fire early in the opener, scoring eight runs in the 2nd with pitching ace Austin Higinbotham on the hill. Jimmie High mopped up in the final two innings. Shortstop Luke Gunter went 3-for-4 with three RBIs and two runs scored. Higinbotham went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBIs and freshman William Fagan went 1-for-3 with two

RBIs in the game.

Reverse that in the second game of the twinbill. The Trojans ripped Mulvane starter Pat Myers for six big ones in the opening frame and coasted from there. The Cats did make a run at Andover with five in the 2nd inning but the Mulvane pitching couldn't hold the line. Big hits in that inning for the Cats were singles by Higinbotham, High, Dan MacKay and Fagan.

"We struggled with our pitching the whole second game," emphasized Wiseman.

Mulvane and Buhler split two games Thursday, April 18, at the complex. The two CTL teams traded blows in the second game

after Mulvane had rallied from a 5-0 deficit in the opener for a 15-5 triumph. The Crusaders won it with two runs in the 7th inning. Wiseman's Cats responded with two in the bottom of the inning but they needed more to win it.

Andrew Bruso started that late rally with a single and scored when Higinbotham doubled. He scored on a round out and Jon Rogers walked and stole second but could get no further.

Bruso finished with a 3-for-3 game with one RBI. Ryan Tatum had a hit, an RBI and one run scored.

Bruso was hot both games, going 3-for-4

in the opener with two runs scored. Gunter scored three times and smacked a two-run single. Rogers and Pat Myers had an RBI and four runs between them while Dan MacKay went 1-for-1 with two stolen bases.

"We played about as good as we've played all year against Buhler and should have won them both," said Wiseman. "We started hitting the ball and they started making mistakes in that first game and that's a lethal combination. Everybody was swinging the bat."

The Wildcats will be at Maize today (April 25) for two CTL games. The first one starts at 4 p.m.

FIRST GAME

Andover 201 000 1-4 6

Mulvane 081 200x-11 10

Chad Freeman and Ingold; Austin Higinbotham, Jimmie High 6, and Ryan Tatum.

HR--Chad Freeman (A).

SECOND GAME

Andover 611 324-17 12

Mulvane 051 010-7 5

Tim Clark and Ingold; Pat Myers, Jake Myers 1, Jon Rogers 3, Luke Gunter 5, and Ryan Tatum.

HR--A. Evans, Chad Freeman (A).

FIRST GAME

Buhler 320 00-5 3

Mulvane 083 4x-15 9

Preston, Corwin 4, and Krankenberg; Austin Higinbotham, Jake Myers 2, and Ryan Tatum.

SECOND GAME

Buhler 000 302 2-7 5

Mulvane 111 100 2-6 7

Faulkner, Wray 7, and Krankenberg; Pat Myers, Logan Sorensen 6, Austin Higinbotham 6, and Ryan Tatum.

HR--Wray (B).



Coach Ramon Wiseman (13) tries to fire up his forces--Jon Rogers (53), Andrew Bruso and Jake Myers, right.