

# Rogers Cools Maize; Wildcats Split Two

A knuckleball that didn't "knuckle" and a two-run single by a freshman were the chief ingredients in a doubleheader split between Mulvane and Maize Thursday, April 25, at Maize in a Chisholm Trail League baseball game.

Jon Rogers' knuckleball didn't "knuckle." Good.

William Fagan's bat did his talking. Even better.

The Wildcats made the most of those two angles as they topped the Eagles, 2-0, in the opening game of the series, however, Maize came back in the second game and decked the Cats, 10-0, in a run-rule game that saw a perfect game tossed at the Wildcats. The split left Coach Ramon Wiseman's Wildcats at 7-11 overall for the season and 2-8 in the league.

"We played some good baseball," admitted Wiseman. "Jon pitched a great first game but the most important aspect of that game was that we were error-free. He's a knuckleball thrower but I think he only threw two of them because it wasn't working real good. He stayed with his fastball and kept it down and away. That's the best game he has pitched for us.

"He spotted the ball well and he got a lot of ground balls and pop flies because he kept it out of their hitting zone. Maize is a team that likes to sit on your fastball and

## FIRST GAME

Mulvane	020 000 0—2 6
Maize	000 000 0—0 4

Jon Rogers and Ryan Tatum; Goode and Melleville.

## SECOND GAME

Mulvane	000 00—0 0
Maize	012 61—10 11

Logan Sorensen, Luke Gunter 3, Jake Myers 4, Lucas Weller 5, and Ryan Tatum; Knight and Melleville.

just tear the cover off of it. They have a good hitting team normally. I saw the league hitting statistics today and they have several of the best hitters in the league."

Rogers held Maize to only four hits. Two of them came in the 3rd when the Eagles mounted their most serious threat. A great throw from rightfielder Jimmie High to Fagan to Andrew Brusó at 3rd base caught a Maize runner trying to sneak into 3rd base on the Eagles' 2nd single of the inning with no outs. That killed the rally. Rogers also had trouble in the 5th when he walked his only batter, but he got out of that jam with a strikeout.

Mulvane's only scoring came in the 2nd inning. After one out, High walked and Pat Myers followed with a base knock up the middle. Dan MacKay moved both runners up a base when he grounded out and Fagan slapped a single up the middle to score both runners. The freshman Fagan had two of Mulvane's six hits.

"The second game was a different story entirely," said Wiseman. "Our pitching staff had trouble keeping the ball down and they weren't hitting their spots," emphasized the MHS coach. "When that happens, the other team hits the ball and that's what Maize did. And it didn't help that we didn't play as fundamentally sound on defense as we had in the opener."

Maize also had a pretty good arm on the mound, too. He no-hit the Wildcats to make things easy for the Eagles. The hosts punched in a run in the 2nd, then knocked out Cat frosh starter, Logan Sorensen, in the 3rd when five straight batters reached base, two of them on walks. That led to two more runs and a 3-0 lead.