

Big Innings Blow Cats Out Of Water

Big innings. Wish we could have them. That's what Mulvane High School baseball coach Ramon Wiseman is thinking.

Augusta put together two big innings, one in each game, and made two close games victories over the Mulvane Wildcats Monday, April 7, in Augusta. The losses were the 4th and 5th straight for the Cats since they opened the season with a win.

The host Orioles clicked off five runs in the 6th inning of the opener Monday to clip the Cats, 6-1, and in the nightcap, Augusta broke up a 3-3 game with nine in the 5th on the way to a sweep, 13-5.

"Both games were tight ball games until their big innings," said Wiseman. "It's all a matter of focus. We lost our focus. That causes us to miss doing all those little things that help you win ball games, things like missing the cut-off man or giving them an extra base on a hit by throwing behind them or like missing signs. All those little things add up to big consequences. It's a bunch of little things that add up on you. When the wheels come off, they come off hard."

The Cats and Orioles were locked in a solid pitching duel through five innings of the first game. Lefthander Pat Myers was

cruising along on a three-hitter when the roof caved in after he issued a lead-off walk in the 6th inning which started the uprising.

Mulvane's lone run came in the 3rd inning when William Fagan walked and Luke Gunter and Andrew Brusco followed with base hits, Brusco's delivering the RBI.

"Our pitching held up pretty good," said the Cat coach. "Both Myers and High held their own but we didn't do much to help them out."

In game No. 2, High had a 3-3 tie going into the 5th when the roof caved in when he gave up three consecutive hits before giving way to Logan Sorensen.

For the Wildcats, Nick Hall had two hits and scored a run, Jason Wohlford went 1-for-2 with one RBI and one run scored and Sorensen had an RBI single in the 5th on a double and scored a run.

The Cats banged out 28 hits but left 19 runners stranded in a doubleheader loss Thursday, April 3, at Andale. The host Indians won, 15-14 and 8-6.

"We blew a six-run lead and a four-run lead all in the same game," said Wiseman. "Our kids just got content when they were up six and thought they had the game won." But a five-run rally in the last inning by Andale won the opener.

Mulvane's top offensive threats included the heavy-hitting Brusco, who clobbered his 3rd homer this year and went 3-for-5 with three RBIs. Greg Flores went 3-for-4, Jason Wohlford had two hits and scored two and Jeff Wohlford had two hits and three RBIs.

In the 2nd game, Mulvane's fielding collapsed under the weight of five errors and the game ended with the tying runs on 2nd and 3rd.

Hitting standouts for the Cats included Hall, who went 2-for-4 scoring twice and knocking in two runs, Gunter with two hits and one RBI, Jeff Wohlford with two hits and two RBIs and Flores, who went 2-for-4 with one run scored.

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	001 000 0--1 5
Augusta	100 005 x--6 8

Pat Myers, Logan Sorensen 6, and Andrew Brusco; Jayden Gillies and Nick Spaht

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	010 021 0--5 7
Augusta	110 192 x--13 12

Jimmie High, Logan Sorensen 5, Luke Gunter 6, and Andrew Brusco; Cortez, John Maier 5, Tolle 7, and Nick Spaht.

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	123 030 5--14 18
Andale	002 800 5--15 18

Logan Sorensen, Jason Martin 3, Andrew Brusco 4, Jimmie High 5, and Ben Humbolt; Justin Lies, Martin 3, and Kyle Zenner 6, and Ast.

HR—Andrew Brusco, Jeff Wohlford (M); Kerschen, Hoheisel (A).

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	310 000 2--6 10
Andale	111 500 0--8 6

Jeff Wohlford, Pat Myers 4, and Andrew Brusco; Luke Posch and Ast.