

Walks 'Absolutely Kill'

As MHS Boys, RH Split

Speed kills but walks absolutely kill.

Winning and walks don't mix and Mulvane High Schools' baseball team found that out at Rose Hill Monday, April 28.

Mulvane won the first game, 5-2, as senior Jimmie High stopped the Rockets on four hits. And did we mention zero walks?

Chisholm Trail League Baseball Standings

DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Augusta	5	1	12	2
Maize	5	1	6	3
Valley Center	6	2	12	4
Goddard	3	3	6	5
Buhler	3	3	4	4
Mulvane	3	7	4	10
Rose Hill	1	9	2	10

DIVISION II

Andover	5	1	10	4
Andale	3	1	5	5
Andover Central	5	3	7	7
Wellington	3	3	5	5
Circle	2	4	4	8
Clearwater	0	6	3	7

Enter a second game. Enter 10 walks and one hit batsman. And did we mention a 15-5 Rose Hill victory in that one?

"Walks just kill you in baseball," agreed Coach Ramon Wiseman. "With our limited numbers (of pitchers), we can't afford to have off nights on the mound. Everybody's got to go out there with an attitude and gut it out."

High did that in the opener. The righthander didn't give up a hit until the 6th inning, and he finished the game in the 7th despite yielding two runs.

"Jimmie High pitched a great game," said Wiseman. "He hit his spots and he kept the ball down. We didn't hit our spots or keep the ball down in the second game. Walks is something you can't defend against. You put 10 walks in there and 10 hits and you don't win many ball games."

The Wildcats didn't break out until the top of the 6th inning although they hit the ball hard earlier. Greg Flores, moving in at 2nd base for the injured William Fagan, reached on an error and stole second. After a passed ball, he trotted home when Nick Hall hit a screamer to center for a double. He scored months later when Ben Humbolt doubled.

The Wildcats made it 5-0 in the 7th with three more. Andrew Brusco was hit by a pitch and Jason Martin walked. Pat Myers crunched another shot to center for a triple and two runs scored. Myers then scored on a passed ball right before Luke Gunter's base hit.

The nightcap was a nightmare for Wiseman's troops. The Rockets put the game away early when they trotted eight runners across the plate in the 2nd inning to break a 1-1 tie as RH put together four walks, three hits and a hit batter.

The Cats had seven hits with Jeff

Wohlford going 2-for-4 with three RBIs and one run scored. Brusco went 2-for-3 with two RBIs including a two-run homer in the 5th inning. That homer scored Wohlford, who had just doubled in Gunter and Hall.

Jason Wohlford and Jake McClure followed that scene by getting on base with walks but the rally died right there.

"I believe that's Brusco's fourth homer," noted Wiseman. "We really played good ball in the field. I can think of only three or four errors the whole night but you can't extend the inning for anybody with walks."

The split left the MHS Cats at 4-10 for the year. Rose Hill stands at 2-10.

Mulvane will play Andover Central today (May 1), in a make-up doubleheader. The games will be played at the Mulvane sports complex. They were originally scheduled for Andover Central but Central's fields aren't ready yet. The doubleheader will start at 4:30 p.m.

MULVANE Sports

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	000 002 3--5 6
Rose Hill	000 000 2--2 4
Jimmie High and Andrew Brusco, Tyler Erker, Foster 7, Ryan Flafluck 7, and Kyle Davis	

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	100 040--5 7
Rose Hill	181 302--15 10
Jeff Wohlford, Pat Myers 2, Jason Martin 4, and Andrew Brusco, J.J. Dillinger, Jake Scott 5, and Kyle Davis	

HR--Andrew Brusco (M)