

Wildcats Miss Two Golden Opportunities

A well-pitched game and a meltdown. That describes in few words the Mulvane High School baseball twin loss Thursday, May 1, to Andover Central in a make-up doubleheader held at the Mulvane sports complex.

The games, played in Mulvane because the AC baseball field isn't completed yet, kept the Wildcats of Coach Ramon Wiseman in the same pattern which has produced a 4-12 year. The Cats spoiled a sharply-pitched game by sophomore Logan Sorensen in the opener that ended in a 2-0 Jaguars victory. In game No. 2, it was close until Central pulled away with a four-run 6th on the way to a 9-3 triumph.

"We really didn't play too badly," said Wiseman. "We just keep having one or two little things create some big problems for us. In the 1st game, Logan had a well-pitched game but we didn't hit the ball. In the 2nd game, we kept getting runners on base with two outs and never could get the crucial hit that could have delivered runs. When we hit it hard, it went right to a fielder, plus they made some good defensive plays behind their staff."

The first game was tough to take. The first batter of the game scored after a double and that same player scored again in the 5th inning. Most of the rest of the game, Sorensen had things handled. The young righthander issued only one walk and five hits.

The Wildcat offense went on the blink, though. Nick Hall singled and stole second base in the 1st inning, Greg Flores rapped a two-out single in the 3rd and Jimmie High singled in the 5th but was thrown out trying to stretch it to a double.

Mulvane's biggest threat came in the 6th when Jeff Wohlford reached on an error with two out. Andrew Brusco walked and so did Jason Wohlford. But Mulvane left the sacks full and Sorensen empty.

The MHS offense got in gear a bit in the nightcap. Luke Gunter went 2-for-3 with

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	000 000 0 0 3
Andover Central	100 010 x 2 6

Logan Sorensen and Andrew Brusco, Aaron Pung and Rankin

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	000 111 0 3 6
Andover Central	020 304 x 9 11

Jeff Wohlford, Vaughn G. and Andrew Brusco, Elliott Rankin S. and Jared Powell, Schwartz

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two RBIs and Brusco socked one hit and scored a run but senior starter Jeff Wohlford hurt himself when he was called for five balks, three of them coming in the fateful 6th inning which fuelled AC's final burst.

"That's another one we just let get away," said Wiseman. "It was a good ball game until our 'balk meltdown.' It was 5-3 at that time. Jeff really pitched a good game but he was just trying to do too much too fast. He gave up only six hits up until that inning."

Wiseman lamented losing another one that his Wildcats could have won. "We didn't capitalize on opportunities that we had. We didn't come up with the clutch hits that could have made a difference."

The Wildcats have two home doubleheaders left before district-time. The Cat BBers are home tonight (May 8) for two against Valley Center. Game time is 4 p.m. On Monday, May 12, the Wildcats end the regular season when Wellington comes to town.

Mulvane's post-season hopes will begin with a trip to the Douglass Class 4A Regional May 19 and May 21. There are seven schools assigned to Douglass—Mulvane, Rose Hill, Wellington, Andover Central, Caney Valley, Independence and Douglass. Pairings will be announced in next week's newspaper.