

Turner Wins Nightcap

Cats Split With Rockets

Mulvane had Rose Hill on the ropes but let the Rockets roar from behind to take the first game, then registered a comfortable victory in the nightcap Tuesday, April 13, in a high school baseball doubleheader in Mulvane.

The Rockets erased a 4-0 Mulvane lead in the opener to take a 6-5 victory and Coach Don Gifford's Wildcats bounced back for a 5-2 decision in the nightcap. The split left Mulvane's record at 3-2 heading into a doubleheader Friday at Campus (Haysville).

In the opener, Mulvane leaped off to a 4-0 lead after four innings only to have Rose Hill rally in the final three innings behind a chorus of errors and Rocket hitting.

"I think if I had it to do over again, I would have brought in Robert (Turner) a little earlier," offered Gifford. "Chris (Hicks) has been our ace and I wanted to stay with him, but they were getting to him late in the game."

The Rockets broke a 4-4 tie with two runs off Hicks in the seventh inning then held off a serious Mulvane threat in the bottom of the last inning that netted only one run but had runners at second and third when the game ended.

In the nightcap, righthander Robert Turner checked the Rockets on only five hits and was in control all the way. The Cats opened the second game with one run in the first on a triple by Allen Whitmer and Todd Robinson's RBI single. Three more scored in the third when Whitmer singled and scored on an error; Barry Miligan beat out an infield single and scored on a double steal and Vic Marcelle walked and later scored on a wild pitch.

"We're disappointed that we didn't win both games," added Gifford. "We made some mistakes that young teams make. I don't know how many times I've seen it happen but when a ball falls in between three players and any one of the three could have made the catch but didn't that's a mistake that shouldn't have happened."

That very play cost the Cats the lead in the opener and played a major roll in the loss.

Gifford also expressed concern over the MHS hitting, which solved Rose Hill pitchers for only 16 hits. "We're not aggressive enough at the plate," said Gifford. "We're sitting back and watching strikes go by. We need to attack the ball, be more aggressive."

First Game

Rose Hill 000 031 2-6 8
Mulvane 201 100 1-5 9
Scott Cane and Chuck Marquardt; Chris Hicks,
Robert Turner 7, and J.C. Shook

Second Game

Rose Hill 001 10-2 5
Mulvane 103 1x-5 7
Richard Stephan and Chuck Marquardt; Robert
Turner and J.C. Shook.



Wildcat first sacker Vic Marcelle gets ready to put the tag on diving Rose Hill player at first