MHS Baseballers Fade At Goddard

Mulvane's baseball woes continued between rain storms last week. The Wildcats blew an 8-2 lead in the opening game at Goddard Wednesday, April 20, as the Lions rolled behind some shoddy play to 9-8 victory in eight innings and set the stage for a 3-1 sweep in the second game.

The double loss in Walter Johnson League games caused Coach Don Gifford's Wildcats to dip to 3-8 on the season heading into a doubleheader today (April 28) at home against Winfield. The games will start at 4 p.m.

Things looked good in the opener behind senior righthander Chris Hicks, who was sailing along with an 8-2 advantage into the bottom of the fifth. The Lions scored four times, then added single runs in the 6th and 7th to put the game into extra innings.

Mulvane broke ahead with five runs in

First Game

Mulvane 050 030 00–8 8 Goddard 002 041 11–9 8 Chris Hicks, Robert Turner 7, and J.C. Shook; Shawn Kissman, Steve Dennis 8, Shawn Kissman, and Mike Ponnel

Second Game

Mulvane 000 10–1 1 Goddard 120 0x–3 2 Robert Turner and J.C. Shook; Steve Dennis and Ponnell.

the second. Pat Sellers walked and Todd Travis reached base on an error. Hicks' single delivered one run. J.C. Shook grounded out and a run scored before Allen Whitmer cleared the bases with a triple. Whitmer came in to score on a base hit by Todd Robinson.

Three more runs scored in the fifth when Todd Travis doubled in two runs and the third run scored on an error. In the nightcap, the Cat batters failed to support the two-hit hurling of righthander Robert Turner, who didn't walk a batter. The Cats scored in the fourth inning when Hicks tripled down the rightfield line and scored on Shook's sacrifice fly to center.

The biggest MHS threat came in the third inning when Darrin Faris, Whitmer and Milligan all walked but the rallied died when Sellers flew out to deep center.