

League Tourney Next Week

Consistent Effort Starting To Build

Consistent play isn't the only thing Mulvane High School baseball coach Don Gifford is looking for. He's also looking for consistent winning.

The Wildcats snapped out of a six-game swoon by taking the first game of a doubleheader Monday, April 23, against Circle but the Cats slipped by a 3-1 count in the second game. The opener produced a 12-2 Mulvane victory.

"We're playing better and we have to continue to be consistent," said Gifford. "These last three games, we have been consistent both afield and at the plate. We only made two errors against Circle. The only difference was their pitcher really shut us down in the second game. He's got both their victories this year."

The split put Mulvane's Walter Johnson League record at 1-6 and at 2-9 overall. The team will be playing next week in the league tournament against Burden, Thayer or Sedan. The time and date will be announced a day prior to the tournament starting.

The Wildcats finally didn't waste a fine game on the hill by freshman Curtis Hicks, who has pitched extremely well for Gifford's club. The young righthand-

First Game

Circle	000 02- 2 2
Mulvane	102 27-12 10
Brad Hoover, Jeff Tole 5, and Mark Johnson; Curtis Hicks and J.C. Shook.	

Second Game

Circle	102 00-3 4
Mulvane	100 00-1 1
Sean Hughey and Mark Johnson; Brian Cusick, Mike Snow 4, and J.C. Shook.	

er, with a one-hit loser to his credit already, blanked Circle through four innings before a two-out base hit in the fifth broke the spell. Hicks (2-1) notched six strikeouts and walked only three batters.

Mulvane opened the scoring with a solo run in the first when Pat Sellers doubled in catcher J.C. Shook, who had singled with two outs.

Two more scored, giving Hicks a 3-0 cushion, in the third inning. Mike Snow singled to leadoff the inning. Greg Quigley following with a triple to knock him home and then scored on an error.

The nightcap was all Thunderbirds, as the visitors snapped Mulvane's modest one-game winning streak.

The Wildcats will be at home to entertain Rose Hill today (April 26) in a Walter Johnson League outing. The doubleheader is slated to start at 4 p.m.