

MHS Cats Knocked Into 3rd Place Game

Valley Center knocked Mulvane out of the chance to advance into the championship game in the Walter Johnson League Baseball Tournament Tuesday evening, May 1, by bouncing baseballs outside the ball park at Burden.

The Hornets ripped the Wildcats, 10-0, in a league tourney semifinal. Augusta, the defending champion, handed Sedan its first loss of the year in the other semifinal, 11-4, and was to have played Valley for the title Wednesday, May 2.

Weather permitting, Mulvane was to have played Sedan at 3 p.m. Wednesday for third place.

"We couldn't keep the ball in the park," said Mulvane High School baseball coach Don Gifford. "And we hit the Valley Center pitcher pretty hard but it was always 'at 'em'."

Lefty Mike Stump pitched through the first three innings but an arm injury forced him out in the fourth inning. "Our relief pitching fell apart and we couldn't hold on," added Gifford.

The Cats, now 5-12, were limited to only three hits, a double in the first by Greg Quigley, the team's top hitter; and a single by J.C. Shook and a double by Pat Sellers in the fourth inning.

The Cats had marched into the semifinals a day earlier by drubbing Goddard and Cedar Vale in the first two rounds at Dexter. Giff's group nipped

Cedar Vale in an 8-7 thriller when Cedar Vale scored five times in the final inning. Goddard also produced a

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Valley Center 200 44-10 11
Mulvane 000 00-0 3
Joe Morris, Steve Wright 5, and Wright, Mark Kennedy; Mike Stump, Mike Snow 4, David Edson 4, and J.C. Shook.
HR--Rod Williams, Steve Wright, Joe Morris (VC).

Augusta 11, Sedan 4 Second Round

Mulvane 201 012 1-7 11
Goddard 100 030 2-6 10
Curtis Hicks, Brian Cusick 5, Mike Stump 7, and J.C. Shook; Steve Karachen and Mike Kendrick.
HR--Dub Jones (G).

First Round

Mulvane 114 000 2-8 10
Cedar Vale 100 001 5-7 6
Mike Snow, J.C. Shook 6, Brian Cusick 7, and Shook, Jeff Powell 6, Shook 7; Jones, Sanders 5, and Tim Ridgeway.
HR--Terry Reusser (M).

First Game

Mulvane 013 00- 4 6
Winfield 900 11-11 8
Mike Stump, Mike Snow 1, and J.C. Shook; Mike Conners, Russ Powell 4, and Ted Bailey
HR--David Belew (M).

Second Game

Mulvane 001 000-1 6
Winfield 203 102-8 6
Brian Cusick, J.C. Shook 5, and Shook, Jeff Powell 5; Tad Spencer and Mike Conners.
HR--Mike Conners, 2, (W).

First Game

Rose Hill 203 010 2-8 10
Mulvane 100 251 x-9 8
Ron Long and Jack Adams; Curtis Hicks, Mike Snow 7, and J.C. Shook.
HR--Scott Farber (RH).

Second Game

Called because of lightning.

one-run game, a 7-6 victory, with Mulvane winning the game with the bases filled in the final inning.

"We seem to be rounding into shape, we're peaking right now and that's when we should," said Gifford. "The kids played well in the first round. Terry Reusser had some big hits and so did Pat Sellers. Brian Nulik has started swinging the bat better, too."

In the opener, the Cats pushed across two runs in the top of the sixth, then added the eventual winning run in the 7th. In the 6th, righthander Brian Cusick saved the game when he fanned the No. 3 hitter in the last inning after Cedar Vale had chased reliever Shook with five runs in the inning.

Terry Reusser was the hitting hero, slugging a grand slam homer for Mulvane in the third inning as the Cats built up a 6-1 lead.

In the game against Goddard, lefty Mike Stump's relief job was superb. He came in with the two on and two runs already across, intentionally walked the first batter to set up a force play, then struck out the final two hitters to preserve the win for Cusick.

Sellers went 2-for-3 with four runs batted in. His line drive single in the sixth inning scored Reusser and David Belew with two out.

The Wildcats played a doubleheader at Winfield Friday, April 27. The Cats lost both ends of the twinbill, 11-4 in the opener and, 8-1.

Mulvane entertained Rose Hill Thursday, April 26. The Cats scored a run in the bottom of the sixth to nip the Rockets, 9-8, in the first game. The second game of a scheduled doubleheader was stopped in the first inning by lightning.



MHS runner Greg Quigley [8] legs out an infield hit against Rose Hill