

Late Collapse Foils Mulvane Nine

A late-inning collapse enabled Sedan to nose past Mulvane in the final inning of play Wednesday afternoon, May 2, in the battle for third place in the Walter Johnson League Baseball Tournament at Burden.

Coach Don Gifford's Wildcats yielded five Sedan runs in the sixth inning to over-take Mulvane in a 6-5 battle.

The loss dropped Mulvane's record to 5-13 this season heading into regional tourney play at Hutchinson today (May 10). The Wildcats are scheduled to play at 5 p.m. today against Valley Center in Rice Park. The winner will play at 7 p.m. for the championship and a berth in the Class 4A State Tournament at Emporia Friday and Saturday, May 18-19.

"It was disappointing loss, said Gifford. "We got on them early when they made a couple of errors and it appeared we were in the driver's seat. But they finally broke through against

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Third Place

Mulvane	130 001 0-5 8
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Curtis Hicks, David Edson 6, and Jeff Powell; McCoy, Glynn 3, and Smith	

(Curtis) Hicks when he got a little tired, got three hits and three walks and we made four errors."

Mulvane jumped out to a 4-0 lead after two innings but Sedan, beaten only once in a 16-2 season, pushed across five runs in the sixth to win. Mulvane had a chance to tie it in the top of the seventh but failed. After two were out, Brian Nulik walked and stole second. He went to third on David Belew's infield hit.

"We tried a double steal with Belew trying to get hung up between first and second while Nulik scores but Belew was tagged out," said Gifford. It appeared Nulik scored before the tag but the home plate umpire was out of position and failed to see the score.

A Mulvane run in the first scored when Mike Snow walked, stole second and came in on a base rap by Jeff Powell. Three more runs scored in the second making it 4-0. Hicks and Nulik walked and both advanced on a base hit by Belew. Snow's ground out scored Hicks and Nulik raced home on an RBI single by Greg Quigley and the final run scored on an error.

Mulvane's only other scratch came in the sixth when Snow doubled with one out and scored on a single by Quigley.

The freshman righthander Hicks was sailing through five innings. He gave up only two hits through the first five innings before the roof caved in under a flurry of walks, hits and errors.

"Curtis just got tired," admitted Gifford. "He had worked two days earlier and wasn't up to the entire game. Then we got shook and rattled and that was all that Sedan needed."