

Hitters Stand Out

Cat Baseballers Rip Nickerson

The Mulvane High School basketball team may have had its troubles with Nickerson this year but the Wildcats got their revenge Monday afternoon, April 1, on the baseball diamond.

The Cats travelled to Nickerson for their first Chisholm Trail League baseball games and came away with a doubleheader sweep against the Panthers. The Wildcats took the first game, 7-6, then walked away with a 14-0 verdict in the nightcap.

The double victory came on the heels of a double loss in the season-opening match-up at Wichita South Friday, March 29. South whacked the Cats, 9-2, in the opener and made it a pair with a 9-4 win in the second.

The junior varsity tournament at Rose Hill slated Saturday, March 30, was postponed by bad weather.

"I can't feel too bad about the way we opened," said MHS baseball coach David Katzenmeier, summarizing the week's activities. "We opened against a 6A school that had already played five or six games, and they've got a good ball club to boot. We hit the ball better than I thought we would each game and even though the conditions weren't the best (at South Friday), our pitching wasn't bad."

In the first game at Nickerson, Mulvane jumped out with a four-run first against the former MHS coach Don Gifford, who now coaches the Panther nine. Snow doubled and scored on Nulik's base knock. Both Quigley and Bowell walked and sophomore Curtis Hicks singled to rightfield to deliver two more runs after Nulik scored on a wild pitch. Three more in the second came with the help of three walks an error and an RBI single by Hicks.

In the nightcap, righthander Morgan LeClair mowed down the Panthers on one hit, striking out seven in a

CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE

First Game

Mulvane	430	000	0-7	6
Nickerson	002	003	1-6	2

Curtis Hicks, Mike Stump 4, Morgan LeClair 6, and Jeff Belden; Griffith, Broeous 4, and Berridge, Griffith 4.

Second Game

Mulvane	441	5-14	11
Nickerson	000	0-0	1

Morgan LeClair and Jeff Belden; Farr and Berridge.

NON-LEAGUE GAMES

First Game

Mulvane	020	00-2	5
Wichita South	105	12-9	10

David Edson, Mike Stump 7, and Jeff Belden; John Greene and Ron Sinclair. HR—Jeff Powell (M); Danny Reep (WS).

Second Game

Mulvane	004	000	0-4	4
Wichita South	600	012	x-9	8

Brian Cuelick, Morgan LeClair 4, Mike Snow 6, and Robert Fortner, Belden 4; Mike Woley and Sinclair.

run-shortened game. Meanwhile, the Cat bats boomed, with Powell going 3-for-3 with two runs scored and five RBIs and Quigley going 2-for-3 with four runs scored. Snow had a hit and scored four times and catcher Jeff Belden rapped two hits.

At Wichita South, one bad inning in each game gave South the edge. Mulvane hung on to a 2-1 lead going into the third inning when South battered Mulvane starter David Edson for five runs. The only Cat runs came in the second when Powell homered over the right-centerfield fence and Kris Withrow and Belden followed with base hits. Withrow later scored on a fielder's choice.

The Cats scored all four runs in the second game in the third, making it a 6-4 game before the Wichita club pulled away. Quigley's single and a triple by Powell keyed the inning.

The next action for Katzenmeier's club will be today in a doubleheader at home against Rose Hill. The game will start at 4 p.m. and is another league contest.



Cats' Mike Shook swings through a strike in season-opening loss