

Hitting Still Sparking

MHS Baseball Team

Baseball coaches always preach about defense and pitching carrying the load early in the season and the hitting coming along but that's not the case for Coach David Katzenmeier's MHS Wildcats.

The Wildcats are hitting with gusto in the early going and that crack of the bats is music to Katzenmeier's ears.

The Cats hogtied Winfield in a single game Monday afternoon, booming out 16 hits in a 12-3 victory in a non-league game. That win boosted the Mulvane record to 3-2.

In a doubleheader Friday, Mulvane and Rose Hill split a pair, the Cats coming from behind for a 12-7 win in the opener and Rose Hill choking off the Cat bats, 4-0, in the nightcap in Mulvane.

"We're hitting the ball about as good as any team I've seen here," stressed Katzenmeier. "We're scoring runs and I've been a little surprised. In the last couple of games, the bottom of the order, guys like David Belew, Jeff Belden, Mike Shook and Kris Withrow, have been banging the ball. That's really going to make us tough if they continue hitting like that and the top of the order keeps hitting. It's going to make us pretty tough."

Against Winfield, junior lefthander Mike Stump had his first start of the year and made the most of it, giving up only two hits before junior righthander Brian Cusick mopped up on the combined five-hitter.

Greg Quigley's base knock in the first drove in Mike Snow with the game's first run, and the Wildcats added three more in each of the fourth and fifth innings. Shook and Stump had RBI hits

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- Game 1--Goddard vs. Rose Hill, 9 a.m.
- Game 2--Valley Center vs. Mulvane, 11 a.m.
- Game 3 (third place)--losers of games 1 and 2, 1 p.m.
- Game 4 (championship)--winners of games 1 and 2, 3 p.m.

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- First Round
- Game 1--Mulvane vs. Circle, 9 a.m.
- Game 2--Rose Hill vs. Augusta, 10:30 a.m.
- Game 3 (third place)--losers of games 1 and 2, 12 noon
- Game 4 (championship)--winners of games 1 and 2, 2:30 p.m.

PREP BASEBALL CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE

First Game

Rose Hill	304	000	0--	7	3
Mulvane	330	024	x--	12	9
Jerry Lewis and Kendall Gammon; Mike Snow, Brian Cusick 3, and Jeff Belden.					

Second Game

Rose Hill	200	02--	4	4	
Mulvane	000	00--	0	5	
Kendall Gammon and Jerry Lewis, David Edson and Robert Fortner					

NON-LEAGUE

Winfield	000	021	000--	3	5
Mulvane	100	330	23x--	12	16
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in the 4th, and Shook and Withrow had RBI hits in the 5th.

Quigley finished with three hits and one run scored, Shook had three hits and Stump, Belew, Withrow and Snow all had two hits each to gear the club's 16-hit game.

Against Rose Hill, the Cats rallied with four runs in the third to wipe out a 6-3 Rocket lead and Cusick again did a good job shutting the door through the last four innings after relieving Snow.

"I would have liked to get both those games, especially after we won the first one, but in the second game, everything we hit went right at 'em. (Senior) David Edson pitched a nice game in the second game but we just didn't get him any runs," said Katzenmeier.

In the second tilt, the Cats out-hit Rose Hill, 5-4, but couldn't crack the scoring column. Snow reached third in the first frame but couldn't be plated and Mulvane had two runners on in the third with Brian Nulik and Quigley but couldn't score as the middle of the order failed.

In the first game, senior Greg Wilson went 2-for-4 with two runs scored, Withrow knocked in a pair of runs, going 2-for-4, Belew had a pair of RBIs and sophomore Curtis Hicks rapped a two-run pinch-hit single to highlight a four-run sixth inning that put the game on ice.

The Wildcats will be back in action today when Valley Center comes to Mulvane for a league doubleheader. The game has been moved to a 3 p.m. starting time (as has Monday's twinbill with Campus) because of some lighting problems at the ball diamond.