



Mulvane's Jeff Powell hits the dirt to beat the tag at third base in Wildcat sweep of Valley Center

# Wildcat Baseball Team Runs Streak To Seven

Mulvane High School baseball coach David Katzenmeier isn't beside himself when someone points out that his Wildcats have reeled off seven triumphs in a row. After whipping out Nos. 6 and 7, a 12-2 and 11-8 doubleheader sweep of Campus Monday, April 15, Katzenmeier compared it to taxes on "tax return day."

"That's what you're supposed to do, isn't it, you're supposed to win and the kids have been playing good baseball, doing those little things that make the difference," said Katzenmeier, whose Wildcats are now 8-3.

The Cats backed lefty Mike Stump with nine hits and a nine-run explosion in the first two innings. Stump took it from there with last-inning relief from Brian Cusick. They spaced seven hits and fanned three. A three-run double by Jeff Belden keyed the first game. Jeff Powell went 2-for-2 and Greg Quigley was 2-for-3.

In the nightcap, Mike Snow was 2-for-4 with two runs and one RBI, Kris Withrow knocked in two runs and Brian Nulik went 1-for-1 with two runs scored. David Belew had a two-run single in the bottom of the 6th to give the Cat staff breathing room. Eight errors by the Colts also helped the MHS cause.

Senior righthander David Edson packed up the victory, spacing seven hits before Cusick and sophomore Morgan



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Katzenmeier's Cats pumped their record in the league to 5-1 by taking a pair Thursday, April 11, from Valley Center, a perennial loop contender. Mulvane held on for a 10-6 victory in the opener, then waltzed past the Hornets, 10-0, in the nightcap here as sophomore righthander, Morgan LeClair fired a three-hit shutout.

"It's nice to win and it's even nicer to beat Valley because their coach is a fine one who has been beating up on people in this area for years," said Katzenmeier. "It's good to get him for a change. Those two games were important, I feel, because it gave our young team confidence that they're one of the better teams in the league. The kids now feel like they're at the top of the boat and like it."

LeClair flashed it past Valley with ease. He struck out 10 and walked one. Mulvane's hitters tore the visiting staff apart, taking a 2-0 lead in the first on an RBI hit by Greg Quigley and Kris Withrow's sacrifice, then made it a romp with eight more in the third. The

big hits in the 3rd came from Brian Nulik's two-RBI triple, run-producing singles by Jeff Powell and Quigley and Greg Wilson's RBI sacrifice.

Mulvane snapped a 2-2 tie in the first game by scoring two runs in the third and rolled out to a 10-3 lead in the fourth. Curtis Hicks and Withrow knocked in runs in the third and Nulik, Quigley and Powell (2) had RBIs in the big inning.

Sophomore Hicks won the opener, although Brian Cusick and LeClair mopped up in the final three innings. Hicks gave up only four hits and struck out five.

## PREP BASEBALL CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE First Game

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|---------------|-----------------|
| Valley Center | 200 112 0--6 7  |
| Mulvane       | 202 600 x--10 8 |

Eric Burns, Gilbert Routhier 5, and Todd Taylor; Curtis Hicks, Brian Cusick 5, Morgan LeClair 6, and Robert Fortner, Jeff Belden 5

## Second Game

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| Valley Center | 000 00--0 3  |
| Mulvane       | 208 0x--10 6 |

Vincent Luna, Scott Pracht 3, and Jeremy Pfeifer; Morgan LeClair and Jeff Belden

## NON-LEAGUE First Game

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| Campus  | 000 200--2 7 |
| Mulvane | 542 1x--12 9 |

Resno, Stern 2, and Jacobs, Mike Stump, Brian Cusick 5, and Jeff Belden

## Second Game

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| Campus  | 104 120 0--8 10 |
| Mulvane | 060 302 x--11 6 |

Lee and Fahrholz, David Edson, Brian Cusick 5, Morgan LeClair 6, and Robert Fortner, Jeff Belden 6