

Lions Batter Defending Champs, Wildcats Drop Into Fourth

Goddard clinched the Chisholm Trail League championship by battering the defending champs from Mulvane. The Lions bottled up the Mulvane offense in the doubleheader Thursday, April 30, at Goddard, taking the first game, 9-2, and the second, 9-1.

The double loss clinched things for Goddard at 10-2 in the league with two games to play. Mulvane tumbled into fourth place with an 8-6 league mark. It was the first doubleheader loss for the Cats in several seasons.

"We just need to make a turn here, a mental change and start playing like we're defending state championship ball club," said Katzenmeier. "Somebody's got to flat get up and start playing. We're not playing with confidence and desire."

The Lions roughed up Mulvane ace righthander Morgan LeClair in the opening game, solving LeClair for 10 hits. Three hits in the first inning gave the hosts a 2-0 lead. Mulvane came back with a run in the top of the second when Chris Caywood singled and scored when Rob Whitmer singled up the middle.

Mulvane's only other run came in the sixth with the team trailing, 5-1. Curtis Hicks doubled with one out. Dan LeClair singled him home. Kyle Stead-



man also singled but the rallied died when Caywood fanned.

"They slapped the ball around on Morgan," admitted the MHS skipper. "We couldn't get anything going offensively. They have a real good ball club, though, good hitters."

It was more of the same in the nightcap but seven walks and a hit batsman fuelled the Goddard offense along with five hits against Steadman, who started, and reliever Shay Cornejo.

Mulvane had rumors on in four of the five innings played but the only score came in the second after Steadman led off with a base knock. An error sent

Steadman to third and he scored on Caywood's sacrifice fly.

Curtis Hicks picked up two of the four Mulvane hits. D. LeClair had one single.

CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE First Game

Mulvane	010	001	0-2	7
Goddard	200	214	x-9	10
Morgan LeClair and Chris Caywood; Steward and Emerson				

Second Game

Mulvane	010	00-1	4
Goddard	015	3x-9	6
Kyle Steadman, Shay Cornejo 3, and Chris Caywood, Brian Schmidt 4, Welner, Davis 4, and Emerson			