

Wildcat Baseballers

Chilly Afield, At Plate

It might have registered a "1" on the famed coach's pancake scale. Usually coaches of all sports will say their club was "flat as a pancake." Mulvane High School baseball coach Don Gifford had one of those "pancake days" at Augusta.

The Orioles belted the Wildcats in both games of a doubleheader Monday, April 19, winning the first game, 6-0, then taking advantage of shoddy fielding to sweep MHS, 6-4, in the second. Both games were league affairs.

"We were flat, flat, flat at Augusta," declared Gifford, who saw his club's loss skein slip to four games. Overall, the Cats' record is 3-6.

Seven walks by Wildcat righthander Chris Hicks spelled the big difference, although the Mulvane bats were as quiet as a growing blade of grass. Only two hits for Mulvane in the game and both came off the bat of junior centerfielder Barry Milligan, who was the only runner the Cats advanced past second base.

"That's too many guys to walk and still win," said Gifford. "I can't put my finger on it. We didn't play bad, we just didn't play good baseball. Our defense

wasn't bad, it just wasn't good."

In the second game, the Orioles whipped up on Mulvane righthander Robert Turner with the help of two dropped flys and three singles to score five unearned runs in the second inning and take a 6-0 lead. The Cats never recovered.

Mulvane finally broke through Augusta pitching with a run in the third when Turner singled and scored on Allen Whitmer's base knock.

Three more in the fourth put Mulvane back in the hunt before consecutive strikeouts with a runner at third ended the drive. Vic Marcelle singled with one out, Dale Landes walked and Chris Hicks plated Marcelle with a hit. Two more scored on a triple by Turner before J.C. Shook and Darrin Faris fanned.

The Wildcats let one slip away and were checked in a second game Friday, April 16, at Campus (Haysville) in a non-league make-up doubleheader. The Colts came from a 9-5 deficit to edge the Cats, 12-10, in the opener, then silenced the Mulvane bats in the second game, 5-1.

The visiting Wildcats sprinted to the lead in the first game, scoring five runs in the second. Marcelle started the thunder with a single on the first pitch. Hits by Turner, Darrin Faris, Whitmer and Todd Robinson climaxed the inning.

Overall, Landes went 1 for 3 with four runs scored, Faris had a hit and scored two times and both Whitmer and Robinson had a pair of hits.

In the nightcap, Landes spun a fine five-hitter but two of them were home runs, a three-run shot in the fifth was damaging.

The only MHS run came in the fifth when Robinson walked and scored on a Chris Hicks base knock, one of only four the Wildcats had against Colt pitching. Milligan, Marcelle and Landes got the other hits.

First Game

Mulvane	000 000 0-0 2
Augusta	220 020 x-6 6

Chris Hicks and J.C. Shook; Craig Train and Will Johnson.

Second game

Mulvane	001 30-4 6
Augusta	150 0x-6 5

Robert Turner and J.C. Shook; James McCalla and Will Johnson.

First Game

Mulvane	052 201 0-10 11
Campus	032 520 x-12 14

Robert Turner and J.C. Shook; Steve Palmer, Pat Hall 3, and Bobby Mosby.
HR-Tom Ward (C).

Second Game

Mulvane	000 001 0-1 4
Campus	101 030 x-5 5

Dale Landes and J.C. Shook; Jon Darbyshire and Bobby Mosby.
HR-Tom Ward and Rod Landon (C).