

## Baseball Opener

# Carroll Flies Over Wildcats

At first, Mulvane High School baseball coach Don Gifford thought he had stumbled onto something big. "We had a doubleplay in the first inning and (J.C.) Shook knocked the ball over the fence for a homer, and I thought we were on our way," said Gifford.

The Wildcats were on their way but Bishop Carroll of Wichita had other ideas about where. The Eagles wore the Cats down in the season opener for Mulvane baseballers, sweeping both ends of a doubleheader Friday afternoon, March 29, on the Mulvane field. The visitors thumped the Cats, 18-9, in the opener and measured out a 4-1 verdict in the nightcap.

The Wildcats will be back in action at Campus for a 4 p.m. doubleheader Friday, April 6, in a make-up game, then tangle with Goddard in the first Walter Johnson League match-up at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 7. Valley Center will be in Mulvane Monday, April 9, for another loop doubleheader at 4 p.m.

"Considering the fact that we got drubbed and considering the caliber of competition and the amount of practice time we've had, I was encouraged," said Gifford. "We did a lot of things right and made very few mental mistakes, which is real important. Our pitching was a notch above what I thought it would be. I didn't think we'd have anybody go five innings but Mike Stump did in the second game, and David Edson and Mike Snow pitched well in the first game."

Gifford also was pleased with the meat of the Cat order--seniors Shook, Pat Sellers and junior Jeff Powell--and senior outfielder Terry Reusser from an offensive standpoint.

"They had five hits in the opener and Reusser had two, so hopefully he's coming back after a slump last year," said Gifford. "Sellers knocked in a club record five runs in the opener and also set a team record with two doubles in one game. We all hit the ball well in the first game and that was one of the most positive aspects of the game."

The Wildcats stayed right with the Eagles in the opener through the first four innings before Carroll snapped a 7-7 tie with four runs in the top of the

### PREP BASEBALL

#### First Game

Bishop Carroll	121	343	4-18	14
Mulvane	120	402	0-9	10
Steve Heimerman, Alvin Neville 4, and Kris Helthaus; David Edson, Mike Snow 4, Curtis Hicks 7, and J.C. Shook, Belden 3.				
HR--J.C. Shook (M).				

#### Second Game

Bishop Carroll	100	12-4	6
Mulvane	010	00-1	6
Terry Montgomery, Eric Scrivner 4, and Helthaus, Mike Stump and Jeff Powell.			

### 1984 WILDCAT BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 6 -- at Campus, DH, 4  
\*April 7 -- Goddard, DH, 4  
\*April 9 -- Valley Center, DH, 4  
April 10 -- Circle (JV), DH, 4  
\*April 12 -- Rose Hill, DH, 4  
April 14 -- Kapaun (JV), DH, 10  
\*April 16 -- at Augusta, DH  
\*April 23 -- Circle, DH, 4  
April 27 -- at Winfield, DH, 4  
April 30-May 5 -- at Walter Johnson League  
Tournament  
May 5 -- at Rose Hill Jayvee Tournament  
May 7-12 -- Class 4A Regional  
May 18-19 -- Class 4A State Tournament  
\*--denotes Walter Johnson

fifth and went on to out-score the Cats, 11-2, over the final three innings.

"We made an awful lot of errors in the late innings, I think seven of them in the first game," stressed Gifford. "We really hurt ourselves with the errors and that allowed them to pull away."

Shook's solo homer with two out in the first inning started the scoring for MHS. Two more runs crossed in the second when sophomore outfielder Mike Shook walked and scored on a single by Snow. Snow then scored on a bases-filled walk to Powell.

The Cats' most productive inning was the four-run 4th when Brian Nulik led off with a single and Snow reached on an error. After catcher Jeff Belden walked, Sellers pounded a double to clear the bases, and a Reusser base knock scored Sellers. Sellers drove home Belden and Powell with his second double in the 7th inning.

The nightcap was dominated by pitching and Mulvane's Stump yielded only six hits but walked seven to seal his doom. Mulvane's guns couldn't get untracked as they had in the opener.

The only run for the Wildcats came when Powell reached base on an error, went to third on a single by Gordie Wayman and scored after consecutive walks to Stump and Nulik.