

Cats Lose Pitchers' Dual

Two middle-inning rallies were snuffed out and so were Mulvane High School's hopes for a baseball "double" Friday, May 3, in the Chisholm Trail League Tournament at Augusta.

The host Orioles topped Mulvane, 3-1, in the title game Friday. The Wildcats have virtually won the CTL baseball championship with one rainout to play, a game against Circle, then MHS has a one-game lead over Augusta. Coach David Katzenmeier's Wildcats had narrow scraps in the first two rounds, too. Mulvane made it to the finale by clipping Rose Hill, 6-3, in one semifinal. Mulvane barely slipped into the winner's bracket with a 3-2 triumph in the opening round Thursday, May 2, against Winfield.

"It was a great game," said Katzenmeier, whose Cats were limited to only three singles by Augusta. "We had our chances, they had their chances and they scored when they got the chance. I think Morgan (LeClair) pitched a fine game, gave up only five hits, but they came when they had people on base. They made the most of their hits."

The Cats never could get their offense going against Augusta's Trent Nesmith, whom they thumped with three home runs in a winning effort in the regular season.

"They got the timely hits and we didn't," added Katzenmeier, whose Cats left nine runners stranded. "They also made the big defensive plays to keep us from scoring. We could have scored at least two in the 4th when Shook lined one to the left but the kid made a diving stop."

"We played a good ball game, in fact, we had three good games over there," added Katzenmeier. "We just came up a little short in the last game."

Mulvane's record improved to 14-5 with the team heading into Class 4A regional play.

The championship game was a dilly. The Cats threatened several times but couldn't bust the game open. Greg Quigley scored in the first inning when he reached on a fielder's choice. Jeff Powell was walked, a double steal put runners at second and third and Greg Wilson's base hit drove him in. The threat died with runners at second and third.

The Cats made another serious run at it in the 4th when Wilson walked and was erased when Jeff Belden grounded in a fielder's choice. Curtis Hicks reached on an error but David Belew and Mike Shook both went out, Shook on a sizzling liner to the outfield that Augusta's leftfielder made a dazzling catch.

Quigley, Powell and Wilson loaded the sacks in the 5th but Belden made the final out before damage could occur.

LeClair finished with a four-hit, eight strikeout job before being relieved in the seventh by junior Mike Stump, who got the last two outs.

The semifinal win over the Rockets was just as exciting. The Rockets took a 3-1 lead in the 5th when Belden's throwing error at third allowed one run to score and set the stage for a sacrifice fly to score a second run, breaking a 1-1 tie. However, in the bottom of the sixth, Belden made amends by hammering a long three-run homer over the leftfield fence. Powell and Hicks both walked and Belew reached on a fielder's choice, Powell scoring. Belden brought both Hicks and Belew in on his homer.

Hicks pitched a fine game, giving up only four safeties and walking three.

Katzenmeier's Cats had to scramble in the opening game of the tournament, which was held at both Valley Center and Augusta. A throwing error by a winless Winfield squad allowed Brian Nulik to score in the bottom of the seventh to end the game. Nulik started the winning rally with a one-out base hit. He stole second and third and scored on the catcher's throwing error.

Mulvane scored one in the third when Quigley reached on an error and scored when Powell drilled a double. Another run was plated in the fourth when Stump walked and came around to score on an RBI sacrifice fly by Shook.

Brian Cusick started and gave away to Stump in the 5th, and LeClair took over to retire the final three outs.

PREP BASEBALL CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE TOURNAMENT Championship

Augusta	000 200 1-3 5
Mulvane	100 000 0-1 3

Trent Nesmith and Galen Browning; Morgan LeClair, Mike Stump 7, and Jeff Belden.

Third Place
Nickerson 2, Rose Hill 7

Fifth Place
Goddard 10, Winfield 3

Seventh Place
Valley Center 11, Circle 2

Semifinals

Rose Hill	010 020 0-3 4
Mulvane	100 014 x-8 4

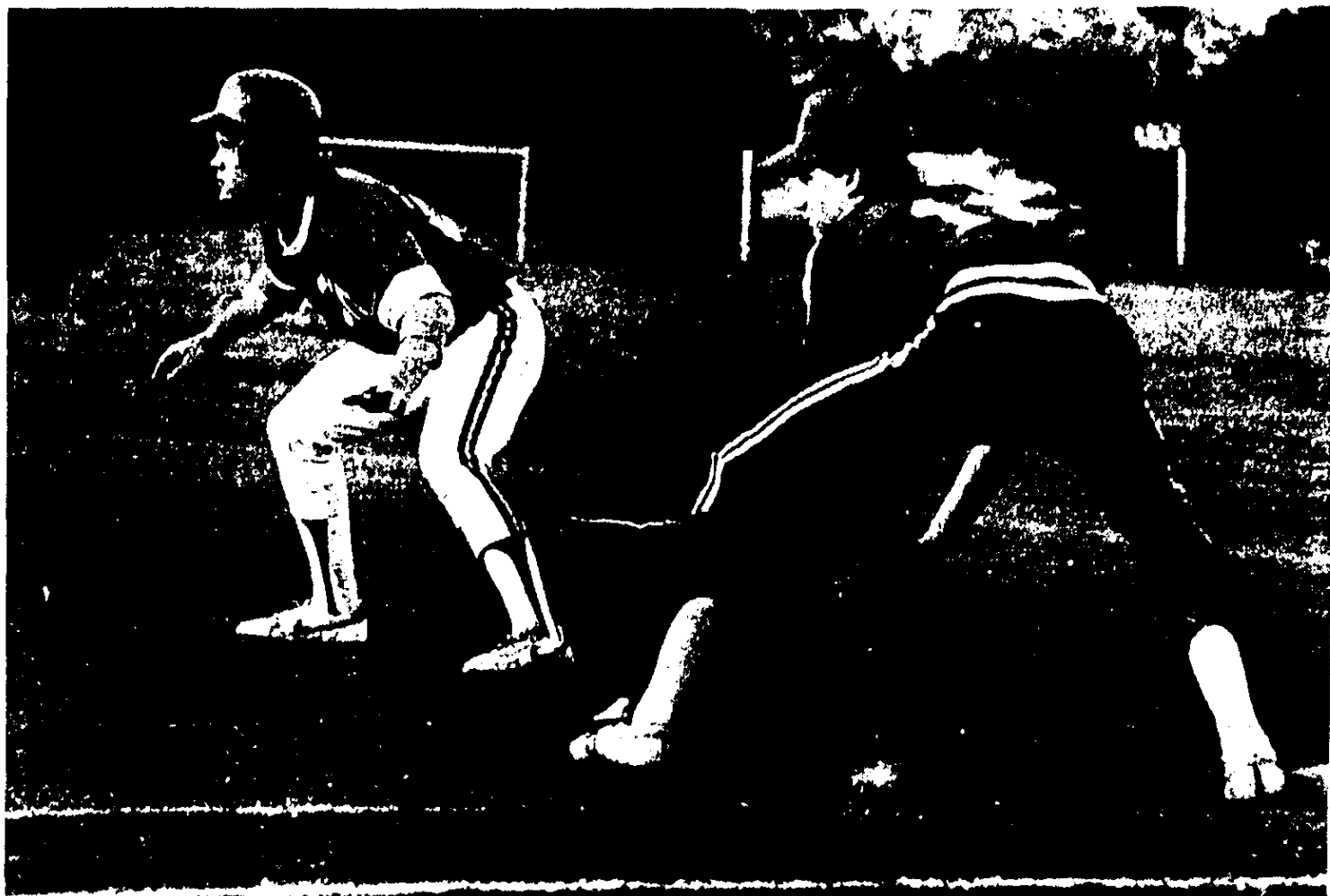
Kendall Gammon, Tim Johannes 5, and Jerry Lewis; Curtis Hicks and Jeff Belden.
HR-Jeff Belden (M), ...

Augusta 2, Nickerson 0, 6 Innings
First Round

Mulvane	001 100 1-3 2
Winfield	000 101 0-3 7

Jim Jindra and Tim Bailey; Brian Cusick, Mike Stump 5, Morgan LeClair 7, and Jeff Belden.

Augusta 10, Goddard 3
Winfield 3, Circle 2
Goddard 0, Valley Center 2
Valley Center 11, Circle 2



MHS catcher Jeff Belden stretches his lead off first base...two innings later his 3-run homer wins the Rose Hill game



Mulvane tracksters will be shooting for a berth in the Class 4A State Meet when they compete Friday, May 10, in the 4A Regional Track Meet at Augusta. Members of the squad for Coach Marvin Jelinek's Wildcat boys include, front row from left, David Terry, Mark Meek, Andrew Swayne, Kelly Coley, Curt Swayne, Ken Baer; second row, Jelinek, Mike Weingardner, Jerry Mann, Kirk Daniels, Kevin Sisney, Jon DeCou, Jim DeBacker, Bill Brown, assistant coach; third row, Dete Palmer, David Cash, Trent Ramsey, Jose Hualde, Steve Hottle, David Crawford, Nicklas Mansson; and back row, Mike Belew, Mike Rodgers, Aaron Hualig, George Cash, David Wilcoxson, Scott Baker and Devon Barger.

Trip To Baseball State On Line

Mulvane High School was seeded No. 1 in the Class 4A-3A-2A-1A Regional baseball tournament which was to have been played Wednesday, May 8, at Central of Burden. The tournament was originally slated to be held Tuesday, May 7, but was rained out.

Coach David Katzenmeier's Cats took a 14-5 record into its game at 5 p.m.

CLASS 4A-3A-2A-1A REGIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT At Central (Burden)

Game 1-Central of Burden (10-8) vs. Rose Hill (10-9), 3 p.m.
Game 2-Mulvane (14-5) vs. Douglass (9-9), 5 p.m.
Game 3 (Championship)-winners of games 1 and 2, 7

against Douglass. Rose Hill and Central were to have played at 3 p.m. The championship game was to have been at 7.

The regional winner will advance to the Class 4A-3A-2A-1A State Tournament, which will be held Friday and Saturday, May 17-18, at Soden Park in Emporia.

Mulvane will make up the rest of its game in the Chisholm Trail League with Circle today (May 9). Its last regular season game for MHS.

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS TRACK SCHEDULE

April 2	- at Haysville dual (7th-8th), 3:15
April 4	- Valley Center, Winfield at Mulvane triangular (9th), 4
April 9	- at Andover triangular, 4
April 16	- at Augusta quadrangular, 4
April 25	- at Wellington Invitational, 4
April 30	- at Andover Invitational, 4
May 6	- Pioneer League Meet at Augusta (8th grade), 4
May 7	- Pioneer League Meet at Wellington (9th grade), 4
May 10	- Pioneer League Meet at Maize, (7th grade), 4


WILDCAT BOYS & GIRLS TRACK SCHEDULE

April 9	- at Maize Invitational, 4 p.m.
April 12	- at Andale Meet, 4
April 18	- at Andover Invitational, 4
April 18	- Mulvane Invitational, 4
April 22	- at Clearwater Meet, 4
April 25	- at Augusta Invitational, 4
April 29	- at Goddard Invitational, 4
May 3	- at Chisholm Trail League Meet at Goddard
May 10	- at Class 4A Regional
May 17-18	- Class 4A State Meet at Wichita State


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