

# Cats Streak Past Augusta

Mulvane's charge to the Chisholm Trail League championship was put on hold by Mother Nature. Heavy rains a day earlier forced the cancellation of a CTL doubleheader Monday, April 28, at Circle.

The games have been rescheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, on the Thunderbirds' turf.

"We feel like we need four wins to take it all," said Mulvane High School baseball coach David Katzenmeier. "Augusta won two Monday and is right on our tail. Nickerson has only one loss and they play Thursday (May 1). We just need to go out and do our thing and not worry about the other teams in the league."

The Wildcats took a big step toward the Chisholm Trail League throne by sweeping two games from Augusta, which came into the set without a CTL loss. The Cats took a 9-5 decision in the opener, then escaped a bases-filled jam in the extra inning to win a 4-3 nightcap played in Mulvane Thursday, April 24.

## PREP BASEBALL CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE First Game

Augusta	040 100 0-5 5
Mulvane	600 201 x-9 10
James Emmitt and Galen Browning; Curtis Hicks and Jeff Belden.	
HR-Jamie Evans (A); Mike Shook (M).	

## Second Game

Augusta	000 030-3 9
Mulvane	102 001-4 8
Trent Nesmith and Galen Browning; Morgan LeClair, Jarrod Sorenson 4, Curtis Hicks 5, and Jarrod Young.	

"We played pretty good ball except for two innings, one in each game," said Katzenmeier. "We had 11 innings of pretty good ball. In the first game, we had a defensive letdown that let Augusta get back into the game and our pitching let us down in the second game. Still, if we can take care of our own business in the next few days, we can have the league championship."

The Wildcats will be back in action today (May 1) when Goddard comes to town for another key league set. The doubleheader is slated to start at 4 p.m.

The Cats ran their winning streak to 10 games and their league mark to 7-1 with the double-dip against Augusta.

Mulvane won the opener by scoring six times in the first inning. Wes Moore led

off with a single and went to third on a single by Mike Snow. Curtis Hicks hit a sac fly to score Moore and designated hitter Danny LeClair singled to deliver Snow. Mike Stump singled and Kris Withrow walked before outfielder Mike Shook hit a towering homer over the left-centerfield fence for three more runs.

The Cats added two more big runs in the fourth after the Orioles made a game of it with four runs in the second inning, aided by two Mulvane errors. Hicks and LeClair both had RBI hits in the inning. Stump's sac fly in the sixth gave Katzenmeier's boys one more insurance run.

In the nightcap, Moore got things rolling early when he beat out a bunt in

the first inning, stole second and scored on LeClair's base knock. Hicks and LeClair both singled to drive in a run in the third, making it 3-0.

Junior righthander Morgan LeClair had to leave in the 4th because his arm tightened and reliever Hicks had to escape a bases-loaded jam in the top of the sixth inning to give the Cat bats an opportunity to win it in the bottom of the inning.

The Cat bats didn't, though, but the Augusta arms did. Withrow reached on an error and Jarrod Young hit a bloop double to start the trouble. After two were out, Moore was intentionally walked to fill the sacks but Snow also walked on four straight pitches to force in the winning run.

