

Blast Off Against Circle

MHS Nails 2nd Co-Champ Year

BENTON--Tuesday was a red letter day for Mulvane High School baseball coach David Katzenmeier, and he's hoping he has at least two more this prep baseball season.

Katzenmeier's Wildcats gift-wrapped their second straight Chisholm Trail League baseball co-championship by storming over Circle in a doubleheader here Tuesday, May 13. The Cats won a 9-1 game in the opener, then rallied for a 7-3 verdict in the nightcap.

"Co-champion is better than no champion," noted Katzenmeier, whose Cats ran their winning streak to 17 games and their league record to 11-1,

same as Nickerson. "You wouldn't have thought it would come back to haunt us but losing that first game to Nickerson sure did. You just go out and do the best you can and go on. I didn't think they could get through the league without a loss but they must have thought they could.

"If it ended tomorrow, it would be a good, super season, but the best part is ahead, the second season is coming," added the Cat skipper. Mulvane will head for the regional championship and a trip to the state meet at Burden Monday, May 19, in the regional.

The Cats broke the opener up in the third inning, scoring five times. Mike

CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE

First Game

Mulvane	115	20-9	14
Circle	000	10-1	1

Jerrod Sorensen, Morgan LeClair 5, and Jeff Belden; Tom Wehling, Chuck Brown 3, and Howard Johnson.
HR-Curtis Hicks (M).

Second Game

Mulvane	105	10-7	3
Circle	030	00-3	5

Kyle Steadman, Brian Cusick 3, and Jarrod Young; Dale Lindsey and Howard Johnson.
HR-Danny LeClair (M).

Snow singled and Curtis Hicks, who had three RBIs, walked to start things. The big blows were a double down the rightfield line by Shay Cornejo and an RBI single by Wes Moore. Hicks jacked a two-run homer out of the park

in the fourth for the final margin.

Righthander Jerrod Sorensen won the game, throwing a one-hit, two walk job at the Thunderbirds before Morgan LeClair mopped up in the fifth. Righthanders Kyle Steadman and Brian Cusick teamed up for a five-hitter in the second game, Steadman picking up the win.

MHS trailed, 3-1, after two innings in the second game but one swing of Danny LeClair's bat took care of that in the third to highlight a five-run explosion. Hicks and Mike Stump both walked before Danny LeClair, who was 3-for-3, pumped one over the fence in left.