

Mulvane Bats Showing Signs Of Coming To Life

It was promising but only a split. The Mulvane High School baseball team came alive in a pair of twinbills last week but both times, it was in the second game of the series.

The Wildcats divided a pair of games Thursday, April 21, at home against Augusta, losing a 12-7 decision in the first game before romping to a 13-3 verdict in the second game. The Cats also lost the opener Tuesday, April 19, at Andover as the host Trojans pounded out a 22-9 winner before Mulvane rallied in the nightcap for a 9-5 victory.

The split of the four Chisholm Trail League games left Mulvane's log at 4-8 this season heading into a doubleheader at home today (April 28) against Goddard. The games are slated to begin at 4 p.m. Rain washed out a scheduled doubleheader at Circle Monday, April 25. That set will be made up May 6.

"We're getting a lot better, we're starting to play better baseball but we must find a No. 2 pitcher," said Dave Katzenmeier, the MHS baseball coach. "Shay (Cornejo) is starting to pitch well in the second games, now we just need to find somebody to come in and do the job in game No. 1. We just need somebody to come in and throw strikes and keep away from walks."

Augusta, the CTL leader, started the set against Mulvane with a seven-run first and never trailed in the first game to remain undefeated in the league. The Cats ended that streak, however, in the nightcap with Cornejo scattering four hits.

Mulvane's bats erupted for six runs in the third inning and three more in the fourth to put the game away. The big hits of the inning were Kevin Long's three-run triple and RBI hits by Chad Phipps and Donnie Holman. Holman also singled and scored in the 4th and was followed to the plate by Cornejo and Jeff Lucas on another hit by Phipps.

Cornejo finished the game going 4-for-4 and Holman, Long and Phipps had two hits each. In the first game, Dan LeClair and Phipps were the only players with two hits.

"I was pretty pleased because Augusta came in without a loss," said Katzenmeier. "We had been struggling a little at the plate but LeClair and Cornejo are starting to pick it up and we're getting some good help up and

First Game

Augusta	702 000 3--12 12
Mulvane	020 140 0-- 7 9

Williams and Chandler, Kevin Long and Chad Phipps

Second Game

Augusta	100 110-- 3 4
Mulvane	006 322--13 12

Towns and Chandler, Shay Cornejo and Chad Phipps

First Game

Mulvane	320 04-- 9 9
Andover	1(14)5 2x--22 12

Sean Gillespie, Dan LeClair 2, Adam Morris 4, and Chad Phipps, Davis and Miller
HR--Osborn (A)

Second Game

Mulvane	200 241 0--9 12
Andover	400 001 0--5 6

Shay Cornejo and Chad Phipps, Mullins, Turner 5, and Miller

down the hitting order. Guys like Jeremy Miller and Scott Young have stepped in there and helped by playing well."

Mulvane also split at Andover when the Trojans scored 14 runs in the second inning to wrap things up. Cornejo picked up another winner in the nightcap by spacing six hits and giving up only one run after a rocky first inning.

Both Cornejo and LeClair had three hits in the second game and Young and Fleming had two apiece to pace the 12-hit attack by the Cats. LeClair had a big day as he also had three hits in the first game. Young scored three times and Sean Gillespie scored twice while Miller was 1-for-1 and one run scored.