

Baseball Wildcats 7th

In Chisholm Shoot-Out

The Mulvane High School baseball squad duplicated their so-so showing in the Chisholm Trail League Baseball Tournament last week.

The Wildcats, 4-8 in the regular season in the CTL, finished seventh in the league tournament which ended Thursday, May 5, at Andover. The tournament was postponed twice by rain.

The Cats humbled Circle, 11-7, in the game for 7th place. A day earlier, the Wildcats nearly got over the hump when they rallied in the bottom of the last inning to tie Rose Hill on a two-run homer by Sean Gillespie, but Rose Hill finally pulled it out with a run in the 10th, 6-5. Earlier Wednesday, May 4, Valley Center blasted Mulvane, 11-3, in a first-round game.

Augusta won the CTL tourney title by stopping Nickerson, 7-2.

"Pitching's still the bottom line and we're just a little short this year," said MHS Coach Dave Katzenmeier. "Danny (LeClair) did a good job in the first round against Valley center but it wasn't good enough. Still, I'm proud of the guys. After getting banged around for the first two games, they came back and scored 11 runs. (Bruce) Brashear and Gillespie worked the game on the mound and did a decent job."

The pitching duo spaced six hits and were backed by a 13-hit attack for MHS.

CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT SEVENTH PLACE

Circle 002 050 0-- 7 6
Mulvane 032 411 x--11 13

Wen worth, Will Johnson 3, and Reithman; Bruce Brashear, Sean Gillespie 3, and Chad Phipps.

HR--Michael Young (M), 2

FIRST PLACE

Augusta 7, Nickerson 2

SEMIFINALS

Rose Hill 400 010 000 1--6 7
Mulvane 200 010 200 0--5 12

Brad Herndon, Kyle Warner 10, and Brook Phillips, Shay Cornejo, Adam Morris 9, and Chad Phipps.

HR--Sean Gillespie (M).

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 000 210 0-- 3 7
Valley Center 102 143 x--11 12

Dan LeClair and Chad Phipps; Wooden and Spike Anderson.

Mike Young had three hits, including two homers, Gillespie was 3-for-4 and scored twice and Brashear knocked in two runs.

Mulvane pumped in four runs in the fourth to take a 9-2 lead. Scott Young, Donnie Holman, Gillespie and LeClair had consecutive singles after two were out. Then M. Young, Jeff Lucas and Chad Phipps all walked to keep the rally going.

Against Rose Hill, the highlight was Gillespie's two-run homer to tie the game at 5-5 and send it into extra innings, however, three innings later, Rose Hill pushed in a run on a wild pitch to win it.

"We're starting to swing the bats and if we can get our pitching going, we could do some damage in the regionals," said Katzenmeier. The regional pairings will be announced later this week. Mulvane will be joined by Rose Hill, Central (Burden) and Douglass in the 4A-1A Central Regional Wednesday, May 18. Games will be played at 3 p.m., 5 and 7 with the winner advancing to the 4A-1A State Tournament to be held Friday and Saturday, May 27-28, at Soden Grove in Emporia.