

Cats Scoring, 'Them,' Too

The scoring machine was going good--but it was going good for both teams Friday, May 13, when the Mulvane High School baseball squad went to Benton to tangle with Circle.

The Wildcats hammered the host Thunderbirds, 14-4, in the opener but had to settle for a split when Circle edged the Cats, 14-13, in the nightcap despite a three-homer barrage by Mulvane.

The Chisholm Trail League twinbill left Mulvane's record at 6-13 overall and 5-9 in the CTL, and tuned Coach David Katzenmeier's club up for the regionals. They were to have played against Douglass (7-8) at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the first round of the Central 4A-1A Regional held at Burden. The championship game was to have been at 7 with the winner advancing to the 4A-1A State Championship at Emporia next weekend.

"We scored lots of runs and in the first game, we kept their run total down," said Katzenmeier. "When we do that, good things happen. In the second game, we didn't. We gave up eight runs in the first inning and never were able to overcome that."

In the opener, first sacker Dan LeClair started Mulvane off right, clubbing a three-run homer after a single by Scott Young and a walk to Jeremy Miller. The Wildcats put the game away with a six-run streak in the fifth inning with

First Game

Circle	010 003-- 4 5
Mulvane	530 06x--14 14

Wentworth, Swan 2, W. Johnson 5, and Lowmaster; Shay Cornejo and Chad Phipps.
HR--Dan LeClair and Chad Phipps (M).

Second Game

Mulvane	223 303 0--13 12
Circle	805 001 x--14 15

Dan LeClair and Chad Phipps; Demo, W. Johnson 3, and Doug Johnson.
HR--Chad Phipps 2, Dan LeClair, Sean Gillespie, Scott Young (M).

Michael Young's two-run double, an RBI hit by Jeff Lucas and Chad Phipps' two-run homer doing most of the damage.

Righthander Shay Cornejo had little trouble in notching the victory. He gave up only five hits and struck out seven.

Mulvane made a run at the T-Birds in the second game after falling behind, 8-2. Actually, Mulvane tied the game in the top of the sixth when LeClair doubled and Phipps slammed his second homer of the game, a two-run blast. Sean Gillespie followed with another homer to tie it, but Circle pushed across one run in the bottom of the sixth.

Phipps was the hitting star, going 2-for-3 and knocking in five runs in the nightcap. He had a three-run homer in the third inning. Scott Young was 2-for-4 with a two-run homer in the second inning and LeClair had two hits for extra bases, including a three-run blast in the fourth inning. Mike Young also had two hits.