

Fleming Sharp

Augusta Squirms Past Wildcats

Mulvane had Augusta squirming but in the end, it was the Wildcat baseballers who were on the hot seat as they lost a double-header to Augusta Thursday, May 4, at Augusta.

The Orioles clipped the Cats, 2-1, in one extra inning in the first game, then turned on the home run power in the second game for a 9-2 triumph in a pair of Chisholm Trail League games that spelled a co-championship for the Orioles. Mulvane fell to 3-14 overall and 2-13 in the CTL.

"We made 'em squirm a little but they pulled it out in the 8th," said veteran Mulvane coach Dave Katzenmeier. "We played a very good game, much better baseball, and we got a good pitching game out of John Fleming, plus some good defense—we turned a couple of double plays. We just did things right."

The Cats were right in the thick of things the entire game with Augusta's Orioles, the

CTL's co-champs. Augusta pushed across one run in the bottom of the 8th to win it after the Cats had tied it with a run in the top of the seventh.

Scott Proctor led off the inning with a single and took second on a ground out by Jeremy Miller. After two were out, Donnie Holman, who had one of his best hitting games of the year, tied it at 1-1 with a base hit to left-centerfield.

Proctor and Holman were the only two players with hits in the opener. Proctor had two singles in three trips and Holman had a triple in the third but died at the corner.

That lack of offense really put a damper on a finely-pitched game by John Fleming, who held the league co-champs to only two hits. He fanned only two and walked three but two of those intentional passes came back to haunt Fleming in the fateful first extra inning. An error put a runner at first and after two outs, Fleming walked two bat-

ters before a bloop single allowed the winning run to score.

The second game was nearly a repeat, a 0-0 game until Augusta scored two in the 4th, then added two more in the 5th. Mulvane stoked up the batting furnace with nine hits—two each by Sean Gillespie, Fleming and David Boyer.

Mulvane's only runs came in the last inning when Fleming singled and Holman walked. Boyer singled to left and Scott

First Game

Mulvane	000 000 10—1 4
Augusta	000 010 01—2 2

John Fleming and Chad Phipps; Williams and Harrison Chandler.

Second Game

Mulvane	000 000 2—2 9
Augusta	000 225 x—9 10

Robbie Swindle, Adam Morris 6, and Chad Phipps; Aaron Saylor and Harrison Chandler.

HR—Chad Westbrook, Jeff Wheeler, 2, (A).

Young drove Fleming home with a single to center. Holman then scored when Gary Cleverdon grounded out.

The Cat junior varsity split two games Saturday, May 6, in the Circle Jayvee Tournament and finished second in the four-team affair.

Mulvane opened the tourney with a giant comeback in a 17-16 triumph over Circle, scoring 15 times in the last three innings. Andover won the title by knocking off the Wildcats, 9-5, in the championship game.

