



Catcher Jarrod Oldridge settles down hurler Randy Young during a Maize uprising

# Cats Eye Trip To State Meet

A comeback victory Thursday, May 10, broke the ice for the Mulvane High School baseball squad, but the visiting Eagles from Maize threw cold water on the celebration by winning the second game.

The Wildcats charged from the depths Thursday with three runs in the 7th inning, winning the first game of a Chisholm Trail League doubleheader here with Maize, 10-9, on Scott Proctor's base hit, but Maize earned the split on the strength of an 11-run third inning in the nightcap. The Eagles won the second game by a 16-6 count.

The split left Coach Dave Katzenmeier's Cats at 8-12 for the season as they head into a 5 p.m. battle today (May 17) against Winfield in the first round of the Arkansas City Class 5A Baseball Regional at Ark City. The host Bulldogs will play the winner of the first game for the regional championship at 7 with the winner of this game marching on to the 5A State Championship next week.

"I thought that rally to win the first game might be the spark that we've needed but we let it get away from us in the third inning," said Katzenmeier. "It was a good time to have such a rally. Scott had a big hit that one it. I was glad to see him get a chance to redeem himself after a three-run error earlier. It was nice to have him get that opportunity.

"Fleming came in and did a good job, too, to keep us close. It was like a fight, we punched and counter-punched and stayed right in there with them until we came up with the knockout blow in the 7th inning."

The Wildcats were behind in the opener from Day 1. Maize bolted to the lead, 6-3,

## Arkansas City Class 5A Regional Tournament

TODAY (MAY 17)

First Round

Game 1—Winfield (3-15) vs. Mulvane (8-12), 5 p.m.  
Game 2 (Championship)—Arkansas City (14-3) vs. winner of game 1, 7

First Game

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Mulvane	221 0203—10 13

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Second Game

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Mulvane	100 50—6 2

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with a five-run second but reliever John Fleming blanked the Eagles in the final two innings to keep the Cats close.

Darryl White started the rally with a one-out walk. After a second out, Scott Young. Randy Young poked a single to deliver White and Scott Young stopped at third. A passed ball enabled him to score and tie the score at 9-9, putting Randy Young in great position before Proctor looped a base hit to center to end the game.

Randy Young also was a star as he went 4-for-5 and scored twice. White had two hits and scored three times and freshman Larry Dixon had two hits, including a run-scoring triple in the second, and scored two times.

In the second game, sophomore righthander Jarrod Oldridge had another rough outing before senior Rob Swindle took over in the third inning to put out the fire. The damage was already done, however, and Maize ended the game after five innings.

The Wildcats managed only three hits, a first-inning base rap by Scott Young and hits by Fleming and White in Mulvane's big inning, a five-run 4th. Randy Young started that rally with a walk and Proctor was struck by a pitch. Fleming singled to load the sacks before Oldridge was hit by a pitch to force one run in. Steve Langholtz reached on an error with two runs scoring. Gary Cleverdon grounded out and another run scored before White singled up the middle on a two-strike count to score two more.

"We're still staying positive and feel like we can do something if we get on a roll at Ark City," added Katzenmeier. "Jarrod had another rough outing and we let that game get away from us but we wanted to see if he could pitch out of the trouble. We're still going with him in the regional game."