

Regional Pairings

Baseballers In A Walk

It was a beautiful sight in an ugly sort of way.

That was the Mulvane-Circle baseball doubleheader Thursday, May 2, at the Mulvane sports complex.

The Wildcat boys concluded their regular season at home and gave the Thunderbirds rude treatment. It was downright ugly, although the scoreboard was a thing of beauty. The Cats ripped Circle in two five-run games, bruising the T-Birds, 17-2, in the first game and 13-0 behind Tim Glaser's near-perfect game in the nightcap.

That left the Cats at 8-12 for the season and sent Circle to 2-18.

"We played real good baseball against Circle," emphasized Zeke Rash, the MHS baseball coach. "We had real good pitching in both games and very good defense, and we hit the ball as good as we have all year long. I guess it's a good time to be playing well. That's what you aim for when you start the season."

The games weren't much of a thing of beauty. Mulvane ripped 10 hits in the first game and pounded 10 more in the second game against the hapless Thunderbirds, who finished with a 2-18 record.

"Their pitching kept hurting them by walking people, and when we got people on base, we kept getting hit after hit after hit," said Rash. "I think everybody in the starting line-up got an RBI in the first game. Everybody who got up there did something positive at the plate."

Cat hurlers Pete Myers and Brian Minks

did the rest. They held the Thunderbirds in check on four hits.

The Cats, playing at home, scored 12 runs before Circle was able to get an out. That was the end of all the suspense in that one. Tad Nicholson led off with a walk and Tim Glaser singled. After Kasey McDowell walked to fill the bases, Joe Flowers doubled in a pair of runs. Mike Abasolo walked and Noel Magee tapped an RBI single. T.J. Lervik drove in a run when he was hit by a pitch and Eric Erbert walked to force in another run. After a passed ball, Nicholson walked again and so did Glaser and McDowell. There were some wild pitches in there, too, but who was counting at that time.

Abasolo put the topper on the inning when he lined a triple to the fence with the bases filled.

Mulvane scored five more against the demoralized T-Birds in the third with Lervik and Erbert knocking in runs with sacrifice flies and Nicholson lining a triple for two more runs.

That was more than enough for Myers, who was relieved by Minks in the 4th inning. Myers gave up only three hits and Minks finished the four-hit job.

That one was more of a contest than the second game. Wildcat righthander Tim Glaser fired a no-hitter, striking out five, and the only thing between Glaser and a perfect (five-inning) game was a Mulvane error in the last inning.

Meanwhile back at the plate, Mulvane's hitters chewed up Circle pitching.

Nicholson and McDowell had two hits apiece with one of McDowell's being a two-run homer, which was featured in the eight-run second inning uprising.

It started out harmless enough. Nicholson singled and scored in the first inning. Mulvane, 1-0.

Jake Carmichael walked to start the second inning and after a Lervik single, Carmichael charged across the plate on a Chad Gerwick base hit. Erbert rapped a single to drive in two runs and Glaser singled him across just before McDowell launched one. Abasolo singled for a run and then scored on Carmichael's sacrifice fly for the second out.

Glaser did the rest, or what was left of the rest.

"I feel the games were positive," said Rash. "I think they were positive because even though we had big leads in both of them, we kept our focus and played real good baseball. It seems like our last six games, we've put some things together. We're playing pretty good baseball right now and are looking forward to the regionals."

The Cats will take it easy into next week before tangling with arch-rival Rose Hill in the semifinal round of the Wellington Class 4A Regional. Wellington (13-7) was given the No. 1 seed and will play at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 16, against the winner of the first game. Circle (2-18) seeded No. 5 in the five-team field, will go to Augusta (5-15), seeded No. 4 for a 5 p.m. game Tuesday, May 14, with the winner marching on

FIRST GAME

Circle 2000—2 4
 Mulvane (12)25 0—19 10
 Pat Swilley, Palmer 1, and Tunnell; Pete Myers, Brian Minks 4, and Chad Gerwick.

SECOND GAME

Circle 0000—0 0
 Mulvane 1831—13 9
 Boney and Tunnell; Tim Glaser and Chad Gerwick.
 HR—Kasey McDowell (M).

Chisholm Trail League Baseball Standings

(Includes games thru May 6)

Team	W	L
Maizo	14	4
Andover	12	4
Valley Center	14	6
Wellington	13	7
Goddard	12	8
Rose Hill	10	8
Mulvane	8	12
Nickerson	5	7
Augusta	5	15
Circle	2	18
Buhler	1	13

Wellington Class 4A Regional Pairings

Tuesday, May 14

Game 1 — Circle (2-18) at Augusta (5-15), 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 16

Game 2 — Wellington (13-7) vs. winner of game 1, 3 p.m.

Game 3 — Rose Hill (10-8) vs. Mulvane (8-12), 5 p.m.

Game 4 (First Place)—winners of games 2 and 3, 7 p.m.

against Wellington.

The Rockets, 10-8, were seeded No. 2 and will play at 5 p.m. May 16th against the No. 3-seeded Wildcats (8-12). The championship game will be at 7 p.m.