

Baseball Team Bats Heating Up

The Wildcats missed a chance to be a player in the Chisholm Trail League with a split at Buhler, but a two-game sweep at home against Augusta Thursday night, May 8, helped Mulvane High School baseball coach Zeke Rash forget about missed opportunity.

The MHS Cat baseballers, instead, had to settle for third place in the league after Buhler clipped the Cats, 10-9, in the first game of a make-up series in Buhler Saturday, May 10. Mulvane let a 7-0 lead slip away in that game. In the second game, Mulvane went on an 11-run scoring binge in the fifth inning and won a 14-7 game.

In the make-up games at Medicine Lodge Monday, May 12, the Wildcats again had to settle for a split with the Indians edging Mulvane, 8-6. That game only served as a wake-up call and the Cats bombed Indian pitching with 21 hits in the nightcap, taking an 18-2 triumph.

In their final home doubleheader Thursday, the Wildcats played great ball to slip past Augusta, 4-2, and 2-0. Mulvane finished its CTL slate at 8-6, tied with Wellington for third place. Overall, the Cats are 12-7 heading into a make-up game

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	210 101 11--6 7
Medicine Lodge	300 230 x--8 4

Travis Morgan, Pete Myers 6, and Matt Phipps, McCoy and Strong.

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	732 15--18 21
Medicine Lodge	000 20 --2 1

Brian Minks, Chad Gerwick 5, and Matt Phipps; Ray and McCoy.

HR--Bryce Schumacher, Matt Phipps, Mike Johnson (M); McCoy (M).

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	601 000 11--9 14
Buhler	000 040 42--10 13

Keene Hargrove, Zach Wayman 4, Bryce Schumacher 7, and Matt Phipps; Tyrell, George 3, Archer 8, and Kornelson.

HR--Matt Phipps, Bryce Schumacher (M); F. Bauer (B).

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	110 1(11)00--14 16
Buhler	501 000 1--7 10

Bryce Schumacher, Chad Gerwick 2, and Matt Phipps; L. Bauer, Overton 5, Archer 5, Eckhoff 6, and Kornelson.

HR--Todd Fagan, grand slam, Brian Minks (M); Washburn (B).

FIRST GAME

Augusta	101 000 0--2 0
Mulvane	100 300 x--4 6

Kappellmann and Carey; Travis Morgan and Matt Phipps.

SECOND GAME

Augusta	000 000 0--0 2
Mulvane	010 100 x--2 5

Stephenson and Carey; Brian Minks and Matt Phipps.

against Circle today (May 15).

"We played some really good baseball in game No. 2 at Medicine Lodge," emphasized Rash. "Brian Minks pitched for four innings and had a perfect game going before he gave up a hit. We got our hitting going and we didn't have any errors or base-running mistakes. We were potent at the plate. It was a good one for us."

Mulvane's lead-off hitter, Mike Johnson, had a super series. He went 2-for-3 in the opener, scoring three times and had five consecutive hits in the nightcap, knocking in five runs and scoring three more. He also slapped a solo homer in the fourth.

Todd Fagan went 2-for-2 with one RBI, Chad Gerwick went 2-for-4 with two RBIs, Brian Minks went 2-for-4, Pete Myers and Matt Phipps had two hits each and had three RBIs apiece and Travis Morgan went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and one run.

At Buhler, a sweep could have kept the Cats at five league losses and a possible tie for the crown. "We squandered a big lead and that was disappointing," said Rash. "I thought we should have won both of those games. All we had to do was make a couple of routine plays in the last couple of innings to win it, but we didn't. They just outplayed us from that standpoint, but the kids pulled themselves together in the second game, came out and played some good baseball in the second game."

In the first game, Mulvane scored six times in the opening inning. Matt Phipps and Bryce Schumacher hammered homers and Johnson, Darrin Erbert, Morgan, Minks and Fagan all had two hits apiece, but it was all for nothing because the Crusaders punched across six runs in the last at inning to win it.

The Wildcats got it going, though, in the second game, finally busting loose with 11 runs in the fifth inning. Erbert had two doubles, two runs scored and one RBI in that inning alone, and Minks had a double and three-run homer in the same inning. Mulvane finished the onslaught when Fagan blasted a grand slam homer bringing in Myers, Bryce Schumacher and Phipps.

The Wildcats had two exceptional games in the sweep of Augusta. Minks scattered two hits and nine walks as he struck out 11, in the complete game win in game 2. Morgan also had a fine outing in the opener, giving up no hits and walking five.