

# 'Hot' Also Goes With Cats; Baseballers In Regionals

Hot as in tamale. Hot as in sauce. Hot as in a Kansas summer.

Hot is something that the Mulvane High School Wildcat baseballers have tried to achieve all season long, and it looks like they finally made it.

The Wildcats continued their torrid play at the end of the regular season Thursday, May 15, as they busted Circle, 14-6, in the conclusion of a two-game series that was started back in April. The Cats had clipped the Thunderbirds, 6-4, in the first game of a scheduled double-header April 10th but the second game was postponed because of rain.

Getting in the groove couldn't have come at a better time for Rash's warriors. Every coach wants to get there when it's "tournament time," and it's tournament time. The Wildcats were to have played Rose Hill (11-10) at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, in the Augusta Class 4A Regional Baseball Tournament. Because of the heavy thunderstorms which rumbled through the area Sunday, May 18, the first round of the Augusta Regional was postponed on Monday, pushing the semifinals and finals into Tuesday and Wednesday, May 20-21.

The regional winners advance to the 4A State Baseball Championship in Manhattan May 30-31.

## Chisholm Trail League Baseball Standings

### DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
x-Andover	10	4	15	5
Mulvane	8	6	12	8
Wellington	8	6	10	10
Goddard	7	7	11	7
Maizo	7	7	11	9
Augusta	6	8	11	10
Buhler	6	8	7	11
Valley Center	4	10	7	11

### DIVISION II

x-Medicino Lodge	10	2	11	3
Rose Hill	9	3	11	10
Douglass	8	4	13	7
Circle	7	3	9	9
Belle Plaine	2	8	2	8
Blucatern	2	8	2	13
Clearwater	0	10	1	18

x--won CTL championship

## Augusta Class 4A Regional Baseball Pairings

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- Game 3 -- Neodesha (12-1) vs. Augusta (11-10), 3 p.m.  
 Game 4 -- Mulvane (12-7) vs. Rose Hill (11-10), 5 p.m.  
 Game 5 (Championship)--winners of games 3 and 4, 7 p.m.

Thursday's solo game was played at the Mulvane sports complex because Circle's field was in bad condition. The victory left Coach Rash's Cats at 13-7 for the regular season, and 8-6 in the Chisholm Trail League, which tied the MHS boys with Wellington for second place.

Mulvane exploded for seven runs in the third inning, and it wasn't close after that. "It was a nice win for us," said Rash. "we played four innings of real good baseball and we had one inning where we had a few mental mistakes and errors that let them score some runs they shouldn't have, but I think the kids have played fairly consistently all season long."

Mulvane banged out 14 hits and junior Ryan Rogers did the rest, shutting down the T-Birds on only two hits. He walked only one, and none of the runs were earned.

"Our hitting has really been coming on lately," said Rash. "We've had some big innings. It's been contagious. One guy will start hitting, then another and another. In this one, though, we got a lot of help. We had a lot of hard hits against Circle. We actually should have scored more runs because we hit a lot of balls right at them early. We showed good balance up and down the line-up, too. Everybody has been pretty strong. Our 7-8-9 batters have been producing as much as our 1-2-3 at times. Darrin Erbert had an excellent game. Chad Gerwick had a good game and Brian Minks had a nice two-run hit that kind of broke the game open for us."

Erbert started the third with a solid sin-

gle and Gerwick walked to set the table for Minks, who drove both home with a base knock. Pete Myers followed with a single and catcher Matt Phipps singled to fill the sacks for Bryce Schumacher, who smacked a two-run single. Another run scored on an error before Todd Fagan's sac fly delivered a run. Erbert closed the inning with another base hit.

After the Thunderbirds punched in four runs to threaten, the Wildcats cut loose for three in the 4th, then put the game away with six more in the 5th.

In that inning, Gerwick started things with a single and scored when Myers singled. Another single by Phipps drove in Myers and Phipps scored after a passed ball and a double by Morgan. Todd Fagan delivered an RBI single but was picked off. That was followed by a single by Johnson, who scored the last run on an error and a passed ball.

Phipps finished with a 3-for-4 game, scoring three times and knocking in two runs. The junior Schumacher had two hits, three RBIs and scored twice and both Myers and Erbert had two hits.

Mulvane 007 36--16 15  
 Circle 004 00--4 2  
 Ryan Rogers, Brian Minks 5, and Matt Phipps; Palmer, Bishop 4, and Tunnel.