

# Lose In Regional

# Baseballers Miss Home Advantage

Would you rather be working the parking lot or working in the batter's box? That the question facing the Mulvane High School baseball team Tuesday night, May 16, after working their way into the championship game of the Douglass Class 4A Regional Baseball Tournament.

With the Kansas Class 4A State Tournament scheduled to open Friday, May 26, at the Mulvane sports complex, the answer was easy but getting into the "big dance" wasn't. El Dorado had other ideas as they battered the Mulvane Wildcats, 20-7, to advance to the State Championship.

Mulvane had moved into the Regional title game by toppling No. 1 seeded Circle, 13-10, earlier in the day. The loss ended the year for Mulvane at 7-15 and kept the Wildcats from making their 8th trip to State in the program's 19th season of baseball.

El Dorado ripped 22 hits. Mulvane had 12 hits but that wasn't enough to keep the Cats in contention. Derek Nordquist went 2-for-4 with two runs scored, senior Jeremiah Webb went 2-for-4 with one RBI, Ryan McKnight went 2-for-3 and Cale Carson went 1-for-1 with one RBI and one run scored.

"They came out and scored six runs but we came right back and got four," said Katzenmeier. "We battled but it was a good day to hit with the wind blowing out. All of our seniors really came on strong. They all wanted to get back to Mulvane and they showed a lot of heart and desire. That's always good to see in the 'last dance'."

The Cats jumped out early against the top-seeded Thunderbirds, scoring six runs in the 2nd and adding four more in the 3rd, but had to hold on to their britches in the last inning when Circle rallied with three runs. Pitcher Luke Scott squirmed out of the inning and Mulvane moved on to the championship game.

The Wildcats rapped 18 hits in the contest with Lance Miller going 3-for-3 with three RBIs, McGuire going 3-for-3 with three RBIs and Webb slamming two singles and two doubles for one of the best nights of his four-year career. Both Nordquist and Scott had two hits and Boyer knocked in three runs with a couple of hits.

The No. 5 seeded Wildcats were at No. 4 Douglass Monday night, May 15, for a first round game and the Cats tagged the Bulldogs, 9-5, eliminating Douglass.

"We got some great senior leadership

## Douglass Class 4A Regional Baseball Results

### CHAMPIONSHIP

El Dorado 620 051 6--20 22  
Mulvane 400 012 0--7 12  
Lanet, Carter 5, and Jason Patty; Jake Myers, Derek Boyer 5, Jared Rice 5, and Jeremiah Webb  
HR--Althouse, Carter, Jason Patty (E)

### SEMIFINALS

Circle 300 500 3--11 12  
Mulvane 064 300 x--13 18  
Bishop, Short 3, and Short, Bishop, Luke Scott and Jeremiah Webb  
HR--Gottschalk (C), Lance Miller (M)

El Dorado 16, Rose Hill 10

### FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 140 200 2 9 7  
Douglass 102 000 2 5 9  
Derek Boyer and Jeremiah Webb (M), Cillian O'Donnell 2, Barnes 7, and Whitehead  
HR--Luke Scott (M), Banister (D)

El Dorado 7, Wellington 5

Rose Hill 10, Augusta 9

from the start and that was the key," stressed Katzenmeier. "Senior Luke Scott started the game with a bang, hitting a homer in the first as the third batter up and senior Derek Boyer pitched an effective game and also had a two-run double in the 4th that was really big for us. We played pretty good ball."

What Katzenmeier was happy about was the Cats struck the ball, they played defense and they pitched. It was a complete game.

"Outfielder Brian Love made a couple good catches in centerfield and Lance Miller in rightfield played solid defense," said Katzenmeier. "The middle infield also played solidly. It was a skinned infield and we're used to grass so there was an adjustment and (shortstop) Kyle McGuire and (second baseman) Derek Nordquist did a good job as did Luke Scott at third. You get good defense and good pitching and pop up a few runs, you'll be in it."

Scott helped start the game with a bang when he cracked a two-out homer. After Douglass came back with a run in the bottom half of the first, the Wildcats scored four times to take the lead. McKnight singled, McGuire walked and Miller ripped an RBI double down the line. Nordquist drove home a run with a single and Scott brought in two more with a double to right-center. The biggest hit, though, came when Boyer rapped a double in the 4th, scoring Miller and Nordquist to boost the Cat lead to 7-3.

Boyer scattered eight hits and walked only two as he went the distance.