Baseballers March Into Semifinals

The Mulvane High School baseball boys opened their run for a State tourney berth with a workman-like effort Monday night, May 14, against Chaparral in the first round of the Wellington Class 4A Regional at Hibbs-Hooten Field in Wellington.

The Wildcats clipped Chappy, 7-5, and advanced to a semifinal game against Augusta. That game was to have been played Wednesday afternoon, May 16.

"We didn't play great but we did play solid ball," said Coach Ramon Wiseman. "Austin (Higinbotham) pitched a pretty good game and we didn't make any errors behind him. That, really, was the difference in the game. Our defense made the plays we needed to make. In earlier games, errors have been our enemy. The kids stepped up Monday and got the job done."

Higinbotham issued five hits and walked three before Jon Rogers came in and shut the door in the 7th inning for the save.

The Cats broke out in the 2nd with four runs. Matt Heersche and Sonny Creekmore singled and were sacrificed over by Gary Trione. Jon Reed belted a two-run single and scored on an error. Derek Nordquist reached on an error and scored when Brian Love ripped a two-out single.

The Cats scored two more in the 6th on Higinbotham's two RBI single scoring Nordquist and Trione. Reed went 2-for-4 and both Heersche and Nordquist scored twice.

Wellington Class 4A Regional Baseball

(At Hibbs-Hooten Field) FIRST ROUND

Mulvane Chaparral 040 002 1—7 8 030 001 1—5 5

Austin Higinbotham and Ryan Tatum; Diecker, Cleveland 7, and Miller.

Clearwater 5, Rose Hill 4 Wellington 10, Douglass 0

Wellington Class 4A Regional Schedule

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Game 4 —Mulvane (10-11) vs. No. 1 seeded Augusta (13-7), 2 p.m.

Game 5 — Wellington (10-11) vs. Clearwater (10-11), 4:30

Game 6 (Championship)—winners of games 4 and 5,