

BB Split With Wellington Dims Luster Of Home Run Record

A home run record and a late score for a victory highlighted the Mulvane High School baseball performance Monday, May 12, in the Wildcats' final regular season games of the season.

The Cats punched across a run in the 6th inning to snap a 5-5 tie and win the opening game against Wellington, but the Crusaders broke out with a six-run 2nd and went on for a 7-4 triumph in the nightcap at the Mulvane sports complex.

That left Coach Ramon Wiseman's Wildcats at 5-15 overall as they head into the Douglass 4A Regional next week.

The bright spot for the Wildcats in the 2nd game was a two-run homer blasted by

Andrew Brusco in each game. That gave the slugging catcher six homers this season, eclipsing the MHS record of five by Dan LeClair in the 1986 season.

"We really played pretty good baseball," said Wiseman. "I just left Pat (Myers) in too long in that 2nd game and then we couldn't come back to get them. In the first game, (senior) Jimmie High pitched another pretty awesome game. He's really been a nice surprise for us this year."

The Cats took the lead in the 2nd inning when Brusco socked his first two-run job with Jeff Wohlford on board with a single. Two more runs scored in the 3rd when Luke Gunter and Nick Hall scored runs for a 4-1 lead. The Wildcats won it in the 6th after Wellington had tied it at 5-5. Gunter, who went 3-for-4, singled and scored on a passed ball with Brusco at the plate.

High got out of trouble in the 7th to notch the victory. He finished with eight strikeouts and one walk.

In the nightcap, the Wildcats took a 2-0 lead quickly on one swing of Brusco's bat—Hall and Brusco trotted around the sacks. The only other scores for MHS came in the 4th when Jeff Wohlford walked, Jason Martin singled and Jason Wohlford doubled in both runners.

The Wildcat boys were no match for

Valley Center Thursday, May 8, in a CTL doubleheader at the complex. VC won both ends in convincing fashion. It was 15-4 in the first game and 16-3 in the nightcap.

That left the Cats standing with their third straight lopsided defeat and 4-14 record on the eve of the Douglass Class 4A Regionals, which will be held next week.

Valley wasted little time in gaining the momentum, scoring three in the first and four more in the second before the MHS team answered with three runs in the 3rd inning. Senior Wohlford started the rally with a single and Brusco singled to left-centerfield to keep it going. Jake McCune followed with a double in the gap in right-center and two runs scored. After High sacrificed McCune to third and Pat Myers walked, Gunter delivered a double that scored McCune.

Mulvane's only other scoring came in the 7th when Gunter walked, Greg Flores singled and Hall blasted a double that scored a run.

Things got worse fast in the nightcap with the Hornets starting the game on a seven-run inning to take the steam out of the Wildcats quickly. Mulvane scored twice in the first frame when Gunter, who finished 2-for-2 for the game, walked, Flores singled and Hall ripped a double to the fence. Hall scored

moments later when Brusco hit another double that went into the gap in right-center.

The only other run for Mulvane came in the 4th when Jason Wohlford singled and went to 2nd on a passed ball. He scored when Gunter singled.

The Wildcats will be playing in a first-round game in the Douglass Class 4A Regional Monday, May 19, at a site to be announced later this week. The teams with the best records will host first-round games and the winners will travel to Douglass Wednesday, May 21, for the semifinals and finals.

FIRST GAME

Wellington	011 003 0-5	13
Mulvane	022 011 x-6	10

Ferris and Baker; Jimmie High and Andrew Brusco.
HR--Andrew Brusco (M).

SECOND GAME

Wellington	061 000 0-7	10
Mulvane	200 200 0-4	8

Avalalo, Cody 3, and Baker; Pat Myers, Logan Sorensen 3, and Andrew Brusco.
HR--Andrew Brusco (M), 6th of season (school record).

FIRST GAME

Valley Center	340 100 7-15	17
Mulvane	000 300 1-4	9

Denning, Saundergard 4, and Chaput; Logan Sorensen, Brandon Vaughn 7, and Andrew Brusco.
HR—Oplinger, Chaput (VC).

SECOND GAME

Valley Center	715 21-16
Mulvane	200 10-3

Riffel and Chaput, Blavins 4; Jeff Wohlford, Brandon Vaughn 1, Tyler Dale 3, Jason Martin 5, and Andrew Brusco.