

AC Jags Scoot Past Cats On Late Rally

It could have been a "storybook ending," but instead, it turned out to be a nightmare for the Mulvane Wildcats Tuesday, May 20, in the opening round of the Douglass Class 4A Regional Baseball Tournament.

The "stars" were all in a line. It rained on Monday so the host school, Andover Central, decided to play in Mulvane at the Mulvane sports complex because of field availability. Senior Jimmie High was marching toward a good game. And home run slugger Andrew Brusco, a senior, hits a double and scores to tie the game up.

Do you believe in fate? Neither did Central. The Jaguars broke a 5-5 tie in their final at bat to end the season for the Wildcat baseballers with a 6-5 victory in Mulvane.

"It's pretty disappointing," said Wildcat Coach Ramon Wiseman. "We had them on the run but we gave it back to them in one inning with poor fielding in the outfield. There must have been three misplays that fell for hits in the outfield on routine fly balls. It the same story all year long. Jimmie (High) and Logan (Sorensen) pitch their tails off but we fumbled it away."

The Wildcats screamed out to a 4-0 lead through the first four innings, then battled back to tie it, 5-5, in the top of the 7th only to watch AC launch the winning rally with no outs in their last at bat. They won it on a squeeze bunt with the bases loaded. "It was a perfect bunt," said Wiseman. "We just put ourselves in that bad situation."

Mulvane came out of the gate with an attitude, scoring three times in the 1st inning. Greg Flores reached on a booted

Douglass 4A Regional Baseball Tournament

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 301 000 1--5 7
Andover Central 000 140 1--6 12
Jimmie High, Logan Sorensen 5, and Andrew Brusco;
Matt Bullard and Ted Rankin

Rose Hill 4, Wellington 1

Douglass 4A Regional Baseball Pairings

TODAY (MAY 22)

Semifinal - No. 2 Andover Central vs. No. 6 Rose Hill,
2 p.m.

Semifinal - No. 1 Douglass vs. No. 4 3:30 p.m.

Championship - semifinal winners, 7

ball and Luke Gunter walked. Nick Hall slammed a single for an RBI and another run scored when Jake McCune grounded out. McCune later scored on a passed ball.

The Cats made it 4-0 in the 3rd when Jason Wohlford reached on an error and Pat Myers doubled down the leftfield with Wohlford scoring on a bang-bang play at the plate.

The Jags picked the Cats apart in the 5th with four runs to take a 5-4 lead. Brusco, whose 6th homer earlier this year broke the Mulvane school record for homers in a season, was the key ingredient in the tying run in the 7th. He doubled, went to 3rd when McCune put down a sacrifice bunt. After an out, the sophomore Wohlford ripped a single to tie the game.

But the No. 2 seeded Jaguars would have nothing to do with a first-round upset.