

MHS Girls Eye Return To State Softball Meet

Until last year, the Mulvane High School softball program had never gone to "the big dance," and Wildcat Coach Charlie Mason doesn't want to put up his dancing shoes yet.

The Wildcats will be trying to make the Class 4A State Softball Championship at Manhattan May 30-31 Wednesday, May 21, when the Wildcats play in the Haven Class 4A Regional Tournament against Clearwater.

Clearwater trounced 6th-seeded Circle, 9-0, Monday, May 19, in a first-round game in Clearwater and will bring a 9-9 record and the No. 3 seed into the game against the Wildcats, who are seeded second with a 12-8 mark. The two were to have played at 4:45 Wednesday in Haven. No. 1 seeded Rose Hill (15-5) and Augusta (6-16) were to have played in the opening game at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

"We're going to have to play extremely well," observed Mason. "Even though Clearwater has a first-year program, they are fundamentally sound and they hit the ball. We're going to have to play real good ball just to get by them. I would feel a lot better playing at home instead of having to go all the way to Haven, but you have to play where the state tells you to play."

"I like our chances because most of these girls have had a taste of what it's like to be in a state tournament," added Mason. "I think that's a bit in our favor. All the girls—Shelley Richards catching, Jessica Sheridan at third, Crissy Carpenter at second, Lindsay Kendrick at short, NiChelle Perry in the outfield and our pitchers (Jamie Wilson and Ashley Wirths) were there last year. This is one thing we shoot for, we hope for at the start of the year."

The Wildcats finished the year with a string of "W's." They pounded out their fifth and sixth in a row Thursday, May 15, in a pair of make-up games against Circle. The games, originally slated in April, were

Haven Class 4A Regional Softball Pairings

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- Game 3 -- Rose Hill (15-5) vs. Augusta (6-15), 3 p.m.
 Game 4 -- Mulvane (12-8) vs. Clearwater (9-9), 4:45
 Game 5 (Championship)--winners of games 3 and 4, 6:30

played at the sports complex but Circle was home team. The first game was continued from the fifth inning when it was called and the Cats mopped up in a 13-2 contest. In the complete game, Mulvane buried the Thunderbirds under an avalanche of hits (18 of them) and runs in a 21-0 game that ended the regular season for Mulvane.

That left Mason's club at 12-8 for the season and 7-7 in the Chisholm Trail League Division I.

"The second game pretty much was decided in the first inning when we scored nine runs," continued the Wildcat skipper.

Mason likes what he has seen in the last couple of weeks. It's reminiscent of what he saw a year ago in the Wildcat effort. The girls hitched it up a notch down the stretch.

In the full game Thursday, Mulvane blasted off early. Nine runs later, the game was out-of-control. Jackie McColpin tripled to ignite the frame and scored on ground out. Sheridan walked and scored when Perry was thrown out at first. Richards doubled another run in and then scored on a wild pitch. Cara Ashlock walked and scored when Jana Smith slapped an RBI hit. Wilson walked and Smith scored when Carpenter singled. McColpin walked and two runs scored when Kendrick lifted a triple, then scored when Sheridan singled.

The Mulvane junior varsity softballers swamped Circle twice and finished their season at 11-7. They trounced Circle, 14-0, and 13-0, behind some top notch pitching by Kassie Hargrove (1st game) and Kayla Masters (2nd game)

Chisholm Trail League Softball Standings

DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Maize	13	1	19	1
Valley Center	11	3	16	3
Goddard	11	3	15	3
Mulvane	7	7	12	8
Andover	6	8	11	9
Buhler	4	10	4	10
Wellington	3	11	8	12
Augusta	1	13	6	15

DIVISION II

x-Rose Hill	12	0	15	5
Douglass	9	3	16	5
Clearwater	5	4	9	9
Bluestem	3	5	3	9
Medicine Lodge	2	5	2	7
Belle Plaine	1	7	1	13
Circle	1	9	3	16

x--won CTL championship

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	23	05	13	9
Circle	10	10	2	5
Jamie Wilson and Shelley Richards, Short and Stolhand				
HR - Hall (C)				

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	9	47	10	21	18
Circle	0	00	0	0	1
Jamie Wilson, Ashley Wirths 3, Shelley Richards 5, and Richards, NiChelle Perry 5, Short, Evans 1, Aires 2, and Stolhand.					

Junior Varsity Softball

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	1(10)	3	--14	11
Circle	0	0	0	1
Mulvane battery: Kassie Hargrove and Sara Redinger				

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	18	3	13	13
Circle	0	0	0	0
Mulvane battery: Kayla Masters and Sara Redinger.				