

Cat Boys Balance Out

Mulvane forced its scrappy defense on Valley Center's Hornets and enjoyed the best balance offensively this season Tuesday night, Feb. 3, as the MHS Wildcats rebounded from a disappointing loss at Rose Hill to rope the Hornets, 64-55, in a Chisholm Trail League game.

With nine players scoring points, the Cats posted their second-highest score of the season to keep ahead of a VC team trying to pick a plum in an otherwise dismal season (1-12). Mulvane's best scoring of the year came in December when they romped Clearwater, 75-49, at Clearwater.

Mulvane scooted ahead in the opening quarter, out-scoring the visiting Hornets, 15-8. The Cats couldn't pull entirely away until the last moments. They out-scored Valley, 19-16, in the final quarter.

Greg Flores dumped in 18 points and Zach Kimble scored 11 for Coach Ryan Herra's outfit. But there was ample help offensively from seniors Brad Enochs and Gavin Snider with eight points each, guards Nick Hansen and Kiel Mangus with six and five points, respectively, and Logan Sorensen and Grant Snider with four and three points, respectively.

The victory upped Mulvane's record to 6-8 this season and 2-4 in the league.

Valley Center rolled over the Wildcats in the junior varsity game Tuesday night. The Hornets won by eight, 49-41.

J.D. Sorensen, Logan Sorensen and Bobby Swayne carried the load on offense for the Wildcats. Each scored 10 points. Kyle Womacks finished with seven points.

For three quarters Friday night at Rose Hill, the Wildcat boys looked like they were on their way to adding to their current hot streak.

Forget about it. Hot streak interrupted.

Rose Hill caught and passed the Mulvane boys in the 4th quarter of a Chisholm Trail League Division I game Friday night, Jan. 30, snapping Mulvane's momentum with a 53-46 victory over the Wildcats in Rose Hill.

The Cats appeared to be going in the right direction with three wins in their last

four games but the Rockets changed that by out-scoring Coach Ryan Herra's troopers in the final quarter, 18-6, to come from behind.

The loss dropped Mulvane to 5-8 overall and 1-4 in the CTL. Rose Hill improved its record to 3-2 in the league and 8-5 overall.

"We showed up ready to play, we came out and jumped on them early and played the heck out of our man-to-man defense to get the lead," said Herra. "Our guys did a real good job keeping them off-balance. We

wanted to focus on their guards and we did a good job of it."

The Wildcats led off a large group of Mulvane adult fans and student supporters to control things until that fateful 4th quarter. "We finally kind of wore down in the 4th quarter," said Herra. "They were hand-checking us all night and they (officials) weren't calling it."

The glow started to fade in the 4th quarter after Greg Flores hit a three-pointer to

put the Cats up by five. Down the stretch an old bad memory—poor free-throwing—came knocking on Mulvane's door. "We missed the front end of three one-and-ones in the last quarter and that just killed us. Zach Kimble was 7 for 8 at the line and everybody else was 3 for 12. Quite a few of our misses were one-and-ones, too."

"It just makes you sick, breaks your heart," said Herra of the poor free-throwing.

"There's nothing you can say to your guys. There are no words. They just have to go out and get ready for the next game, but they do have to make those shots. If we make them, we win."

Rose Hill's pressure also hurt in the second half. "Rose Hill can put on pressure like no other team," said Herra. "They're going to slap you every single time you go past them, but we still had a chance to win that game. We held all the cards. If we make those free throws, we win the game."

That pressure distracted the Wildcat passers. According to Herra, in the second half Mulvane's post people—Grant Snider and Gavin Snider—only touched the ball four times. "We just forgot where we wanted to attack," noted Herra. "You spend all your energy getting the ball across half-court and you have to remember that we want the ball going inside to attack their defense."

Senior Zach Kimble led all scorers with one of his best scoring games. He had 21 points. Flores added 11 points. Nick Hansen and Grant Snider finished with four points each and Brad Enochs scored three.

In the junior varsity contest Friday night, the Rockets pinned a 50-47 loss on the Cat jayvees. Mulvane's top scorers included Chris Wilson, who had a season-high 13 points. J.D. Sorensen scored nine points. Kyle Womacks had eight and Logan Sorensen scored six.

Mulvane will be at Augusta Friday night, Feb. 6, then entertain Rose Hill Tuesday, Feb. 10, in a return match-up.

Chisholm Trail League Standings

Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Buhler	7	0	9	2
Maize	5	1	4	5
Augusta	4	2	8	5
Rose Hill	3	3	8	6
Mulvane	2	4	6	8
Goddard	1	5	2	12
Valley Center	0	6	1	12

DIVISION II

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Andover Central	5	1	12	1
Andale	5	1	12	2
Kingman	5	1	10	5
Andover	3	3	8	6
Circle	2	4	7	7
Clearwater	1	5	4	10
Wellington	0	6	2	12

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Buhler at Valley Center
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Clearwater at Wellington
Andover at Kingman

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Wellington at Andover

Chisholm Trail League Girls Basketball Standings

DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Goddard	7	1	17	2
Valley Center	7	1	10	4
Buhler	5	3	7	7
Maize	3	5	7	7
Mulvane	2	4	6	7
Rose Hill	1	5	3	7
Augusta	0	6	1	12

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Boys Varsity

Valley Center	8	14	17	16-55
Mulvane	15	16	14	19-64

Valley Center—Tyler Westerfield 11, Drew Goolsby 16, Brock DeLong 4, James Porter 1, Jameson Decker 5, Ian Lindstrom 9, Dustin Phelps 7, Corey Carter 4, Mike Betsworth 1. FG 20 (3), FT 12-18, F 21.

Mulvane—Greg Flores 18, Gavin Snider 8, Chris Stephens 1, Zach Kimble 11, Nick Hansen 6, Kiel Mangus 5, Brad Enochs 8, Grant Snider 3, Logan Sorensen 4. FG 24 (3), FT 13-20, F 17.

Junior Varsity Boys

Valley Center	12	6	13	18-49
Mulvane	11	10	13	7-41

Valley Center—Doug Westerfield 2, Valerio Amicucci 2, James Porter 10, Jameson Decker 7, Mike Betsworth 19, Kevin Kirkland 9. FG 20 (0), FT 9-16, F 14.

Mulvane—Logan Sorensen 10, John Knight 2, J.D. Sorensen 10, Bobby Swayne 10, Kyle Womacks 7, Greg Simon 1, Chris Wilson 1. FG 16 (4), FT 5-9, F 17.

Boys Varsity

Mulvane	16	12	12	6-46
Rose Hill	7	13	15	18-53

Mulvane—Zach Kimble 21, Greg Flores 11, Grant Snider 4, Brad Enochs 3, Gavin Snider 1, Nick Hansen 4, Kiel Mangus 2. FG 17 (2), FT 10-20, F 18.

Rose Hill—Tyler Wilson 3, Josh Shirley 8, Braydon Crowe 4, Dennis Shirley 16, Blake Ringwall 6, Caleb Fouse 11, James Hensley 2, Kyle Foster 3. FG 17 (3), FT 16-20, F 17.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	10	6	18	13-47
Rose Hill	12	4	20	14-50

Mulvane—Logan Sorensen 6, Brock Kendall 4, Greg Simon 2, Kyle Womacks 8, Sage Swaney 2, Chris Wilson 13, J.D. Sorensen 9, John Knight 3. FG 14 (1), FT 6-13, F 18.

Rose Hill—Chris Cook 5, Taylor Wilson 9, Braydon Crowe 7, Graham Peterson 3, Ryan Roy 4, Josh Shirley 13, Aaron Clark 2, Chris Brittingham 3, Allen Webber 4. FG 16 (4), FT 18-23, F 17.