

# Another Close One Slips Away From Boys

## Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

### DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Maize	8	1	12	5
Buhler	8	1	11	6
Rose Hill	6	4	11	7
Augusta	5	5	9	8
Goddard	4	6	5	13
Mulvane	2	7	6	11
Valley Center	0	9	1	15

### DIVISION II

Kingman	9	1	14	3
Andover Central	8	1	16	1
Andale	6	3	13	4
Andover	5	4	10	7
Circle	3	6	8	9
Clearwater	1	9	4	14
Wellington	1	9	3	15

### Games Friday, Feb. 20

Buhler at Mulvane  
Rose Hill at Augusta  
Andover Central at Andale  
Valley Center at Maize  
Circle at Andover  
Wellington at Kingman

### Games Tuesday, Feb. 24

Mulvane at Goddard  
Maize at Buhler  
Kingman at Andover Central  
Augusta at Valley Center  
Andale at Circle  
Andover at Clearwater

Rose Hill and now this.

"We just need to concentrate on the little things that win ball games and we'll win," said Herrs, whose team slipped to 6-11 and 2-7 in the CTL. "I'm not nervous before a game anymore. I know these guys will go out there and fight and claw and scratch. The only thing I'm worried about is how they're going to finish."

For a while, it looked like a great finish. The Wildcats slipped behind by a few in the first quarter, then trailed by seven at half-time. They out-scored the host Eagles, 15-12, in the third quarter, then got it within two with under one minute to play. Guard Kiel Mangus, a senior, nailed a three pointer to put Mulvane ahead, 50-49.

Maize came back with a bucket and two free throws in the final moments to win the last league game between the two schools.

Next year, the new Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail League will take effect and Maize will be in a different division than the Wildcats.

The MHS boys had two opportunities to regain the lead in the last 30 seconds. Mulvane got the ball inside for a close-in shot by Gavin Smider with less than 30 seconds left, and had another go at it after Maize missed a free throw but had a pass intercepted.

"I think we played better in the second half," said Herrs. "We let them get ahead by nine in the first half. We tried to do something different in the 2nd half. At intermis-

sion, we talked about getting back into the game by not letting them make a run. We told the kids we wanted a play if Maize made two baskets in a row. It was good strategy because our kids started making stops on defense and started cutting into their lead."

The turnover bug really hurt the Wildcat hopes. After three straight games with 10 or under turnovers, the Eagles forced 23 turnovers out of the Cats. "What hurt more is missing about 10 shots right under the basket," said Herrs. "We make half of those, we win by 10 points. Instead, we miss them."

All seven Wildcats who scored had a healthy hand in point production. Gavin Smider and Zach Kimble scored 10 apiece. Brad Enochs scored nine points, Mangus had seven, Greg Flores scored six, Nick Hansen had five and Grant Smider scored three.

"I thought Gavin did a good job getting the ball inside and Nick, Greg and Kiel all hit big three-pointers for us down-the-stretch," said Herrs. "We had some good minutes from Grant (Smider) and Chris (Stephens), too. We just had good effort from everybody but it wasn't enough."

Herrs hopes to build a little momentum going into the Mulvane Class 4A Sub-State set to open March 1st. The Wildcats have three games left in the regular season. That run begins Friday night, Feb. 20, with CH leading Buhler coming to Mulvane before finishing up on the road at Goddard and Valley Center.

Getting close is becoming a habit for the Mulvane High School basketball boys.

They've come close to beating Augusta (twice). They've come close to beating Buhler. They've come close to beating Rose Hill. And now they've come close to beating Maize.

It still adds up to a three game losing streak.

Coach Ryan Herrs' Wildcats had a one-point lead with less than one minute left but Maize scored four unanswered points to hold off the Cats, 53-50, Tuesday night, Feb. 17, in a Chisholm Trail League game in Maize.

The Cats' last three games were a two-point loss to Augusta, an overtime loss to

#### Boys Varsity

Mulvane 10-15-05 15-17-50

Maize 11-12-25 12-11-27

Mulvane: Brad Enochs 9, Zach Kimble 10, Gavin Smider 10, Nick Hansen 5, Grant Smider 3, Kiel Mangus 7, Greg Flores 6. FG 21 (50) FT 3 (4)

Maize: Tyler Mitchell 5, Mike Dillon 10, Justin Mulu 6, Matt Muncy 11, David King 6, Jordan Wilson 5, Brian Lowe 2. FG 15 (3) FT 10 (8) F 19