

Cat Boys Blast Indians

MHS Boys Falter In 4th

For three quarters, the underdog Wildcats from Mulvane High played Augusta off its feet. That's why there are four quarters.

For the second straight year, the MHS Cats had Augusta in their cross-hairs but couldn't hold on as the Orioles pulled away down the stretch for a 67-58 victory Friday night, Dec. 19, in the opening Chisholm Trail League game of the season.

It was a bitter-sweet game for Mulvane Coach Ryan Herrs...bitter because the Cats fall to 2-3 for the season. But sweet because Herrs finally is seeing the style of basketball he has envisioned for this team.

"The kids played a great game," said Herrs. "We were aggressive. We did a good job for the most part in stopping (Jake) Sims. We just couldn't stop the Boyer kid. He just ripped us up. He's the one everyone says you have to stop. He's a tough player and we knew that going in.

"Augusta throws a lot of screens for him so he can get his shots. Once he's in a rhythm, he's on for the rest of the game."

Sims, one of the top prospects in the area, scored 17 points but it was the 23-point spree by Matt Boyer that kept the Cats on the run all night.

"It was one of our best games," stressed Herrs. "We competed so well. What I mean is that you compete every possession. You want to beat them every possession and on every possession you want to score. When we play like that, we can beat anybody and we just about did."

The Wildcats started off with another bang-up offensive job, just like they did against Andale. They were hitting buckets, muscling it in from inside and getting the ball up the floor quickly. After one period, Mulvane had a 17-14 lead and the lead swayed back and forth the rest of the game until the 4th quarter when Augusta surged out to a four-point lead.

"We're going to get them one of these times," said Herrs. "Last year, we played them a great game at our place and lost by three. Two years ago we played they well here and lost another close one. We've been right there with these guys."

Senior Greg Flores had his finest game of the season, scoring 24 points, including four three-pointers. Guard Nick Hansen scored 12 points and Gavin Snider and Zach Kimble scored six points each inside. Brad Enochs scored seven. Kiel Mangus came off the bench to contribute three points.

Mulvane even hit 14 of its 16 free throws, but that's where the Orioles, who are 2-2, won the game. Augusta downed 25 of 31 free shots, which was the difference in the game.

"Our rebounding hurt us, too," noted Herrs. "We just gave them too many second opportunities off offensive rebounds. We

were pretty even with them in rebounding until late in the second half and they started getting offensive boards on us."

Mulvane also had an outstanding effort Tuesday night, Dec. 16, in its first road test of the season. Going to Clearwater, the Wildcats ripped into the Indians early and often as they blasted their hosts, 75-49.

"I was very, very proud of the way we played, especially on defense," said Herrs. "They only scored 49 points and up until that game, they had been scoring. We just put the clamps on them. The kids did a great job defensively stopping their two big guns."

In their first four games, Clearwater had averaged 70 points a game. The Cats put a choke hold on the Indian offense and handled the Clearwater pressure with ease.

"They tried to pressure us the whole game and we handled it a lot better than our teams have in previous years," said Herrs.

The kids did a great job. We just went out there and played our game. We were more concerned with doing what we like to do. Sometimes on the road, that's easier said than done, but the kids responded well."

Ten Wildcats shared in the scoring load. Kimble scored 15 and Gavin Snider and

Flores were in double figures with 12 and 11, respectively. So was Hansen, who scored 10. Grant Snider had eight points, Enochs scored seven and Mangus had six.

"One thing we have talked a lot about this year is believing that you're going to win every game you go into," said Herrs. "When you go into a game expecting to win, you seem to play a whole lot harder."

"Our defense sure did. Zach (Kimble) did a great job on one of their scorers and Nick Hansen had his best defensive game. Another one who had a great game and played tough against Clearwater was Gavin Snider. The kids are just now starting to have the confidence to do things I know they can do. It's fun to watch when they play that way."

The junior varsity boys stumbled in the

2nd half against Augusta and lost to the Orioles. Augusta topped the Cat JVs, 54-40. Lanky J.D. Sorensen led the Cat scoring with 11 points. Kyle Womacks scored eight points, Logan Sorensen had seven and Bobby Swayne scored six.

It was a different story at Clearwater as the Cats out-scored the Indians, 45-28, in the middle two quarters to roll to a 68-59 verdict. Freshman John Knight and Swayne paced the offense in that one, scoring 15 points apiece. Logan Sorensen scored 13 points, Womacks had eight and J.D. Sorensen finished with six.

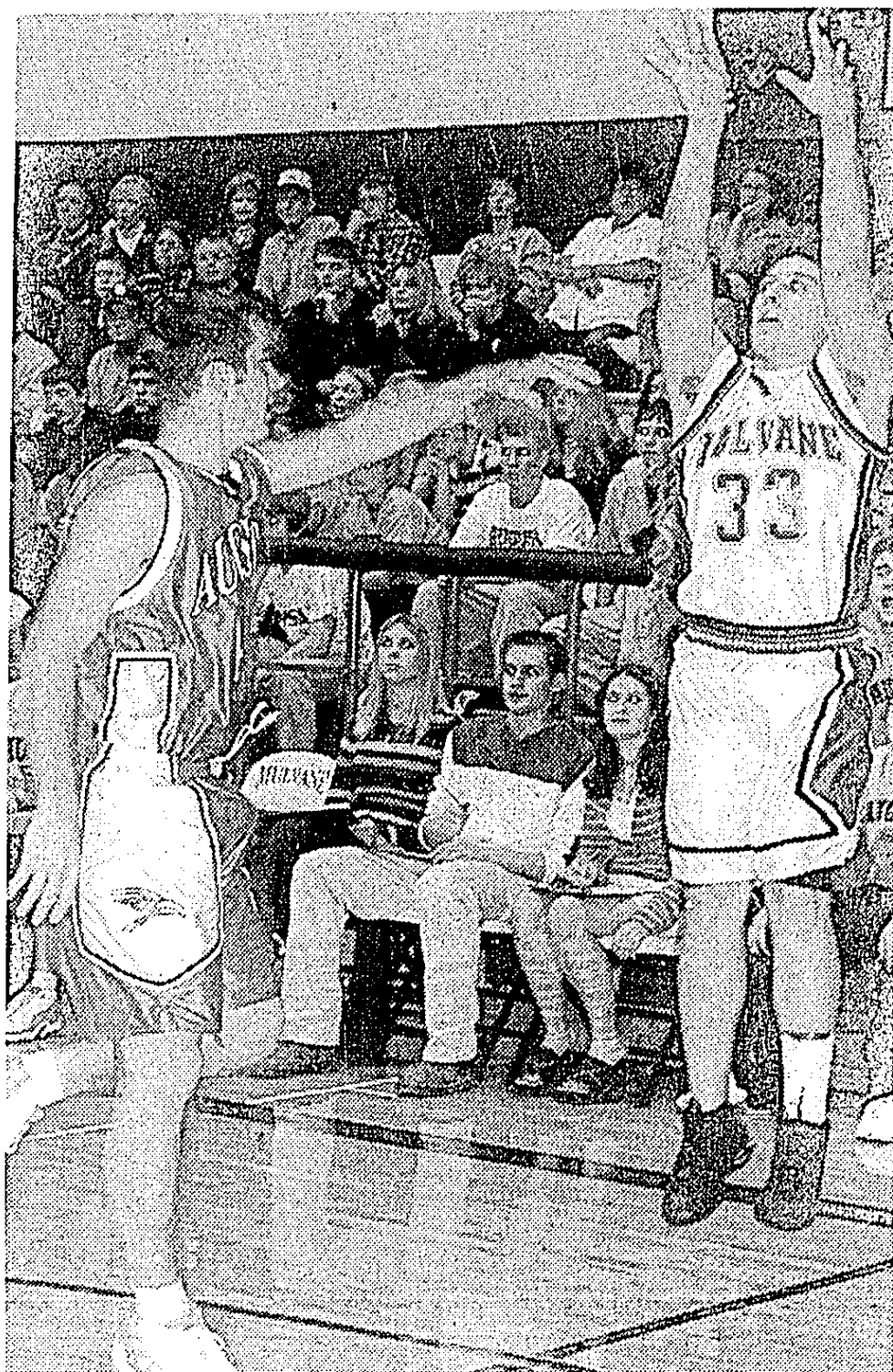
Kingman had too much power for the Cats when Mulvane opened its season Dec. 5. The Eagles smothered the MHS jayvees, 71-31. J.D. Sorensen had nine points in that one and Adam Edwards scored six.

Varsity Boys

Augusta	14	20	14	19	67
Mulvane	17	18	15	8	58
Augusta	Wes Myers 12, Matt Boyer 23, Kevin Clark 11, Jake Sims 17, Harrison Drething 3, Kirby Sims 1, FG 19 (3), FT 25 (3), FT 18				
Mulvane	Greg Flores 24, Gavin Snider 6, Nick Hansen 12, Zach Kimble 6, Brad Enochs 7, Kiel Mangus 7, FG 19 (6), FT 14 (6), FT 21				
Mulvane	18	13	16	28	75
Clearwater	16	8	14	11	49
Mulvane	Brad Enochs 7, Nick Hansen 10, Kiel Mangus 6, Logan Sorensen 2, Gavin Snider 13, Greg Flores 11, Grant Snider 8, Zach Kimble 15, John Knight 2, Kyle Womacks 1, FG 20 (4), FT 31 (42), FT 21				
Clearwater	Craig Mellen 5, Mark Bailey 17, Jason Brady 10, Mills 3, Woods 1, Chris Lang 13, FG 19 (3), FT 8 (20), FT 31				

Junior Varsity Boys

Augusta	13	14	16	11	54
Mulvane	13	15	2	10	40
Augusta	Brett Kenyon 14, Caleb Pazzie 4, Jake Poore 2, Cole Hancock 3, Ryan Harris 3, Michael Edmond 7, Joe Habiger 9, Harrison Drething 6, Eric English 3, Bruce Simon 1, FG 20 (4), FT 10 (20), FT 14				
Mulvane	J.D. Sorensen 11, Kyle Womacks 8, Bobby Swayne 6, Adam Edwards 4, Logan Sorensen 7, Brock Kendall 3, Greg Simon 4, FG 16 (2), FT 6 (8), FT 18				
Mulvane	11	23	22	12	68
Clearwater	14	7	11	17	59
Mulvane	John Knight 15, Bobby Swayne 15, Kyle Womacks 8, Logan Sorensen 13, Adam Edwards 1, J.D. Sorensen 6, Chris Wilson 3, Brock Kendall 4, Greg Simon 4, FG 26 (2), FT 15 (25), FT 22				
Clearwater	Palmer 2, Smother 2, Logan 2, Persons 1, Gierlach 20, Miles 1, Walsh 8, Longner 3, Slader 5, FG 25 (1), FT 13 (1), FT 23				
Kingman	21	24	23	13	71
Mulvane	8	8	8	8	31
Kingman	Aldar 15, Baker 7, White 4, Miller 5, San Romano 5, Hours 5, Ziegler 4, Hageman 2, FG 29 (3), FT 10 (1), FT 7				
Mulvane	Logan Sorensen 2, Greg Simon 2, Kyle Womacks 4, J.D. Sorensen 9, John Knight 4, Adam Edwards 5, Chris Wilson 2, Joe Bergand 2, FG 13 (9), FT 5 (9), FT 7				



Mulvane's Greg Flores (33) sends three more points to the hoop against Orioles