

Boys Hang Around Against Orioles

This time Goliath won.

The Mulvane High School basketball boys travelled to Augusta for their final outing of 2002 and the Orioles proved to be a little too big, a little too talented and a little too good for the up-and-coming Wildcats to handle. Augusta jetted out to a nice lead behind a 22-8 burst in the second quarter

Varsity Boys

Mulvane 8 8 13 14 43
Augusta 9 22 41 20 62
Mulvane - Greg Flores 5, Tyler Hennes 8, Zach Kimble 18, Gavin Snider 3, Grant Snider 2, Luke Gunter 2, Nick Hansen 5. FG 17-45 (37.8%) FT 11-19 (57.9%)

Augusta - Tyler Lytton 4, John Mauer 10, Hans Nickel 4, Jake Sims 15, Matt Boyer 8, Derek Randall 4, Scott Slade 9, Kevin Schauf 2, Wes Myers 2, Tim Wedan 4. FG 27-56 (48.2%) FT 9-12 (75.0%)

Junior Varsity Boys

Andale JV Arrowhead Shootout

THIRD ROUND

Mulvane 12 10 13 17 50
Douglass 12 12 15 8 47

Mulvane - Kiel Mangus 12, Jason Turner 6, Grant Snider 5, Cris Stephens 4, David Mason 9, Chris Simon 11, Tyler Dale 3. FG 13-26 (50.0%) FT 18-24 (75.0%)

Douglass - Rapp 12, Wilson 8, Keith 7, Logsdon 9, D. Lewis 6, J. Lewis 5. FG 18-47 (38.3%) FT 7-19 (36.8%)

SECOND ROUND

Rose Hill 16 29 18 9 63
Mulvane 9 11 13 18 51

Rose Hill - Jason Berns 4, Caleb Fouse 8, James Hensley 5, Jared McKee 13, Cris Cook 6, Tyler Wilson 7, Dennis Sharkey 8, Matt Rodgers 2, Michael Rodgers 5. FG 23-44 (52.3%) FT 13-22 (59.1%)

and maintained a lead the rest of the way in a 62-43 victory over the Wildcats.

That left Coach Ryan Herrs' Cats at 2-4 for the season and improved the defending Class 4A state champs from Augusta to 3-1.

"We really did a pretty decent job against those guys," stressed Herrs. "What took us down is our shooting. We were in

Mulvane - Logan Sorensen 6, Kiel Mangus 9, Jason Turner 11, Grant Snider 10, Cris Stephens 1, David Mason 9, Chris Simon 6, Tyler Dale 1. FG 15 (50%) FT 18-34 (52.9%)

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 3 14 8 12 37
Andale 9 16 15 12 52

Mulvane - Chris Simon 5, David Mason 2, Mason Leonard 2, Cody Morton 1, Cris Stephens 3, Grant Snider 7, Jason Turner 6, Kiel Mangus 11. FG 12 (41.4%) FT 12-20 (60.0%)

Andale - Gerards 7, Reichenberger 4, Beck 6, Jones 6, Alex 6, Zate 6, Maniel 13, Friends 4. FG 14 (56%) FT 21-27 (77.8%)

Regular Season

Mulvane 14 6 11 12 49
Kingman 13 15 22 12 62

Mulvane - Jason Turner 10, David Mason 2, Chris Simon 2, Kiel Mangus 6, Grant Snider 4, Cris Stephens 6, Greg Flores 9, Mason Leonard 7. FG 18 (45%) FT 6-12 (50.0%)

Kingman - Brandon Clark 7, Tyler Swartzendruber 7, Casey Bales 5, Seth Adelhardt 11, Mar. Cowart 2, Larry Miller 12, Chet Hartley 10, Andrew Hood 8. FG 21 (47.8%) FT 16-29 (55.2%)

the game at 9-8 in the 1st quarter and then we missed a few easy shots and they went on a 22-8 run. That hit us pretty hard."

Shooting was the difference. Augusta had the size advantage and played that to a favorable position inside the paint. "I have played that game over and over in my mind a couple of times and our kids did what we asked them to do," said Herrs. "They did a good job of penetration but didn't hit the easy shots. We couldn't find the hole and when you can't do that, you can't keep up against an Augusta. We tried to push the ball a little against them and we did a good job of handling the ball in the full court, but when we went cold, we never seemed to recover."

The Cats finished the game hitting well under 40% from the field (15 for 41 in twos) and Augusta hit nearly 50% from the field (27-56). "They are just so potent," said Herrs. "They had six people who scored points in the first quarter alone. You have to be able to guard everybody because Augusta doesn't have a weak link."

Still, Herrs was encouraged by Mulvane's feristy play. "We really hung around most of the way," said the Cat coach. "We cut the lead to nine points a couple of times but couldn't get it under that. And I was proud of the kids establishing themselves with a man-to-man in the 3rd quarter but it all goes back to not completing some (scoring) plays when we got the opportunities."

The Wildcats did a pretty decent job against the pressure and the fast-paced game. Mulvane finished with 16 turnovers and Augusta had 12. "I would say we probably had seven of those 16 turnovers in the

fourth quarter, too," pointed out Herrs, "when we were trying to do too much and force things."

Junior Zach Kimble torched the O's for 18 points to pace the MHS offense. Senior Tyler Hennes scored eight points and Nick Hansen and Greg Flores had five apiece.

"We didn't let things get out of hand against one of the best teams in the league," said Herrs, putting the ball game into perspective. "Last year, they beat us by 41, so I think we closed the gap on them a little."

The Mulvane junior varsity boys have shown a flare for offense but that hasn't produced a lot of victories. The jayvee boys lost a 62-49 game to Kingman to start their season, then won only their 3rd round game against Douglass in the Andale JV Arrowhead Shootout. Mulvane clipped Douglass, 50-47, with Kiel Mangus dumping in 12 points, Chris Simon scoring 11 and David Mason getting nine.

One round earlier against Rose Hill, the Rockets held on for a 63-51 triumph as Jason Turner scored 11, Grant Snider had 10 and both Mangus and Mason chipped in with nine-point games.

The JV Cats opened the tourney at Andale by losing a 52-37 game to the host Indians. In that one, Mangus scored 11 points, Grant Snider had seven and Turner scored six.

The Wildcat jayvees opened their season at Kingman with Turner leading the way with 10 points. Greg Flores pumped in nine, Mason Leonard had seven and Mangus and Cris Stephens scored six apiece.