

# Boys Hope To Regain Stride

Getting back in on the right track after you've lost your way sometimes is difficult, but Mulvane High School boys basketball coach Ryan Herrs hopes the holidays enabled his Wildcats to catch their breath.

The Wildcats won their first two games of the season, then squirmed through four straight losses, the most recent was a 73-32 shellacking by Augusta Friday, Dec. 21, the last day of school before the Christmas break.

"We've been through some tough practices the last couple days," said the 2nd year coach, Herrs. "It's gut check time and the staff has been putting the kids through some pretty tough practices. We've had the core of the team step up and some of the younger guys, too. For the most part, the guys have worked hard during the holiday break.

"We have tried to make the practices skill-oriented with lots of running and few breaks. When we shoot free throws, we only

## Varsity Boys

Mulvane	9	9	7	7-32
Augusta	10	21	22	20-73
Mulvane—John Beggs 6, Brian Blue 4, Tyler Hennes 4, Dusty Sorensen 3, Zac Kimble 6, Troy Johnson 6, Gavin Snider 3. FG 12 (2), FT 6-10, F				
Augusta—John Maier 14, Scott Landers 2, Matt Sims 15, Kyle Taylor 8, Wes Little 12, Schauf 5, Jake Sims 6, Slade 2, Preston 2, Hans Nickel 6, Wedan 1. FG 30 (4), FT 9-18, F				

## Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

### DIVISION I

Team	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Augusta	2	0	5	1
Maize	2	0	5	2
Valley Center	1	1	3	2
Buhler	1	1	1	4
Goddard	0	1	3	2
Andover	0	1	0	3
Mulvane	0	2	2	4

### DIVISION II

Circle	2	0	6	0
Andale	2	0	4	2
Kingman	1	0	5	1
Rose Hill	1	1	4	2
Andover Central	1	2	2	5
Clearwater	0	2	3	4
Wellington	0	2	0	4

Games Friday, Jan. 4

Mulvane at Andover  
Augusta at Valley Center  
Goddard at Buhler  
Circle at Andale  
Rose Hill at Andover Central  
Clearwater at Wellington

Games Tuesday, Jan. 8

Goddard at Mulvane  
Maize at Andover  
Buhler at Augusta  
Rose Hill at Andale  
Kingman at Circle  
Andover Central at Clearwater

shoot two, then get back into it. What we're trying to prepare them for us playing better. We have some games in front of us we can win and we want to be prepared."

The Wildcat boys re-started their practice regiment Saturday after Christmas and were to have returned to the classrooms Wednesday, Jan. 2.

The biggest challenge facing the Cats is to keep positive after a four-game skid that was punctuated by a beating by the Orioles. Herrs is positive the Cats can rebound.

"I saw a couple things that we can look at about that Augusta game," said Herrs. "Our guys need to realize the level that they have to play at. It's a lot higher than the level we played at against Augusta. The second thing is that Augusta is a very, very good team this year. They have one of the best teams in the league. I picked them second (in the pre-season polls) behind Goddard and they already have handled Goddard—AT Goddard."

Herrs said he was disappointed with the way the Wildcats played. "I was really disappointed, terribly disappointed," said Herrs. "We played them tough the first quarter, but gave up over 20 points a quarter the rest of the way. It was scary for me because it brought back thoughts and feelings of worse times (last year when the Cats went 1-19). I can live with guys who give it their best and try to compete, but I can't live with guys not giving their best effort. And I saw signs of that!"

Mulvane never scored more than nine points in any quarter at Augusta as the team dipped to 0-2 in the Chisholm Trail League Division I. Zach Kimble, John Beggs and Troy Johnson each scored six points to pace the MHS boys.

"One of the things we have been preparing for is to play better," added Herrs. "We have some games coming up we can win. Our kids talk about the other teams being skilled and talented, but there is not much difference in them and us. We do have to play better to win, though."

That chance will come Friday night, Jan. 4, when the Wildcats travel to Andover to play the Trojans in another CTL game. Andover has a 1-2 record.