

MHS Boys Grounded By Lackluster Effort

Size is only an advantage when coupled with aggressiveness. That's what the Mulvane High School boys found out in their return to the hardwoods Tuesday night, Jan. 2, at home.

Rose Hill came into the game with a decided height disadvantage—nearly every Mulvane player towered a head above his RH counterpart—but the Cats were passive in their first game of the new year and Rose Hill yelled "Timber!"

The Rockets used a 28-10 second quarter springboard for a 71-55 triumph.

The loss dropped the Wildcats to 3-3 for the season and 1-2 in the Chisholm Trail League. Rose Hill, meanwhile, improved its loop mark to 2-0 and overall record to 3-2.

"Going into the game, I felt we needed to dominate the boards and get up and down the floor with them, but we didn't rebound well and we let their half-court trap bother us, those were big factors in the game," pointed out new Mulvane coach Todd Barker. MHS suffered 23 turnovers.

The Cats broke out early, leading 16-11 after one quarter, but the visiting Rockets went to the half-court trap and Mulvane went to pieces. "They put that half-court trap on us and we kind of choked," said Barker. "We also got (Mike) Abasolo and (Jeremy) Brown in foul trouble and that didn't help. Rose Hill just played a real good 1-3-1 trap and we didn't respond to it. We tried to dribble instead of passing it when it came to us."

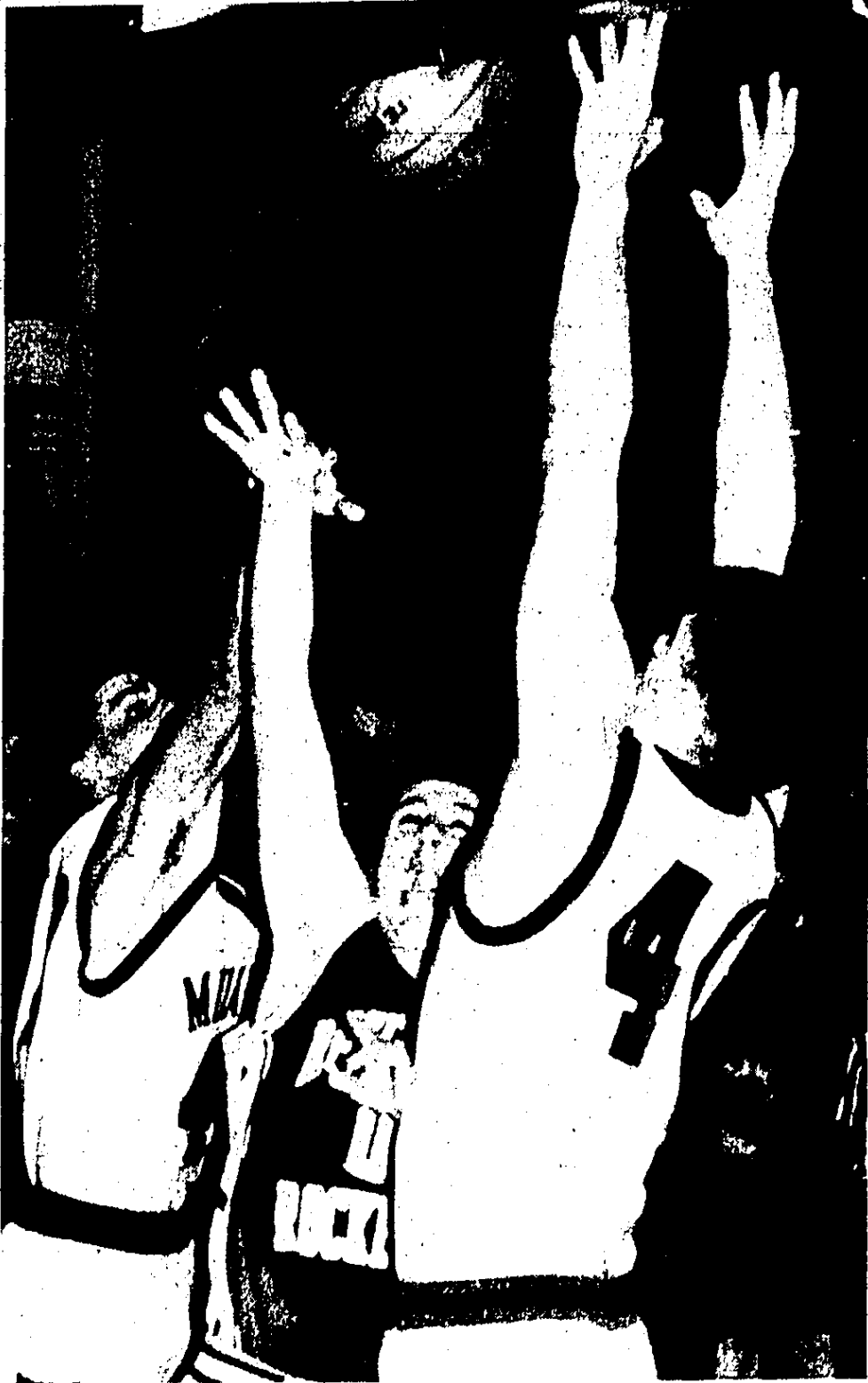
The damage was done, though, as RH took the lead for good. "We just had a bunch of turnovers and they got easy baskets from us," said Barker. "Once they started pressing, they got their confidence going and it took us a while to shake it. They executed well and we didn't and that was the difference in the game."

That and the wars under the basket. Rose Hill out-rebounded the much taller Wildcats, 25-19. "That's something we have to become more aggressive in," noted Barker. "We need to use our size to our advantage and we didn't."

Barker was pleased with at least some of his younger players. "I thought my younger kids played well," said Barker. "Darrin Erbert came in and scored 19 points."

The sophomore Erbert, junior Neil Gosch and James Baker were the only Wildcats in double figures, though. Gosch scored 10 points and Baker had 12. The Cats' top two scorers, Brown and Abasolo, were in foul trouble and were held to six points.

In the junior varsity game, Mulvane roared past the Rockets, 72-53, with Luke Cox scoring 14 points and both Raymond Lazier and Bryce Schumacher scoring 13.



Wildcats James Baker (43) and Luke Cox (44) sandwich Rose Hill shooter

Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

DIVISION II

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Circle	3	0	7	0
Rose Hill	2	0	3	2
Clearwater	1	1	2	4
Mulvane	1	2	3	3
Andale	0	1	4	2
Kingman	0	1	2	2
Chaparral	0	2	2	4

DIVISION I

Buhler	1	1	5	1
Goddard	2	0	5	0
Augusta	2	0	3	1
Maize	0	1	2	3
Andover	0	2	3	3
Valley Center	0	1	3	3
Wellington	1	1	3	3

Games Friday, Jan. 5

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

Games Tuesday, Jan. 9

Mulvane at Clearwater
Circle at Rose Hill
Wellington at Andover
Valley Center at Maize
Augusta at Goddard
Kingman at Andale

Varsity Boys

Rose Hill	11	28	12	20-71
Mulvane	16	10	10	19-55

Rose Hill—Brett Mohr 10, Josh Roy 2, Johnny Simmons 28, Kyle Holland 5, Bryan Mohr 8, Dustin Thomas 10, David Rowden 5, Rhett Hanson 3. FG 22 (6), FT 9-19, F 14.

Mulvane—Jeremy Brown 2, Mike Abasolo 4, Darrin Erbert 19, Neil Gosch 10, Greg Nunn 3, Matt Hendren 2, James Baker 12, Brad Canfield 3. FG 21 (2), FT 7-12, F 24.

Junior Varsity Boys

Rose Hill	19	6	13	13-53
Mulvane	16	16	20	20-72

Rose Hill—Jon Smith 7, Chad Thomison 2, Greg Richards 13, Andy King 6, Billy Christensen 2, Jason Rose 3, Rhett Hanson 18. FG 25 (0), FT 3-11, F 12.

Mulvane—Raymond Lazier 13, Sean Holman 9, Darrin Erbert 6, Ryan Lowe 2, Bryce Schumacher 13, Greg Nunn 8, Keene Hargrove 7, Luke Cox 14. FG 32 (5), FT 3-5, F 10.