

Late Cold Streak Gives Circle A Win Over Cats

A three-minute point famine in the fourth quarter proved to be too much for Mulvane's Wildcats as they dropped a 62-51 non-league game to the Circle Thunderbirds here, Tuesday.

With 7:20 remaining in the contest, Troy Richardson netted a driving lay-up to tie the score at 43-all. It was three minutes and two seconds until the 'Cats broke the scoring ice again on a pair of free tosses by Richardson. In that period, Circle canned 10 points and virtually put away the win.

To show how bad things can get, Randy Perkins, Circle, had just four points for the game and all of them came during the three-minute drive. Mulvane was again able to rally and with two minutes left closed the gap to six points.

Erratic scoring plagued the 'Cats all night. A couple of two-minute drouths in the first period allowed Circle to move out to a nine-point, 16-7, lead. The Thunderbirds were ahead by eight, 32-24, at intermission.

Mulvane came back strong in the third period and battled back into the lead. The 'Cat surge was paced by Terry Craig who canned 14 points during the third period. With 1:10 remaining, Craig netted a medium jumper to give Mulvane a short-lived 37-36 lead. Following a Circle bucket, Craig netted another jumper to give Mulvane its last lead of the night, 39-38.

Mulvane canned 18 field goals on 43 attempts for 38 percent. Turnovers hurt the Wildcats. They were charged with 13, compared to only 10 for Circle. A lot of Mulvane's turnovers were due to a rugged full-court defense used by the Thunderbirds in the early going.

Free throws kept the 'Cats in the first part of the game. Mulvane hit 12 charity tosses in the first half to remain in contention.

Over all, Terry Craig led the Mulvane scoring with 29 points. He had 11 field goals and seven free throws. Craig was the only 'Cat to hit double figures. Den-

nis Gardner led Circle with 21 points.

The Mulvane box score: Terry Craig, 11-7-0; Skip Day, 2-3-5; Dave Carmichael, 2-2-4; Troy Richardson, 2-2-1; Dan Carmichael, 1-0-5; Steve Butts, 0-0-2; Randy Martinez, 0-1-0. Totals, 18-15-17.

"B" TEAM LOSES

The "B" squad game was almost a carbon copy of the varsity action. Mulvane was able to move into the game during the third period, but a fourth quarter drouth kept the young Wildcats from winning as Circle posted a 61-51 victory.

Malcolm Nichols topped Mulvane with 12 tallies. Terry Allred and Dan Carmichael had 10 points each.

The Mulvane box score: Brian Bobrovicz, 2-2-3; Terry Allred, 4-2-3; Mark Sorenson, 1-0-0; Terry Crook, 0-0-0; Malcolm Nichols, 5-2-5; Dan Carmichael, 5-0-1; Dave Carney, 2-0-3; Virgil Thompson, 0-0-1; Jerry Shoemaker, 2-1-5; Galen Titus, 0-0-0; Mike Abasolo, 0-0-0, and Larry Childs, 0-2-4.