

# Wildcats Stale Against RH

Coming off a two-week break from the rigors of games, Mulvane High School boys basketball coach Todd Barker felt his Wildcats were refreshed and ready.

What he found out was they were stale and mistake-prone Tuesday night, Jan. 6,

**Varsity Boys**

Rose Hill	12	14	13	10	10-59
Mulvane	14	19	5	11	3-52

Rose Hill--Brett Mohr 17, Josh Roy 4, Zeb Jolly 9, Phil Ring 3, Josh Hansen 14, Brenden Taylor 2, Phil Harden 4, John Rodgers 6. FG 23 (1), FT 12-25, F 19.

Mulvane--Bryce Schumacher 9, Dan McElroy 15, Darrin Erbert 10, Chad Gerwick 3, Jesse Marksberry 9, Rob Parker 4, Sean Holman 2. FG 19 (2), FT 12-19, F 20.

**Junior Varsity Boys**

Rose Hill	8	8	16	12-44
Mulvane	19	19	14	6-58

Rose Hill--Troy Powell 6, Spencer Holland 2, Phil Harden 6, Adam Plinsky 1, Chris Schneider 7, Brenden Taylor 3, Charlie Delaney, Devin Rutledge 6, Arie Cox 8, Joe Chandler 1. FG 16 (1), FT 11-18, F 12.

Mulvane--Brian Dinkel 4, Jake Wilkinson 9, Randy Johnson 11, Nick Pope 5, Tom Anderson 4, Brian McColpin 2, Jesse Marksberry 4, Josh Hanson 7, Jared Rice 4, Garrett Hennes 8. FG 26 (2), FT 4-6, F 18.

**Sophomore Boys**

No sophomore game played

when Rose Hill visited Mulvane for a Chisholm Trail League encounter.

The Rockets got it rolling in the second half while the Cats hurt their game with errors and poor shooting in a 59-52 overtime loss to Rose Hill. The loss saw the Wildcat record slip to 3-4 overall and 0-4 in the league.

"How can you play so bad and be so close," declared Barker. "We played poorly. We played very hard physically, but mentally, we had some major lapses. I thought we'd play much better after the break and in the first half, we got it going right before the break and looked like things were going our way. We jumped on them with a half-

court trap and got some buckets. We had the hammer, but lost it in the second half."

The Cats sprinted behind reserve Dan McElroy's nine points in the quarter and took a 33-26 lead into intermission, but came out cold in the third quarter to lose the edge.

"We couldn't buy a bucket in the third quarter," said Barker. "We got plenty of good shots but couldn't get them down. That caused the kids to panic a little. They just lost their confidence."

In the meantime, Rose Hill was getting the ball inside to knock down close-in shots to regain the lead. In the final few minutes of regulation, neither team looked like it wanted to win the game. Mulvane tied the game at 49-49 in the last 30 seconds after a steal, then came one of those "major lapses." With five seconds left, the Cats fouled Rose Hill's leading scorer, Brett Mohr, but he missed the free throw and Mulvane rebounded.

"We got the ball at half-court and wanted to work the ball inside to Rob (Parker) for a last-second shot but we made a bad pass and that sent the game into overtime,"

said Barker. "And we didn't score a field goal in overtime because we turned the ball over every time down the floor, it seemed."

Another disappointing statistic came in rebounding where RH recorded a 42-32 edge. Marksberry had 10 boards for the Cats, Darrin Erbert had six and Chad Gerwick had five.

McElroy's season-high 15-point burst paced the Mulvane scoring. Erbert finished with 10 points, Marksberry had nine as did senior Bryce Schumacher.

In the junior varsity outing, Mulvane blasted off early in a 58-44 decision over the Rockets. The Cats marched out to a 19-8 lead after one quarter and worked into a 22-point advantage by intermission.

Randy Johnson's 11 points led the way for Coach Scott Swaney's JVs. Jake Wilkinson scored nine points, Garrett Hennes had eight and Josh Hanson scored seven.

The Wildcats will be trying to get back on track Friday night, Jan. 9, when they travel to Clearwater for another CTL game.