

Boys' Turnovers Steal The Show

Old habits are tough to shake and one came back Tuesday night, Jan. 8, to haunt the Mulvane High School boys.

A 30-plus turnover night cast its spell over the Wildcats and enabled Goddard to romp past the Cats, 76-49, in a Chisholm Trail League game in Mulvane.

"You can't win ball games doing that," emphasized Coach Ryan Herrs. "We had well over 30 turnovers. We played like we had no confidence and that's what it was, lack of confidence, and it was really disappointing. That's the key to everything you do, but we just had none tonight. It was disappointing because I thought we were making good progress in that area."

Coming off one of their best wins in several seasons at Andover, the Wildcats seemed ready to test the Lions but it didn't take long to tell that test was a failure. The Lions out-scored Mulvane, 21-11, in the 2nd quarter, taking a 14-point lead that only got bigger as the game went on. And it didn't help the MHS effort to have Goddard drop seven "threes" through the hoop.

Sophomore Zach Kimble topped Mulvane's scoring effort with 13 points, his second double figure night in as many starts. Senior Troy Johnson and junior Tyler Hennes had 10 points each and Caleb Alexander scored six.

Herrs' Wildcats had their best outing in quite some time Friday night, Jan. 4, when they controlled the game and had their best shooting game of two seasons in stopping Andover's Trojans, 69-56, in a Chisholm Trail League game in Andover.

It was Mulvane's first league victory since a 58-41 win over Rose Hill late in the 1999-2000 season. And it also marked the most points scored by the Mulvane boys since the Wildcats scored 73 in a loss at Kingman in February of the 1997-98 season if you don't count the 76 points scored last year when Mulvane beat up on the Andover jayvee team in the Chaparral Roadrunner Classic.

"The kids played a great game," said Herrs. "Offensively, it was one of our better games in the last few years. We pushed the ball up the floor and we hit about 63-64% from the floor because of it. We shot only six outside shots all night. Anytime you do that, you're going to hit a high percentage. Shooting inside, that's the whole idea!"

Varsity Boys

Goddard	14	21	17	24-76
Mulvane	10	11	11	17-49

Goddard—Kyle Markham 20, Aaron Page 17, Andrew Wamack 3, Tyler Beiter 12, Anthony Quattlebaum 1, Matt Hosey 10, Ryan Richards 4, Antuan Seymore 1, Jeff Shepherd 8. FG 25 (7), FT 19-26, F 21.

Mulvane—Luke Gunter 3, Zach Kimble 13, Troy Johnson 10, Tyler Hennes 10, Caleb Alexander 6, Dusty Sorensen 2. FG 18 (3), FT 10-18, F 21.

Mulvane	14	19	17	19-69
Andover	9	17	13	17-56

Mulvane—Zach Kimble 16, John Beggs 13, Troy Johnson 19, Luke Gunter 5, Tyler Hennes 7, Dusty Sorensen 5, Brian Blue 4. FG 27 (1), FT 14-22, F 20.

Andover—Bryan Ziegler 5, Tyler Sperry 10, Derek Diehl 6, Nate Caulk 10, Mike Archiopoli 4, Brennan Knott 7, Danny Beckett 10, Chad Freeman 2, Brock Schwien 2. FG 22 (2), FT 10-19, F 25.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	16	13	8	11-48
Andover	17	16	16	8-58

Mulvane—Greg Flores 13, Caleb Alexander 1, Grant Snider 8, Nick Hansen 13, Gavin Snider 10, Chris Simon 3. FG 19 (5), FT 5-10, F 19.

Andover—Joseph Toubia 2, Mark Baker 10, Simon Sumner 2, Austin Tyler 9, Shaydon Webb 8, Brock Schwein 6, Shawn Jiwani 8, Jay Farias 2, Jim Williams 6, Derek Diehl 4. FG 25 (1), FT 6-11, F 12.

Mulvane	7	13	10	9-39
Augusta	12	16	15	14-57

Mulvane—Caleb Alexander 12, Greg Flores 7, Nick Hansen 1, David Mason 2, Travis McGuire 7, Keil Mangus 2, Grant Snider 4, Gavin Snider 4. FG 16 (6), FT 1-2, F 17.

Augusta—Matt Boyer 4, Brandon Pritchard 2, Preston Todd 8, Tim Wedal 5, Tyler Lytton 5, Jake Sims 4, Matt Slade 16, Thomas Stephenson 1, Loren Schaddt 12.

Valley Center	22	7	17	23-69
Mulvane	16	19	2	7-44

Valley Center—Buchholz 5, Smith 10, Scribner 10, Goolsby 8, Kincheloe 7, Opliger 5, Carter 9, Tiffel 15. FG 23 (2), FT 21-36, F 15.

Mulvane—Greg Flores 20, David Mason 3, Chris Simon 6, Gavin Snider 7, Zach Kimble 6, Caleb Alexander 2. FG 18 (4), FT 4-7, F 25.

31st Annual Chaparral Roadrunner Classic Pairings

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

Game 1 -- No. 1 Arkansas City (4-4) vs. No. 8 Conway Springs (0-7), 6 p.m.

Game 2 -- No. 4 Chaparral (3-5) vs. No. 5 Andover Central (4-5), 8

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

Game 3 -- No. 2 Clearwater (4-5) vs. No. 7 Campus (0-8), 6 p.m.

Game 4 -- No. 3 Mulvane (3-5) vs. No. 6 Pratt (2-5), 8

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

Game 5 -- losers of games 1 and 2, 3 p.m.

Game 6 -- losers of games 3 and 4, 4:30

Game 7 -- winners of games 1 and 2, 6:30

Game 8 -- winners of games 3 and 4, 8

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

Game 9 (Seventh Place)--losers of games 5 and 6, 2 p.m.

Game 10 (Fifth Place)--winners of games 5 and 6, 3:30

Game 11 (Third Place)--losers of games 7 and 8, 5:30

Game 12 (Championship)--winners of games 7 and 8, 7

Controlling the game was another great idea. For a change, the Wildcats dictated the pace and style of the game. That was good to see.

"Another factor is that we had only six turnovers in the first half, which is better than we've done in quite a long time," offered Herrs, who was obviously pleased that everything came together. "We also had three guys in double figures, and that's always a good sign."

The Cat coach credited guard Luke Gunter with running the show. "Luke made the team run the floor every possession," said Herrs. "He was always moving the ball up the floor quickly and always looking for someone to pass it to. We had a few more turnovers because of it but we wanted him to push the basketball and he did. When that happens, you have the other guys getting up the floor, too."

The Cats wasted little time in hiking their record to 3-4 this season. They jumped ahead, 14-9, in the opening frame and never let the Trojans get back in the game. Inside Troy Johnson scored 19 points but he had plenty of help from Zach Kimble, making his first start, and John Beggs. Kimble scored 16 points and Beggs had 13. Tyler Hennes pitched in seven and Dusty Sorensen and Gunter scored five apiece.

"The kids played well together, and they played hard," said Herrs. "I thought we had a good rotation for our subs, too. About the only thing I didn't like was I was disappointed in our defense. It was still not good enough. We gave up a lot of penetration. And we gave them too many offensive rebounds. A lot of their scoring came off second and third shots."

The defense allowing penetration kept the Trojans in the game, according to Herrs. "We had an opportunity in the 3rd and 4th quarters to put them away but we couldn't do it because they kept coming at us. That's a tribute to their team."

The Cat jayvee boys lost their fourth in a row Friday night at Andover, the Trojans rolling to a 58-48 verdict. That left Coach Gregg Wolgast's JV team at 1-4 for the year.

Before the holiday break, Augusta dumped the Cat JV's, 57-39, and the Cats bowed to Valley Center, 69-44.

Against Andover, guards Greg Flores and Nick Hansen scored 13 points each to power the offense. Gavin Snider chipped in with 10 points and Grant Snider scored eight.

In the Augusta contest, Caleb Alexander's 12 points sparked Mulvane's offense, but he was the only double-digit scorer. Travis McGuire and Flores were next with seven points each.

Flores hit a career-high 20 points against Valley to pace the Cat jayvee offense. Gavin Snider had seven points and Chris Simon and Zach Kimble helped out with six points apiece. VC turned it on in the second half, though, after Mulvane had taken a 35-29 halftime lead by out-scoring the Cats, 40-9, in the final two quarters.

The Wildcat boys will try their hand at