# Wildcats Fast Break Past Circle For No. 2

There may have been more heads turning than during a tennis match, but the most important heads turning may have been a few of the Chisholm Trail scouts watching the game from the sidelines.

When Circle and Mulvane matches fastbreak offenses in a Chisholm Trail League boys basketball game Friday night at Circle, heads had to turn to keep up with the up-and-back course of events. But Mulvane's play also has to turn some heads as the Wildcats sprinted to a 78-73 verdict over the Thunderbirds.

The victory hiked Mulvane's record to 2-3 overall and 2-2 in the CTL heading into Friday night, Jan. 12, when Valley Center invades Mulvane for a look.

Mulvane streaked to a big 12-point lead with three minutes to tick but Circle rallied to get within five points-the closest first-year coach Brian Katt's Thunderbirds could get.

"We played pretty decent at times," commented Pock, who was glad to pick up and scat with Mulvane's first victory over Circle during his regime. "We let the half-court press bother us late in the game and let them get back into the game. We dribbled into it, then made some bad passes but generally, I think the kids were ready to play this one. We had good thinking on the floor, good intensity and I think everybody was into the game."

Which is saying no small thing because in previous games, one of Pock's major complaints has been that the Wildcats lacked the intensity needed to win ball games.

"It turned into a pretty physical game but our kids scrapped and stayed right with them," added Pock. "It was strength against strength, though, because both teams used the fast break. We got our fastbreak offense going and didn't vary from it. By controlling the boards, it stalled them a bit."

Mulvane's tall timber--6-foot-3 senior Courtney Gammon and 6-2 junior Gary Fortner--put the wraps on the backboards. Courtney pulled down 20 rebounds and Fortner 12 as Mulvane came away with a 52-36 edge in rebounding. But more importantly, the rebounding edge helped the cats slow the Thunderbirds' breaking offense.

"I'd say that it was our best rebounding game of the year, yes," said Pock. "We stayed right in there and did the job." Pock also cited juniors Mark Storey and Mark Smith for their board play.

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#### Boys A-Team

Mulvane 18 24 19 17 -- 78
Circle 14 22 20 17 -- 73
Mulvane Tum Fagan 21 Mark Storey 6, Grant

Sorensen 7: Troy Wayman 2, Courtney Gammon 21, Mark Smith 10: Gary Fortner 9, Lon Pribble 2 FG 26.56: FT 26.45: F-22

Circle Keily Glock 11, Mike Lambing 6, Jeff Turner 13 Steve King 2 Jim Johnson 2, John Cogan 28, Kevin Chase 2 Craig Hole 2, Rod Schwemmer 6, Shane Wagner 1 FG 28-74, FT 17-29 F 32

#### Boys B-Team

Mulvane 6 23 26 11 -- 66 13 27 16 23 -- 79 Mulvane Troy Dossey 11, Jeff Staska 13, Ed Nelson 2 Greg Hamilton 21, Darryl Brueggeman 15 Brent (verson 4 FG 26-60, FT 14-41, F 32 Circle: Kevin Chase 8, Shane Wagner 30, Eugene Paschal 9, Rod Schwemmer 8, Kelly Glock 4 Chuck Edwards 2, Brad Haas 2, Scott Carson 9, Bit Thomas 4, Kent McCune 2, Ray Allen 1, FG 25 54, FT 29-43, F 30

Mulvane's questionable defense, which has been giving up points at a 70 point clip, was one of the few sour spots for Pock. "It was better but sporadic," complained Pock. "We let them have the baseline a couple of times and let them get off a shot without a hand in the face but it still was just

average. And we've got to play defense better than average."

The Cats chased out to an 18-14 lead at the end of the first quarter, then slowly built up a 12-point lead benind the gunning of Gammon and guard Tom Fagan, who was hot off the fast break.

Fagan and Gammon led the Wildcat scorers for the evening with 21 points apiece. Smith added 10 off the bench.

Another tell-tale sign was the assists by Fagan and semor guard Tros Wayman. Fagan had eight assists and Wayman six.

Mulvane's B-team got stuck in the starting blocks and Circle rolled to a 79-66 victory.

The Thunderbirds raced to a 13-6 first-quarter advantage, nursed it into a 40-29 halftime margin, then coasted behind Shane Wagner's 30 point outburst.

Sophomore Greg Hamilton led the junior varsity with 21 points and Darryl Brueggeman added 15 points and Jeff Staska 13.

### Chisholm Trail Basketball Standings

#### **DIVISION II** League W L W L Team Goddard 5 Molyane 2 Circle Valley Center 3 4 Augusta 4 DIVISION 5 0 D Haven n n Kingman 2 2 3 3 7 2 ς, Andale

### Friday's Games

Vailey Center at Mulvane Kingman at Haven Buhler at Circle Chaparral at Andale Goddard at Augusta Last Friday's Results

Chaparral

Mulvane 78, Circle 73 Goddard 82, Chaparral 54 Haven 74, Buhler 54 Valley Center 47, Augusta 44 Kingman 63, Andaie 56

Last Saturday's Results

Dodge City 79, Goddard 74 Kingman 59, Lyons 48 Last Tuesday's Result

Circle 64, Clearwater 55

## Wildcat Cage Statistics

### Wildcat Boys [2-3]

FT FTA RB Pts FG FGA Plaver 17 47 Courtney Gammon 39 78 - 11 26 4 59 16 Tom Fagan 25 17 38 13 40 12 30 Mark Smith 30 20 6 11 29 Gary Fortner 12 12 21 4 6 12 26 Grant Scrensen 9 17 13 8 29 Troy Wayman 10 1 3 19 15 Mark Storey 5 1 3 1 Lon Pribble 7 6 Troy Phillips 1 4 3 0 0 1 Others 0

Totals 123 276 64 108 170 310 (.440) (.600) 34.0 62.0 Opponents 136 316 79 119 139 349 (.420) (.667) 27.8 69.8