

Lose By 1 Point To Valley Center

(by Gary Kuntz)

Sorrow was the feeling in the Mulvane dressing room Friday evening following a heart breaking loss to the Valley Center Hornets. The final score was 36-35. It was a game that never saw a margin of more than four points. The difference in the game came in the third quarter.

Both teams got off to a slow start. Neither team was hitting a good percentage of their shots. It seemed that the local Wildcats received a large number of over-guarding fouls in both the first and second quarters. The first quarter ended in a tie. Each team managed five points.

The second quarter saw the Hornets look a lot more like the ball team that they have been all year. They gathered 11 points this quarter for a total of 16 at halftime. However, the Wildcats looked just a little bit better as they got 12 points and a halftime total of 17.

The third quarter was where the victory came for the Hornets. Although both teams were missing more shots than normal, Valley out scored Mulvane 10-8. The score at the end of the third quarter was Valley Center 26 and Mulvane 25.

The fourth quarter was naturally the most exciting. On the two different occasions in the quarter Valley had built up 4 point leads. However, the Wildcats would come fighting right back. The score stood 36-35. The Wildcats had the ball under Valley's basket. Ronnie Iverson passed in to Wes Wenzel who immediately called time out. There was seven seconds remaining on the clock. It had to be decided who would take the final shot for the Wildcats. Ron Iverson once again passed into Wes Wenzel who hurried across the time line. At that time it was evident he wouldn't get a good shot, so once again time out was called. One second remained. With time back in the ball was passed to Wes Wenzel. He darted to the corner and tried his jump shot from there. The horn sounded as the ball was in the air. To the disappointment of the Mulvane coaches, players and fans the ball bounced off the rim and the game was over.

A pleasant surprised for Coach Miller was the showing of Larry Norden. Larry moved up from starting position on the B team to starting position on the A team in just one week. Larry came up with 9 points.

The final B team score was Valley Center 36 - Mulvane 32.

A TEAM

MULVANE	fg	ft	pf
Wenzel	4	3	2
Meek	0	3	4
Hess	0	0	3
Iverson	4	0	4
McKee	1	0	1
Norden	4	1	0
Reed	0	2	3
Totals	13	9	17
VALLEY	fg	ft	pf
O'Quinn	1	1	0
Johnson	4	2	1
Purkey	1	1	4
Hanna	4	2	2
Nagel	1	0	1
Shaw	3	2	4
Totals	14	8	13

B TEAM

MULVANE	fg	ft	pf
Cobb	3	0	4
Moyer	3	3	5
Parker	0	3	1
McKean	1	1	3
Elstun	0	0	1
Hood	1	0	2
Forshee	0	1	0
Dickey	1	0	0
Hess	0	2	0
Boone	2	0	0
Totals	11	10	18
VALLEY	fg	ft	pf
Alexander	0	1	0
Conover	5	2	3
Graham	0	0	3
Howlett	0	2	0
Rothermel	0	0	1
Tompson	1	2	2
Russell	3	3	2
Martinson	1	1	0
Colwin	2	1	0
Totals	12	12	11