

# Cats bow to Circle Thunderbirds, Indians

When the injury bug bites, Mulvane High School varsity boys basketball coach Roger Pock has the best remedy. With two regulars sidelined with sickness and another playing sick, Pock could have been in for a real time when Clearwater came to town Tuesday night for a non-conference high school basketball game.

But Pock's remedy made it an interesting night for Mulvane boosters as the game Wildcats put up a fine struggle before bowing to Clearwater's Indians, 54-46.

The loss dropped the Wildcats' record to 2-5 for the season.

"We had two starters out and Jeff (Arroyo) has been sick the last two days but he played," said Pock. "When a sophomore and a couple of juniors can come in and play like they did, well, I'm pleased. We didn't make the foolish mistakes like we did last week against Circle."

Friday night in a Chisholm Trail League contest, the Wildcats lost a heartbreaker, 50-49, to Circle after blowing a huge lead in the second half.

What pleased Pock about the game against the Indians was that the Wildcats played much better than

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Friday night, played well against a team that is ranked 10th in Class 3A in the latest high school rankings in the Wichita Eagle-Beacon and played and Indians close despite the sickness situation.

Sophomore Gary Fortner, a 6-foot-1 sophomore starting his first varsity game, played in the place of senior Perry Caldwell and junior Tom Fagan started in place of Dale Walker. Both played spirited basketball, as did another junior who say considerable action, guard Troy Wayman.

Fortner especially stood out, scoring 21 points and grabbing nine rebounds. He got the Cats off to a quick start—they were ahead, 15-11, after the first quarter—by scoring 10 points. Fortner hit nine of 13 shots from the field.

Senior Brad Butts and Arroyo supported Fortner with seven points apiece.

Butts, the club's top rebounder this season, continued to show his muscle as he paced Mulvane to a 33-23 edge in rebounding with 12 rebounds. Six-three junior Courtney Gammon had four rebounds, as did the guard Arroyo.

Rodney Gerlach, a senior, led Clearwater with 16 points.

After leading most of the first half, Mulvane faltered near halftime and the Indians tied the score, 25-25, at the half.

And in the third quarter, Mulvane scored only seven points, hitting only three of 14 shots from the field as the Indians pulled away, 35-32. The final quarter, Clearwater pulled away by making seven of 12 field attempts while

Mulvane gunners made only five of 12. "What hurt us was Clearwater shutting off our inside game in the second and third quarters," said Pock, noting that Mulvane made only six field goals in the middle two quarters. They started sagging back on Fortner and clogging the middle up."

The junior varsity upped its record to 4-3 for coach Richard Canfield by racing past the Clearwater B-team, 45-34.

Kevin Wyant scored 13 points and Mark Smith 12 for the Wildcat B-team.

After Friday night's high school boys varsity basketball game, head coach Roger Pock didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

His Mulvane Wildcats, hoping to even their record for the season, blew a huge lead in the second half and lost to Circle, 50-49, in a Chisholm Trail League contest.

Arroyo led Mulvane with 15 points, hitting four of 10 from the field. The only other Mulvane player in double figures was Gammon, who scored 10 points. Butts finished with nine points.

The Wildcats howled early. They

jumped out to a 16-2 lead in the first six minutes while Circle's Thunderbirds were going without a basket through the first four minutes of the game.

Shooting, Mulvane finished with 20 of 54 for a percentage of 37 from the field.

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### BOYS A-TEAM

Clearwater	11	14	10	19-54
Mulvane	15	10	7	14-46

Clearwater--Marty Reynolds 8, Rodney Gerlach 16, Rusty Sette 12, Brian Leger 2, Dan Lee 8, Bruce Roth 8. FG 20-55, FT 14-19, F 15

Mulvane--Jeff Arroyo 7, Gary Fortner 21, Courtney Gammon 4, Tom Fagan 5, Dale Walker 2, Brad Butts 7. FG 18-45, Ft 10-18, F 17

### BOYS B-TEAM

Clearwater	12	7	12	3-34
Mulvane	10	15	10	10-45

Clearwater--Todd Pessig 5, Jeff Barnes 2, Scott Williams 4, Kevin Hassler 2, Ricky Gay 4, Brent Ray 17. FG 16, FT 2-6, F 21

Mulvane--Kevin Wyant 13, Mark Heatley 4, Teddy Powers 6, Mark Smith 12, Troy Phillips 2, Grant Sorenson 8. FG 19, FT 7-13, F 8

### BOYS A-TEAM

Circle	8	19	10	15-50
Mulvane	19	16	7	7-49

Circle--Bob Nellans 6, Chris Turner 14, Mark Burden 2, Tom Hendrix 6, Steve King 11, Kevin Chase 11. FG 22-53, FT 6-13, F 21

Mulvane--Jeff Arroyo 15, Dale Walker 6, Chad Scott 6, Perry Caldwell 3, Brad Butts 9, Courtney Gammon 10. FG 20-54, FT 9-20, F 14

### BOYS B-TEAM

Circle	12	13	12	16-53
Mulvane	17	5	20	16-58

Circle--Mike Uhlman 4, Jim Johnson 12, Mark Carson 8, Craig Hole 8, Jeff Turner 11, Share Waggoner 1, Vernon Orndorff 6, Rod Schwemmer 2, Eugene Paechal 1. FG 22, FT 9-15, F 20

Mulvane--Grant Sorenson 6, Troy Wayman 6, Tom Fagan 13, Mark Smith 15, Gary Fortner 15, Teddy Powers 1, Mark Heatley 2. FG 23-43, FT 12-25, F 18.