

Cats Shot Down At Circle

At the end of the last season, the Mulvane High School boys gave Circle something to think about, upsetting the Thunderbirds in "their house."

The Wildcats found out what "their house"

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	8	15	14	11	38
Circle	12	14	24	14	64

Mulvane - Jesse Marksberry 22, Garrett Hennes 10, Randy Johnson 10, Ryan McKnight 2, Brian McCulpin 2, Brian Dinkel 2. FG 21-46 (2), FT 4-7, F-11

Circle - Tody White 9, Brandon Hendrix 11, Ryan Murphy 36, Jake Myers 4, Mike Ryan 2, Randy Philman 2. FG 25-38 (2), FT 12-13, F-12

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	7	12	10	12	41
Circle	9	13	15	12	48

Mulvane - Chris Brannon 3, Jason Wilson 3, Chris Gerhardt 3, Jared Rice 7, Ryan McKnight 17, Andy Hixson 6, Jonathan Reed 2, Brian Love 3. FG 18 (1), FT 4-12, F-26

Circle - Matt Green 4, Josh Casady 8, Nick Whitson 16, Aaron Alexander 5, Travis Brundage 4, Toby Loeffler 7, Mike Hoggaboom 2, Shannon DeWeese 2. FG 14 (1), FT 19-30, F-34

was all about Tuesday night, Jan. 12, as the Thunderbirds shot the lights out at home and it was payback time, 64-48. The loss left Coach Todd Barker's Cats at 2-1 in the league and 4-3 overall. Circle hiked its record to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the conference.

"We gave them a great ball game, they just shot a great percentage from the field and also at the line," said Barker. "When you only miss 13 shots of all kinds all night, it's tough to combat that kind of shooting."

Circle hit 24 of 34 shots (67%) from two-point range, 2-for-4 from three-point land and the T-Birds were 12 of 13 at the free throw stripe. Heck, Mulvane's 48% shooting from the field, an outstanding figure, wasn't even close!

"They just shot the ball too good," said Barker. "We were right there in the first half but we had a little lull in the third quarter. They put together a little run and created

some space between them and us and that was the ball game. We played them pretty even the rest of the game."

Circle, nursing a 26-23 halftime lead, out-scored the Wildcats by 10 in the third quarter, the key stretch of the game.

"We played pretty good in the first half, in fact, it was one of our best halves," said Barker. "We did a pretty good job in the 4th quarter, too. We just had quite a hole for our selves and never could dig our way out. They got control of the boards for just a short period there in the third quarter and had several put backs. Once we called a time out, we got things straightened out but by that time, it was too late. I thought we could play with Circle and we did. I just didn't expect them to shoot the ball that well."

The Thunderbirds pushed their lead out to 22 points before the Cats closed with a rush.

Junior Jesse Marksberry, who kept the

Wildcats in the game in the first half with his scoring, finished with 22 points, and seniors Randy Johnson and Garrett Hennes had 10 points each.

"We figured they would play hard because of that game last year," said Barker. "It turned out to be pretty good motivation for them. And other than that short spurt in the third quarter, we were right there with them. You don't beat many teams that shoot that good."

In the junior varsity contest, a 4th quarter rally fell short and Mulvane had to settle for a 48-41 loss. Mulvane out scored the T-Bird JV's, 17-11, in the last quarter.

Ryan McKnight scored a career-high 17 points. Jared Rice finished with seven points and Andy Hixson had six.

The Wildcats will be at home Friday night, Jan. 15. It's homecoming, and Rose Hill's Rockets will provide the competition.

Chaparral Roadrunner

Classic Pairings

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20

Game 1 - Medicine Lodge (5-2) vs. Arkansas City (1-5), 6 p.m.

Game 2 - Mulvane (4-3) vs. Campus (5-4), 8

THURSDAY, JAN. 21

Game 3 - Pratt (4-2) vs. Chaparral (3-5), 6 p.m.

Game 4 - Corway Springs (6-2) vs. Clearwater (1-6), 8

FRIDAY, JAN. 22

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. 23

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

Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

DIVISION II

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Circle	3	1	6	2
Andale	3	1	4	5
Mulvane	2	1	4	3
Rose Hill	2	1	4	4
Kingman	1	2	3	4
Chaparral	1	3	3	5
Clearwater	0	3	1	6