

Wildcats Win, 76-61, Over Valley Center

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The Mulvane Wildcats tied the Circle High Thunderbirds for the league lead by defeating Valley Center, 76-61, last Friday. This Friday first place will be decided when the T Birds and the Wildcats meet here in Mulvane. The Wildcats' league record is now 3-0 and over-all record 6-2.

The Wildcats took a quick 5-0 lead but the Hornets battled right back to knot it at 5 all. The game was tied three other times at 7-7, 9-9, and 23-23. The lead also changed hands four times early in the game. After the Wildcats took a 26-23 lead on a three-point play, they built slowly to a 36-31 halftime advantage.

In the third period the Wildcats stretched that 5 points to 10 and then took a 55-46 third quarter lead. In less than 2½ minutes during the fourth period the Wildcats outscored the Hornets, 16-6, and took a 20-point lead. The lead varied little in the last two minutes and resulted in the 76-61 win.

Dan Brauser hit 14 field goals and added one free throw for a game high of 29. Ted Hill chipped in 21, and Jim Crawford added 15. Rick Farber, playing a fine defensive game, collected 13 rebounds. Max Nichols also played fine defense and did an excellent job containing the Valley Center standout, Butch Earnhart.

	FG	FT	TP
Dan Brauser	14-22	1-2	29
Ted Hill	10-21	1-1	21
Jim Crawford	6-11	3-5	15
Rick Farber	1-3	1-3	3
Max Nichols	2-5	0-1	4
Del Hargrove	0-1	0-0	0
Jeff Barton	1-2	2-2	4
Rebounds	Off.	Def.	
Dan Brauser	5	3	
Ted Hill	2	1	
Jim Crawford	1	8	
Rick Farber	4	9	
Max Nichols	1	2	
Del Hargrove	0	4	
Jeff Barton	0	1	

The Mulvane Junior 'Cats lost their second game of the season in losing to Valley Center last Friday, 44-38. The Wildcats' record is now 6-2.

The game was close all the way. Mulvane enjoyed an 8-point lead early in the game, but Valley Center enjoyed a 6-point lead when the game ended.

The lead changed hands seven times during the course of the game. With only one minute remaining the score was 39-37, Valley Center; but the Hornets hit four buckets and three free throws, while the Wildcats could only manage one at the charity stripe in the final minute of play.

Phil Roney and Craig Levering combined for 25 of the 38 points tallied. The Wildcats next meet Circle, Friday, here in Mulvane.

	FG	FT	TP
Craig Levering	6	2	14
Mike Winn	2	0	4
Jeff Barton	2	1	5
Dale Hukle	2	0	4
Phil Roney	4	3	11