

MHS Boys Wonder What It Takes

It was too much Darin Miller Tuesday night, Jan. 14, for the Mulvane High boys. The lanky Wellington center poured in 21 points as Wellington bottled up the Cats, 60-46, in a Chisholm Trail League game in Mulvane.

That pushed the Cat record to 1-3 in the league and 2-7 overall, but Coach Charlie Mason was pleased with the effort given. "It was a heck of an effort," Mason said. "We

lost the game at the foul line, where they go 16-for-21 and we were 3-for-6, and there was too much Darin Miller."

Mason said the Mulvane defense couldn't stop Miller even though senior Chad Carpenter played a fine defensive game. "This was a much better ball game for us than we played at Valley," pointed out Mason. "Wellington's averaging 75 points a game. We missed a lot of easy shots, though."

Junior J.J. Dunn continued his hot shooting, scoring 17 points for the Cats. Guard

Jarrold Oldridge had seven points, Carpenter and Brian Strack finished with six apiece.

In the junior varsity game, Mulvane broke the game open with a 31-point second quarter on the way to a 71-33 victory, the first of the season for Coach Dale Landes' club. Jeremy Kendrick went wild, scoring a career-high 20 points and Larry Dixon and Jason DeWald had 14 each.

In a sophomore game, Derby dished out a 50-44 loss to Mulvane. DeWald's 15 points highlighted the MHS offense. Griff Comejo scored 10 points and Jamie Belden had six.

The Wildcats put up a game effort Friday night, Jan. 10, at Valley Center but finally ran out of steam in the final moments as VC pulled away for a 62-52 Chisholm Trail League home triumph.

The loss snapped the modest two-game winning streak for the Cat boys and Coach Mason. "We just ran out of gas and they had too much size," said Mason, hitting on two factors which were instrumental in the defeat. "We played pretty good basketball against their size until late in the game. That's when we got tired. We played hard, though. It was a much closer game than the 10 points indicates. At halftime, we were down only one point (23-22) on their floor, so we were right there."

The Hornets, one of the pre-season favorites in the CTL race, start a 6-foot, 5-inch, a 6-3 and a 6-2. Mulvane's "size" consists of 6-2 J.J. Dunn and Brian Heinrichs and 6-1 Chad Carpenter.

Valley finally started pulling away in the third quarter but the Wildcats, using a pressure defense, got back into the thick of the contest in the 4th quarter, cutting the lead to five points and had the ball on several occasions.

And the Mulvane offense is starting to look better. The Wildcats have posted two straight 50-point games for the first time since the middle of the 1989-90 season. "We're knocking down shots that weren't falling earlier," admitted Mason. "With a couple wins, the confidence in the shots is picking up. The kids are knocking down some shots they were taking earlier in the year instead of seeing them bounce out. Dunn had a tremendous game against Valley Center's inside people, and Jarrod is starting to give us some consistent play, but we still need to pick it up."

The junior Dunn finished with 17 points inside against the Hornet size. Oldridge scored 16 points, followed by scrappy guard Brian Strack with nine points and the steady senior Carpenter with four points.

In the junior varsity contest, VC made it no contest, drilling the Wildcats, 71-33. Coach Dale Landes' top scorers were guards Steve Nelson with 14 points and Larry Dixon with six. Kendrick scored five.

The Mulvane sophomore team of Coach Scott Swaney boosted its record to 3-1 by edging the Hornets, 36-34, in a comeback win. The hosts held the lead, 17-13, at intermission. Josh Lachina scored 11 points and 6-4 center Jason DeWald had 12 to power the Cat soph's offense.

Varsity Boys

Wellington	15	12	17	16	60
Mulvane	15	10	12	9	46

Wellington—Lance Russell 9, Brady Lawrence 8, Jeremy Troutman 2, Seth Mott 8, John Thatcher 7, Darin Miller 21, Josh Darby 5. FG 16 (4), FT 16-21, F 16.

Mulvane—Judson Spicer 2, Chad Carpenter 6, Steve Nelson 2, Jarrod Oldridge 7, Jeff Parson 4, J.J. Dunn 17, Brian Heinrichs 2, Brian Strack 6. FG 20 (1), FT 3-6, F 19.

Junior Varsity Boys

Wellington	8	11	5	9	33
Mulvane	14	31	11	15	71

Wellington—Jason Ybarra 7, Rance Erwin 4, Kimbell 9, Dusty Costello 11, Freeman 2. FG 11 (1), FT 8-16, F 20.

Mulvane—Larry Dixon 14, Steve Nelson 2, Shay Vangas 7, Jeremy Kendrick 20, Jason DeWald 14, Dan Smith 8, Shawn Ebersole 4, Jamie Belden 2. FG 25 (2), FT 15-26, F 19.

Sophomore Boys

Derby	5	13	15	17	50
Mulvane	6	8	6	24	44

Derby—Berube 11, Phommachanh 6, Childs 4, Graham 2, Adams 6, Calvery 8, Harris 5, Devore 6, Buckingham 1, Sitter 1. FG 16 (0), FT 18-33, F 22.

Mulvane—Chris Heersche 4, Josh Lachina 2, Shay Vangas 2, Jamie Belden 6, Jason DeWald 15, Dan Smith 5, Griff Comejo 10. FG 18 (0), FT 8-20, F 27.

Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Goddard	3	0	7	0
Valley Center	2	0	4	3
Buhler	2	1	5	2
Maize	1	2	4	3
Augusta	1	2	2	4
Wellington	1	3	3	5
Mulvane	1	3	2	7

DIVISION II

Rose Hill	4	0	7	2
Kingman	3	0	6	1
Andover	3	1	5	3
Chaparral	1	2	1	6
Andale	1	2	1	8
Clearwater	0	3	1	6
Circle	0	4	3	5

Games Friday, Jan. 17

- Maize at Mulvane
- Goddard at Valley Center
- Kingman at Andale
- Buhler at Augusta
- Chaparral at Andover
- Circle at Clearwater

Next Week's Tournament Line-Up

- Chaparral Roadrunner Classic—Mulvane, Maize, Kingman, Chaparral, Clearwater.
- Chanute Invitational—Rose Hill.
- El Dorado Bluestem Classic—Wellington, Circle, Augusta.
- Valley Center Invitational—Valley Center, Goddard, Andale.
- Halstead Tournament—Andover.
- McPherson Classic—Buhler.

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	12	10	8	22	52
Valley Center	17	6	15	24	62

Mulvane—Brian Strack 9, J.J. Dunn 17, Jarrod Oldridge 16, Chad Carpenter 4, Brian Heinrichs 3, Judson Spicer 3, Jeremy Kendrick 3. FG 17 (3), FT 12-17, F 18.

Valley Center—Craig Bally 21, Mike Drumright 15, Kirk Royce 12, Scott Simonsen 4, Marcus Williams 10. FG 24 (1), FT 11-15, F 17.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	2	8	3	20	33
Valley Center	15	18	20	18	71

Mulvane—Steve Nelson 14, Larry Dixon 6, Shay Vangas 2, Jeremy Kendrick 5, Griff Comejo 2, Eric Herd 4. FG 13 (0), FT 9-22, F 22.

Valley Center—Brandon Wilson 1, Gale Good 10, Durin Gleason 11, Derek Wilson 12, Scott Carter 4, Danny Bevan 7, David Rutschman 13, Jon Freed 7, Jamie Jacob 3, Roger Blomquist 3. FG 21 (3), FT 20-36, F 22.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	6	7	11	12	36
Valley Center	8	9	9	8	34

Mulvane—Chris Heersche 4, Josh Lachina 11, Shay Vangas 2, Dan Smith 7, Jason DeWald 12. FG 16 (0), FT 4-11, F 14.

Valley Center—Brad Tidemann 2, Danny Cross 9, Roger Blomquist 9, Schulte 8, Martin 6. FG 14 (0), FT 6-8, F 16.