

Wellington No Match For Cats

Even when you're 14 points up, play like your 14 points down. That's an interesting philosophy but one which produced Mulvane High School's top effort of the season Friday night, Jan. 11 at Wellington. Coach Charlie Mason's Wildcat boys easily dissected the Crusaders, 80-64, in a game that wasn't as close as the final score.

"It was our best three quarters of basketball since last year against Circle," said Mason following the Chisholm Trail League Division I slaughter. "Why? well, defensively we were just on top of our game. We had them so off-balance that they didn't know what we were doing. They had a tough time adjusting to our defenses."

Flashing in and out of six of their seven different defenses, the Cats simply blew away the host Crusaders to improve their record to 7-1 and 3-0 in the CTL. Wellington (3-3) stumbled to its first loop setback. The trouncing also was a good tune-up for the Roadrunner Classic, where the Cats will tangle with Ark City at 8:30 p.m. tonight (Jan. 17).

"Buddy (Moyer) and Aaron (Huslig) just controlled things inside, too, and that was a big factor," added the Cat coach. "Buddy's coming on like gangbusters and Aaron rebounded well and played good solid defense inside."

The Wildcats had a stranglehold on the offensive boards with 20, Huslig picking off six of his eight total and Moyer three of his game-high 10 rebounds on offense.

Senior frontliner Lonny Travis continued his offensive show as he scored 23 points in three quarters of play. By that time, the Cats were up by more than 32 points and reserves mopped up the situation. Other Cats in double figures were Greg Quigley with 11 and Moyer with 10.

A 23-10 outburst in the second quarter got Mulvane rolling and Mason's team turned the game into a complete shambles by out-scoring Wellington, 27-8, in the third frame. "At halftime, instead of talking about being 14 points up, we talked about being 14 down and how we needed to go get 'em, instead they never made a run at us," noted Mason.

The Mulvane junior varsity lost a 65-56 decision at Wellington. Morgan LeClair led local scorers with 18 points. Andrew Swayne finished with 10 points and Curtis Hicks had nine.

Boys Varsity

Mulvane 15 23 27 15--80

Wellington 14 10 8 32--64

Mulvane--Lonny Travis 23, Buddy Moyer 10,

David Belew 4, Greg Quigley 11, Aaron Huslig 8,

Jamie Lough 4, Bo Jones 8, Morgan LeClair 3,

Curtis Hicks 2, Mike Rodgers 5, Wes Moore 2. FG

31-58, FT 18-33, F 15

Wellington--Steve Scheuffler 4, Jesse Ybarra 24,

Rich McKain 2, Pat Zeka 2, Jim Wetta 17, Troy

Gooch 4, John Wetta 6, Todd Barker 2, Robbie

Stayton 3. FG 25-61, FT 14-18, F 24.

Boys Junior Varsity

Mulvane 14 10 10 22--56

Wellington 12 15 20 18--65

Mulvane--Mike Stump 5, Kevin Kastl 2, Curtis

Hicks 9, Morgan LeClair 18, Andrew Swayne 10,

Kyle Steadman 2, Jeff Williams 4, Todd Fox 6. FG

25-60, FT 6-20, F 18.

Wellington--John Wetta 8, Joe Costello 22, John

Elder 9, John Valezquez 18, Richard Lara 8, Jamie

Cornejo 2. FG 26-57, FT 13-21, F 18.

CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Mulvane	3	0	7	1
Buhler	2	1	4	4
Wellington	2	1	3	3
Valley Center	1	2	4	5
Goddard	1	2	1	6
Augusta	0	3	0	7

DIVISION II

Circle	3	0	8	0
Haven	2	0	9	0
Andover	2	0	5	3
Chaparral	2	1	5	4
Maize	1	1	4	5
Rose Hill	1	2	2	5
Kingman	0	2	3	5
Andale	0	2	1	9
Clearwater	0	3	2	8

This Week's Tournaments

Chaparral Roadrunner Classic--Mulvane, Clearwater, Wellington, Chaparral, Kingman

Bluestem Classic at El Dorado--Circle, Augusta, Rose Hill

Valley Center Tournament--Andover, Andale, Maize, Valley Center

McPherson Tournament--Goddard, Buhler

Adolph Rupp Tournament at Halstead--Haven