

FT Shooting Dooms Cats

It's only 15 feet but to some, it's as far as the Great Wall of China.

That's how far a free throw shooter stands from the basket--15 feet. Some have the confidence to make those unguarded shots without a second thought. For others, the ground quakes.

One of Mulvane's problems all season has been shooting from what is called "the charity stripe." For the Wildcats, it's been anything but a "charity stripe."

Friday night, Jan. 12, in a Chisholm Trail League game against Valley Center, Mulvane's boys team hit five more field goals but couldn't find the range at the line and had to settle for a 55-50 loss in a home game.

The bad thing about it, though, is that the Wildcats made only eight of 16 at the line while the Hornets were hitting bulls-eyes, 23 of 28.

"Their free throwing plus ours really hurt us," admitted Mulvane head basketball coach Rod Pock. "They just ripped us there. Our foul shooting has hurt us all year. If you don't hit 70

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Wildcat Cage Statistics

WILDCAT BOYS [2-4]

Player	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	RB	Pts
Courtney Gammon	44	88	13	19	54	101
Tom Fagan	25	73	16	26	9	66
Mark Smith	16	46	12	17	41	48
Gary Fortner	16	28	9	16	45	45
Grant Sorensen	14	26	4	6	23	32
Troy Wayman	9	34	10	21	14	28
Lon Pribble	3	7	1	5	6	7
Troy Phillips	1	4	4	4	1	6
Others	0	3	0	0	1	0
Totals	144	330	72	122	205	360
	(436)		(580)	34	2	60
Opponents	151	369	102	147	169	404
	(400)		(690)	28	2	67

Boys A-Team

Valley Center	9 18 14 4 - 55
Mulvane	12 17 8 13 - 50
Valley Center -- Steve Siemens 20, Randy Emier 10, Todd Raemussen 5, Tony Haas 16, Brad Runick 4. FG 16-48, FT 23-28, F 16.	
Mulvane -- Tom Fagan 4, Mark Storey 10, Grant Sorensen 4, Troy Wayman 3, Courtney Gammon 12, Mark Smith 6, Gary Fortner 11. FG 21-54, FT 8-16, F 21.	

Boys B-Team

Valley Center	8 12 6 24 - 50
Mulvane	12 6 12 12 - 42
Valley Center -- Brett LaTourette 4, Jeff Bevan 9, Gary Alford 23, Mark Noah 5, Bob Daniels 8, Chris McQuitty 1. FG 15-33, FT 20-29, F 15.	
Mulvane -- Troy Phillips 8, Troy Dosey 8, Jeff Staska 14, Ed Nelson 12, Greg Hamilton 0. FG 18-35, FT 6-12, F 26.	

Sophomore Boys

Valley Center	6 15 13 10 - 44
Mulvane	10 6 10 12 - 37
Valley Center -- Russell Siemens 11, Stan Millard 2, Vince Branson 2, Roger Gilpin 4, Steve Hinkle 6, Paul Eichhorn 12, Sam Fitzmaurice 7. FG 15-48, FT 14-22, F 16.	
Mulvane -- Gary Elston 14, Brent Iverson 21, Mark Crawford 2, Mark Fox 0, Greg Cox 0. FG 17-58, FT 3-11, F 18.	

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percent as a team, you're going to be hurting.

Senior Gammon led the Mulvane scorers with 12 points. Juniors Gary Fortner and Storey added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Valley made it a clean sweep over the Wildcats. Mulvane's B-team fell under a fourth-quarter surge, 50-42, and the Mulvane sophomores were trimmed, 44-37.

Guard Jeff Staska scored 14 points for the Cats and big Ed Nelson added 12 points while leading the Wildcats in rebounding with eight.

Mulvane's sophomores couldn't mount a strong enough scoring balance. Only three players were able to score--Brent Iverson with 21 points, Gary Elston with 14 and Mark Crawford with two.