

# Cats Look Ahead

Mulvane High School boys basketball coach Roger Pock didn't find a cure for his upset stomach and sinus cold last Thursday night at Valley Center.

Pock wasn't feeling very good before his Mulvane Wildcats took the floor against undefeated Valley Center in a high school basketball game, and it's a cinch he didn't feel well afterwards, either.

The Hornets were impressive as they

rolled to a 66-36 victory over Mulvane in a Chisholm Trail League game.

The loss was the sixth in eight games for the Wildcats and dropped their league record to 1-4 with a date at Chaparral Friday night awaiting.

"We were down, just couldn't get motivated," complained Pock. "We couldn't hit from anywhere outside and, of course, they shut us off the boards with the size they have. We would get one shot and that was it."

Size is one of the big reasons Valley Center is undefeated at this stage of the game and probably the team to beat in the East Division of the Chisholm Trail League.

Hornet coach Bob Matzen has a trio of lanky kids to call on from 6-foot-4 John Anderson to 6-3 David Weber, Martin Brauner and Steve Sawyer. The only size Mulvane sports is in 6-2 Brad Butts and 6-3 Courtney Gammon.

"Their size hurt but so did their talent," added Pock. "I think they are the team to beat. They've got a good inside game and a good outside game. They're just pretty strong all over."

The Hornets jumped out to a 16-8 lead in the first quarter and put the game away the next period, outscoring the Wildcats, 15-7, for a 31-15 lead at halftime.

"We never could recover from the first two quarters," said Pock. "They could have blown us off the floor but he (Matzen) was pretty generous."

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Pock said several younger players looked good again for the second consecutive game. "Gary (Fortner) looked good and I brought in a couple of more kids off the B-team who played well," said the Mulvane coach. "Guys like Mark Smith and Tom Fagan played well, and Troy Wayman had another good game."

Fortner continues to be a surprising figure in the middle of Mulvane's plans. The 6-1 sophomore hit the limelight with a good game against Clearwater and had another fine game against the Hornets, leading the club with 15 points.

The rest of the Mulvane scoring was spread around with guard Jeff Arroyo, the Wildcats' No. 2 scorer on the season, joining in with nine points.

Statistically, the Hornets held a big edge. Mulvane hit only 13 of 52 field shots for 25 percent shooting while Valley Center made 28 of 69 (40 percent).

Poor free throwing again bothered Pock's club, as it hit only 50 percent from the stripe, 10 of 20.

In the rebound department, Gammon claimed a team-high eight rebounds and the 6-2 Butts and Fortner each garnered six as Mulvane lost that battle, 33-28.

The top scorer for the Hornets was Anderson, who pumped in 18 points.

The Wildcats' B-team also took a tumble, losing to Valley Center's B-team, 49-38.

Troy Wayman scored 18 points and Mark Smith had six for the junior varsity.

### BOYS A-TEAM

Mulvane 8 7 12 9 30

Valley Center 16 15 17 18 66

Mulvane -- Jeff Arroyo 9, Brad Butts 4, Gary Fortner 15, Courtney Gammon 5, Troy Wayman 3, FG 13-52, FT 10-20, F 19

Valley Center -- Sam E. Johnson 10, Steve Sawyer 9, John Anderson 18, Martin Brauner 4, David Weber 10, Matt Power 4, Eric Ammons 5, Steve Seemans 2, Todd Rasmussen 2, Brad Butts 2, FG 28-69, FT 10-17, F 9

### BOYS B-TEAM

Mulvane 14 14 16 11 55

Valley Center 10 18 16 14 49

Mulvane--Mark Smith 6, Kevin Wyatt 4, Troy Phillips 4, Mark Heatley 4, Mark Storey 2, Troy Wayman 18, FG 14-50, FT 10-18, F 10

Valley Center--Steve Seemans 12, Eric Ammons 14, Brad Rumsick 16, Tom Jennings 2, Todd Rasmussen 4, Ronnie Stokes 2, FG 23-57, FT 3-11, F 19