

Comeback Bid Unsuccessful

It was catching great Yogi Berra who coined the popular term "it's never over til it's over," and that phrase was perfect for Mulvane's basketball game at Valley Center Tuesday night, Jan. 17.

Anyone who left at halftime missed the ballgame as Mulvane, down by as many as 24 points in the third quarter rallied to tie before the host Hornets led the wild and woolly 70-68 Chisholm Trail League encounter.

The loss knocked the highly-ranked Wildcats out of second place in the CTL to 2-2 and Valley improved its league mark to 3-1.

It wasn't a good night for Mulvane in Valley Center. The Hornet junior varsity nipped the Cats, 50-48, and the MHS sophomores lost on a last-second shot, 50-48.

"The one thing I had feared all week happened," said MHS coach Charlie Mason. "They are good shooters who finally came alive and hit 17 of 24 in the first half and we were down by 15 at half."

The Cats used their full-court pressure defense to get back in the game and actually had a chance to tie the contest at 66s with just 16 seconds left, but a jumper by Kevin Bell rimmed out. "It was a tremendous comeback," said Mason. "There was about a three-minute stretch in the fourth quarter when they didn't get the ball across the half-court line. We just let them get too far in front in the first half. Hopefully, we learned a valuable lesson. You have to play the whole 32 minutes."

The Hornets finished the game hitting 69% of their field attempts (31 of 45), living up to their pre-season billing as a good-shooting club. Mulvane hit 47% from the field (33 of 70).

Bell led the Cats with 20 points, his second big offensive game in a row. Junior Lonny Travis finished with 14.

The Mulvane junior varsity was powered by a 13-point effort by Buddy Moyer and 12 by Greg Quigley. High for the Wildcat sophomores were Rick Lanzrath with a season-high 24 points and 10 by Kevin Kastl.

Mulvane had little trouble Friday against Wellington, a team that has won only once but had lost its last two by a total of five points.

Varsity Boys

Mulvane 10 10 16 32-68
Valley Center 18 17 15 20-70
Mulvane--Ronnie Rabe 4, David Belew 10, Lonny Travis 14, Kevin Bell 20, Todd Travis 10, J.C. Shook 6, Greg Quigley 4. FG 33-70, FT 2-5, F 13.
Valley Center--Mark Kennedy 16, Brian Lesperance 10, Rod Williams 12, Joe Wilham 14, Guy McKay 18. FG 31-45, FT 8-13, F 10.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane 6 17 21 4-48
Valley Center 13 18 9 10-50
Mulvane--Jamie Lough 11, Bo Jones 4, Greg Quigley 12, Robert Fortner 2, Mike Rodgers 2, Aaron Huslig 4, Buddy Moyers 13. FG 19, FT 10-22, F 18.
Valley Center--Black 2, J. Williams 5, Rauthier 8, Houcher 8, Hampton 18, Crube 2, Ruth 5, E. Williams 2. FG 17, FT 14-23, F 21.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane 10 12 11 15-48
Valley Center 16 9 16 9-50
Mulvane--Kevin Kastl 10, Rick Lanzrath 24, Mike Snow 6, Mike Belew 6, Wes Moore 2. FG 19, FT 10-18, F 13.
Valley Center--Shaw 14, Anderson 12, Hubler 8, Eskridge 12, Kennedy 2, Myers 2. FG 23, FT 4-10, F 16.

CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS DIVISION I

TEAM	W	L	Pct	Overall
Buhler	4	0	1.000	4-0
Valley Center	3	1	.750	6-1
Mulvane	2	2	.500	7-2
Goddard	2	2	.500	4-4
Wellington	0	3	.000	1-5
Augusta	0	3	.000	1-7
Juniata				
Crane	3	1	.750	1-1
Haven	3	1	.750	2-2
Maize	3	1	.750	3-3
Clearwater	2	1	.667	1-1
Andate	2	1	.667	4-4
Chaparral	1	2	.333	4-6
Chaparral	1	2	.333	4-7
Kingman	0	2	.000	1-2
Reserve	0	5	.000	2-8

Games Friday Jan 20

Mulvane at Augusta
Buhler at Wellington
Valley Center at Goddard
Clearwater at Andate
Crane at Andover
Haven at Rose Hill
Maize at Kingman
Chaparral at Medicine Lodge

Games Saturday, Jan. 21

Clearwater at Augusta

Tournaments Next Week

Roadrunner Classic at Chaparral--Mulvane, Clearwater, Wellington, Chaparral, Kingman
Thunderbird Classic at Circle--Andover, Crane, Valley Center
Invitational--Andate, Maize, Valley Center
Blue Stem Classic at El Dorado--Rose Hill
McPherson Invitational--Buhler, Goddard
Halstead Tournament--Haven

Too much quickness and a big rebounding edge were the big reasons behind the blow-out. Mulvane notched a 40-25 board cushion with Lonny Travis taking 11 caroms and Todd Travis getting 10.

Three Cats were in two figures, senior Kevin Bell leading the way with 18 points and L. Travis and Belew knocking down 14 each. Reserve Aaron Huslig also got into the act with eight points.

The Wildcat jayvees also enjoyed a runaway, 55-36, against Wellington. Coach Dennis Tegethoff's crew got 15 points from Buddy Moyers, 10 from Greg Quigley and eight from Robert Fortner.

The Mulvane sophomores made it a clean sweep over the Crusaders, taking a 38-21 victory. Kevin Kastl led all scorers with 12 points and Rick Lanzrath and Mike Stump followed with eight and six points, respectively.

Varsity Boys

Wellington 7 10 10 24-51
Mulvane 16 20 18 16-70
Wellington--Willbur Scober 2, John Huck 2, Steve Schuefler 12, Andy Tatum 4, Jim Wetta 2, Mark Cornejo 3, Jeff Everhart 14, Rich McKain 2, Jesse Ybarra 9, Troy Whaley 1. FG 19-56, FT 13-23, F 21.
Mulvane--David Belew 14, Lonny Travis 14, Kevin Bell 18, Todd Travis 7, J.C. Shook 3, Aaron Huslig 8, Greg Quigley 4, Mike Rodgers 2. FG 27-68, FT 16-28, F 18.

Junior Varsity Boys

Wellington 6 8 5 19-36
Mulvane 13 14 16 10-55
Wellington--Rich McKain 5, Todd Barker 4, Ryan Reed 8, Troy Gopch 4, Richard Keith 8, Robbie Weaver 1, John Wetta 2, Joe Costello 4. FG 15-47, FT 8-15, F 19.
Mulvane--Mike Rodgers 3, Jamie Lough 4, Aaron Huslig 8, Robert Fortner 8, Bo Jones 2, Buddy Moyer 15, Greg Quigley 10, Reese Brown 2, Wes Moore 2, Mike Belew 1. FG 21-62, FT 13-22, F 14.

Sophomore Boys

Wellington 8 9 0 4-21
Mulvane 10 16 5 7-36
Wellington--John Elder 4, Richard Keith 7, Joe Costello 7, Mitch Peterson 3, Brian Edwards 12. FG 7-35, FT 7-20, F 17.
Mulvane--Kevin Kastl 12, Mike Snow 6, Rick Lanzrath 8, Mike Stump 8, Mike Belew 2, Wes Moore 4, Sean Dils 1. FG 16-50, FT 8-19, F 17.