Cat Boys 'Come Home' To Victory Lane Again

Mulvane High School boys basketball coach Charlie Mason has never been a fan of homecoming games but he may

be changing his mind.

Mason's Wildcats haven't had much smooth sailing so far this season but they did Friday night, Jan. 13, in the MHS homecoming game against Andover. The Cats jumped all over Andover and captured their second victory of the season, a 70-55 winner.

It was the varsity's second victory this year. Mulvane is 2-8 with the other win coming against the Andale junior varsity in the Maize Tournament. It also was the first Chisholm Trail League win for the Wildcats, who are 1-5 in the loop. Andover, which had beaten both Wellington and Goddard earlier in January, dropped to 3-6 overall and 2-3 in the league.

"Getting the victory was the important thing," said Mason. "We stressed the importance of the homecoming game in practice last week. I don't normally like homecoming games but this one was needed. A lot of times when things aren't going right, if you can win at home, it can straighten things out for a while."

The Cats won't get much time to savor the victory, however, as they were to have met a tough Arkansas City at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, in the opening game of the annual Chaparral Roadrunner Classic. Ark City has only one loss this year.

Mason went with five seniors in the line-up against Andover and they responded with a relatively steady game that saw the Cats pull away gradually. Mulvane took a 14-8 lead after one period and extended it by intermission as they out-scored the Trojans, 21-18, in the second quarter behind the hot shooting of seniors Larry Lambrecht and Sean Gillespie.

"The seniors were charged up with emotion," said Mason. "It was homecoming and everything, so they came out and played a little harder. It also helped to get (Andover's Brian) Kirkland in four trouble.

"The win should give us a lift. We figured we needed to get the ball inside and have patience on offense. Andover is one of the few teams that plays a zone defense. We've had difficulty running against a man-to-man pressure all year so going against a zone had to help. Then, when they did run their man, we did a good job against it and got the shots we wanted.

Mulvane also did a fine job on the boards against the Trojans with junior Jeff Sisco coming off the bench for 12 rebounds. Lambrecht and Gillespie each had eight boards.

The game also gave Mulvane something new to think about. Trying to protect a lead in the fourth quarter hasn't been anything the Cats have had to be worried about. "We were trying to do something we haven't had to do much this year but we did a good job," said Mason. "We moved the ball and

Varsity Boys Andover 8 18 14 21 20 Andover-Brad Schrader 14, Bill Martin 7, Dennis Mullins 5, Brian Kirkland 11, Bret Hartley 12, Marc Glades 6. FG 25-55 (0), FT 5-13, F 22. Mulvane-Larry Lambrecht 29, Sean Gillespie 16,

Derek Donaldson 9, John Heinrichs 4, Jeff Sisco 9, Mike Higgins 3, FG 25-51 (2), FT 18-26, F 16. **Junior Varsity Boys** Andover Mulvane 11 7 15--52 19 Andover--Mike Augustine 1, Dan Gobel 21, Duane

Flug 9, Scott Hill 4, Cayle Beehler 2, Matt Patterson 12, FG 18-53 (3), FT 10-25, F 29. Mulvane-Bill Harrington 10, Scott Travis 14, Andy Church 12, Curtis Norden 6, Todd Hedstrom 10. FG 19-53 (0), FT 14-32, F 18.

Sophomore Boys Andover 9 16 Mulvane 8 13 10 11-42 Andover-Eric Pack 4, Travis Hanshaw 6, Tory Chambers 6, Todd Newton 4, Cayle Beehler 9, David Jewett 2, Matt Patterson 18, FG 20 (0), FT

Mulvane-Andy Mackey 17, Adam Beehler 6, Scott Ingalia 5, Toby Hoving 9, Jamie Hardesty 5. FG 17 (1), FT 5-12, F 17.

CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE **BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS** DIVISION I

Overall W W L Team **Valley Center** 4 8 Buhler Augusta 3 Wellington 8 Andover Goddard 2 3 8 Mulvane 8 DIVISION II Kingman 0 Maize Rose Hill 5 Andele 3 5 Circle -2 3 4 Chaparral

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Mulvane's Derek Donaldson goes high for a rebound against Andover

had patience and we made some foul shots. Our percentage at the line wasn't that good but we made some when we needed them."

Lambrecht scored a game-high 29 points and Gillespie finished with 16. Senior Derek Donaldson scored nine points, as did Sisco, who had his best game of the season.

The Mulvane junior varsity nabbed its first victory of the year nosing out Andover, 52-49. The Cat jayvee hung on after rolling out to a 15-2 edge after nine minutes of play.

Four players his twin figures for Mulvane. Scott Travis scored 14 points. Andy Church scored 12 and Bill Harrington and Todd Hedstrom each scored 10.

The Cat sophomores kept things from being unanimous as they were downed by a 49-42 count by Andover's sophs.

Andy Mackey paced Mulvane in the scoring department, hitting for 17 points. Toby Hoving came off the bench to score nine points and Adam Beehler scored six for Coach Dale Landes' club.

CHAPARRAL ROADRUNNER CLASSIC PAIRINGS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18 Game 1 - Arkansas City vs. Mulvane 7 p.m.

Game 2 -- Pratt vs. Chaparral, 8:30 THURSDAY, JAN. 19

Game 3 -- Campus va. Clearwater, 7 p m Game 4 -- Wellington vs. Hesston, 8:30

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

Game 5 - losers of games 1 and 2, 3:30 p.m. Game 6 - losers of games 3 and 4, 5

Game 7 -- winners of games 1 and 2, 7 Game 8 -- winners of games 3 and 4, 8:30

SATURDAY, JAN. 21 Game 9 (Seventh Place) -- losers of games 5 and 6,

3 30 pm Game 10 (Consolation First) -- winners of games 5

Game 11 (Third Place) -- losers of games 7 and 8, 7 Game 12 (Championship) -- winners of games 7