

Overtime Fatal For Cats; Play In Chappy Tournament

Mulvane's game with Chaparral Friday, Jan. 13, was not a battle. It was three battles. The Wildcats fell, 60-58, in double overtime, falling to 1-8 for the year.

For a while, Mulvane looked like it would win its second consecutive game. The Cats jumped out to a 25-19 lead after the first half behind an intense defense. "We did an excellent job in the first half," Coach Dale Landes said.

Coming off a win, Mulvane played intense basketball at both ends of the court and executed offensively with patience and ball-control.

Then Mulvane ran into an old nemesis--the third quarter. The Roadrunners outscored Mulvane, 15-8, to take the lead. "We did not come out with the intensity that I thought we should," Landes said. "Plus, they started to hit their perimeter shots."

The Cats fought back to tie the game at 47 at the end of regulation. One overtime period didn't settle things. Only a second overtime let Chappy squeak out the win. While overtime games are exciting, they are also full of frustrating moments.

Roadrunner Classic Basketball Pairings

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

Game 1 -- Medicine Lodge (7-0) vs. Mulvane (1-7), 6:30

Game 2 -- Pratt (2-4) vs. Chaparral (2-4), 8

TONIGHT (JAN. 19)

Game 3 -- Conway Springs (5-2) vs. Clearwater (1-7), 6:30 p.m.

Game 4 -- Arkansas City (4-3) vs. Campus (3-5), 8

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

Game 5 -- losers of games 1 and 2, 3 p.m.

Game 6 -- losers of games 3 and 4, 5

Game 7 -- winners of games 1 and 2, 6:30

Game 8 -- winners of games 3 and 4, 8

SATURDAY, JAN. 21

Game 9 (Seventh Place)--losers of games 5 and 6, 3 p.m.

Game 10 (Fifth Place)--winners of games 5 and 6, 5

Game 11 (Third Place)--losers of games 7 and 8, 6:30

Game 12 (Championship)--winners of games 7 and 8,

"We made some crucial mistakes and lost a few bounces of the ball," Landes said. "We took shots that we should not have with a lead and then turned the ball over trying to force the action. Those things happen."

The game was full of mixed emotions for the coaches and team. "The players were frustrated, so was I," Landes said. "But, we played well enough to win. I really thought we should have won."

Dexter Carpenter was a force in the middle, scoring a career-high 24 points. Coach Landes has a simple reason. "People have still not figured out that he is just a hard worker," he said. "Also, coach (Scott) Swaney does a good job working with all our post people."

"Everybody was feeding me the ball and I just tried to be a little more aggressive," Carpenter said. "It just kind of came."

Michael Abasolo had his best output of the year, netting 18 points.

But the most pleasing aspect to Landes was the defensive effort. Mulvane held a high-scoring team to 47 points at the end of regulation. "A big part of that was the way we rebounded better," Landes said.

Both guards, Jeremy Brown and Shawn Erbert led the defensive charge. "They also got the ball to our two scoring people," Landes said. "It was a good team effort."

While the win and a close loss bode well for the future of the Wildcats, they will face a stiff test in the Roadrunner Classic, starting this week.

"I told our kids we have to look at it like a challenge," Landes said. "This team has a huge desire to win. We have to get ready to peak by the end of the season."

Junior varsity coach Scott Swaney could not have been happier with the way his team beat up on Chaparral, 63-42.

"We did everything we needed to do to win," Swaney said.

The Cats used a zone to put pressure on

the Roadrunners perimeter shooters. They combined the defensive effort with stellar shooting from the free throw line, going 16-22 in the game.

"It was the first game we played the whole game," Swaney said.

Matt Hendren continued his late tear in the junior varsity contests, scoring 23 points. Tim Glaser added 12, while Luke Cox pumped in 10 points.

The boys are in the Roadrunner Classic at Chaparral. They will play Friday, Jan. 20. The time will be determined by the outcome of the Wildcats game with undefeated Medicine Lodge Wednesday night, Jan. 18. If Mulvane wins, the Cats will play at 6:30 p.m. A loss means a 3 p.m. floor time.

The sophomores could not keep up with the high-scoring Eagles, falling 70-42.

Raymond Lazier led the Wildcats with 13 points. Neil Gosch scored 11, while Sam Roebuck added 10 points for Mulvane.

Varsity Boys

Chaparral	12	7	15	13	(6)	(7)	—60
Mulvane	16	9	8	14	(6)	(5)	—58

Chaparral—Dusty Oiler 15, Tyler Hoopes 14, Jerry Gonzales 6, Corbin Hostetler 13, David Reed 4, Ryan Barker 8. FG 24 (5), FT 7-19, F 21.

Mulvane—Mike Abasolo 18, Shawn Erbert 7, Jeremy Brown 5, Dexter Carpenter 24, Jeff Parker 2, Brad Canfield 2. FG 23 (2), FT 10-18, F 17.

Junior Varsity Boys

Chaparral	10	6	7	19	—42
Mulvane	12	23	13	15	—63

Chaparral—Nick Thornton 4, Justin Worthington 4, Chad Ganzke 5, Brad Greve 7, Jeff Hamilton 8, Jeff Cox 1, Brad Davis 3, Jason Carroll 6, Kelsey Brown 2, Clint Green 2. FG 17 (2), FT 8-14, F 24.

Mulvane—Tad Nicholson 4, Tim Glaser 12, Sam Roebuck 2, Michael Johnson 2, Jeremiah Coleman 2, Greg Nunn 1, Neil Gosch 7, Matt Hendren 23, Luke Cox 10. FG 23 (1), FT 16-22, F 20.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	4	13	15	10	—42
Maize	18	17	24	13	—70

Mulvane—Neil Gosch 11, Sam Roebuck 10, Raymond Lazier 13, Zach Wayman 2, Michael Johnson 2, Jeremiah Coleman 2, Greg Nunn 2. FG 18 (2), FT 4-10, F 22.

Maize—Robertson 18, Davis 10, Lewis 3, Kilpatrick 11, Folgham 6, Hamm 12, Rosenwald 4, Considine 4, Kidwell 2. FG 26 (3), FT 15-23, F 13.