

No Mystery About Game-- Mulvane Folds In Fourth

A match-up zone defense by Maize threw the Mulvane High School boys for a loop Friday night, Jan. 15; and gave the host Eagles the opportunity to ambush the Wildcats, 79-54, in a Chisholm Trail League contest.

The Cats, coached by Dale Landes, were blown out early by the swarming Eagles, who broke to an 18-4 lead after one quarter and had the game locked up by intermission, leading 45-22.

"That first quarter was the book for the rest of the game," lamented Landes. "They did too many things right and we did too many things wrong. We just never could get over the poor start."

The loss left the Wildcats looking at a 1-9 record and 1-4 in the CTL as they headed into the 22nd annual Chaparral Roadrunner Classic

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	4	18	19	13-54
Maize	18	27	15	19-79

Mulvane—Brian Heinrichs 22, Jason DeWald 7, Dan Smith 7, Brian Strack 4, Jeremy Kendrick 3, Steve Nelson 3. FG 23 (3), FT 11-18, F 19.

Maize—Beggs 16, Gregory 10, Seals 16, Butler 6, Friess 9, Hull 8, Kidwell 2, Money 2, Welsh 2, Phillips 8. FG 31 (2), FT 19-23, F 22

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	5	8	13	24-50
Maize	15	8	14	23-60

Mulvane—Jeff Parker 13, Dexter Carpenter 15, Chris Heersche 5, Tom Nienke 5, Shay Vargas 3, Shawn Erbert 1, Griff Cornejo 4, Martin Dody 4. FG 19 (5), FT 7-14, F 19.

Maize—Elliott 12, Welsh 18, Robertson 8, Money 8, Hageman 7, Schoenhoffer 3, Hull 4. FG 19 (5), FT 14-21, F 17.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	12	4	11	12-39
Maize	13	6	8	23-50

Mulvane—David Butler 2, Shawn Erbert 15, Dexter Carpenter 6, Kevin Diller 1, Rick Maxwell 4, Tom Nienke 6, Martin Dody 5. FG 14 (2), FT 9-19, F 20.

Maize—Wolfe 4, Money 10, Schoenhoffer 10, Smith 7, Holt 8, Rickard 2, Robertson 7, Eisenbar 4. FG 18 (1), FT 15-19, F 24.

Chaparral Roadrunner Boys Classic Pairings

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Game 1 — Kingman vs. Mulvane, 6:30 p.m.

Game 2 — Arkansas City vs. Clearwater, 8

Thursday, Jan. 21

Game 3 — Medicine Lodge vs. Campus, 6:30 p.m.

Game 4 — losers of games 1 and 2, 8

Friday, Jan. 22

Game 5 — losers of games 1 and 3, 5:30 p.m.

Game 6 — Chaparral vs. winners of game 1, 7

Game 7 — winners of games 2 and 3, 8:30

Saturday, Jan. 23

Game 8 — losers of games 2 and 3, 5:30 p.m.

Game 9 (Third Place)—losers of games 7 and 8, 7

Game 10 (Championship)—winners of games 7 and 8, 8:30

which was to have opened Wednesday, Jan. 20. Mulvane was to have played No. 1 seeded Kingman (6-1) at 6:30 p.m. in the first game of the four-day tournament.

Shooting played a big role in Mulvane's defeat at Maize. "It's crucial that we shoot the ball well but in our first three possessions, we got shots in the lane but missed them all and Maize made theirs," said Landes. "Our transition was poor and our defense broke down a lot in the first two quarters. Maize ran a match-up zone defense that took us right out of our offense. We never were able to get into the offense successfully. We tried three different offenses but couldn't find success in any of them."

Landes said the Eagles had been scouted and had run mostly man-to-man, so the move to a match-up zone threw the Cats off guard. "We didn't shoot well, we didn't pass well, and when you don't shoot or pass, that always leads to a poor offensive night," said Landes. "We just didn't execute. We had the opportunities to execute but the kids stood around, they didn't move. Everybody tried

to do their individual thing and when you do that, you get beat."

The Wildcats tired to change things up in the second half, going to a pressing defense but Maize went with the flow. "We tried to play defense full court and man-to-man," noted Landes. "We wanted to cause as many turnovers as possible, but they were able to adjust. They were up and down the floor and their transition game hurt us. I would say our full court pressure hurt us more than it hurt them. We had bad rotation on the back side, we didn't challenge the outside shots. We just didn't step up to the occasion."

One MHS player who did was senior Brian Heinrichs, who had one of his best games. He scored a career-high 22 points, but he was the only Wildcat in double figures. The inside game was keyed by Jason DeWald, who had missed the last two games because of illness, and Dan Smith. Each scored seven points. Guard Brian Strack scored four points.

The Eagles also used a first-quarter spurt to sidetrack the Mulvane junior varsity. Maize raced out to a 15-5 early lead and that 10-point spread held up for a 60-50 winner.

Sophomore Jeff Parker had a fine game, scoring 13 points, but Cat scoring honors went to sophomore Dexter Carpenter with 15. Both Chris Heersche and Tom Nienke had five points.

In the sophomore game, the Wildcats hung in there until the last quarter, when Maize rolled to a 23-12 bulge to pull away in a 50-39 victory.

Shawn Erbert's 15 points powered the Mulvane sophs' offense. Nienke and Carpenter had six points each and Martin Dody had five points.