

# Wildcat Boys Stumble Against RH

On paper, it looked good, but it couldn't stand the litmus test of the scoreboard.

The scoreboard kept saying: Rose Hill 51, Mulvane 43.

The Rockets rocked Mulvane's "homecoming house" Friday night, Jan. 15, by reversing an earlier loss to the Wildcats behind a barrage of free throws that would

make any Patriot missile commander proud.

"On paper, it looked really good, but when you looked at the final score, it wasn't so hot," pointed out Todd Barker, the MHS boys coach. "We had more points from the field. We out-rebounded them, 32-23. We shot better from the field than they did. But the one stat that did us in was free throws. They made more than we got to shoot and that hurt us."

That torpedoed the ship, as they say. The Rockets, raising their conference record to 3-1, made 20 of 34 at the free throw line, taking advantage of 21 Mulvane fouls. That was just enough to enable Rose Hill to thwart the final charge of the Wildcats in the last quarter. For Rose Hill, 11 of their 4th quarter points came at the stripe. That was more than enough to make the Rockets forget about a 47-43 loss to the Cats in the third game of the year.

"We tried to make a run at them in the last quarter after they got a little edge," said Barker, noting the score was knotted at 32s going into the final eight minutes. "We had

to foul them to get the ball after we fell behind by two and it sure makes it tough to catch someone when they're hitting their free throws like that. We got the clock stopped but couldn't take advantage of it."

When the two teams played in December, it was the Cats who cashed in at the line, big-time. Mulvane made 27 of 42 from the line while Rose Hill shot freebees only 13 times.

The Wildcats battled back to within two with only 40 seconds left and appeared ready to make the homecoming crowd go home happy. It didn't happen. "We had a time out and wanted to set our press up to get a turnover or a quick foul," said Barker, whose Wildcats slipped to 4-4 over all and to 2-2 in the league. "We got the foul but they made their free throws."

Barker felt his troopers did a fine job defending the Rockets and especially their top gun, Rhett Hansen. "We wanted to contain him because he had been lighting people up," said Barker, "so we went with a 1-2-2 match-up and it was fairly successful for what we wanted to do. We shut him down from the field and kept him off the glass. We just didn't take care of the other kids and put them on the line."

The zone also was effective against the RH guards, who are quick. "The first game, their guards were so much quicker than we were so we stayed in the zone most of the game," said Barker. "While we did a nice

## 28th Chaparral Roadrunner Classic Pairings

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20

Game 1 -- Medicine Lodge (6-2) vs. Arkansas City (1-6), 6 p.m.

Game 2 -- Mulvane (4-4) vs. Campus (5-5), 8

THURSDAY, JAN. 21

Game 3 -- Pratt (5-2) vs. Chaparral (3-6), 6 p.m.

Game 4 -- Conway Springs (6-2) vs. Clearwater (1-7), 8

FRIDAY, JAN. 22

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

Game 6 -- losers of games 3 and 4, 4:30

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

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 23

Game 9 (Seventh Place)--losers of games 5 and 6, 2 p.m.

Game 10 (Fifth Place)--winners of games 5 and 6, 3:30

Game 11 (Third Place)--losers of games 7 and 8, 5:30

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

job on defense, we just couldn't put the ball in the hole in the third quarter. They had a chance to blow us out of the water but we hung in there."

Guard Brian Dinkel was the No. 1 scorer for Mulvane. He had 13 points. Mulvane's No. 1 scorer for the season, Jesse Marksberry, had an off night and finished with nine points. So did Jake Wilkinson. Garrett Hennes finished with five points and Randy Johnson scored four.

Mulvane's board work helped keep the Wildcats in the game. Johnson ripped down nine boards, Marksberry had eight, Hennes had seven and Dinkel had six. That was enough to give the MHS boys a 32-23 edge there.

In the junior varsity game, Rose Hill stopped a fourth quarter drive by Mulvane to preserve a 56-52 triumph. Chris Gerhardt topped Mulvane's offense with 12 points. Andy Hixson scored nine points, Chris Brannon had eight and Ryan McKnight and Jason Wilson scored six apiece.

### Varsity Boys

Rose Hill 11 9 12 19-51  
Mulvane 9 15 8 11-43

Rose Hill—Rhett Hansen 11, Spencer Holland 5, John Rodgers 11, Phil Harden 6, Chris Schneider 6, Wes Kerr 1, Ryan Daugherty 4, Joe Chandler 7 FG 15 (1), FT 20-34, F 18

Mulvane—Brian Dinkel 13, Brian McCoplin 3, Garrett Hennes 5, Jake Wilkinson 9, Randy Johnson 4, Jesse Marksberry 9 FG 15 (4), FT 9-15, F 21

### Junior Varsity Boys

Rose Hill 19 18 11 8-56  
Mulvane 11 14 14 13-52

Rose Hill—Kris Weber 8, Nick Kerr 10, Todd Brittingham 21, F D W Seitz 10, Cooper Tracy 1, Troy Nicks 2, Matt Breaker 4, Ryan Bates 2 FG 21 (3), FT 11-30, F 18

Mulvane—Chris Brannon 8, Jason Wilson 6, Brian Love 5, Jared Rice 3, Ryan McKnight 6, Chris Gerhardt 12, Jonathan Reed 3, Andy Hixson 9 FG 22 (2), FT 6-32 F 21



Mulvane's Randy Johnson (23) and Jesse Marksberry (31) surround a Rocket

## Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

### DIVISION II

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Circle	4	1	7	2
Rose Hill	3	1	6	4
Andale	3	2	4	7
Mulvane	2	2	4	4
Kingman	2	2	4	4
Chaparral	1	3	3	6
Clearwater	0	4	1	7

### DIVISION I

Andover	5	0	7	1
Goddard	3	1	6	2
Augusta	2	2	6	4
Valley Center	2	2	3	5
Bohler	2	3	5	4
Manze	1	3	3	4
Wellington	0	4	0	8