

Wildcats Now Top Team in League

By John Carney

The Mulvane Wildcats captured sole possession of first place in the Chisolm Trail by nipping the Circle High Thunderbirds, 77-74, last Friday.

The Wildcats fell to a 19-14 first-quarter deficit but outscored the T-Birds, 27-16, in the second period to take a 41-35 half-time advantage. Mulvane exploded in the third period and with 5:58 in the stanza enjoyed their largest lead of the evening at 12 points. The Thunderbirds, from then on, picked at the lead until they had it down to three, but couldn't muster enough to overtake the Wildcats.

In the final period, Dan Brauser picked up 19 of his 43 points and claimed all but two of the Wildcats' final period counters.

Mulvane went into a 1-3-1 zone defense during the second stanza because of foul trouble. The new defense, along with the full court press, which has been very effective all year long, proved to be the turning point of the game. The Thunderbirds were forced into numerous turnovers and bad shots, and soon found themselves 8 points down.

Besides claiming first place in the Chisolm Trail, the Wildcats are currently ranked seventh in the state going into Prep Tourney Week. The Wildcats will be playing in the Campus Invitational Tournament in Haysville. The tourney will begin on Thursday and continue through Saturday.

Dan Brauser led all scorers for a career high of 43 points. Ted Hill followed with 12. Jim Crawford, Rick Farber, and Max Nichols all played outstanding defensive games.

Dan Brauser	14-22	15-18	43
Ted Hill	6-16	0-1	12
Jim Crawford	2-4	1-2	5
Rick Farber	1-8	1-4	3
Max Nichols	4-6	0-2	8
Del Hargrove	2-6	2-2	5
Craig Levering	0-0	0-0	0
Rebounds		Off.	Def.
Dan Brauser		4	2
Ted Hill		1	4
Jim Crawford		4	3
Rick Farber		1	13
Max Nichols		2	3
Del Hargrove		0	3