

Wildcats Bow to Circle Thunderbirds

By Steve Kuntz

The Wildcats traveled to Towanda last Friday night to play the Thunderbirds of Circle High School. As this writer mentioned last week anything could and did happen during the game. Mulvane lost, 65 to 58.

The "B" team scored a rout of the Circle "B" squad by a score of 62-45. Max Nichols and Mike Winn led the scorers for the Wildcats with eleven and ten points, respectively. The "B" team jumped to a 31-17 halftime lead and weren't threatened during the rest of the game.

Before the "A" game took place, Mulvane was 1-2 in league play and Circle was tied with Andover, having only one loss. The Wildcats moved into an early lead at the end of the first quarter, 17-8. Then Mulvane began having foul trouble. When the Wildcats retired to the dressing room at halftime, three starters (Ted Hill, Phil Morgan and Jim Crawford) had three fouls apiece and Mulvane was behind, 32-29.

Mulvane came within three points, in the third quarter, of catching the Thunderbirds, but were unable to keep up with the hot-shooting giants of Circle. Senior Phil Morgan led the Wildcats with 14 points and 13 rebounds followed by Brauser and Hill with 13 and 12 points. McKee was second in the rebounding category with 11.

Many fans from Mulvane were unhappy with the results of the game. Last Friday the principal of Circle High School best answered these fans' ill-feelings before the game even started. A quotation was read (This is not the exact content, but the meaning remains) as follows: "Basketball is a competitive contest. It is not a matter of life or death for the player, coach or fans."

It is true that Mulvane might have beat Circle under slightly different circumstances. The fact is, however, that the Wildcats lost and the game is history.

Thursday, January 23, Mulvane plays Peabody in the first round of the Campus Invitational Tournament.

	fga-fgm	fta-ftm	f	reb	tp
Hill	11-6	0-0	3	1	12
Brauser	13-5	8-3	1	6	13
Morgan	17-6	3-2	4	13	14
Crawford	7-3	3-2	5	8	8
McKee	7-4	1-1	0	11	9
Jones	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
Slavens	2-0	2-2	0	1	2
Nichols	2-0	2-2	0	1	2
Totals	58-24	10-17	14	41	58

Shooting percentages:

Field goals 24-58—41%

Free throws 10-17—59%

Mulvane "A" — 19 29 46 58

Circle "A" — 11 32 49 65

	"B" Team Box Score			
	FG	FT	F	TP
Lindsay	1	1	1	3
Nichols	4	3	0	11
Flinn	1	3	5	5
Barton	2	0	0	4
Slavens	2	1	1	5
Rico	3	0	0	6
Roney	4	0	0	8
Winn	4	2	0	10
Farber	0	0	0	0
Levering	0	0	0	0
Hargrove	2	2	0	6
Hukle	0	4	2	4
Carson	0	0	1	0
Totals	23	16	9	62
Mulvane "B"		17	31	41 62
Circle "B"		8	17	28 45