

# Wildcats Get Physical, Bounce Wellington

Mulvane wasted little time getting in front of Wellington Friday night but the Wildcats were playing in cue. The Cats survived some shakey free throwing in the final quarter and hung on for a 49-41 triumph over the Crusaders.

The victory capped a homecoming evening in Mulvane and improved Mulvane's record to 3-5 and gave Coach Charlie Mason his first Chisholm Trail League win of the season after two losses. Wellington slumped to 2-4 overall and 1-2 in the league.

"It was important for us to get in front early," said Mason. "We were then able to pack back in and play a sagging zone defense. If we would have had to pressure full court to get the ball much of the game, I would have been concerned about the stamina factor since we had played the night before, but we got the early lead and could play

**CHAPARRAL ROADRUNNER  
CLASSIC PAIRINGS  
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22**  
Game 1--Nickerson vs. Chaparral, 7 p.m.  
Game 2--Arkansas City vs. Mulvane, 8:30

**THURSDAY, JAN. 23**  
Game 3--Clearwater vs. Kingman, 7 p.m.  
Game 4--Pratt vs. Wellington, 8:30

**FRIDAY, JAN. 24**  
Game 5--losers of games 1 and 2, 3:30 p.m.  
Game 6--losers of games 3 and 4, 5  
Game 7--winners of games 1 and 2, 7  
Game 8--winners of games 3 and 4, 8:30

**SATURDAY, JAN. 25**  
Game 9 (consolation third place)--losers of games 5 and 6, 3:30 p.m.  
Game 10 (consolation championship)--winners of games 5 and 6, 5  
Game 11 (third place)--losers of games 7 and 8, 7  
Game 12 (championship)--winners of games 7 and 8, 8:30

a half-court defense."

Mason said his game plan called for the Wildcats to be able to play a sagging zone because of doubts about Wellington's ability to shoot from outside. "We

didn't feel like they were very good outside shooters," added Mason. "We wanted to cover the (Rich) McKain boys in the corner, then pack the middle on their inside people."

It helped that the Wildcats came out smokin' from the field. With Todd Fox and Morgan LeClair shooting well from the field, Mulvane marched out to a 16-6 lead after one quarter and enlarged the lead to more than 18 points in the second quarter. However, the Crusaders, under new coach Tim Swartzen-druber, bounced back to get within two points in the fourth quarter before buckets by LeClair and Curtis Hicks and free throws by guards Wes Moore and Kevin Kastl settled the issue.

"That was about as physical a ball game as we've had in a long time, that's the way it usually goes with Wellington," said Mason. "It shouldn't have been that close, but we had chances at the free throw line late in the game and didn't make them. When you go four of 15 from the line in the fourth quarter, that usually makes things close. Still, you can't fault our effort. We scrapped right in there with them."

Mason also said he was impressed with his club's defense, especially the fact that MHS committed only seven fouls after having 22 Thursday night, Jan. 16, in a 70-61 non-league loss at Maize.

Fox paced the Mulvane offense with 15 points and LeClair added 14. Moore and Andrew Swayne, coming off the bench, both added six-point nights, as did Hicks.

Mulvane also won the junior varsity game, clipping Wellington, 61-57, behind 12 points apiece by Swayne and Bryson Butts and 11 by Kyle Steadman. In a sophomore game, Wellington prevailed, 52-44, as Toby Butcher scored 13 points and Neal Hamilton had 11 for Mulvane.

At Maize in a make-up game, the Wildcats slumbered much of the contest to fall behind by as many as 15 points in the first half. However, a pressure defense brought the Cats back to within six points in the final quarter before the Indians pulled away again behind its shooting (22 of 27) at the free throw stripe.

Hicks led the offense with his season-high 21 points. LeClair and Fox each added 10 points.

The Wildcats also bowed in the junior varsity outing, a 65-56 decision to Maize. Coach Dennis Tegethoff's Cats got a 23-point performance from sophomore Shay Cornejo and Butcher added 10 points.

## Boys Varsity

Wellington 6 13 8 14-41  
Mulvane 16 12 11 10-49  
Wellington--Johnny Velasquez 6, Tony Ybarra 2, Rich McKain 8, Richard Keith 7, John Wetta 12, Sean Becker 2, Tom Short 4. FG 20, FT 1-1, F 18.  
Mulvane--Wes Moore 6, Kevin Kastl 1, Reese Brown 1, Todd Fox 15, Curtis Hicks 6, Morgan LeClair 14, Andrew Swayne 6. FG 22, FT 5-19, F 7.

## Boys Junior Varsity

Wellington 7 14 12 24-57  
Mulvane 15 26 8 12-61  
Wellington--Clint Whitney 5, Chris Hill 11, Tony Ybarra 14, Chad Sterns 12, Sean Becker 12, Chris Walker 3. FG 23, FT 11-19, F 13.  
Mulvane--Nick Fortin 6, Jeff Williams 4, Andrew Swayne 12, Bryson Butts 12, Kyle Steadman 11, Shay Cornejo 8, Dan LeClair 8. FG 27, FT 7-13, F 17.

## Sophomore Boys

Wellington 12 14 12 14-52  
Mulvane 12 13 8 11-44  
Wellington--Eric Adams 11, Brian McClure 5, Billy Mott 4, Mickey Rusk 12, Phillip Hernandez 8, Tigar Smith 2, Jamie Cornejo 10. FG 23, FT 6-11, F 10.  
Mulvane--Neal Hamilton 11, Toby Butcher 13, Dan LeClair 8, Rogor Kendall 6, Ken Baer 6. FG 21, FT 2-6, F 14.

## Boys Varsity

Mulvane 10 14 17 20-61  
Maize 14 25 14 17-70  
Mulvane--Curtis Hicks 21, Wes Moore 4, Andrew Swayne 3, Morgan LeClair 10, Todd Fox 10, Bryson Butte 2, Kevin Kastl 4, Lyle Graybeal 6, Shay Cornejo 1. FG 21, FT 19-29, F 22.  
Maize--Bill Baker 4, Paul Baxter 3, John Shunatone 6, Robbie Helm 18, John Bezdek 3, Craig Lungwitz 19, Troy Nicholson 15, Darwin Swink 2. FG 24, FT 22-27, F 21.

## Boys Junior Varsity

Mulvane 6 21 14 15-66  
Maize 14 14 9 28-65  
Mulvane--Nick Fortin 2, Lyle Graybeal 7, Jeff Williams 8, Bryson Butts 2, Kyle Steadman 2, Toby Butcher 10, Shay Cornejo 23, Neal Hamilton 2. FG 23, FT 10-27, F 29.  
Maize--Tony Bergosh 1, Randy Bull 4, Kelly Cotton 14, Kirk Bliss 12, Bret Kimble 2, John Bezdek 14, Mike Swearingin 2, Cory Nicks 10, Darren Swink 6. F 20, FT 25-37, F 22.

## CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Buhler	3	0	5	4
Valley Center	2	1	5	3
Augusta	1	2	4	4
Mulvane	1	2	3	5
Goddard	1	2	3	4
Wellington	1	2	2	4
DIVISION II				
Clearwater	2	0	7	1
Andale	2	0	5	4
Kingman	1	0	3	5
Rose Hill	2	1	6	3
Maize	1	1	6	4
Andover	1	1	2	6
Circle	0	3	2	7
Chaparral	0	3	0	8