

In Chappy Meet

Sluggish Start

Dooms Boys' Hopes

Not ready for warfare. That's how Mulvane High School boys basketball coach Charlie Mason characterized the Chisholm Trail League game Friday night, Jan. 17, against Maize.

The visiting Eagles sailed high, posting a 53-48 decision over the Wildcats, but it was a case of the Cats not being ready for war.

"We weren't mentally prepared," admitted Mason. "We played one good quarter of basketball, the last one. That's the first game since Circle when we haven't come out ready to play."

The loss caused the MHS record to dip to 2-8 and 1-4 in the CTL as Mason's warriors headed into the annual Roadrunner Classic at Chaparral. They were to have played No. 1 seeded Arkansas City at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Against Maize; the Cats were meek for three quarters before getting after things in the final quarter when they out-scored the Eagles, 23-12. "We attacked them, and we didn't let them attack us," noted Mason. "Once we were down by 16, we went to what we call our three-point offense, and we hit five of them, but twice we were standing on the line, so we only got three of them. But running it for the first time in a ball game, the kids did pretty good. We got a couple of turnovers and a five-second count. We just picked up the intensity and made it a game."

The Wildcats weren't mentally in the game early. "A lot of people might laugh at this but many of our kids had finals all week and spent a lot of time studying for those," said Mason. "I just felt they were mentally tired. The Maize coach said he felt that was the reason they lost to Augusta earlier. They had had finals and weren't ready to play. For three quarters, neither were we."

Maize answered the opening bell quickly, shooting well to stretch out to an early lead. Mulvane's best offense in the third three quarters was 10 points in the 2nd. "Maize came out and shot extremely well, 57% in the first half while we were shooting only 40%," said Mason. "We missed a lot of easy shots inside simply because of lack of concentration. J.J. (Dunn) had been really knocking them down inside lately, but he had trouble putting them in the hole Friday night."

Finally making a game of it in the 4th period, the Wildcats got rolling behind what Mason termed his "three-point offense" with Jeremy Kendrick, Jeff Parson and Jarrod Oldridge taking their shots outside "the line." "Kendrick and Parson gave us a big lift on offense and Judson Spicer and Steve Nelson gave us a big lift defensively in the final quarter," said Mason. "And we were going offense-defense in the last quarter and it seemed to work out well."

Mason also suggested the Cats needed to come out of the dressing room in the third quarter with more vinegar. "Right now, we're not doing a good job coming out of the locker room in the second half," said the Cat coach. "You can make up some ground by coming out in the right frame of mind. We just need to be a little more structured."

Oldridge and Parson powered the MHS offense. Oldridge scored 12 and Parson had his best game of the year, scoring 10. Dunn

Chaparral Roadrunner Boys Classic Pairings

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Game 1 — Arkansas City (8-1) vs. Mulvane (2-8), 7 p.m.

Game 2 — Campus (6-4) vs. Pratt (9-2), 8:30

Tonight (Jan. 23)

Game 3 — Maize (5-3) vs. Chaparral (1-7), 7 p.m.

Game 4 — Kingman (7-1) vs. Clearwater (2-6), 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 (Seventh Place)—losers of games 5 and 6, 3:30 p.m.

Game 10 (Fifth Place)—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

had nine points and both Kendrick and Spicer had five points.

Oldridge and Brian Heinrichs paced the Cats on the backboards to a 31-25 edge. Oldridge finished with six rebounds and Heinrich had five.

The Maize junior varsity posted a lopsided 56-36 triumph over the Wildcat jayvees. Kendrick had 11 points for the Mulvane team with inside players Jason DeWald and Dan Smith each scoring eight points.

In the sophomore game, Mulvane nosed out the Eagles, 44-43, raising the record of the Cat sophs to 4-2. Smith's 16 points topped the Mulvane effort and guard Chris Heersche's 14 helped out. DeWald scored eight points.

Chisholm Trail League Boys Standings

DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Valley Center	3	0	5	3
Goddard	3	1	7	1
Buhler	3	1	6	2
Maize	2	2	5	3
Wellington	1	3	3	5
Mulvane	1	4	2	8
Augusta	1	3	2	6

DIVISION II

Kingman	4	0	7	1
Rose Hill	4	0	7	2
Andover	4	1	6	4
Clearwater	1	3	2	6
Chaparral	1	3	1	7
Andale	1	3	1	8
Circle	0	5	3	6

Varsity Boys

Maize	15	16	10	12-53
Mulvane	9	10	6	23-48
Maize—Eric Holmes 13, Jared Gorges 13, Aaron Beggs 2, Adam George 7, Ryan Seals 8, Ron Beemiller 5, Adam Phillips 5. FG 20-37 (1), FT 12-26, F 14.				
Mulvane—Jeff Parson 10, Jarrod Oldridge 12, J.J. Dunn 9, Jeremy Kendrick 5, Judson Spicer 5, Brian Strack 4, Chad Carpenter 3. FG 18-45 (3), FT 9-14, F 22.				

Junior Varsity Boys

Maize	12	10	14	20-56
Mulvane	14	6	6	10-36
Maize—Jason Fornshell 5, Chris Hagman 2, Brad Gregory 8, Shawn Beggs 10, Eric Kidwell 8, Ryan Welch 2, Ryan Seals 10, Matt Butler 11. FG 22 (0), FT 12-16, F 13.				
Mulvane—Steve Nelson 5, Jeremy Kendrick 11, Jamie Belden 2, Jason DeWald 8, Dan Smith 8, Shawn Eberole 2. FG 14 (3), FT 5-9, F 13.				

Sophomore Boys

Maize	9	14	8	12-43
Mulvane	10	14	10	10-44
Maize—Chad Leep 15, Chris Hagman 6, Kevin Stewart 8, Chris Thomas 2, Jon Holcomb 5, Ryan Welch 3, Zach Trumpp 4. FG 15 (1), FT 8-18, F 17.				
Mulvane—Chris Heersche 14, Josh Lachina 2, Shay Vangas 2, Jamie Belden 2, Jason DeWald 8, Dan Smith 16. FG 20 (0), FT 4-14, F 16.				