

# Panthers Nemesis Again

The Runnin' Cats did just that for at least two of their three games in the Roadrunner Classic last week at Chaparral High School. But they were grounded in the third game and that was the one that counted.

Coach Charlie Mason's Mulvane High School Wildcats registered their second third place tournament finish of the season Saturday night, Jan. 19, when they roared past Chaparral, 74-46, in the game for third. The run-and-gun affair was a far cry from one night earlier when Nickerson caught the Cats with their runnin' shoe shoestrings tied in knots, handing Mulvane a 64-56 setback.

In the opening round, Mulvane rocked Arkansas City, 65-45. The loss was the second of the year for Mulvane and both have come with Mulvane chasing the heels of Nickerson players the whole game. Nickerson was whipped by Pratt in the championship game, 53-46.

"I thought we rebounded well against Chaparral after Nickerson," said Mason. "Chaparral tried to intimidate us early and forgot to play basketball. That sometimes happens in a third place game."

What happened (a Mulvane super-rount) will happen a lot if the Wildcats get their running game going. In the second and third quarters, Mason's Wildcats put the game out of reach by out-scoring the Roadrunners, 41-16. End of game.

"Chaparral has a hard time handling the ball and we went in wanting to take advantage of that," stressed the MHS coach. "And we didn't do a very good rebounding job against Nickerson, so we stressed that and dominated there, too."

"You can't say enough about Mike Rodgers' play in the whole tournament," said Mason. "He really picked us up Thursday night against Ark City

## ROADRUNNER CLASSIC

### FIRST PLACE

Pratt 53, Nickerson 46

### THIRD PLACE

Mulvane 17 21 20 16-74  
Chaparral 9 10 6 21-46  
Mulvane—Buddy Moyer 6, Lonny Travis 25, Aaron Huslig 9, Morgan LeClair 2, Jamie Lough 2, Bo Jones 2, David Belew 16, Greg Quigley 4, Kevin Kastl 3, Mike Rodgers 6. FG 26-62, FT 22-34, F 11.  
Chaparral—Craig Leu 8, Mike Moore 17, Linndy Frieden 3, Mike Meesick 4, Dave Bertholf 2, Marshall Bird 2, Jon Howie 10. FG 20-72, FT 6-13, F 24.

### FIFTH PLACE

Wellington 54, Kingman 50

### SEVENTH PLACE

Clearwater 45, Arkansas City 44

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### SEMIFINALS

Mulvane 13 7 18 18-56  
Nickerson 16 9 14 25-64  
Mulvane—Jamie Lough 8, Bo Jones 1, Lonny Travis 24, David Belew 8, Greg Quigley 4, Mike Rodgers 5, Aaron Huslig 6. FG 24-61, FT 8-20, F 21.

Nickerson—Steve Pope 8, Jimmy Henson 2, Skip White 4, Chris Stang 12, Alan Schneider 30, Garrick Foulk 8. FG 23-52, FT 18-29, F 14.

Pratt 58, Chaparral 45

Wellington 53, Clearwater 46

Kingman 59, Arkansas City 49

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### FIRST ROUND

Arkansas City 10 11 9 15-45  
Mulvane 18 10 19 20-65

Arkansas City—Marc James 4, Brian Shaw 6, Scott Taylor 8, Troy Lubbers 5, Chris Kanelakos 5, Scott Davis 2, Tim Hollingsworth 3, Steve Fields 8, Jeff Bernhardt 2, Doug Owens 4. FG 20-55, FT 5-10, F 18.

Mulvane—Jamie Lough 2, Lonny Travis 27, David Belew 14, Greg Quigley 8, Aaron Huslig 4, Mike Rogers 10. FG 24-49, FT 17-26, F 13.

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Nickerson 70, Kingman 66

Pratt 55, Clearwater 40

Chaparral 68, Wellington 56

and was one of the few people who had a good game against Nickerson, and he had a fine game against Chaparral."

But the one who swung the big stick is senior Lonny Travis, the club's 6-foot-3 scoring leader. He finished with 25 points against the Roadrunners and teamed with seniors Greg Quigley and David Belew on the pressure defense for a number of turnovers.

Belew finished with 16 points, center Aaron Huslig scored nine and Rodgers scored six.

In the semifinal, the Panthers again worked their hocus-pocus. They jumped out to a 14-0 lead before Mulvane finally scored with about 2:30 left in the first quarter. From that point, it was all uphill until the Cats finally took a brief lead in the early stages of the fourth quarter before frittering that away.

Earlier this year, Nickerson rolled all over the Cats in the Maize Tournament.

"The difference in this game was 8-for-20 from the free throw line," said Mason. "We didn't rebound like we are capable of either. We stood there and let (Chris) Stang and (Alan) Schneider get just about every rebound there was."

And it didn't help that Mulvane had its poorest shooting night of the year, 39%.

Travis again led the club with 24 points on his way to being the tournament's top scorer, but his supporting cast wasn't as strong as it has been in the past. Belew and reserve Jamie Lough each scored eight points and the 6-5 Huslig scored six.

Against Ark City, Mulvane started its war dance in the third quarter when it out-tallied the Bulldogs, 19-9, to give the Cats a 15-point edge going into the final eight minutes.

A 27-point burst by Travis topped all scorers. Belew scored 14 and Rodgers had 10, followed by Quigley with eight.

Mulvane did get some measure of comfort. The Wildcat cheerleaders won the sportsmanship trophy for the second year in the last three.



Mulvane's Lonny Travis [12] and Greg Quigley collapse on ballhandler

## 2 Wildcats Named To All-Tourney

Mulvane's two senior standouts, guard David Belew and forward Lonny Travis, were named to the Roadrunner Classic All-Tournament first team at the conclusion of the eight-team tournament Saturday night, Jan. 19, at Chaparral High School.

Travis, a 6-foot-3 three-year starter for the Wildcats, was the tournament's top scorer, hitting 76 points in Mulvane's three-game run to third place. Belew scored 38 in the tournament. And both were repeaters on the all-tourney team. Travis was a first-team selection last year and Belew was selected as a sophomore.

Pratt and Nickerson also placed two members on the top 10 No. 1 unit. The Greenbacks held on to whip Nickerson, 53-46, for the championship for the fourth time in five seasons. Mulvane won the tourney last year, snapping a three-year hold by Pratt.

Pratt's Steve Blankenship and Ryan McCalla were the first-team members as were Chris Stang and Alan Schneider of Nickerson. Others voted to the first unit included Jesse Ybarra of Wellington, John Howie of Chaparral, Jeff Ramsey of Clearwater and Ron Beat of Kingman.

Travis, Howe and Stang were the only players to repeat on the all-tournament team.

## CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

### DIVISION I

TEAM	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Mulvane	3	0	9	2
Wellington	2	1	5	5
Buhler	2	1	5	6
Valley Center	1	2	6	5
Goddard	1	2	1	9
Augusta	0	3	1	10

### DIVISION II

Circle	4	0	10	2
Haven	2	0	12	0
Andover	2	0	8	3
Chaparral	2	2	6	7
Maize	1	1	5	6
Rose Hill	1	2	4	6
Kingman	0	2	4	7
Andale	0	2	1	12
Clearwater	0	3	3	8

### Friday, Jan. 25, Games

Mulvane at Goddard  
Wellington at Valley Center  
Augusta at Buhler  
Andover at Clearwater  
Rose Hill at Kingman

### Tuesday, Jan. 29, Games

Mulvane at Valley Center  
Wellington at Augusta  
Buhler at Goddard  
Maize at Haven  
Circle at Eureka  
Andover at Rose Hill  
Andale at Chaparral  
Clearwater at Conway Springs