

Rockets Manhandle MHS

It was a repeat performance but one that Mulvane High School boys basketball coach Charlie Mason would just as soon forget. The Wildcats fell behind early Tuesday night, Jan. 22, at Rose Hill and were smothered by the Rockets, 85-39, in a non-league game.

Earlier this season, Rose Hill had manhandled the Cats, 97-41.

"We wanted to control the tempo but couldn't do it," emphasized Mason, whose club remained deep in the throes of a 37-game losing streak. "We'd go down and take an ill-advised shot or turn the ball over and they'd come back and score."

Rose Hill also popped the Wildcats in a junior varsity contest to the tune of 46-42, but the Wildcat sophomores rallied in the final quarter with 19 points to mark up a 49-44 victory.

The 0-11 varsity Cats couldn't keep up after RH raced to a 20-8 advantage after one period. "The biggest factor was rebounding," said Mason. "They dominated us and controlled the boards. The referees let them physically abuse us. A lot of times we had the position but they just went over the top. They have good leapers and got the boards when they needed them."

A 18-6 edge in rebounding in the first half helped the Rockets salt the victory away early. By intermission, it was 43-14. Overall, Rose Hill racked up a 37-18 edge on the boards.

"It didn't help that we played poorly, either," added Mason. "It's the same old story. You miss five or six-footers and you're going to be in trouble. Those kinds of misses usually come back to haunt you."

MHS also missed top scorer Gary Cleverdon, who will be out two weeks with a stress fracture. Cleverdon had just appeared to catch a hot shooting streak, too.

Junior Jeff Parson was the leading scorer for Mulvane. He dumped through 12 points. Jarrod Oldridge, Danny Daniels, Steve Nelson and Andy Mackey all had four-point games.

The Cat jayvees played well, according to Coach Dale Landes, and led much of the way before RH tightened things down in the final quarter to come from behind. Top scorers for Mulvane were Judson Spicer with 12 points,

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	8	6	10	15-39
Rose Hill	20	23	18	24-85

Mulvane—Jarrod Oldridge 4, Jeff Parson 12, Andy Mackey 4, Steve Nelson 4, J.J. Dunn 2, Danny Daniels 4, Chad Carpenter 2, Larry Dixson 2. FG 14 (1), FT 10-19, F 22.

Rose Hill—Corey Copping 17, Chris Dye 14, Bobby Simmons 17, John Ward 4, Jon Rucas 6, Kelly Farber 14, Breck Nickell 11. FG 34 (1), FT 16-29, F 23.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	11	12	12	7-42
Rose Hill	12	8	14	12-46

Mulvane—Guy Alvarez 8, Jason Russell 4, Neil Andersen 2, Steve Nelson 7, Larry Dixson 5, Chad Carpenter 4, Judson Spicer 12. FG 17 (1), FT 5-8, F 16.

Rose Hill—Todd Martin 6, Aaron Kendall 6, James Juniel 7, Derek Meyers 6, Jeff Gordon 7, Barrett Griffith 14. FG 18 (0), FT 10-18, F 13.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	9	15	6	19-49
Rose Hill	7	16	12	9-44

Mulvane—Jeremy Kendrick 2, Tim Richardson 8, Daniel Myers 5, Shawn Ebersole 3, Bill Humphries 4, Brian Heinrichs 6, Robert Glaser 10, Brian Strack 11. FG 11 (4), FT 15-17, F 17.

Rose Hill—Matt Pursley 18, Troy Smith 15, Chris Coonrod 1, Chris Robertson 5, Erik Landon 5. FG 15 (1), FT 11-17, F 14.

Guy Alvarez with eight points, Nelson with seven and Larry Dixon with five.

The Wildcat sophs sprinted from behind in the final quarter, out-scoring the Rockets, 19-9, hitting 13 of 15 free throws down the stretch with Tim Richardson going 4-for-4, Brian Strack going 3-for-3 and Brian Heinrichs going 4-for-5 under the gun.

Overall, Strack was the leading threat for the Cat sophs, scoring 11 points. Robert Glaser scored 10 points, followed by Richardson with eight, Heinrichs with six and Daniel Myers with five.

Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Buhler	5	0	6	5
Valley Center	4	0	7	3
Goddard	2	1	5	6
Augusta	2	3	6	6
Wellington	1	3	3	8
Maize	0	3	5	6
Mulvane	0	4	0	11

DIVISION II

Andover	4	0	8	3
Andale	4	1	9	3
Kingman	2	2	5	8
Rose Hill	2	3	4	9
Circle	1	2	6	5
Chaparral	1	2	3	7
Clearwater	0	4	3	8

Games Friday, Jan. 25

Mulvane at Wellington
Clearwater at Rose Hill
Buhler at Valley Center
Augusta at Andover
Circle at Andale
Maize at Goddard
Chaparral at Kingman

Games Tuesday, Jan. 29

Mulvane at Maize
Rose Hill at Circle
Andale at Andover
Goddard at Valley Center
Augusta at Wellington
Chaparral at Clearwater