

MHS Press

Pops Augusta

A one-guard offense is sweet music to the ears of Mulvane High School Basketball Coach Charlie Mason, whose Wildcats have been thriving on a menu of bad passes and interceptions and washed down by a flowing quickness.

Many teams with a two-guard offense have had trouble against Mason's outlaws this year and when Augusta rolled out its one-guard offense Friday night, Jan. 20, in a Chisholm Trail League game, it was like stealing.

"They had a tough time with our pressure defense, that's for sure," admitted Mason after his Wildcats robbed the host Orioles with seven first-quarter turnovers off the press and were off and running in a 65-43 conquest.

The victory boosted Mulvane's record to 8-2, the school's finest start in more than a decade, and gave Mason his first road victory in the CTL Division I this season after dropping road games at Buhler and Valley Center. It also put the Cats back in the chase for the No. 1 spot, tied with Valley Center and two games behind Buhler.

The crushing victory also was a warm-up for the Cats' opener in the 13th annual Roadrunner Classic at Chaparral. The Cats, No. 1 seeded in the tourney, were to have opened the tournament at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, against winless Kingman.

Mulvane grounded the Orioles in the first half and used superior quickness on the press to jump ahead, 23-8, after one quarter before putting the game on ice with a 12-8 edge in the second quarter.

"We felt like they might be weak at guard because they play a predominantly one-guard offense," said Mason. "Too, we stood around too much at Valley Center and wanted to come out quickly and get the ball up the floor against Augusta."

Another aspect of the Cats' game was the offensive rebounding, which has picked up in the last few games. "We were concerned about the size prior to the game because they had three or four kids dunking the ball but we really hit the offensive boards. Probably had 16 or 17 of 'em. We've been working harder on rebounding and we're sending more people to the boards. The only thing that concerns me is that our guards had so many rebounds."

Junior guard David Belew had 10 rebounds, seven coming off the offensive boards, backliner Lonny Travis had eight boards and senior guard Kevin Bell was next-high with seven. Bell also had six assists.

Overall, Mulvane took care of business in rebounding with a 36-24, giving Augusta only three rebounds on offense.

But it was a game of Mulvane pressure defense eating up the slower Orioles, many of Augusta's 29 turnovers leading to easy Mulvane buckets.

"We played pretty good basketball in

13TH ANNUAL CHAPARRAL ROADRUNNER CLASSIC WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

First Round

Game 1 - Mulvane vs. Kingman, 7 p.m.
Game 2 - Clearwater vs. Wellington, 8:30

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

First Round

Game 3 - Nickerson vs. Chaparral, 7 p.m.
Game 4 - Pratt vs. Arkansas City, 8:30

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

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. 28

Game 9 (Consolation Third)-Losers of games 5 and 6, 3 p.m.
Game 10 (Consolation First)-Winners of games 5 and 6, 5
Game 11 (Third Place)-Losers of games 7 and 8, 7
Game 12 (Championship First)-Winners of games 7 and 8, 8:30

the first half and got up, then kind of

made a few mistakes we shouldn't have in the second half," emphasized Mason. "When you get up that far, it's kind of hard to keep up that intensity. And we got a lot of people into the game, which makes the transition difficult and makes it easier to make mistakes."

The slick junior Belew, hitting eight points in the third quarter, finished with a game-high 20 points for Mulvane and Travis was right behind with 12 points. Senior Todd Travis, the Cats' 6-foot-4 pivot, scored 10 points.

If there was a sad note, though, it was the Wildcat penchant for eyesore at the free throw line, where Mulvane made only 11 of 28 (39%). Heck, from the field Mulvane made 40% of its attempts.

The Mulvane junior varsity, coached by Denny Tegethoff, out-scored the Orioles 11-2, in the third quarter and hung on for a 42-37 victory.

Greg Quigley scored 15 points and Aaron Huslig added 10 for the Cat jayvees.

In a sophomore boys game, Coach David Katzenmeier's Cats out-scored Augusta in the final quarter to take a 46-43 decision. The big guns for Mulvane were Mike Stump with 15 points, 13 by Rick Lanzrath and 10 by Mike Snow.

Boys Varsity

Mulvane 23 12 14 16-65
Augusta 8 8 12 15-43

Mulvane-Bo Jones 2, Lonny Travis 12, David Belew 20, Kevin Bell 9, Greg Quigley 2, Mike Rodgers 2, J.C. Shook 8, Todd Travis 10. FG 27-66, FT 11-28, F 15.

Augusta-A.J. Bodyk 2, Pete Bodyk 2, Russ Moose 2, Zeke Rash 10, Danny Helmer 4, Brian Wilkinson 4, Doug Connor 6, Kent Calvert 6, Sam Helmer 7. FG 19-43, FT 5-11, F 20.

Boys Junior Varsity

Mulvane 12 4 11 15-42
Augusta 10 12 2 13-37

Mulvane-Jamie Lough 2, Bo Jones 2, Greg Quigley 15, Mike Rodgers 6, Aaron Huslig 10, Buddy Moyer 2, Mike Snow 4, Mike Belew 1. FG 13-36, FT 16-25, F 11.

Augusta-Pete Bodyk 10, Brian Wilkinson 18, Pete Overman 4, Craig Sharp 5, Rex Seymour 0. FG 16-52, FT 5-8, F 18.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane 6 6 14 19-46
Augusta 6 11 10 16-43

Mulvane-Kevin Kasil 5, Mike Stump 15, Rick Lanzrath 13, Mike Snow 10, Wes Moore 3. FG 20-47, FT 6-17, F 9.

Augusta-Pete Overman 4, Craig Sharp 19, Mike Potts 8, Curt Hillier 2, Curtis Patten 6, Shawn Eldringhoff 2, Scott Hess 2. FG 21-45, FT 1-6, F 13.

CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Buhler	5	0	9	1
Mulvane	3	2	8	2
Valley Center	3	2	6	4
Goddard	3	2	5	4
Wellington	0	4	1	6
Augusta	0	4	0	9

DIVISION II

Haven	4	1	5	2
Maize	4	1	7	3
Circle	3	1	7	2
Clearwater	3	1	7	3
Andover	3	1	5	4
Andale	1	3	4	7
Chaparral	1	2	2	8
Kingman	0	3	0	10
Rose Hill	0	6	2	9

Tournament's This Week

Roadrunner Classic at Chaparral-Mulvane, Clearwater, Wellington, Chaparral, Kingman.

Thunderbird Classic at Circle-Andover, Circle.

Valley Center Invitational-Andale, Maize, Valley Center.

Blue Stem Classic at El Dorado-Rose Hill, Augusta.

McPherson Invitational-Buhler, Goddard.

Malstead Tournament-Haven.