

# Date With Destiny Fulfilled By Sisco, Boys



Who is to argue with destiny? Certainly not Mulvane High School boys coach Charlie Mason and his band of scrappy Wildcats.

A whole series of miscues and mistakes had to happen in the fading seconds of the seventh place game in the 18th annual Roadrunner Invitational Basketball Tournament at Chaparral High School Saturday night, Jan. 21, to

### ROADRUNNER BOYS CLASSIC RESULTS Seventh Place

Mulvane 18 20 14 13-65  
Wellington 12 18 18 16-64

Mulvane-Jeff Sisco 16, Todd Hedstrom 2, Larry Lambrecht 36, John Heinrichs 2, Sean Gillespie 4, Curtis Norden 2, Andy Church 1, Scott Travis 2. FG 25-50 (3), FT 12-21, F 19.

Wellington-Frank Cornejo 22, Lance Oldridge 14, Doug Meride 14, John Vargas 2, Rich McConnell 2, Kelly Adams 10. FG 24-48 (0), FT 16-24, F 18.

### Championship

Campus 69, Arkansas City 64

### Third Place

Hesston 53, Chaparral 48

### Fifth Place

Pratt 45, Clearwater 42

### Semifinal Round

Pratt 18 22 14 15-69  
Mulvane 8 9 24 18-50

Pratt-Brandon Forsberg 4, Spence Schoen 14, Tyler Simpson 6, Tom Roth 12, Matt Havlas 27, Brian Swafford 4, Chad Winningham 2. FG 27-52 (1), FT 10-19, F 20.

Mulvane-Larry Lambrecht 17, Mike Higgins 2, Andy Church 2, Jeff Sisco 10, Sean Gillespie 13, Curtis Norden 3, Derek Donaldson 6, John Heinrichs 8. FG 19-50 (2), FT 16-21, F 19.

Clearwater 43, Wellington 40

Campus 99, Hesston 66

Arkansas City 61, Chaparral 53

### First Round

Mulvane 4 8 7 3-2  
Arkansas City 12 15 16 12-55

Mulvane-Curtis Norden 4, Larry Lambrecht 9, Sean Gillespie 4, Todd Hedstrom 1, Derek Donaldson 3, Bruce Brashear 1. FG 8-50 (2), FT 4-9, F 8.

Arkansas City-Chris English 2, Darin Stewart 10, Justin Sparks 19, Eric Lolar 10, Brad Majher 2, Travis Wyckoff 2, Lance Niles 10. FG 28-50 (0), FT 3-4, F 12.

Chaparral 52, Pratt 49

Campus 88, Clearwater 45

Hesston 50, Wellington 41

give the Cats a victory. Scoring four points in the final six seconds, Mulvane squirmed past Wellington, 65-64, to finish 7th for the second straight year. "We're happy to win after what happened against Ark City," said Mason. "It was pretty depressing but getting an improbable win like this one gives everybody a lift."

The Wildcats opened the tournament against the No. 1 seeded Arkansas City Bulldogs and were whipped, 55-22, in the lowest Mulvane production in more than a decade. Pratt topped the Cats, 69-59, Friday, Jan. 20, in the consolation semi-finals.

Campus put its trademark on the tournament championship late Saturday night, sweeping past Ark City, 69-64. Hesston took third place by dumping the host Roadrunners, 53-48, and Pratt was 5th after dropping Clearwater, 45-42.

Mulvane led most of the way against the Crusaders from Wellington but it slipped away in the last four minutes and with 10 seconds, Wellington scored to make it a four-point lead. The Cats threw the ball in but didn't touch it until mid-court, then called time out--still with 10 ticks left--as the Wellington defense went to sleep.

On the in-bounds play, Mulvane's Larry Lambrecht, who scored a career high of 6 points, came off a screen and hit a three-pointer, then called another time out with five seconds left. The trouble was nobody except the official scorer believed Mulvane had a time out left, so no technical was called.

Mulvane played tough defense on the in-bounds play and Jeff Sisco deflected a pass to the opposite side of the court. On the next throw-in by Wellington, the ball hit the back of the backboard and Mulvane took over on the turnover, still with five seconds left. On the throw-in, Sisco broke free under the bucket and scored as the horn sounded.

"I guess that's the miracle of the three-pointer," said Mason. "We got a tremendous break when Larry scored three and then there was the question about the time outs. On the in-bounds play, we played good defense to keep them from getting the ball in, then to have Sisco win the game."

The victory avenged two earlier defeats to Wellington. "We wanted to come out strong, we can't line up and play with anybody," said Mason. "We got the good lead but then in the second half, we played like we were just trying to hang on, hoping for time to go by but it didn't."

Sisco had his best game of the season, finishing with 16 points to give Lambrecht's outside game big help inside. Senior Sean Gillespie scored four points.

"We had a number of kids play well," praised Mason. "John Heinrichs had a good first quarter. Todd Hedstrom made a big bucket late in the game. Sisco had a great game and the big basket, and you can't over-estimate Larry's 36 points."

Mason said the winning bucket came off a set play and Sisco was the first option. "We ran a box and Jeff was lucky enough to shake free under the basket," said Mason, who designed the play in a time out called by Wellington. "We figured they would be looking for us to go to Larry so we decided to go with the box and we ran it to perfection. Jeff did the rest by dropping it in to win

it. I guess we did some things well."

They didn't in the opener against the strong Bulldogs from Ark City. The Cats made only eight field goals and were never in the game after Ark City plunged out to a 12-4 first quarter advantage.

"Ark City's big 6-9 kid blocked five shots in the first half and we were just too intimidated to do anything after that," confessed the veteran Mason.

Lambrecht scored nine points to pace Mulvane in that game, too. Gillespie and Curtis Norden were next-high with four points apiece.

Mulvane fell behind early against Pratt, too, the Greenbacks rolling out to an 18-8 lead after one quarter. Even a second half comeback couldn't get the Cats on top. "We played pretty good in the second half (when MHS out-scored Pratt, 42-29). Defensively, it was about our best half of the year."

The senior Lambrecht popped in 17 points to carry the load. Gillespie scored 13 points and Sisco scored 10. Heinrichs and Derek Donaldson each scored six points.

### CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Valley Center	4	1	9	2
Buhler	4	1	4	7
Augusta	3	2	7	5
Goddard	2	3	4	8
Andover	2	3	4	8
Wellington	2	3	4	9
Mulvane	1	5	3	10

### DIVISION II

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

### Games Friday, Jan. 27

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



Jeff Sisco (40) was Mulvane's star with last-second bucket at Chaparral