

Lose Opener To Tulsa, 50-44

(by Gary Kuntz)

The Mulvane Wildcats lost a close decision to the Tulsa Braves in the first round of the Dodge City tournament last Thursday afternoon. The score was 50 to 44. The Wildcats were obviously nervous at the start of the game and were held to six points in each of the first two quarters. If the Wildcats could have hit a good percentage of their shots in the first half, they probably would have had a run away victory.

With 2 minutes and 21 seconds left in the third period, Mulvane was behind 30 to 17. Then things happened — Gordon Long and Ted Richardson hit field goals, Gordon connected on two free throws, Mickey Davey and Richardson each added field goals, and as the period ended the score stood 31 to 27 for Tulsa.

With about three minutes left in the final period Long hit a tip in and the score was tied, 41 to 41. The Wildcats played fabulous defense and the catchup game worked to perfection. However, at this point Tulsa's center, Ples Vann, got in two easy baskets and the Wildcats had to start fouling to get the ball.

Tulsa made their free throws and victory was theirs.

Tulsa Central, with an enrollment of 2,790 students had one player score 30 points and one 10 points.

Gordon Long led the Wildcats with 20 points, and Mickey Davey and Ted Richardson had 10 each. Steve Carmichael was the top rebounder with 9.

Mulvane Box Score:

	FG	FT	F	PTS
Gordon Long	8	4	3	20
Mickey Davey	5	0	3	10
Steve Carmichael	0	2	3	2
Ted Richardson	5	0	5	10
Steve Roney	1	0	0	2
Bruce Kimble	0	0	2	0
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