

# Roadrunners Motor Past Wildcats

Mulvane High School boys basketball coach Charlie Mason may hear from the humane society but he has some complaints about "zebras," especially after the game for third place Saturday night, Jan. 22, in the Roadrunner Basketball Classic at Chaparral.

The Wildcats finished fourth in the eight-team tournament after the host Roadrunners blasted the Cats, 64-50. Pratt won its third straight Classic title by maiming Kingman, 88-44.

"It's next to impossible to beat the home team for the third place trophy," said Mason. "The third place game was a disappointment, not from a playing standpoint but just the way it was handled. We had to change our game plan after the first quarter with both Traveses and Belew picking up three fouls."

Earlier in the tournament, the MHS boys opened with a 70-54 shelling of Clearwater and followed that up two days later on Friday night by coming out

second best in a collision with the eventual champion Greenbacks, 81-59.

The real story, however, in the Chaparral game was the Cats' inability to handle Chaparral's 6-foot-8 senior

Kyle Ray, who poured in 26 points from around the bucket. "We couldn't contain the big kid," agreed Mason, whose outfit slipped to 4-7 on the years. "early in the game we did a good job on him, then we got into foul trouble and our weakside help wasn't there. When you're 6-8 and can stand in the lane for five or six seconds, it's hard to defend."

The Roadrunners pounced on a 16-11 lead after one period and were never behing the rest of the way.

"We had a good tournament," said Mason. "We learned a great deal. We played a good Clearwater team and beat them easily, then we ran up against Pratt and they're the second best 4A team in the state. We gave them the best ball game of anybody in the tournament."

With a starting five of two sophomores and three juniors, the Cats did make an impression--but it wasn't a big enough one to snatch third place.

"Going into the game, I didn't feel we'd be able to shut Ray off," said Mason. "But I did feel we had to shut down the other people and we didn't. We sent too many to the foul line."

That's where the Roadrunners made hay. They connected on 18 of 26 from the stripe while Mulvane had its worst game at the line, making but 12 of 24.

"In the first two games, we shot well Belew finished the tournament with 36 points but he wasn't the Cats' No. 1 scorer against Chaparral. Sophomore

## CHAPARRAL ROADRUNNER CLASSIC

### Championship

Pratt 88, Kingman 44

### Third Place

Chaparral 18 15 16 17-64

Mulvane 11 12 13 12-50

Chaparral--Kyle Ray 26, Tom Schrant 12, Glen Wilson 4, Kelly Sechler 2, Tim Shue 10, John Coslett 4, Van Whealy 4, Debs Cook 1, Brad Hendricks 2. FG 23-54, FT 18-26, F 19.

Mulvane--David Belew 7, Lonny Travis 16, J.C. Shook 8, Kevin Bell 14, Todd Travis 2, Allen Whitmer 5. FG 19-56, FT 12-24, F 18.

### Semifinals

Pratt 20 18 18 25-81

Mulvane 12 13 10 24-59

Pratt--Dan Quint 15, Pat Stivers 29, Greg Webster 6, Jeff Jochems 4, Tom Becker 5, Todd Ford 2, J.D. Pierce 8. FG 33-51, FT 15-19, F 13.

Mulvane--J.C. Shook 6, Todd Travis 11, Lonny Travis 18, David Belew 12, Kevin Bell 2, Kevin Butler 5, Sid Colliatie 2, Allen Whitmer 1, Terry Reusser 2. FG 24-66, FT 11-15, F 15.

### First Round

Clearwater 10 10 14 20-54

Mulvane 18 15 18 19-70

Clearwater--Brian Hartman 18, Tim Leibold 12, Jeff Vulgamore 12, Dean Jones 4, Brian Hickman 4, Tim Erwin 4. FG 26-59, FT 2-2, F 9

Mulvane--J.C. Shook 14, Todd Travis 6, Lonny Travis 15, David Belew 17, Kevin Bell 14, Kevin Butler 2, Allen Whitmer 2. FG 32-54, FT 6-7, F 3

there," said the Cat coach, noting that Mulvane made 11 of 15 against Pratt and 6-for-7 against Clearwater. "We let outside forces (poor officiating) get to us and it showed up at the line."

The Wildcats did have a couple of high points to cheer about. Sophomore David Belew was named to the all-tournament first team and cheerleaders Janeen Kerns and Carolyn Burris were named to the all-tourney cheerleading team.

Lonny Travis led the club with 16 points and junior guard Kevin Bell scored 14. Belew was next with seven.

And although Ray ripped down 15 rebounds, Mulvane finished in a 31-31 deadlock in rebounding with the Roadrunners, Lonny pulling down seven and 6-4 Todd Travis and Bell grabbing six apiece.

Against Pratt, the younger Travis again paced the scoring with 18 points and Belew added 12. T. Travis scored 11.

The Wildcats had four players in twin figures against Clearwater and Belew led the way with 17, followed by junior J.C. Shook with 14, L. Travis with 15 and Bell with 14.

Mason's club will be idle until Friday night, Jan. 28, when Kingman will be paying Mulvane a visit.