

# Wildcats Take Fourth In Campus Tourney

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The Mulvane Wildcats finished fourth in the Campus Invitational Tournament held last week. The 'Cats opened with a 56-54 win over Bishop Carroll and then lost to Campus, 66-57, and to Valley Center, 56-47.

Wichita West took first in the tournament, followed by Campus. Valley Center took third; Mulvane, fourth; Ottawa, fifth; Bishop Carroll, sixth; Goddard, seventh, and Haven, eighth.

After the Wildcats' three-day workout at the Campus Invitational they held claims to fourth place, and boasted two members of the All-Tournament team. Del Hargrove, senior forward, and Craig Levering, senior guard, were the two 'Cat cagers selected for the All-Tournament squad.

In the opening game of the tournament the Wildcats scored a 56-54 victory over Bishop Carroll in overtime. The 'Cats had led by as much as 10 points in the last quarter. But in the last three minutes of play the Eagles outscored the 'Cats by a 10-1 margin and knotted it at 52 all as regulation play ended. In overtime a total of only six points were scored as the 'Cats controlled the ball for most of the three-minute period playing a very deliberate and smooth offense.

During the proceedings of Thursday's game a technical foul was issued to the Bishop Carroll team for having the wrong name in the official score-book for one of its players. The

Wichita Beacon on Friday evening, Jan. 22, insinuated this technical foul lost the game for the Bishop Carroll cagers. It is, however, impossible to say that this one incident cost one team the game and gave the win to its opponents. No matter what excuses are made, it is still the responsibility of the team's own scorekeeper to make sure the official scorekeeper has the right names for the right players. The Wildcats did try to give the game away on more than one occasion but always battled back for the win. And any way it is looked at, a win is still a win.

Friday night the 'Cats met the Campus Colts and probably played their best two quarters of the tournament in the first half of that battle. The 'Cats ran their offense, blocked off on the boards, and played decent defense, and ended up leading the defending champions by 10 at intermission. By the end of the third stanza, the Wildcats still led by 6 but in the last quarter the 'Cats met their doom. Outscored by 15 points, the 'Cats froze up and did not score for a three-minute period. The Colts pulled ahead of the 'Cats at the 5:13 mark and lengthened the lead to nine, 57-66, as the final buzzer sounded.

Valley Center matched up with the 'Cats for Saturday's third place battle. Mulvane, who a week earlier had defeated the Hornets, 75-63, in the league contest, fell to their Chisholm Trail rivals by a score of 56-47.

The 'Cats played their four worst quarters of the tournament and probably the season in this final contest. For the first time all year Mulvane trailed for the major portion when they lost the lead with 3:26 left in the first period.

The 'Cats are now 8-3 on the year and 3-0 in league play. This Friday the 'Cats host the Circle Thunderbirds for the season's fourth league game of the year. The 'Cats defeated Circle, 65-54, on Jan. 5 when the two teams met for the first time. It is the first home game for Mulvane since December 18 of last year and the first home game in six outings.

## Mulvane-Carroll Game

	FG	FT	F	TP
C. Levering	4	0	3	8
P. Roney	0	2	2	2
M. Nichols	3	6	4	12
D. Hargrove	5	5	4	15
R. Farber	3	1	3	7
T. Craig	3	6	4	12

## Mulvane-Campus Game

	FG	FT	F	TP
C. Levering	5	1	5	11
P. Roney	5	4	1	14
M. Nichols	2	5	3	9
D. Hargrove	4	5	3	13
R. Farber	1	4	2	6
T. Craig	2	0	5	4
G. Fleming	0	0	0	0

## Mulvane-Valley Center Game

	FG	FT	F	TP
C. Levering	2	9	4	13
P. Roney	4	0	4	8
M. Nichols	0	1	2	1
D. Hargrove	2	1	3	5
R. Farber	6	1	2	13
T. Craig	3	1	1	7
G. Fleming	0	0	0	0