

Wildcat Clip Orioles, Lose To Kapaun

The Mulvane High School Wildcats broke a season-long losing streak defeating Augusta and then lost to Kapaun-Mt. Carmel in the Valley Center tournament during the past week.

Summaries follow:

The highly ranked Kapaun Crusaders exploded in the second half to defeat Mulvane, 72-36. Mulvane will meet Heston in the losers bracket at 6:15 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Valley Center.

Mulvane opened in a delay game and held the tall, talented Crusaders close during the first quarter. Kapaun led 5-1 at the buzzer.

During the second period, Kapaun's press began to tell and they moved out to a 25-5 halftime lead. In the second half, it was Kapaun all of the way.

Mike Nichols led the scoring for Mulvane with 16 points. He canned all of his points in the second half. The box score: Kent Hughes 0-2-3; Mike Nichols 6-4-2; Jim Carr 0-4-0; Ed Stunkel 0-0-0; Mark Brozek 1-0-3; Rick Owens 0-0-0; David McKinney 1-3-3; Robbie Fry 1-0-1; Forrest Wise 1-1-3; Mike Alumbaugh 1-0-0.

Again, Mulvane was cold from the field, hitting just 11 of 32 for 34 percent. Kapaun hit 30

of 55 for 55 percent.

David McKinney was the leading rebounder gathering in six. Kent Hughes had four rebounds and Jim Carr, three. Mike Nichols and Forrest Wise had one rebound each.

Defeats Augusta

Last second heroics by Kent Hughes and Mike Nichols powered the Mulvane Wildcats to a 67-65 overtime win over Augusta last Friday.

The ball game had about as much excitement and as many crucial plays as a fan could stand. The game was tied at 60-60 at the end of regulation play.

In the overtime period, Augusta moved out to a 64-63 lead. The Orioles gained possession on a foul and went into their stall game. When it looked like they were going to ice it away, Mike Nichols intercepted a pass, drove the length of the floor and scored to give Mulvane a 65-64 lead. Nichols was fouled on the play, but missed the free throw. With 19 seconds left in the game, Augusta's Sonny Simon connected on the front end of a one-and-one to tie the game.

This set the stage for a pair of crucial free throws by Kent

Hughes. Hughes was fouled by Simon with three seconds left. The 5-11 junior calmly connected on both charity shots to give Mulvane the lead.

Mulvane led for most of the game. The Cats had a 28-25 halftime margin. However, they came roaring back after halftime and moved out to an 11-point lead. During the last part of the third and remainder of the fourth quarters, Mulvane struggled to hold off Augusta. Ultimately, the Orioles tied the score at 60-60, on a drive by Simon.

The final 40 seconds of regulation play were hectic. The Cats had a chance to win and then Augusta had a pair of opportunities. The final was an in-bounds play under their goal, with a second left. Forrest Wise,

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Mulvane's 6-5 center, got a hand on a lay-up attempt to foil that.

In all, Hughes led the attack with 33 points, the highest scoring output of his high school career. Jim Carr added 12 points, while David McKinney had 10 tallies. The box score: Kent Hughes 11-11-3; Mike Nichols 3-0-4; Jim Carr 4-4-4; Mark Brozek 0-0-5; David McKinney 5-0-5; Robbie Fry 0-3-4; Forrest Wise 1-1-2.

Jim Carr led the rebounding for Mulvane, picking up nine. Others on the rebounding chart were, David McKinney 7; Robbie Fry, 5; Forrest Wise, Mark Brozek, three each; Mike Nichols, Kent Hughes, one each.

One of the reasons for Mulvane's win was the Cats

superior shooting. Mulvane canned 24 field goals on 55 attempts for 43 percent, their

highest of the year.

"B" TEAM LOSES

Augusta won the preliminary game, defeating the Mulvane "B" team 72-34. Brad Sorenson led Mulvane with 10 points.

The box score: Mike Alumbaugh 0-1-2; Kelly Kerns 2-0-3; Ed Stunkel 0-0-5; Robbie Fry 1-1-0; Jeff Crawford 2-4-4; Brad Sorenson 5-0-4; Dan Lawless 1-0-2; Don Fairchild 1-0-2; Rick McKinney 1-1-2; Leon Hicks 0-0-0; Larry Craig 0-0-1.

SOPHS WIN

Leon Hicks hit two free throws with a second remaining to lead the Mulvane sophomores to a 42-40 win over Augusta in the first game of the night.

Don Fairchild paced the scoring for Mulvane with 12 points. The box score: Rick McKinney 1-2-4; Dennis Moon 2-0-4; Dan Lawless 1-4-0; Leon Hicks 3-3-2; Don Fairchild 6-0-4; Larry Craig 0-0-3; Harry Craig 2-1-0; Mark Steadman 1-0-0; Craig Burrell 0-0-0.