

MHS Boys Feast On Chappy Lapses

It was feast or famine for the Mulvane High School boys in the 21st annual Chaparral Roadrunner Boys Classic which ended Saturday, Jan. 25.

The Wildcats feasted for a while in the 7th place game against the host Roadrunners but then had to hang on for dear life before registering a 50-45 decision. The victory snapped an eight-game losing streak in the tournament for the Wildcats and was Mulvane's first Roadrunner Classic win since the 7th place game in the 1989 tournament when Mulvane edged Wellington, 65-64.

The Wildcats reached the 7th place game because they were dumped by Ark City, 71-43, Wednesday night, Jan. 22, in the tournament's opening round. Campus then waxed the Cats, 80-51, in a consolation semifinal Thursday afternoon, Jan. 23.

Against Chaparral, Mulvane played some of its best ball of the year to go up by 17 points, but the 3-10 Wildcats lost that edge in the second half and Chappy made a game of it. Mulvane out-scored Chaparral, 22-4, in the second quarter.

"It was a case of getting up a lot early, then hanging on," said Coach Charlie Mason. "It was 30-17 at half and we were looking pretty good, but they went into a zone in the second half and we didn't hit the shots. Chaparral never gave up and got hot to get back in the ball game. At one point, we went down the floor four straight times and got four fouls called on us."

The zone defense coupled with better shooting by Chaparral gave the Roadrunners an opportunity to get back into the game. "They picked up their intensity and we didn't," said Mason. "But we did play good defense when we had to. We forced them into a lot of turnovers. They tried to foul us down the stretch but we were fortunate to hit

our foul shots. Chad Carpenter was 5-of-6 in the 4th quarter and Jarrod Oldridge made four or five in the last quarter."

Early in the game, Chappy tried to keep Mulvane in check with a man-to-man defense but the Cats play well against that style of defense and showed why as they looked good early. "We really ate up their man-to-man," said Mason. "We really do a pretty good job against the man defense and seem to have our troubles against a zone. Campus hurt us two days earlier with a zone."

The Wildcat defense also played a big role, forcing 20 turnovers from Chappy, including approximately 15 bad passes alone. "It was a big win for us because we haven't won one in the Chaparral tournament for a while," stressed Mason. "The kids have done what they've done all year long. They came back after a pretty-poor game and played a good one. Anytime you win, its a good one."

The senior Oldridge scored a game-high 16 points and J.J. Dunn added 11 inside for the Cats. Carpenter finished with seven points and so did guard Steve Nelson.

Mulvane actually won the game at the stripe, where they were 21 of 31, taking advantage of the free throw line for a change. Chaparral out-scored Mulvane from the field.

In the semifinal game against Campus, the Wildcats were light-years away from the team that posted a win Saturday. Struggling Campus had no trouble with the Cats, running to a 33-17 halftime lead.

"That was our worst game of the season," lamented Mason. "There wasn't one area of the game where we played good

basketball. We didn't execute on offense or on defense. And Campus wasn't the same team we saw a couple nights earlier either."

Dunn led all scorers with 20 points, but that couldn't make up for the fact that the Colts had five players in double figures. Nelson scored eight points off the bench

Chaparral Roadrunner Classic Results

SEVENTH PLACE

Chaparral	9	4	15	17-45
Mulvane	8	22	7	13-50

Chaparral—Mike Hooley 9, Cody Bergman 5, Brian Conrady 14, Kyle Rieks 8, Damion Smithhiser 2, Chad Hacker 4, Bob Coats 3. FG 16 (3), FT 10-21, F 24.

Mulvane—J.J. Dunn 11, Jarrod Oldridge 16, Steve Nelson 7, Brian Strack 4, Jeff Parson 1, Brian Heinrichs 4, Chad Carpenter 7. FG 14 (1), FT 21-31, F 18.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Arkansas City 68, Kingman 60

THIRD PLACE

Pratt 76, Maize 73, OT

FIFTH PLACE

Campus 51, Clearwater 37

SEMIFINALS

Campus	19	14	20	27-80
Mulvane	8	9	18	16-51

Campus—Mark Serve 18, Bobby Ballinger 19, Jason Dougan 3, Chad Tabor 2, Brian Anderson 2, Ryan Bridwell 13, Jason Shinkle 11, Colby Williams 10. FG 28 (8), FT 16-25, F 19.

Mulvane—Steve Nelson 8, Brian Strack 7, Jeff Parson 6, J.J. Dunn 20, Chad Carpenter 2, Jarrod Oldridge 5, Larry Dixon 1. FG 18 (4), FT 11-19, F 28.

Clearwater 68, Chaparral 39
Kingman 69, Maize 57
Arkansas City 54, Pratt 48

FIRST ROUND

Arkansas City	15	18	13	25-71
Mulvane	10	16	4	13-43

Arkansas City—Tad Morris 10, Matt Bryant 10, Aaron Hollins 22, Barrett Schwartz 6, Rodney Jennings 7, Jake Turner 9, Nathan Niles 2, Travis Wyckoff 3, Kelly Palmer 2. FG 27 (1), FT 14-18, F 12.

Mulvane—J.J. Dunn 11, Jarrod Oldridge 9, Chad Carpenter 8, Jeff Parson 2, Judson Spicer 4, Guy Alvarez 1, Jeremy Kendrick 3, Steve Nelson 2, Brian Heinrichs 3. FG 13 (3), FT 8-16, F 18.

Pratt 70, Campus 54
Kingman 66, Clearwater 49
Maize 73, Chaparral 44

and guard Brian Strack scored seven. Next high for Mulvane were seniors Jeff Parson and Oldridge with six and five points, respectively.

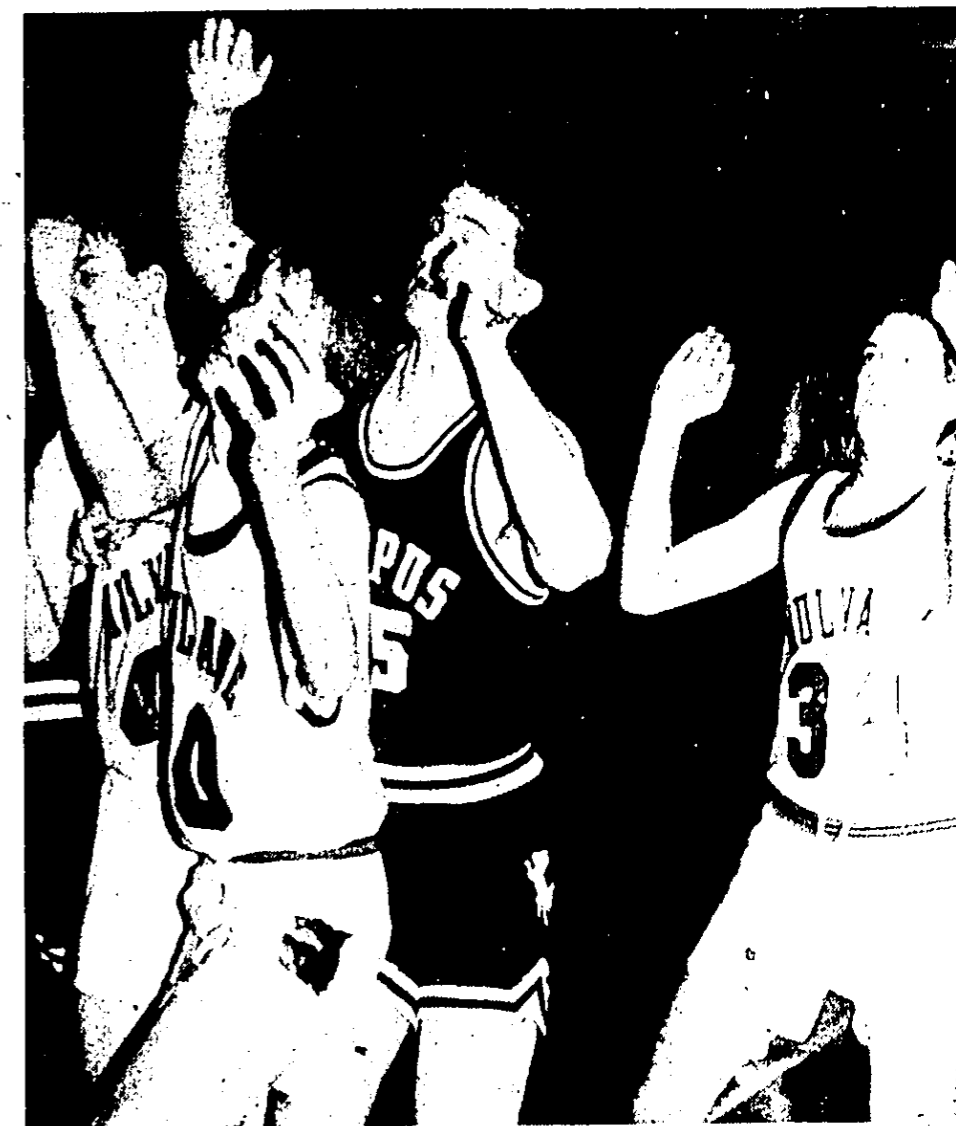
In the opening game of the tournament, Mulvane was no match for top-seeded Arkansas City, a team that had drilled the Wildcats, 67-23, earlier in the season.

The Wildcats were in the game until a 13-4 run by Ark City in the 3rd quarter. At inter-

mission, the Bulldogs were ahead only 33-26. The second half was all Ark City, though.

Dunn scored 11 points in the game and Oldridge and Carpenter had nine and eight, respectively. Senior Judson Spicer was next high with four points off the bench.

Mulvane will return to Chisholm Trail League play Friday night, Jan. 31, when they go to Goddard to take on the league-leading Lions.



Cats Jeff Parson (34), Brian Heinrichs (40), J.J. Dunn chase loose ball

Dunn Named To Tourney First Team

Mulvane High junior J.J. Dunn was named to the all-tournament first team at the Chaparral Roadrunner Boys Classic which ended Saturday, Jan. 25.

Dunn became the first Wildcat named to the all-tourney squad since Larry Lambrecht was selected at the conclusion of the 1989 Classic.

Dunn scored 42 points in the three-game meet, leading Mulvane to 7th place.

Joining Dunn on the all-tournament team were Travis Wyckoff and Aaron Hollins of Arkansas City, the tournament champion; Mark Serve of Campus, Michael Armour and Brent Garrison of Kingman, Craig Reynolds and Jeremy Martin of Pratt, Eric Holmes of Maize and Gary Abner of Clearwater.

Wyckoff and Abner were the only repeats from the 1991 team. In fact, it marked the third consecutive year Wyckoff has made the all-tournament team at Chaparral.