

At Chaparral

Get Smart! Wildcats Don't In Double Overtime Loss

For a half, Mulvane had it's diamond-and-one working to perfection once again. Then, the roof caved in and the sky fell.

26th Annual Chaparral Roadrunner Boys Classic

FIFTH PLACE

Mulvane 14 21 22 7 (12) (8)—84
Clearwater 15 9 21 19 (12) (10)—86

Mulvane—Darrin Erbert 29, Raymond Lazier 7, Dan McElroy 17, Bryce Schumacher 7, Neal Gosch 15, Brad Canfield 2, Clint Cox 2, Luke Cox 2, Greg Nunn 3. FG 30 (7), FT 17-29, F 27.

Clearwater—David Allenbach 43, Tim Hastings 11, Brad Seiter 4, Keith Tjaden 14, Cliff Shoff 8, Luke Jayne 4, David Lehr 2. FG 32 (2), FT 20-42, F 20.

FIRST PLACE

Medicine Lodge 66, Campus 64

THIRD PLACE

Arkansas City 58, Conway Springs 54

SEVENTH PLACE

Chaparral 71, Pratt 67

SEMIFINAL ROUND

Pratt 20 13 10 15—59
Mulvane 15 14 13 21—63

Pratt—Cory Hoffman 14, Ryan Clark 10, Leonard Scales 8, Blake Bolen 14, Brad Beckman 2, Beau Eastes 4, James Johnson 4, Tim Barker 3. FG 25 (1), FT 6-13, F 21.

Mulvane—Brad Canfield 17, Neal Gosch 10, Dan McElroy 8, Darrin Erbert 9, Raymond Lazier 9, Bryce Schumacher 9. FG 21 (3), FT 12-19, F 17.

Clearwater 73, Chaparral 63

Medicine Lodge 66, Arkansas City 52

Campus 68, Conway Springs 53

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 14 18 14 12—64
Medicine Lodge 14 25 19 22—90

Mulvane—Raymond Lazier 11, Darrin Erbert 18, Chad Gerwick 2, Dan McElroy 4, Neal Gosch 12, Bryce Schumacher 4, Brad Canfield 2, Keene Hargrove 5, Greg Nunn 2, Sean Holman 4. FG 26 (4), FT 8-15, F 33.

Medicine Lodge—Stephen Black 18, D.J. Bell 21, Stan Dohm 23, Justin Milner 7, Kyle Fowler 7, Ty McBride 1, Stoney Burns 6, Tyler Strong 4, Justin Culver 1, Craig Booth 2. FG 30 (2), FT 28-38, F 19.

Arkansas City 69, Pratt 63

Conway Springs 82, Chaparral 60

Campus 73, Clearwater 65

"We played real good basketball except in the fourth quarter," said Mulvane High School boys basketball coach Todd Barker. "We actually didn't play that badly in the fourth quarter but we didn't play smart."

Clearwater wiped out a 12-point lead in the last quarter Saturday, Jan. 25, in the fifth place game in the 26th annual Roadrunner Boys Classic at Chaparral. The Indians won fifth place by nipping the Wildcats, 86-84, in double overtime. Medicine Lodge won the tournament championship for the first time since 1979, clipping Campus, 66-64, in the finale.

The Wildcats appeared well on their way to fifth place when Clearwater suddenly discovered David Allenbach. The Cats rolled past the Indians by 10 points two weeks earlier by using a diamond-and-one defense to hound Allenbach, Clearwater's all-league star. He had only 10 points in that one. And in the first half, he only scored four points as MHS was smokin' with a 35-24 edge. Allenbach finished with 43 points.

"Us not playing smart certainly didn't help but another big factor was that David Allenbach decided to become a man in the second half. He pretty much single-handedly beat us."

Barker said trouble started brewing as the foul countdown started against Mulvane's 6-7 Brad Canfield and 6-6 Luke Cox. Both eventually fouled out and Allenbach took charge of the game. "Foul trouble eventually hurt us," said Barker. "Our two big kids got into foul trouble trying to hold him down and we had to get out of our diamond because we didn't have anybody to hang on him. Once those two leave,

we get small in a hurry."

Still, the Wildcats were leading most of the way thanks to guard Darrin Erbert having a career game—29 points. Dan McElroy finished with 17 points, senior Neal Gosch scored 15 and both Bryce Schumacher and Raymond Lazier tossed in seven.

"We might have been able to hold on without holding down Allenbach if we had played smart," said Barker. "We had a 12-point lead going into the fourth quarter but several times we rushed it on offense and took shots we shouldn't have. They kept chipping away and got back in the ball game. We scored only seven points in the last quarter. We'd shot the ball and miss and several times, we fouled their rebounder, so they made a lot of points with no time running off the clock. That hurt."

The Wildcats tied the game up with three seconds left when Erbert hit one of two free throws, sending the game into overtime. There were more Cat heroics in the first overtime because the Indians were hot coming out of the gate, ripping out to a five-point lead only to see the Wildcats come back to tie, sending the game into the second extra period.

"Overall, I felt we played real good bas-

ketball the whole tournament," added the Wildcat coach. "We could have laid down in the fourth quarter but we didn't. We could have laid down in the first overtime, but we didn't. We had more rebounds and did a good job shooting the ball. We just couldn't overcome the foul trouble we got into."

The Wildcats hit 45% from the field and 54% outside the three-point line. In rebounding, the Cats held a 38-34 edge with 6-2 senior Gosch pulling down nine boards, Canfield eight and both McElroy and Lazier six.

The Wildcats moved into the fifth place game Friday, Jan. 24, by zipping past Pratt, 63-59, with a late-game push. Clearwater dropped the host Roadrunners, 73-63, in the semifinals.

"We trailed the whole game against Pratt until the last minute when we converted some free throws and won the game," said Barker. "We couldn't get anything to fall most of the game but we hung in there just a few points off the lead and finally got our chance to win it late."

That's when juniors Erbert and Schumacher both hit two free throws to put the Cats ahead for good. "Canfield had a big first half and the kids didn't give up," stressed the Mulvane coach. "Like I said, they sometimes don't play smart but they played hard and that kept us in the thick of things, and it eventually paid off for us."

Canfield had his best game of the season as he scored 17 points, 14 of them coming in the opening half. Gosch finished with 10 points, Erbert, Schumacher and Lazier tossed in nine apiece and McElroy scored eight.

No. 1 seeded Medicine Lodge showed its stuff in the opening round against Mulvane. The Indians trounced the Wildcats, 90-64.

In the first quarter, the teams played on even ground as each team scored 14, but the ML Indians kicked it into a higher gear and pulled away the rest of the game.

"We hung in with them in the first quarter," said Barker. "They have a real good team. They beat us at the game we like to play. They just had more race horses. They kept pushing it up the floor and just started running right on by us."

In that contest, Erbert was again the scoring leader for Mulvane with 18 points. Gosch and Lazier had 12 and 11 points, respectively, and reserve Keene Hargrove scored five points.

"I think we kept improving each game on defense, we just have to learn to play smarter," stressed the Wildcat mentor. "We keep making steps and I'm happy about that. Sometimes we just break down mentally. When you have a 12-point lead, you don't need to be bombing away from the outside, especially when they are hot at the other end of the floor. Sometimes that costs you and it did against Clearwater."

The Wildcats, who have won the Roadrunner Classic only once—1984, head back into the regular season with a 3-9 record. The Cats will tangle with Augusta in a non-league game Friday night, Jan. 31, in the MHS gym. The Orioles lost six of their first seven but caught fire five games ago and have won four of their last five.

Mulvane Cager Named To Classic All-Tourney

Mulvane junior guard Darrin Erbert was selected to the Roadrunner Classic All-Tournament first team following the conclusion of the 26th annual boys basketball tournament at Chaparral.

Erbert helped guide the Wildcats to sixth place and was one of the 12 players selected for all-tournament honors. He scored 56 points during the three-game swing by the Cats through the tourney, including 29 the Wildcats' overtime battle with Clearwater for fifth place.

Other all-tournament selections included Stan Dohm, Stephen Black and D.J. Bell, all from Medicine Lodge, which won first place in the tournament; Brandon Faust and Nick Faust, both of Campus; David Allenbach

and Keith Tjaden of Clearwater, Blake Bolen of Pratt, James O'Brien of Conway Springs, Tyson Barnes of Arkansas City and Kevin Kunz of the host Chaparral team.

Erbert is the 16th Mulvane player to be named to the all-tournament team throughout the years. The others include Mark Storey (1980), Tim Warren and Dale Landes (1982), David Belew (1983 and 1985), Kevin Bell (1984), Todd Travis (1984), Lonny Travis (1984 and 1985), Todd Fox (1987), Morgan LeClair (1987), Shay Comejo (1988), Larry Lambrecht (1989), J.J. Dunn (1992), Jason DeWald (1994), Dan Smith (1996) and Jeremy Brown (1995 and 1996).

Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

DIVISION II

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Circle	5	0	10	2
Rose Hill	4	1	9	4
Andale	2	2	10	2
Kingman	2	2	2	9
Mulvane	2	4	3	9
Clearwater	1	3	6	5
Chaparral	0	4	1	10

DIVISION I

Andover	5	0	10	3
Valley Center	3	1	7	5
Buhler	2	2	9	2
Augusta	2	3	5	7
Goddard	1	3	6	6
Wellington	1	3	3	8
Maize	1	3	2	9

Games Friday, Jan. 31

Augusta at Mulvane
Clearwater at Rose Hill
Circle at Kingman
Andale at Chaparral
Buhler at Maize
Goddard at Andover
Valley Center at Wellington