

Wildcats Take Sixth Place

The Mulvane High School Wildcats finished in sixth place in the Adolph Rupp Invitational Basketball Tournament held at Halstead last week.

The Wildcats lost in the opening round to Hillsboro and then bounced back to defeat Goessel in the consolation bracket. Mulvane lost to Little River in a game to decide fifth spot. Summaries of the games follow:

Little River pulled away in the second half to hand Mulvane a 64-53 loss.

The Wildcats got off to a respectable start, leading 16-14 at the end of the first period. Little River came back to take a 34-28 half time margin. By the end of the third period, Little River had increased its margin to 48-38. Mid-way through the fourth period, Mulvane rallied to within four points before dropping back.

Brent Fleming led Mulvane in scoring and rebounding. He had 21 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Mark Cranston had 10 tallies and 8 rebounds.

The box score: Brent Fleming, 9-3-2; Jim Carr, 1-2-0; Jesse Morgan, 4-0-1; Curtis Roberts, 1-0-2; Mark Cranston, 5-0-4; Jerry Shoemaker, 2-0-4; David McKinney, 2-0-5.

Mulvane defeated Goessel's Bluebirds, 55-50, in the first round of the consolation bracket.

The Wildcats virtually led all the way. With 4:24 left in the first period, Mark Cranston hit a short jump shot to give Mulvane a 6-5 lead which they never gave up. On a number of times, Goessel came within a couple of points of knotting the score.

At the end of the first period, Mulvane was ahead, 16-11 and

at half time, the Cats held a 30-25 margin. This was increased to 44-38 at the end of the third stanza.

In the final minutes of the game, Goessel rallied to move within three points, 51-48. However, Jim Carr netted two free throws with 45 seconds remaining and Jerry Shoemaker added a field goal with 28 seconds left to ice the victory.

Shoemaker paced the Wildcats in both scoring and rebounding. The 6-1 senior forward, had 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Carr was the only other wildcat to hit double figures, netting 10 points.

Mulvane was able to put together a good shooting night, hitting 23 of 53 for 45 percent. Goessel netted 22 of 59 for 38 percent.

The Mulvane box score: Brent Fleming, 3-0-4; Jim Carr, 4-2-1; Jesse Morgan, 3-1-3; Mark Cranston, 2-5-4; Jerry Shoemaker, 10-0-3; David McKinney, 1-1-2.

Rebounding statistics follow: Shoemaker, 10; Cranston, 8; Fleming, 6; McKinney, 5; Morgan, 1.

The Hillsboro Trojans handed Mulvane a 69-42 loss in the first round of the tournament.

Much of the Wildcats problem stemmed from the fact that they were colder than an Artic winter. Mulvane hit just 16 field goals on 64 attempts for an icy 25 percent. Things weren't too much better at the foul line. The Wildcats canned 10 free throws of 15 for 66 percent.

On the other hand, Hillsboro canned 29 of 63 from the field for 54 percent.