

# Wildcats Blast Away In Bluestem

Mulvane High School's boys basketball team decided to switch and fight, too, on its way to the consolation championship in the Bluestem Classic at El Dorado High School.

Mulvane coach Rod Pock made some line-up changes which produced the right results and Mulvane blasted away at two foes in the consolation bracket.

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Saturday, Jan. 27, the Cats sank Augusta under an avalanche of points, 84-52, to claim the consolation championship. A day earlier, Mulvane creamed Chase County, 82-52, to advance to the finale.

"I just felt it was something we had to try," said Pock. The change was at guard, where Pock inserted senior Grant Sorensen as a starter, then was able to alternate guards Tom Fagan and Troy Wayman. The move worked to perfection as Sorensen scored and played well enough to make the All-Tournament team (see accompanying story) and the rest helped the guard play.

"I didn't start both Tom and Troy," said Pock. "Putting Grant in helped. It gave us a little more height and Grant is shooting good right now. Plus, it gives my guards more rest. I thought our play was 10 times better than it ever has been. Both Tom and Troy averaged four or five assists apiece and that's what we weren't getting before."

Actually, the two-game stretch produced Mulvane's finest basketball of the year. "I'm hoping we're finally coming together," said Pock. "This is the time we need to get together. We got better play out of everybody. We got off the boards and kept them off the boards. Augusta didn't get many rebounds until the late stages of the game."

Against Augusta, senior Courtney Gammon led the Mulvane scoring with 17 points but he had plenty of help. Junior Mark Smith shot in 14 points, Sorensen and junior Mark Storey added 11 each.

The semifinal against Chase County saw Mulvane jump out to a 24-9 lead in the first quarter and the Cats never looked back.

Displaying the team's best balance this year on offense, five players hit double figures, with Sorensen sunning in a career-high 18 points. Smith, Wayman, Gammon and reserve Lon Pribble all chipped in with 10 points each.

Sedan won the tournament championship Saturday, skinning Remington, 60-51, and the host school trimmed Columbus, 59-47, for third place. Neodesha routed Chase County, 70-51, for consolation-third.

## Sorensen, Smith 2nd. Unit

Two Mulvane High School players were named to the all-tournament team at the conclusion of the Bluestem Basketball Classic Saturday night, Jan. 27, at El Dorado High School.

Guard Grant Sorensen and forward Mark Smith were two of the 10 players chosen to the all-tourney team by the participating coaches. Both were second team selections.

Brad Dickens, a 6-foot-2 junior who led Sedan to the tournament championship, was the Most Valuable Player. Joining Dickens on the first team were sophomore teammate Mark Potter, Remington's 6-4 sophomore James Regier, 6-5 senior Mark Fowler of El Dorado and 6-3 senior Kerry Sachetta of Columbus.

Sorensen, a 6-1 senior, and the 6-1 junior Smith headed the second team. Other members of the unit were Scot Floyd of Sedan, senior Sam Murray of El Dorado and senior Craig Bell of Columbus.



### Bluestem Classic

#### CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIP

Augusta 9-12 12-14 15-16  
 Mulvane 12-25 15-12 16-14  
 Augusta: Troy Nordman 10, Kevin Huddleston 4, Matt Johnson 3, 4, Ben Owslett 2, Eric Williams 1, 1, Brian 2, Mike Huddleston 1, Alan Lytle 1, Greg Acker 6, Gary Hamilton 8. FG 26-34, FT 11-21, F 21.  
 Mulvane: Grant Sorensen 11, Mark Storey 11, Mark Smith 14, Troy Wayman 8, Courtney Gammon 11, Tom Fagan 6, Gary Fortner 5, Lon Pribble 2, Troy Phillips 4, Jeff Staska 2, Ed Nelson 4. FG 34-72, FT 16-22, F 22.

#### CONSOLATION SEMIFINAL

Mulvane 24-26 16-14 16-12  
 Chase County 19-13 22-12 12-12  
 Mulvane: Grant Sorensen 18, Mark Smith 8, Mark Smith 10, Troy Wayman 10, Courtney Gammon 10, Tom Fagan 6, Gary Fortner 6, Lon Pribble 10, Ed Nelson 2, Troy Dossy 4. FG 27-47, FT 18-27, F 20.  
 Chase County: Lawrence Osgood 4, Ben Barry 3, Greg Ray 4, Jerry Richard 2, Ron Catherine 4, Alan Ross 6, Jay Badick 2, Howard Whitaker 1, Troy Mark 12, Tom May 4, Steve Haver 5. FG 27-47, FT 13-27, F 27.