

Wellington Explodes Past Winless Boys

When you're 0-11, things just naturally seem to go wrong. Nothing went right for the Mulvane High School boys cagers Friday night, Jan. 26, in a home match-up against Wellington.

Those expecting a ball game were disappointed as the visiting Crusaders levelled the Wildcats, 85-40, giving Mulvane its worst beating of the season and 12th straight defeat.

Cat backers had hoped to see a tight contest after the two teams played to within 11 points a little more than a month ago, but instead, Wellington showed just how far the Wildcats have slipped as they buried MHS quickly, exploding out to a 13-3 lead after one quarter and charging again in the third quarter to make a 35-17 halftime lead into a 29-point margin. It was Wellington's 5th victory of the season.

"We had a game plan," explained Charlie Mason, veteran Cat coach. "We wanted to follow it but we didn't. We wanted to stop (Frank) Cornejo because he's beaten us every time we've played, and we wanted to keep (Kelly) Adams from getting three pointers. We did neither."

Another timid game offensively plagued the Wildcat game. Scoring is something Mulvane's boys are finding a tall order this year, having been held to 40 points or under five times. "Offensively, we couldn't put the ball in the hole and at the same time, they were hitting seven three pointers," said Mason. "It just became one of those things that snowballed."

"They ran a zone and it's been extremely tough for us to run an offense against it," said Mason. "When the kids execute the 1-3-1 offense right, we get some good things out of it, but we just had too many turnovers, 15 in each half. You can't stay in a ball game with 30 turnovers."

The Wildcats will play Rose Hill Friday night, Feb. 2, during the basketball home-

Varsity Boys

Wellington	13	22	22	28	85
Mulvane	3	14	11	12	40

Wellington—Kelly Adams 22, Jeff Hill 10, Frank Cornejo 19, Jason Hill 4, John Vargas 2, Marc Hays 4, Mark Erickson 9, Tommy Weaver 1, George Stover 4, Jamie Harris 4, Rick McConnell 7. FG 30 (7), FT 16-22, F 15.

Mulvane—Bill Harrington 6, Scott Travis 6, Todd Hedstrom 6, Todd Butcher 4, Curtis Norden 9, Gary Cleverdon 6, Jarrod Oldridge 2. FG 16 (0), FT 8-15, F 25.

Junior Varsity Boys

Wellington	11	8	7	15	41
Mulvane	7	7	10	10	34

Wellington—Jason Hill 6, Brady Larence 8, Ryan Miller 2, Grant Bacon 8, George Stover 10, Tommy Weaver 2, Mike Neff 5. FG 11 (0), FT 19-31, F 21

Mulvane—Toby Hoving 6, Judson Spicer 4, Chad Lee 1, Chad Carpenter 4, Jeff Parson 11, Andy Mackey 6 Jay Jackson 2. FG 12 (3), FT 7-25, F 23.

coming game. Until Friday night, Rose Hill was winless, too, but they stumped Clearwater, 71-62, for their first victory.

"We keep talking about unforced errors and it seems we're our own worst enemy," said Mason. "When you're averaging 22 a game, you've got to cut them down but we can't seem to do it. The kids don't seem to make good decisions a lot of the times and that leads to turnovers. We're going to keep working, and keep switching people around to see if something doesn't come together. That's all we can do at this point in time."

Senior Curtis Norden led the Cat scoring against Wellington. He hit nine points. Four other players, Bill Harrington, Scott Travis, Todd Hedstrom and Gary Cleverdon, had six points apiece.

Coach Dale Landes' Cat junior varsity played one of its better games before succumbing to the Crusaders, 41-34, Friday night. Wellington took charge late in the game to hold off the Cats.

Sophomore Jeff Parson gunned in 11 points, juniors Andy Mackey and Toby Hoving each scored six points and Judson Spicer and Chad Carpenter had four points each.