

# Maize Boys Turn Up The Heat; MHS Cats Continue to Scrap

A pattern of unforced errors led the Mulvane High School boys down a familiar path Tuesday night, Jan. 30, when Maize came to town for a Chisholm Trail League basketball game.

The Eagles handed the Cats a steady dose of pressure and steadily pulled away for a 73-45 triumph. The loss dropped Mulvane's record to 1-12 for the season and 0-6 in the CTL after the first round of loop contests. Maize maintained its share of the CTL Division I lead with a 5-1 mark.

The Wildcats did break out of their "third quarter doldrums." Coach Ryan Herra's team "won" the 3rd quarter, 15-6, but the Eagles had already built up a 36-15 edge at the mid-point.

Guard Jason Wilson had a career-best 20 points for the Wildcats. Senior Chris Gerhardt scored 12 points and senior Ryan McKnight had nine points.

The MHS boys are shooting it less and enjoying it less. That's kind of an oversimplification of the basketball season so far for Coach Ryan Herra and the Wildcat boys.

Mulvane started sluggishly Friday night, Jan. 26, when Buhler came to town and the Crusaders slapped the Cats quickly in a 77-32 thrashing. The CTL game gave Buhler an outstanding 11-2 mark and 5-1 in the CTL. The Cats suffered their 11th defeat in 12 outings so far this year.

"Buhler is a really good team," said Herra. "Of the teams we've seen this year, they are one of the top two (Goddard is the other one). They're real solid and very, very aggressive. And they score well which made it hard for us to defend them, but the statistic that jumped out at me while I was going over the film is that we hit one of our first two shots but by the time we had taken two shots, they already had taken 10."

The Crusaders used that advantage to scramble out to a 22-5 edge after the first quarter of the game. After that, it wasn't pretty to watch for Cat fans. By intermission, Buhler had a 40-18 lead.

"They did some pressuring and that gave us a lot of problems again," emphasized Herra. "I think we must have had 32 turnovers. We had a lot of 'em. We're still trying to work on some bad habits. We're still trying to get guys to spots for pressure relief and trying to get others to get the confidence to dribble the ball around people rather than just stand there with the ball over their heads."

Another factor was that the Crusaders shut down the MHS inside game for the most part. Mulvane's top inside scorer, Ryan McKnight, didn't get a bucket. "Their big guys were very strong and inside

## Varsity Boys

Maize	21	15	6	30-73
Mulvane	7	8	15	14-45
Maize--Jakubar 16, Baber 6, Liechner 12, Ledford 3, Reeves 8, Clanton 4, Fletcher 4, Barney 10, Riffle 8, Hainke 2. FG 28 (7), FT 10-19, F 30.				

Mulvane--Luke Gunter 2, Jason Wilson 20, Jason Phillips 1, Ryan McKnight 9, Chris Gerhardt 12, Andy Hixson 1. FG 14 (1), FT 16-32, F 19.
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Buhler	22	18	17	20-77
Mulvane	5	13	6	8-32

Buhler--Brett Williams 2, Garrett Parson 13, Brett Cikanek 4, Stephen Cummins 6, Daniel Samuelson 8, Isaac Hodges 4, Corey Gamble 9, Nathan Hall 2, Maurice Finley 12, John Hurst 19. FG 30 (8), FT 9-16, F 20.

Mulvane--Chris Gerhardt 7, Andy Hixson 4, Jason Phillips 1, Brian Love 4, Jason Wilson 12, Luke Gunter 4, Jonathan Reed 2. FG 11 (2), FT 8-18, F 13.

## Junior Varsity Boys

Maize	24	25	22	28-98
Mulvane	8	18	10	6-42

Maize--Brillhart 5, Stowell 15, Riffel 11, Young 6, Hainke 7, Dotson 10, Hall 13, Reeves 4, Barney 2, Lungwitz 22. FG 41 (7), FT 8-13, F 18.

Mulvane--Jeremy Adams 4, Caleb Alexander 4, Tyler Hennes 8, Kale Regier 18, Dusty Sorensen 6, Luke Gunter 2. FG 14 (10), FT 4-9, F 18.

Buhler	14	15	12	19-60
Mulvane	9	6	16	16-47

Buhler--Brett Cikanek 10, Lindy Wray 2, Jake Stover 2, Brett Streck 12, Caleb Lind 10, Ben Corwin 8, Andy Preston 13, Darin Griffith 1, Josh Friesen 2. FG 25 (0), FT 10-22, F 18.

Mulvane--Kale Regier 18, Dusty Sorensen 11, Caleb Alexander 4, Luke Gunter 4, Tyler Hennes 9, Jeremy Adams 1. FG 16 (5), FT 10-16, F 20.

defense is one of their biggest strengths, so they made it pretty tough on us inside to get anything going."

Herra likes to talk about the positives he pulls out of every game. One of them was playing like the Cats were still in the ball game. "The kids did play hard," pointed out Herra. "On one possession in their back court, we had three guys diving for balls. We almost got it twice but didn't and they came down and burned us on it. But the point is that we were really digging for every ball despite being down and that's the kind of effort I'm looking for. I was really proud of the guys for their effort on that one. If we keep getting that kind of effort, we can get some things done. We're not

## Chisholm Trail Basketball Sub-State Assignments

(Both Boys and Girls)

### CLASS 4A

At Augusta--Mulvane, Rose Hill, Wellington, Augusta, Clearwater, El Dorado, Douglass, Circle  
At Nickerson--Andale, Kingman, Chaparral, Council Grove, Lyons, Nickerson, Haven, Smoky Valley

### CLASS 5A

At Buhler--Valley Center, Buhler, Hays, Salina Central, Newton, Salina South, Great Bend, McPherson  
At Bishop Carroll (Wichita)--Andover, Goddard, Campus, Liberal, Arkansas City, Winfield, Kapaun Mt. Carmel, Bishop Carroll

### CLASS 6A

At Garden City--Maize, Derby, Wichita Northwest, Hutchinson, Wichita West, Wichita South, Dodge City, Garden City

going to just walk on the floor and win games. We have to go out and take them away from people."

Herra also felt a spark of leadership showed on the floor. "Jason Wilson tried to step up and be a leader for us and he did give us some effort, and so did Chris Gerhardt," admitted Herra. "And Brian Love had a very solid game. He's not going to go out there and score a lot of points for us but he did go out there and play his tail off. He had a good ball game for us."

The Wildcat offense still sputtered, though, as the team posted its 7th game at 40 points or under. "We got some good looks but it goes back to knocking them down," said Herra. "We just have a hard time hitting the shots when they are there."

Wilson was in double figures again, scoring a team-high 12 points. Gerhardt chipped in with seven points and Andy Hixson, Love and Luke Gunter scored four points apiece.

In the junior varsity game Friday night, the Crusaders held off the Cats in the last quarter to claim a 60-47 verdict.

Kale Regier had a career-best 18 points and Dusty Sorensen scored 11. Tyler Hennes finished with nine points for Mulvane.

## Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

### DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Buhler	5	1	12	2
Goddard	5	1	10	3
Maize	5	1	9	5
Valley Center	3	3	6	7
Andover	2	4	3	9
Augusta	1	5	7	7
Mulvane	0	6	1	12

### DIVISION II

Kingman	4	1	10	4
Andale	4	1	9	5
Rose Hill	3	2	9	5
Circle	3	2	9	6
Clearwater	1	4	5	9
Wellington	0	5	2	9

### Games Friday, Feb. 2

Valley Center at Mulvane, homecoming  
Buhler at Maize  
Andover at Andale  
Augusta at Goddard  
Rose Hill at Clearwater  
Wellington at Kingman

### Games Tuesday, Feb. 6

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