

# No More 4th Period Blahs For Cats' Pock

The fourth-quarter blahs. Is it a thing of the past for Coach Roger Pock and his Mulvane wildcats?

Who knows, but if Tuesday night's 66-43 victory over Chase County in the opening round of the Bluestem Classic basketball tournament at El Dorado High School is any indication, the fourth-quarter blahs are visiting someplace else.

The Mulvane club raced past Chase County by outscoring it, 29-11, in the final period to win handily. The victory advanced the Cats to the Bluestem semifinals where they were to have met Chisholm Trail sister Goddard (6-5) at 6:15 tonight.

El dorado cleaned Herrington's plow with a 70-43 whipping and advanced to the other semifinal game against Remington at 8.

"We really got after it in the fourth quarter," said the highly-pleased Pock, who matches last year's victory total at four games. "They got into foul trouble in the fourth quarter and we started going to the offensive boards. In fact, I thought we went to the offensive boards better than we ever have, guys like Perry Caldwell, Courtney Gammon and

Brad Butts. They all hit the boards like I want them.

"It was one of our better rebounding games this year and they (Chase County) are big, too," added the Mulvane coach. "I was a little worried about that before the game because they did have some size but the kids went right at them, attacked inside and did a great job."

Overall, Mulvane held a 39-26 edge in rebounding when the game ended with the 6-foot-2 senior Butts coming away with 12 boards and the 6-3 junior Gammon and 6-1 senior Caldwell each contributing seven rebounds.

Rebounding wasn't the whole story, though. Mulvane used the free throw strip frequently in the final period, hitting 11 of 19 at the line to keep Chase County in the skids. Overall, Mulvane made 16 of 32 at the line.

"They got into a little foul trouble in the fourth quarter, they were behind and started fouling," said Pock, "and we shot out free throws in pretty good.

"We didn't really come on with a flurry like it looks in the fourth quarter but we just kept going and going, kept plugging away. Nobody in particular scored a lot but everybody got their

share."

In that fateful quarter, the Wildcats (4-8) also hit from the field, making nine of 14 field attempts while Chase County cooled off to a two-for-eight showing and that shut the door on any comeback attempts.

"We played better defense in the last quarter," explained Pock. "We started shutting them off inside and they started forcing up shots and we pulled away."

The Cats had everything going in the game, including three scorers in double figures, a rarity for them. Dale Walker,

a 6-foot senior, Caldwell and Butts scored 15 points each, giving the Wildcats their best balanced scoring game in a while. Gammon added seven points.

## Bluestem Classic

### FIRST ROUND

Chase County	9	11	12	11-43
Mulvane	11	18	10	29-66

Chase County -- Ron Choone 1, Steve Harvey 2, Mark Mayo 2, Mark Blake 2, Scott Stubenhofer 5, Tim Dieker 13, Mark Choone 9, John Soyez 9. FG 17-42, FT 8-20, F 22.

Mulvane -- Dale Walker 16, Chad Scott 4, Perry Caldwell 15, Brad Butts 15, Gary Fortner 3, Jeff Arroyo 1, Courtney Gammon 7, Tom Fagan 4, Steve Steinbach 2. FG 24-57, FT 16-32, F 20.

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