

Double Dose Of 'Outsiders'

Most teams use the season to prepare for the rigors of league play. Mulvane prepared for the second stretch of league games by taking on Augusta and Derby. They can't wait to get back to their own league games.

The Wildcats travelled to Derby Tuesday, Jan. 31 to take on the Panthers. It looked like Mulvane left their real team home in the first quarter, as they fell behind 12-2.

"That part and a defensive run in the third quarter were the only two bad times in the game," Coach Dale Landes said. "Besides that, I thought we played hard and showed a lot of character."

The Panther used that early lead to hang on for the win, even though Mulvane outscored them 35-31 in the last three quarters.

"I think we just tried too hard in the first quarter because we were playing Derby," Landes said. "Once we settled down, we did what we wanted to do."

Michael Abasolo led the 'Cats with 12 points. Dexter Carpenter scored seven and Sean Younger chipped in five points. Younger also snared eight rebounds and played great defense.

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	5	15	9	11-40
Derby	16	10	14	7-47

Mulvane—Jeff Parker 5, Dexter Carpenter 7, Mike Abasolo 12, Matt Hendren 2, Jeremy Brown 2, Shawn Erbert 4, Sean Younger 5, Tom Nienke 3. FG 16 (3), FT 5-8, F 18.

Derby—Sears 13, Price 8, Hand 2, Snyder 4, Glaser 6, Carlson 3, Pryor 4, Galbraith 5, Briggs 2. FG 20 (1), FT 6-16, F 13.

Augusta	18	18	24	12-72
Mulvane	7	8	19	21-55

Augusta—Todd Kappelmann 14, Brett Kappelmann 8, Lucas Sims 15, Travis Buell 2, Martin Shetlar 7, Geoff Markos 22, Sam Walker 2, Dan Nickel 2. FG 29 (3), FT 11-21, F 12.

Mulvane—Matt Hendren 8, Jeremy Brown 10, Dexter Carpenter 7, Sean Younger 4, Tim Glaser 2, Kevin Diller 1, Tom Nienke 1, Shawn Erbert 4, Jeff Parker 9, Mike Abasolo 7, Luke Cox 2. FG 21 (5), FT 8-15, F 20.

Junior Varsity Boys

Augusta	16	9	9	13-47
Mulvane	7	17	19	20-63

Augusta—Judd Patty 2, Breck Skidmore 10, Jarod Pindle 2, Justin Patton 2, Kyle Wallace 5, Kelly Walker 15, Alan Herman 3, Chris Shetlar 8. FG 20 (4), FT 3-8, F 18.

Mulvane—Ted Nicholson 9, Tim Glaser 5, Raymond Lazier 3, Greg Nunn 8, Neil Gosch 16, Matt Hendren 9, Luke Cox 3, Brad Canfield 10. FG 25 (6), FT 7-11, F 14.

"Sean has been playing well on the defensive end for us," Landes said. "When we need more interior defense, I look to him."

Mulvane could not have picked a tougher opponent for homecoming Friday, Jan. 27. Augusta is undefeated, ranked No. 2 in Class 5A and features a team with no one under six feet.

"I think they are one of the best teams in the league in a while," Landes said. "They are the complete package."

The Orioles backed up all the accolades with a dominating performance in the first half. They led Mulvane 36-15 at the break.

"We talked at halftime about playing for pride because we had nothing to lose," Landes said.

The 'Cats played well in the second half, scoring 40 points.

"We got beyond the awe and pushed the ball better," Landes said. "We spread it around and shot well."

The result was balanced scoring with everyone getting into the act. Jeremy Brown had 10 points. Jeff Parker scored nine, Matt Hendren totalled eight and both Abasolo and Carpenter added seven points. It was a season high for Hendren.

"Matt has been progressing all season, working himself into more playing time at the varsity level," Landes said.

Competing for even a half against a team like Augusta was a positive for Landes.

"We are the kind of team where we just have to concentrate on what we are doing," he said.

The jayvee squad concentrated their way to a 63-47 win over Augusta. After falling behind by nine points early, the Wildcats dominated the Orioles from that point.

"I was real frustrated after the first quarter," JV Coach Scott Swaney said. "We ran away with it in the fourth quarter."

Neil Gosch led all scorers with 16 points.

"He had a real nice game," Swaney said.

Brad Canfield netted 10 points for Mulvane.

Mulvane travels to Kingman Friday, Feb. 3. Game time is 8 p.m.