

Boys Make Eagles Strain

For a half, the underdog was barking loudly. Kingman's defense put a muzzle on the upstart Mulyane High School boys' offense in the second half and pulled away to a 21-point victory. The score was 64-43.

The loss helped the two Chisholm Trail League teams maintain the opposite paths they have taken this season. Mulyane, under new coach John Darrow, tumbled to 1-11 for the year and Kingman improved its record to 10-2.

"We hung right in there with them for three quarters but they finally turned up the 'D' and we couldn't put the ball in the hole, especially in the second half," said Darrow. "We were down only three at halftime and 10 at the end of the third quarter. Kingman is one of the top teams in the State in Class 4A, so I felt pretty good about the way we played."

Mulyane senior Jesse Marksberry continued to get his shooting touch back after missing the first one-third of the season. He kept the Cats in the game in the second quarter, scoring 12 of his 16 points in the period as MHS out-gunned the Eagles, 20-14, to hang tough. But the Eagle defense blanked Marksberry in the second half and Mulyane finished with two seven-point quarters.

"Early, we were shooting well, taking care of the ball, executing our offense and giving them just one shot at the basket," said Darrow. "We came out in a 3-2 zone and were able to take care of their shooters and also pack it in on their inside people, but in

the second half, they started hitting them from deep and finally started getting some each baskets in transition because we turned the ball over a little more in the second half."

That was the story line for the final two quarters. "Kingman came out and played a good pressure defense and our guards didn't handle it," added Darrow. "We started forcing our offense and forcing our shots. That's what good ball clubs do to you."

Darrow said the Cat rebounding was strong throughout the game, holding the Eagles to only 10 offensive boards the entire game. Chris Gerhardt had an outstanding game on the boards with 10 carries and marksberry finished with nine.

In the scoring department for the MHS varsity boys, behind Marksberry, the offense struggled. Chris Brannon, Jason Wilson and Troy Johnson scored six points each and Gerhardt added four points.

Mulyane returns home for a Friday night (Feb. 4) game against Chaparral. The MHS Winter Homecoming will be held between the boys and girls game that evening.

Varsity Boys

Mulyane	9	20	7	7	43
Kingman	18	14	14	18	64
Mulyane	Jesse Marksberry 16	Jason Wilson 6	Jared Rice 2	Caleb Alexander 3	Chris Brannon 6, Chris Gerhardt 4, Troy Johnson 6, FG 17 (6), FT 3-4 (1-9)
Kingman	Aaron Baldwin 8	Pat Miller 13	Cooper Geist 7	Jordan White 16	Cody Young 9, Dustin Lober 7, Cactus Dodge 4, FG 26 (8), FT 4-6, F 8

Chisholm Trail League Girls Basketball Standings

DIVISION II

Team	League		Overall
	W	L	W-L
Andale	6	0	10-3
Kingman	4	2	9-4
Mulyane	3	3	5-8
Clearwater	3	3	3-8
Circle	3	3	4-10
Chaparral	3	3	4-10
Rose Hill	1	5	4-10

DIVISION I

Buhler	6	1	14-1
Mauze	4	1	7-4
Goddard	4	2	9-3
Andover	3	3	9-5
Valley Center	3	3	7-6
Augusta	1	5	6-8
Wellington	0	6	3-10