

Inconsistent Scoring Troubles Cats

Oh, to be consistently consistent.

The Mulvane High School Wildcat boys aren't and about one quarter a game, the "Big Freeze" is oh. That's what happened Tuesday night, Feb. 2, when Kingman came to town for a Chisholm Trail League game.

The Eagles took advantage of one "Deep Freeze" to carve out a 22-7 run which powered a 67-45 triumph by Kingman.

"We had some good moments but not enough of them," said Cat coach Todd Barker. "We have been consistent about

Varsity Boys

Kingman	10	15	22	20-67
Mulvane	7	15	7	16-45

Kingman - Dallas Hageman 12, Josh Self 29, Cooper Geist 6, Jeremy Orth 2, Scott Campbell 2, Jordan White 16. FG 28 (7), FT 4-9, F 22

Mulvane - Garrett Hennes 6, Randy Johnson 16, Jesse Marksberry 11, Brian McColpin 2, Nick Pope 4, Jake Wilkinson 1, Brian Dinkel 6. FG 15 (4), FT 7-20, F 14

Mulvane	12	14	13	12-51
Andale	14	13	14	12-53

Mulvane - Brian Dinkel 7, Jake Wilkinson 2, Randy Johnson 14, Jesse Marksberry 18, Garrett Hennes 6, Brian McColpin 4. FG 24 (3), FT 0-3, F 17

Andale - Chad Meyer 8, Nick Eck 7, Brandon Caselman 7, Zac Richards 10, Schmidt 11, Dean Leahy 4, Ryan Spexarth 6. FG 21 (3), FT 8-14, F 13

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	14	12	12	11-49
Andale	19	13	22	21-75

Mulvane - Chris Brannon 8, Nick Pope 7, Derek Paul 8, Jared Rice 7, Ryan McKnight 5, Kyle McGuire 1, Jason Wilson 9, Chris Gerhardt 4. FG 19 (2), FT 9-15, F 23

Andale - Meyer 6, Lies 12, Steven 5, Gorges 8, McFadden 4, Layaly 22, Eck 5, Boatman 8, Ungles 5. FG 25 (4), FT 21-32, F 18

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	8	5	11	8-32
Andale	4	11	13	15-44

Mulvane - Kyle McGuire 3, Jonathan Reed 6, Chris Gerhardt 2, Andy Hixson 22, Ryan McKnight 2. FG 14 (1), FT 2-7, F 18

Andale - Travis Cutter 5, Dustin Whitley 7, Brian Spexarth 11, Matt Lubbers 5, Andy Miller 2, Matt McFielder 4, Martin Winter 5, Francis Dalman 6, Cody Ungles 2. FG 14 (3), FT 13-13, F 11

being inconsistent each game for a short period of time and that has hurt us all year long."

And it certainly did Tuesday, as the Eagles broke out of a tight game at halftime to run up a lead of nearly 20 points in the third quarter. Point. Game.Set.

"We just went cold in the third quarter and that was the ball game," said Barker. "We couldn't get the ball in the hole and we couldn't shoot our free throws. They also pounded us on the boards in that quarter."

The loss was the sixth for the Cats in their last seven games after a promising 4-2 start. A 7-for-20 effort at the free throw line didn't help things either.

Randy Johnson was the top scorer for the Cats, hitting 16 points. Junior Jesse Marksberry was the only other player in double figures with 11 points. Garrett Hennes finished with six points, Brian Dinkel had five and Nick Pope scored four.

Mulvane had a golden opportunity turn to rust Friday night, Jan. 29, in a Chisholm Trail League battle at Andale. The Cats squandered a five-point lead in the final two minutes and lost a 53-51 game to the host Indians.

"Overall, I thought the kids did a nice job," said Coach Barker. "They played well and they were focused for most of the game except for the last couple of minutes. We let it slip away then."

A victory would have given Barker and the Wildcats their first at Andale in quite a few years. Barker has lost all four of his years at Andale, but the Indians were extremely hard to top at home. "We missed some free throws down the stretch and they hit a big three-pointer with about 18 seconds left that put them ahead," said Barker. "We called a time out and drew up a play but we came down the court and didn't get a good look at all. We kind of got shook the

last two minutes. All losses are really tough to take but this one was especially hard because we had them on their floor."

For much of the contest, the Cats outplayed the Indians. "We out-shot them from the field (57% to 43%), the rebounding was even (21-21) and so were the turnovers (18-18)," pointed out Barker. "They won it by going to the line so many more times. We

only got to shoot three free throws and they had 14 even though we only had three more fouls than they did. It just seemed like they were always going to the hole when we fouled them."

The key statistic, though, is that the Wildcats were 0-for-3 at the stripe. Andale went 8-for-14. "We've been up and down at the free throw line all year," complained Barker. "It's something we work on every single day in practice. When you get to the line, you have to knock them down and have the confidence that you're going to knock them down."

Barker said Mulvane tried to spread the floor late but the Indians trapped and Mulvane turned the ball over, giving Andale hope. "We got them to do what we wanted them to do but they did what they needed to do to win and we didn't."

The Cats were paced by junior Jesse Marksberry, who scored 18 points, and senior Randy Johnson, who dumped in 14. Guard Brian Dinkel had seven points and Garrett Hennes and Brian McColpin were next with six and four points, respectively.

The Indians also pounded the Wildcats in the junior varsity game and the sophomore contest. Andale rolled in the second half, out-scoring the Cat JVs, 43-23, on the way to a 75-49 beating. And Andale posted a 44-32 edge in the sophomore game.

Jason Wilson was the top scorer for the Wildcat jayvees, scoring nine points. Chris Brannon and Derek Paul had eight points each and Nick Pope and Jared Rice scored seven apiece.

In the sophomore game, Andy Hixson scored a career-high 22 points and Jonathan Reed added six.