

Hot Hornets Swarm Cat Boys, Knock MHS From Contender Role

Blame it on the Valley Center water, or blame it on quicker, bigger people. Any way you cut it, the Hornets sliced up the Mulvane Wildcat boys Tuesday night, Feb. 4, in a Chisholm Trail League game.

VC handed the Cats their worst drubbing of the season, an 82-60 dose of Valley Center hospitality, establishing the Hornets as a force in the CTL title chase and relegating Coach Charlie Mason's Wildcats to the role of on-lookers. VC is 4-1 in the league and Mulvane is 2-3.

It was a clean sweep for the host school, too, as the Hornet junior varsity boys toppled Mulvane, 70-60, in the jayvee game and 52-50 in the sophomore game.

"Valley Center has more quickness and more size than Goddard," said Mason. "That, by far, is the best Valley Center team we've faced in years, even better than the one we faced in sub-state play several years ago. They have good quickness and good size and know how to use it."

Mason said shooting also played a part, as the Hornets hit nearly 65% of their field attempts. "You're going to shoot a good percentage if you get close-in shots," said Mason. "They used their size inside and got a lot of offensive rebounds and put them back in. They played well and we compounded our problem by not playing very good."

Juniors Morgan LeClair and Todd Fox were the only Cats in twin figures. LeClair scored 16 points and Fox had 14. Andrew Swayne finished with eight and Curtis Hicks scored six.

For the Wildcat jayvees, Shay Cornejo's 17 points led the way with Lyle Graybeal scoring 14 points and Jeff Williams getting 12.

VC won the battle of sophomores--but just barely. Toby Butcher scored a career-high 22 points to power Mulvane's sophs. Russell Norden and Neal Hamilton also were in double figures for the Cats, scoring 11 points apiece.



The Wildcats avenged an early-season loss at home against Goddard by swarming all over the Lions on their own floor Friday night, Jan. 31, in a Chisholm Trail League clash. The Cats lashed Goddard, 75-58.

Mulvane blew the game open in the second quarter by reeling off 20 points to Goddard's 10. It was anti-climatic after that as Mason's crew opened a huge lead in the third quarter and eased out the door with their second CTL victory in four games. Earlier this year, Goddard did the same thing to Mulvane, thumping MHS, 65-57, on home turf.

In other games Friday, the Mulvane junior varsity raised its record to 4-2 by scorching Goddard, 49-44, and the sophomore Wildcats grappled the Lions to the floor in a 29-28 game, winning it on Toby Butcher's free throw with no time on the clock.

Most of the Wildcat varsity players got into the scoring act at Goddard. Juniors LeClair and Hicks took things seriously, gunning in 22 and 19 points, respectively. Another junior, Kyle Steadman, also hit twin figures with 10 points, and center Andrew Swayne finished with nine points and Todd Fox had seven.

In the jayvee game, sophomore Shay Cornejo led all scorers with 14 points. Jeff Williams, a guard, pumped in 11 and Bryson Butts had 10 for Coach Dennis Tegethoff's Wildcats.

For Butcher, it was his second winning shot against Goddard's sophs this season. In a victory in Mulvane, Butcher hit a jumper with just seconds left to give Coach Kim Grant's club the two-point victory.

Neal Hamilton led the MHS sophomores to victory with 11 points and Butcher added seven. Ken Baer also scored four points for the sophs.

The next outing for Coach Mason's Cats is at Augusta Friday night, Feb. 7, in another CTL test.

**CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE
BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS**

DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Buhler	5	0	8	6
Valley Center	4	1	9	4
Augusta	2	3	6	8
Mulvane	2	3	5	8
Wellington	1	4	4	8
Goddard	1	4	4	9

DIVISION II

Clearwater	3	0	10	4
Kingman	2	0	6	8
Andale	2	0	7	6
Maize	1	1	9	5
Rose Hill	2	2	9	6
Andover	1	2	2	12
Circle	1	3	5	9
Chaparral	0	4	0	13

Games Friday, Feb. 7

- Mulvane at Augusta
- Valley Center at Goddard
- Buhler at Wellington
- Clearwater at Andale
- Maize at Kingman
- Circle at Andover
- Chaparral at Medolne Lodge

Games Tuesday, Feb. 11

- Andover at Mulvane
- Circle at Augusta
- Valley Center at Maize
- McPherson at Buhler
- Wellington at Clearwater
- Chaparral at Andale

Friday, Jan. 31, Results

- Mulvane 75, Goddard 58
- Valley Center 65, Wellington 49
- Buhler 64, Augusta 46
- Clearwater 65, Andover 46
- Kingman 57, Rose Hill 52
- Circle 55, Chaparral 51

Boys Varsity

Mulvane	13	11	14	21-60
Valley Center	13	19	17	32-82
Mulvane--Morgan LeClair 16, Todd Fox 14, Kevin Kastl 2, Jeff Williams 1, Curtis Hicks 6, Kyle Steadman 5, Swayne 8, Bryson Butts 2, Lyle Graybeal 2, Shay Cornejo 2. FG 20, FT 20-25, F 15.				
Valley Center--Jamle Williams 15, Mike Hampton 13, Mike Whitaker 12, Kevin Shaw 10, Tim Ruth 2, Jeff Alstatt 8, Neal Eskridge 5, Gary Black 4, Scott Alderson 4, Scott Hunter 1. FG 37, FT 8-15, F 20.				

Boys Junior Varsity

Mulvane	14	8	17	21-60
Valley Center	15	18	19	20-70
Mulvane--Nick Fortin 2, Jeff Williams 12, Lyle Graybeal 14, Bryson Butts 7, Shay Cornejo 17, Toby Butcher 8. FG 25, FT 10-17, F 15.				
Valley Center--Brian Phipps 10, Eric Burns 20, Kent Gerey 6, Gary Sharpe 6, Jeff Alstatt 12, Bob Scantlin 14, Ross Farley 2. FG 28, FT 14-18, F 14.				

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	7	17	6	20-50
Valley Center	10	10	19	13-52
Mulvane--Neal Hamilton 11, Toby Butcher 22, Pat Lockwood 4, Russell Norden 11, Ken Baer 2. FG 17, FT 18-27, F 22.				
Valley Center--Rob Hurlbutt 19, Jeff Renner 14, Darren Fowler 2, Shane Neal 2, Ross Farley 3, Carl Franklin 12. FG 20, FT 9-25, F 22.				

Boys Varsity

Mulvane	12	20	17	28-75
Goddard	14	10	9	25-58
Mulvane--Kevin Kastl 4, Andrew Swayne 9, Curtis Hicks 19, Kyle Steadman 10, Morgan LeClair 22, Wes Moore 1, Reese Brown 2, Shay Cornejo 1, Todd Fox 7. FG 27, FT 21-27, F 14.				
Goddard--Jeff Roberts 17, Steve Petrcek 6, Jared Mares 13, Tony Putnam 4, Kenny Schneider 3, Chad Steward 1, Brian Goldsmith 2, David Kingrey 12. FG 21, FT 16-26, F 23.				

Boys Junior Varsity

Mulvane	10	19	11	9-49
Goddard	6	12	10	16-44
Mulvane--Nick Fortin 6, Jeff Williams 11, Lyle Graybeal 6, Bryson Butts 10, Shay Cornejo 14, Toby Butcher 1, Neal Hamilton 1. FG 19-37, FT 11-17, F 18.				
Goddard--Steve Center 9, John Wilson 4, Brian Goldsmith 12, Jared Mares 2, Chad Steward 4, Brant Paul 12, Chris Napier 2, Steve Meyer 2. FG 18-40, FT 8-14, F 14.				

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	10	6	4	9-29
Goddard	5	8	4	4-28
Mulvane--Neal Hamilton 11, Toby Butcher 7, Pat Lockwood 1, Russell Norden 2, Justin Springer 2, Jeremy Hoenscheldt 2, Ken Baer 4. FG 11, FT 7-18, F 13.				
Goddard--Jim Gurrens 8, Keith Lewis 4, Juan Ortega 4, Neal Hargate 8, Danny Page 2, Chris Napier 2. FG 13, FT 2-10, F 16.				