

Derby, Augusta Pop Cats; Shooting, Intensity Sag

When the shooting goes, when the rebounding goes, when the other team is the one that's physical, the lights go out, too.

Augusta came into Mulvane Friday night, Jan. 31, and turned the lights out on the Wildcat boys in a non-league contest at the MHS gym. The Orioles hammered the Cats, 71-53, as the up-and-down season for Coach Todd Barker's club continued.

The loss left Mulvane's record at 3-10 while Augusta improved its mark to 6-7, including five wins in its last six games after a horrendous start.

"We just ran into another good team," said Barker. "I have no idea why they lost as many games as they did early. They have a bunch of talented people."

The Wildcat chief pinpointed the characteristics of defeat: shooting, lack of rebounding, especially on the defensive boards, and inability to stop the Augusta inside game.

Augusta went on a spree coming out of the starting gate, running out to a 13-2 lead and after one quarter, the visitors held a 20-10 lead. "They jumped on us early early but we came screaming back and part-way through the second quarter, we had the ball and had the game down to a four-point difference," said Barker. "We turned the ball over and that seemed to ignite them on another scoring run right up to the end of the half. We never could get our heads back in there the rest of the way."

Barker didn't feel like that was the critical time, the turning point, though. "That

was just one turnover and our turnovers didn't hurt us that much," said Barker. "We had 11 turnovers in the game, so we played really well there."

What did hurt, though, was this: Augusta 17 offensive rebounds. Augusta 40 rebounds, Mulvane 23.

"They just beat us up on the boards," said Barker. "They were bigger and more intense inside on the boards and that was a big factor. So was their shooting because they had so many offensive rebounds, they had many more good shots under the bucket, so their shooting percentage was higher. Anytime you get that many offensive rebounds, we're going to shoot well because you're usually getting the ball in close. You're either going to get off a good shot or get fouled, and Augusta did both."

The Orioles shot 44% from the field (21 of 48) and made five of 10 from three-point land. The Wildcats, on the other hand, hit only 14 of 42 (33%). The Cats were seven-for-16 from behind the line but three of those came in a row in the fourth quarter after the game was already decided.

"Shooting was a factor," agreed Barker. "It was a big factor but it was their inside game that really hurt us. They worked it inside and really worked us over. If their big kid didn't score, he'd dish it off on the baseline and we weren't getting any weak-side help down there."

"Giving up 17 offensive rebounds and put-backs, you just can't do that and expect to win ball games. The Kappelman kid did some damage and they had a kid come in who got six. If they missed the shot, they seemed to get the rebound and put it back in. We just didn't do a very good job inside blocking them out."

About the only spark for the Wildcats was Clint Cox, a junior, coming off the bench. "Clint did a real nice job for us," said the Wildcat coach. "He shut some of that inside scoring down that they were getting in the first half."

But by that time, the game was out-of-hand. The Orioles slapped the Cats around to take a 33-21 halftime lead and by the three-quarter mark were up by 24, 58-34. "We were cut it down a little but not near enough to get back in it," said Barker. "We just ran into a big, pretty physical team and they out-muscled us on the inside."

Offensively, the Mulvane troops were

Varsity Boys				
Mulvane	12	8	17	20-57
Derby	20	10	30	25-85
Mulvane--Raymond Lazier 13, Neil Gosch 4, Dan McElroy 2, Clint Cox 6, Darrin Erbert 12, Bryce Schumacher 12, Sean Holman 6, Greg Nunn 2. FG 22 (2), FT 11-14, F 17.				
Derby--Jason McCormack 6, Williams 8, Terrell Benton 23, Cory Snider 8, Courter 8, Tony Avery 10, Mike Watkins 6, Chris Devore 4, Shaun Faust 12. FG 34 (7), FT 10-14, F 19.				

Boys Varsity				
Augusta	20	13	25	13-71
Mulvane	10	11	13	19-53
Augusta--Todd Kappelman 18, Dan Nickel 17, Shryock 2, Breck Skidmore 13, Riggs 5, Taton 6, Stephenson 2, Sheelar 5. FG 26 (5), FT 14-20, F 15.				
Mulvane--Neil Gosch 13, Brad Canfield 4, Bryce Schumacher 4, Darrin Erbert 11, Raymond Lazier 13, Greg Nunn 3, Sean Holman 5. FG 21 (7), FT 4-9, F 15.				
Boys Junior Varsity				
Augusta	18	19	18	20-75
Mulvane	14	12	15	15-56
Augusta--Buell 14, Sayre 12, Shryock 2, Olson 18, Stephenson 6, McCollum 17, Swendson 2, Nickel 2, Maier 2, Olson 18. FG 34 (1), FT 6-10, F 15.				
Mulvane--Ryan McCarty 13, Ryan Lowe 2, Rob Parker 6, Ryan Rogers 2, Keene Hargrove 2, Doug Grow 4, Sean Holman 11, Clint Cox 4, Jake Wilkinson 2, Lucas Powell 2, Randy Johnson 3, Tom Anderson 4, Garrett Hennes 3. FG 23 (6), FT 4-8, F 56.				

paced by seniors Neil Gosch and Raymond Lazier. They had 13 points apiece. Junior guard Darrin Erbert chipped in 11 points and junior Sean Holman was next with five points.

Augusta also pounded out a big win in the junior varsity contest, taming the Cats, 75-56. Ryan McCarty carried the load for the Mulvane jayvees, scoring 13 points, and Holman scored in double figures with 11. Center Rob Parker had six points and Tom Anderson, Doug Grow and Cox had four-point games.

The Wildcats will be trying to get back on the "W" side Friday night, Feb. 7, during a homecoming game against Kingman. The Eagles (2-10) blasted Mulvane earlier this year for the first of their two victories this season.

The Cats went to up the road to Derby Tuesday night, Feb. 4, and found the road to be pretty rocky. Derby spanked the MHS boys, 85-57, in a non-league game.

A 30-point third quarter by Derby broke the game up for good after the Cats had fallen behind, 30-20, by intermission. The explosion in the 3rd period allowed the Panthers to open a 60-37 lead.

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Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

DIVISION II

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Circle	6	0	11	2
Rose Hill	5	1	10	4
Andale	3	3	11	3
Kingman	3	3	3	10
Mulvane	2	4	3	11
Clearwater	1	4	6	6
Chaparral	0	6	1	13

DIVISION I

Andover	6	0	11	3
Buhler	4	2	11	2
Valley Center	4	2	8	6
Augusta	3	3	7	7
Goddard	2	4	7	7
Wellington	1	5	4	10
Maize	1	5	2	11

Games Friday, Feb. 7

Chaparral at Rose Hill

Kingman at Mulvane

Circle at Clearwater

Andover at Buhler

Valley Center at Augusta

Goddard at Wellington

Games Saturday, Feb. 8

Maize at Wichita West

Games Tuesday, Feb. 11

Rose Hill at Mulvane

Andale at Circle

Clearwater at Chaparral

Augusta at Andover

Wellington at Maize

Goddard at Buhler

Pratt at Kingman