

Boys Survive Trojan Charge

A team's mettle is one of those intangibles that you never know about until that "extra" is called upon. Until Tuesday night, Feb. 5, Mulvane High School's boys hadn't had to show any of that mettle, but Andover changed all of that.

In the best "spectator game" of the season, the Wildcats willed up the courage to come back from squandering a big lead early in the game and rallied from five points off the pace to spring past the Trojans, 71-67, in a non-conference game.

"It was a game of contrasts," said Cat coach Charlie Mason. "We had a pretty good first half and in the second half, they got the momentum going and hit the shots to get back in the game. I was real proud of the way we came back. Greg (Quigley) and Aaron (Huslig) had super games. Greg was outstanding, though. He got those two buckets to get us back in the game and then the free throws. He saved us."

Quigley had 20 points, second-high to 6-foot-3 senior Lonny Travis, who scored 23 points. Both Huslig and David Belew scored 13 points for Mulvane.

The Wildcats, running their record to 13-2, sprinted out to a 28-14 lead in the initial quarter, then watched it melt to 46-39 in the third quarter, then watched it melt even further as Andover reeled off a 10-1 spurt at the start of the fourth quarter to take a 62-57 lead with 4:21 left in the game.

The Trojans, who are 9-6, were rolling. Mulvane's top gun, Travis, saddled with his 4th foul with 2:53 left in the third quarter, came out cold. Belew missed two free throws, then Huslig

missed three to bring the Trojans even. Two straight turnovers followed by Trojan points had the visiting Andover crowd howling.

Two Quigley 14-foot jumpers sandwiched two missed free throws by the Trojans to get the Cats back on the trail. Two free throws by Belew tied the score and Travis, who seemed tight playing under foul trouble for the first time this season, canned his first field goal since early in the third quarter to put the Cats ahead once again.

Andover tied the game at 67 on a steal but with 30 seconds left, the slick Belew drove straight down the baseline for an uncontested layup off an in-bounds play. Travis iced it with two free throws with one second left.

"This type of ball game's good for us," said Mason. "Andover did a really good job running with us, too."

The Mulvane junior varsity cranked out its second straight victory by ambushing Andover, 73-64.

Morgan LeClair dumped in 19 points, Curtis Hicks added 15 Todd Fox shot in 13 for the Cat jayvees.

The Wildcats ran their Chisholm Trail League mark to 6-0 with a homecoming night thrashing of Augusta, 99-72, at the MHS gym Friday, Feb. 1. The victory, coupled with the announcement of a forfeit loss by Wellington, gives Mason's outfit an opportunity to clinch at least a tie for the CTL Division I championship when the Cats trek to Buhler Friday, Feb. 8.

"It was a good ball game for us, we had control from the very start of the game," said Mason. "It was good for us from the standpoint that it gave our bench a lot of playing time and work. Everybody got a chance to play and most of them scored."

The Wildcats zoomed out to a 21-10 lead after one period and were well

ahead of the hapless Orioles (2-13) at intermission, 43-24.

"Lonny had another incredible night and Aaron played probably his best ball game of the year," added Mason. "It's starting to come together."

The 6-3 senior Travis, a definite all-state candidate who is averaging more than 24 points an outing, popped in 33 points and had 12 rebounds, and the big pivot, 6-5 Aaron Huslig, scored 19 points, with nine rebounds. Fancy guard Belew added 16 points and senior Buddy Moyer scored eight.

The varsity led a 5-0 sweep in all games against the Orioles as both the boys junior varsity and sophomores won as did the MHS girls and girls jayvees. The boys jayvees took two overtimes before disposing of Augusta, 78-70, to notch their first victory of the year, and the Cat sophs issued a 57-49 beating, running their record to 4-1.

For the Mulvane jayvees, Morgan LeClair gunned in a career-high 27 points, guard Curtis Hicks added 17 and junior Mike Stump and Andrew Swayne scored 10 apiece. In overtime, the Cats spurted behind Hicks' four points, 2-for-2 free throwing by Wes Moore and LeClair's three points.

The sophomore boys jumped to a 33-16 halftime lead and held on the rest of the contest. Todd Fox and Kyle Steadman both scored 12 points to pace Mulvane. Jeff Williams and Swayne finished with six points each.

MHS Can Clinch Title Friday After Wellington Woes

The Chisholm Trail League Division I standings took a turn toward Mulvane last week with the announcement by Wellington High School of one forfeited game and the suspension of the team's No. 1 scorer.

The school announced that leading scorer Jesse Ybarra had been suspended for five games and the Crusaders would have to forfeit a 71-44 victory over Augusta Tuesday, Jan. 29, because Ybarra had played in a tournament in Hutchinson the weekend before, a violation of Kansas State High School Association rules.

The loss and another loss by Wellington Friday, Feb. 1, at Buhler dropped Wellington's CTL record to 3-3. When Mulvane goes to Buhler Friday night, Feb. 8, a Wildcat victory will assure Coach Charlie Mason's club of a tie for the league championship with three loop games remaining.

Mulvane presently is 6-0, Buhler is 4-2 and Wellington is 3-3.

CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Mulvane	6	0	13	2
Buhler	4	2	7	8
Wellington	3	3	6	8
Valley Center	2	4	7	8
Goddard	2	4	2	12
Augusta	1	5	2	13
DIVISION II				
Haven	5	0	15	0
Circle	4	1	12	3
Andover	3	1	9	6
Chaparral	2	2	8	7
Kingman	2	2	6	8
Clearwater	2	3	7	8
Malze	1	3	6	8
Rose Hill	1	4	7	8
Andale	0	4	1	15

Boys Varsity

Andover	18	16	16	17--67
Mulvane	28	18	10	15--71
Andover--Justin Hromek 0, Jeff Little 8, Ted Uhlenhop 17, Dale Uhlenhop 22 Brent Wasson 20				
FG 28-48, FT 11-22, F 16				
Mulvane--Lonny Travis 23, Aaron Huslig 13, David Belew 13, Greg Quigley 20, Mike Rodgers 2				
FG 28-58, FT 15-22, F 19				

Boys Junior Varsity

Andover	13	15	15	21--64
Mulvane	23	18	11	21--73
Andover--Tim Clifton 2, Jeff Hamilton 2, David Allen 19, Larry Roulton 14, Rob Morgan 4, Todd Bohrer 10, Mike Moen 8, Layton Strong 2				
FG 27-48, FT 10-22, F 36				
Mulvane--Mike Stump 8, Wes Moore 7, Curtis Hicks 15, Morgan LeClair 19, Andrew Swayne 7, Todd Fox 13, Bryson Butts 4				
FG 23-50, FT 27-41, F 18				

Boys Varsity

Augusta	10	14	26	22--72
Mulvane	21	22	21	35--99
Augusta--A.J. Bodyk 18, Roger Slusser 8, Craig Sharp 15, Cale Lytton 2, Curtis Patten 13, Troy Palmer 16				
FG 26-54, FT 20-26, F 27				
Mulvane--Lonny Travis 33, Buddy Moyer 8, Aaron Huslig 19, Jamie Lough 2, Bo Jones 3, David Belew 16, Wes Moore 2, Greg Quigley 7, Kevin Kastl 1, Mike Rodgers 2, Mike Stump 6				
FG 41-75, FT 17-33, F 21				

Boys Junior Varsity

Augusta	16	15	18	13 (6) (2)--70
Mulvane	14	17	17	14 (6) (10)--78
Augusta--Curt Hillier 8, Roger Slusser 6, Jeff Masterson 20, Troy Palmer 18, Kerry Trebbe 3, Travis Prothro 7, Mike Potts 6				
FG 30-73, FT 10-16, F 27				
Mulvane--Mike Stump 10, Wes Moore 6, Kevin Kastl 6, Curtis Hicks 17, Morgan LeClair 27, Andrew Swayne 10, Todd Fox 2				
FG 27-65, FT 24-38, F 18				

Sophomore Boys

Augusta	12	4	17	16--49
Mulvane	19	14	12	12--57
Augusta--John Thompson 8, Doug Adams 3, Kerry Trebbe 9, Scott Duncan 6, Travis Prothro 8, Tim Martin 2, Tim Schild 11, Lee LaMunyon 2				
FG 20-91, FT 9-15, F 14				
Mulvane--Curtis Hicks 4, Kyle Steadman 12, Todd Fox 12, Jeff Williams 6, Bryson Butts 5, Andrew Swayne 6, Lyle Graybeal 4, Heath Finchem 5, James Tackell 2, Roger Kendall 1				
FG 25-69, FT 7-13, F 14				