

# Cats Put Orioles In 'Slo-Mo'

A new strategy nearly paid off in a big way for the Mulvane High School basketball Wildcats and Coach Ryan Herrs.

The Wildcats passed and they passed and they passed. And they nearly upended a top-notch Augusta team but the Orioles had just enough to hold on down the stretch for a 53-44 verdict over the Cats. Earlier this year, the power-packed Orioles exploded on the Cats, 73-32, in Augusta.

"We nearly pulled it off," said Coach Herrs afterwards. "What we really wanted to do was limit their possessions. We wanted to limit them to only possessions in the first half. We didn't do it but we were successful in keeping them from running wild. We just didn't want to run with them. We couldn't run with them."

With about a minute to go in the game, Mulvane was down only six points, 50-44, but the visiting Orioles had what it takes to

## Varsity Boys

Augusta	15	13	6	19-53
Mulvane	3	10	10	21-44

Augusta--Kyle Taylor 12, Hans Nickel 3, Steve Oltman 1, Casey Smith 2, Scotty Landers 5, Jake Sims 4, Matt Sims 9, Wes Little 10, Tim Wedan 1, John Maier 6. FG 21 (1), FT 10-19, F 10.

Mulvane--Kale Regier 9, Luke Gunter 9, Caleb Alexander 2, Brian Blue 1, Tyler Hennes 4, Troy Johnson 7, Zach Kimble 4, Nick Hansen 5, John Beggs 4. FG 17 (4), FT 6-11, F 15.

Mulvane	5	13	6	19-43
Maize	30	17	15	12-74

Mulvane--Zach Kimble 16, Tyler Hennes 5, Troy Johnson 9, Luke Gunter 1, Kale Regier 2, Gavin Snider 2, Nick Hansen 4. FG 16 (3), FT 8-17, F 22.

Maize--Trent Barney 12, Milleville 5, Cameron Ledford 17, Dillon 8, Perry 4, Hall 9, Lungwitz 3, Kyle Riffel 11, Stowell 5. FG 27 (5), FT 15-25, F 18.

## Junior Varsity Boys

Augusta	18	11	12	17-52
Mulvane	11	18	9	12-50

Augusta--Todd Preston 9, Matt Boyer 11, Tim Wedan 6, Casey Smith 5, Jake Sims 4, Thomas Stephenson 4, Kevin Schauf 8, Tyler Lytton 5. FG 18 (2), FT 14-24, F 19.

Mulvane--Grant Snider 15, Nick Hansen 13, Caleb Alexander 3, Chris Simon 2, Jason Turner 3, Travis McGuire 9, Keil Mangus 1, Gavin Snider 4. FG 18 (5), FT 12-15, F 20.

Mulvane	11	21	7	15-54
Maize	14	33	16	14-77

Mulvane--Caleb Alexander 7, Nick Hansen 12, Greg Flores 18, Gavin Snider 2, Keil Mangus 6, David Mason 2, Chris Simon 4, Jason Turner 3. FG 16 (4), FT 18-31, F 17.

Maize--Brice Lowe 8, David O'Keale 8, Joe Brillhart, Bryce Terry 6, Austin Hall 4, Matt Muncy 18, Luke Bettis 4, Paul Millville 8, Dan Getteman 5, Adam Kamm 10, Brian Murphy 2, Jordan Caloos 2. FG 33 (0), FT 11-21, F 31.

pulled away. "We decided to slow it down and stay close by playing deliberate. You really have to work in practice against those situations but we can't come up with what Augusta brings. We don't have five extra 6-3 guys hanging around with the quickness that they have."

In the end, it was the same old bug-a-boo that squashed the Mulvane hopes of an upset victory: turnovers. "It was the same old story. We had 16 turnovers in the first half and they jumped out to a 15-3 lead in the first quarter, but our kids hung right in there with them the rest of the way. We still ended up with 28 turnovers but we did do a lot better job of getting the ball into the hands of the people who could score for us. Troy (Johnson) stepped up and made some big shots and Kale (Regier) stepped up and make some shots."

Herrs, whose warriors slipped to 6-9 for the year with their third straight setback, wasn't happy with just a moral victory. "We're not out there for moral victories," said Herrs. "and I know our kids don't feel that way either. You could see it in their eyes. They wanted to win that ball game. I'm really proud of the guys because they could have won that game. If they would have taken better care of the ball and would have done a little better job rebounding, they would have. We tried to give ourselves a chance to win because we knew we couldn't go up and down with them. They are just too quick for us and have too many weapons. They're a good team."

Guards Kale Regier and Luke Gunter highlighted the Cat offensive with nine points each. Johnson scored seven points, Nick Hansen came off the bench for five points and Zach Kimble, Tyler Hennes and John Beggs had four points apiece.

Two games for the MHS boys were postponed by the bad weather that swooped down on the area. However, Mulvane played a make-up game at Maize Saturday morning, Feb. 2, and the Eagles swamped the Wildcats, 74-43. The game originally had been scheduled for Tuesday night, Jan., 29.

"We were terrible," admitted Herrs. "We hadn't practiced since last Monday and it

showed. We weren't ready to play at all. It really wasn't fair to our kids to be out there. Maize had played the night before and we went into the game not having even seen each other for four days. Maize is too good to give them another edge on us."

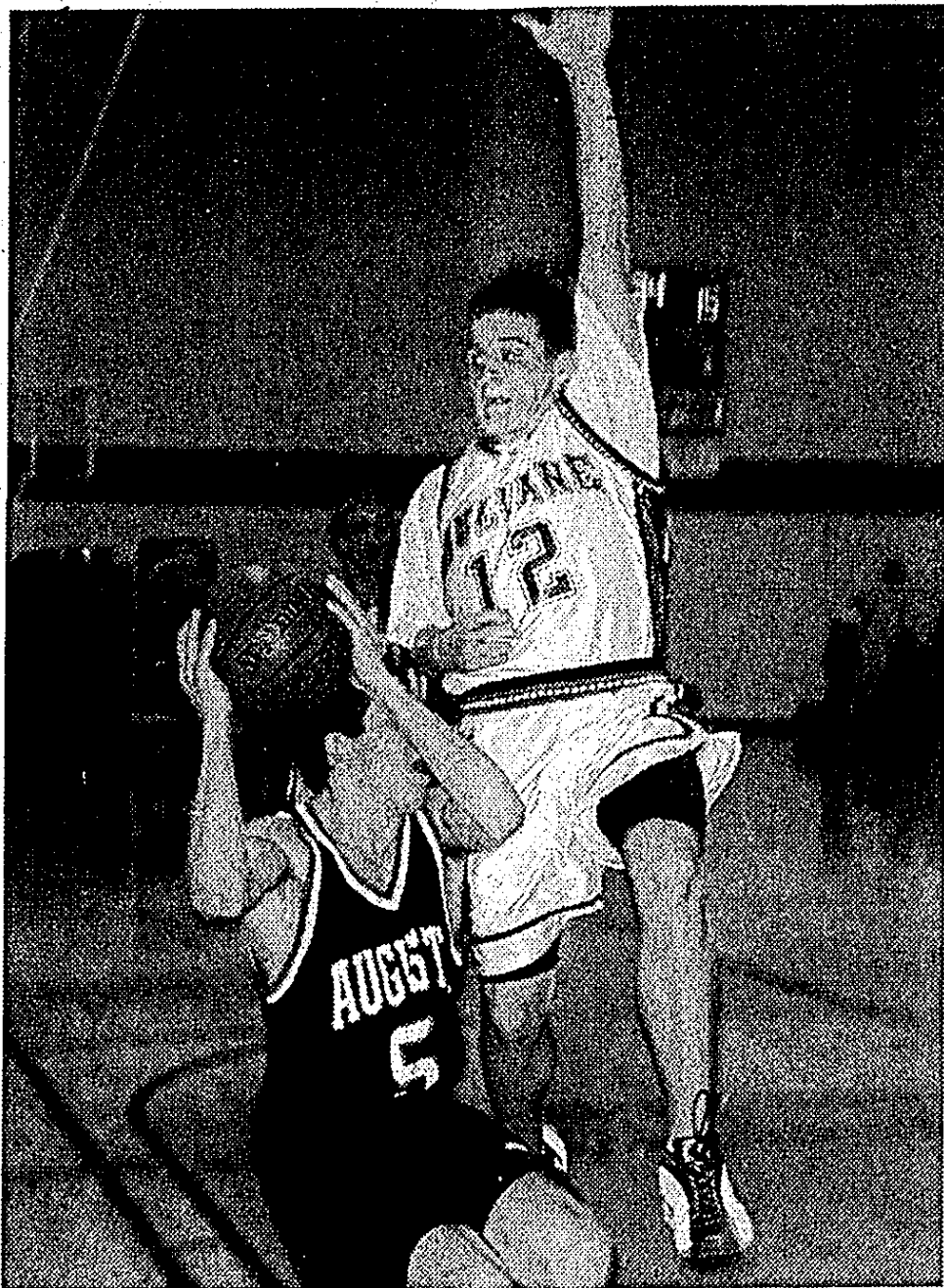
The Eagles won the game in the opening eight minutes, out-scoring the stale Wildcats, 30-5. Game over.

Kimble led the Cat scoring with 16

points. Johnson finished with nine points, Hennes had five and Hansen scored four.

In the JV game at Maize, Mulvane had similar problems. Maize came out to take the lead, then rang up 33 points in the 2nd quarter.

Mulvane's top point producers were guards Greg Flores and Hansen with 18 and 12 points, respectively, Alexander with seven points, Keil Mangus with six and Chris Simon with four.



Senior guard Luke Gunter (12) gets up to keep an Augusta player from shooting a jumper