

Effort Collapses As Roadrunners Run Wildcats

The on-again, off-again Mulvane defense was off-again Tuesday night, Feb. 6, and it didn't take Chaparral long to exploit the Wildcats.

The Roadrunners were just that--running out to an early lead to humble Mulvane, 84-67, in a Chisholm Trail League boys basketball game in Mulvane.

The loss skidded the Wildcats' record to 4-8 overall and 2-6 in the Chisholm Trail League. Chaparral, coached by Sam Beam, evened its record at 7-7 overall and 3-5 in CTL games.

The Mulvane B-Team played better but still tumbled, 61-55, in the preliminary game.

Two weeks ago, it appeared the Wildcats were poised to make a late-season charge, similar to the one of last season, after a good Bluestem Classic. Mulvane was 5-10 a year ago but finished with a rush and a good showing in the Augusta Sub-State. After the last couple of games, Wildcat coach Rod Pock isn't so sure.

"We just didn't play any basketball against Chaparral," said the perplexed Pock. "No offense. No defense. You name it." And it was much the same story a week earlier in a 20-point loss to Buhler.

The Roadrunners whipped Mulvane as soundly as anybody this season. Hitting seven of 15 from the field, Beam's boys jumped out to a 17-12 advantage in the first quarter, then blew the game wide open in the second quarter by outscoring Mulvane, 28-8. During that stretch, the Roadrunners hit eight of 13 fielders while Mulvane made only three of 12.

The rest of the game was catch-up and the Wildcats have a difficult time playing that game.

"I thought they were ready to play," said Pock. "We shot almost as many times as they did but when they shoot 43 times at the free throw line and make 65 percent of them, you're going to get beat."

Thirty-one fouls by Mulvane did the trick. Both teams made 28 field goals but Chaparral sent Mulvane to the line for only 21 shots and the Cats made only 11 while the Roadrunners hit 28 of 43.

"They've got a pretty good ball club despite their record," pointed out Pock. "They've played everybody close--Goddard, Kingman, Medicine Lodge. They are better than their record shows. And Sam Beam is probably one of the better coaches in the league."

The Roadrunners are hot, too. That helps. The triumph over the Wildcats was the sixth in the last seven games.

"We never got into our offense and we didn't play our defense," cited Pock. "They pushed us outside and we didn't go to the middle. They pressured everybody. We were in the nicker bleachers by the time the second quarter was over."

Junior Mark Smith led three Mulvane players in double-figure scoring. The 6-foot-2 Smith scored 16 points. Courtney Gammon and guard Troy Wayman, a pair of seniors, also hit double figures, scoring 14 and 12 points respectively. However, game scoring honors went to Chaparral's Richie Giesen, who scored 19 points.

Turnovers helped keep the Wildcat offense from generating a serious run. The Cats had 20 turnovers to Chaparral's pressure defense and the roadrunners had only six turnovers.

Mulvane won the rebound battle, 36-33, as Smith pulled down nine caroms and junior Mark Storey had seven.

Next game for the Wildcats is Friday, Feb. 9, at home against Chisholm Trail leading Goddard.

MULVANE Sports

Boys A-Team

Chaparral	17	28	18	21	84
Mulvane	12	8	16	29	67
Chaparral --	Doug Brown	13	Pat Shurley	6	
Ronnie Giesen	10	Shawn Williams	2	Richie Giesen	19
John Vogt	5	Brad Smith	7	Mike Shurley	10
Monte Smith	8	FG 28-59	FT 28-43	F 21	
Mulvane --	Mark Smith	16	Troy Wayman	12	
Gary Fortner	4	Courtney Gammon	14	Mark Storey	6
Tom Fagan	5	Lon Pribble	2	Jeff Staska	2
Ed Nelson	6	FG 28-63	FT 11-21	F 31	

Boys B-Team

Chaparral	11	20	14	15	61
Mulvane	13	15	11	16	55
Chaparral --	Ralph Bellar	2	Pat Schrant	9	Doug Jensen
David Dunn	12	Dan Mackey	10	Don Medlam	3
Dick Vogt	1	Mike Domnick	12	Richard Martons	4
Rod Hofstetter	3	FG 21-68	FT 20-34	F 20	
Mulvane --	Troy Phillips	12	Troy Dosey	3	Jeff Staska
Ed Nelson	11	Benny Higgs	4	Greg Hamilton	12
Darryl Brueggeman	4	FG 20-60	FT 15-27	F 28	

Chisholm Trail Basketball Standings

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Goddard	8	0	11	3
Haven	8	1	13	1
Kingman	7	1	12	2
Buhler	5	3	9	5
Chaparral	3	5	7	7
Circle	3	5	7	7
Valley Center	3	6	6	7
Mulvane	2	6	4	8
Andale	2	6	4	10
Augusta	0	8	3	11

Friday's Schedule

Goddard at Mulvane
Valley Center at Circle
Andale at Chaparral
Augusta at Buhler
Haven at Kingman

Next Thursday's Schedule

Mulvane at Augusta
Buhler at Kingman
Valley Center at Andale
Circle at Goddard
Haven at Chaparral

Tuesday's Results

Chaparral 84, Mulvane 67
Goddard 60, Buhler 43
Haven 59, Valley Center 48
Circle 62, Andale 59
Kingman 81, Augusta 69

Friday's Results

Augusta 70, Clearwater 58
Buhler 45, Nickerson 41
Andover 77, Circle 70

Wildcat Cage Statistics

Players	WILDCAT BOYS (4-8)					RB	Pts
	FG	FGA	FT	FTA			
Courtney Gammon	82	182	24	43	104	188	
Mark Smith	44	115	25	38	102	109	
Tom Fagan	39	117	18	35	20	96	
Grant Sorensen	34	70	9	12	37	91	
Gary Fortner	28	53	18	29	69	74	
Mark Storey	27	54	16	30	50	70	
Troy Wayman	24	70	22	40	21	70	
Lon Pribble	6	18	9	16	12	21	
Ed Nelson	4	9	4	4	6	12	
Others	4	22	10	10	2	18	
Totals	293	700	172	276	429	758	
	(410)		(620)		35.8	63.2	
Opponents	297	733	197	297	334	791	
	(400)		(667)		27.8	65.9	