

# It's 'HeartBreak Week' For Wildcat Boys, Matson

It was a week of hurt and despair for the Mulvane High School boys basketballers, a winless bunch of scrappers who narrowly missed posting two upsets.

"It was a heartbreaking week," admitted Mason, whose Wildcats saw their record dip to 0-13 when Rose Hill sank a desperation three pointer at the horn to edge in front, 58-56, Friday night, Feb. 2, in a non-league game in Mulvane.

Three nights earlier, Maize hit a bucket in the last few seconds to give the favored Eagles a 58-56 triumph in overtime in a Chisholm Trail League outing.

"It just goes to show you the game is not over til the final buzzer sounds," added Mason. "I don't know how many times I've second-guessed myself about whether we should have been in a different defense but we got what we wanted against Rose Hill, a turnover, and it was a quirk of fate that their kid was standing right there. He got the ball and shot it at the same time with (Todd) Butcher hanging all over him and it banked it."

It still hurts, even when your 0-13, in fact, perhaps even more so. "Sometimes these games the way the turn out hurt even more than the 30-40-point losses we've also suffered," admitted Mason, suffering through his worst season in 10 years as head coach here. "We did the things we had to do to win. We just didn't win the ball games. These kids have heart, and they're trying. They are a lot better right now than they were two weeks ago. We're playing to our potential right now."

"You have to understand these kids. The past week, they've put forth the effort that has been super. When you're 0-and-whatever, you can fold up the tent and give it up, but these people are trying. They are putting fourth whatever effort they have."

Against Rose Hill on homecoming night, the Cats had hoped for happy trails with the 1-12 Rockets coming to town. However, it wasn't to be. Rose Hill bolted to a 14-7 lead in the first quarter but Mulvane came back with its biggest quarter of the season, 28

points, to take a 35-27 lead at intermission. The Rockets ran off a 21-7 margin in the third quarter to regain the lead but Mulvane pulled to within two on a rebound bucket by sophomore Jarrod Oldridge, then pulled even moments later on a baseline jumper by

## Varsity Boys

|            |  |    |    |    |    |
|------------|--|----|----|----|----|
| Rose Hill: | 14   | 13 | 21 | 10 | 58 |
| Mulvane    | 7  | 28 | 7  | 14 | 56 |
| Rose Hill  | Kelly Farber 13, Corey Coppage 9, Josh Self 14, Bobby Simmons 8, Chris Dye 8, Breck Nickel 6. FG 25-54 (1), FT 7-10, F 19                          |    |    |    |    |
| Mulvane    | Curtis Norden 18, Todd Hedstrom 4, Scott Travis 4, Todd Butcher 8, Gary Cleverdon 7, Jeff Sisco 12, Jarrod Oldridge 3. FG 23-46 (1), FT 9-17, F 12 |    |    |    |    |
| Maize      | 12   | 15 | 17 | 12 | 58 |
| Mulvane    | 11   | 7  | 24 | 15 | 56 |
| Maize      | Cory Lyon 16, Chad Peck 26, Jarrod Gorges 2, Chris Pruitt 6, Stewart Boldridge 2, Rusty Rymer 2, Chad Schmeier 4. FG 22 (0), FT 14-20, F 20.       |    |    |    |    |
| Mulvane    | Bill Harrington 19, Todd Hedstrom 15, Scott Travis 4, Curtis Norden 9, Gary Cleverdon 11. FG 21 (0), FT 13-19, F 15.                               |    |    |    |    |

## Junior Varsity Boys

|            |   |    |    |    |    |
|------------|---|----|----|----|----|
| Rose Hill: | 10  | 14 | 20 | 33 | 77 |
| Mulvane    | 6   | 10 | 16 | 15 | 47 |
| Rose Hill  | James Juniel 8, Jeremy Anthis 2, Jason Abraham 4, Jon Rucas 12, Chris Martsoff 6, Steve Abraham 22, Charles Engel 23. FG 32-80 (0), FT 13-25, F 21  |    |    |    |    |
| Mulvane    | Toby Hoving 13, Jarrod Oldridge 5, Judson Spicer 2, Jeff Parson 7, Andy Mackey 16, Neil Andersen 4. FG 13-58 (3), FT 18-24, F 19  |    |    |    |    |
| Maize      | 22  | 12 | 18 | 21 | 74 |
| Mulvane    | 15  | 11 | 11 | 9  | 46 |
| Maize      | Bryce Guinn 16, Jason Daugherty 11, Eric Holmes 9, Travis Teumayer 10, Jarrod Gorges 14, Jamie Stuverson 8, Ron Boemiller 1, Jamie Lewis 2, Chris Herrman 2, Mark Jackson 1. FG 28 (1), FT 17-26, F 18. |    |    |    |    |
| Mulvane    | Toby Hoving 3, Jarrod Oldridge 8, Judson Spicer 10, Brian McDonald 2, Jeff Parson 19, Andy Mackey 4. FG 17 (2), FT 7-19, F 19.  |    |    |    |    |

## Sophomore Boys

|           |   |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|---|----|----|----|----|
| Rose Hill | 13  | 10 | 13 | 14 | 50 |
| Mulvane   | 11  | 9  | 14 | 15 | 49 |
| Rose Hill | Jeremy Anthis 4, Danny Ricke 2, Todd Martin 6, Aaron Kendall 10, Derek Meyers 7, Jeff Gordon 9, Jason Tolbert 12. FG 23-56 (2), FT 2-14, F 14.              |    |    |    |    |
| Mulvane   | Judson Spicer 12, Chad Lee 11, Chad Carpenter 1, David Boyer 15, Brian McDonald 3, Jay Jackson 7. FG 17-43 (5), FT 10-18, F 17.                             |    |    |    |    |
| Maize     | 10  | 10 | 16 | 23 | 59 |
| Mulvane   | 15  | 7  | 2  | 6  | 30 |
| Maize     | Aaron Beggs 18, Ron Boemiller 6, Jared Gorges 9, Chris Herrman 8, Mark Jackson 4, Jamie Lewis 3, Jamie Stuverson 6, Ryan Lamb 5. FG 23 (0), FT 13-27, F 15. |    |    |    |    |
| Mulvane   | Judson Spicer 11, Chad Carpenter 4, David Boyer 6, Brian McDonald 3, Neil Andersen 2, Cory Moyer 2, Jay Jackson 2. FG 11 (0), FT 8-15, F 25.                |    |    |    |    |

Butcher. He was fouled on the bucket and hit the free throw with nine seconds left to put the Wildcats ahead.

After two time outs by RH put the ball in forecourt, Mulvane appeared to have stolen the ball on a pass inside with two seconds left but trying to recover the ball as he was falling out-of-bounds, Mulvane's Curtis Norden tried to clear the ball but threw it to RH's Corey Coppage, who banked in the 22-footer as the horn sounded.

The shot stunned the Wildcats and crowd, who had poised themselves for a mad rush to the court to celebrate. Instead, it was another wake.

Norden had a "career night," scoring 18 points and senior Jeff Sisco returned to the line-up and played well, scoring 12 points. Butcher finished with eight points and Gary Cleverdon scored seven.

It was almost a replay of the Maize game. The Wildcats had the favored Eagles on the run, out-scoring Maize, 39-29, in the second half but Maize hit the shot that counted most—one in the last couple seconds to win it.

Bill Harrington paced the MHS boys, scoring 19 points. Todd Hedstrom scored a career-high 15 and Cleverdon scored 11.

In the junior varsity games, Mulvane was stampeded by Rose Hill, 77-47, and lost by a 74-47 count to Maize.

Top scorer for the Cat jayvees against RG was Andy Mackey, who scored 16 points. Toby Hoving had 13 points and Jeff Parson scored seven.

Parson's 19 points topped the jayvee effort against Maize. Judson Spicer scored 10 points and Oldridge funnelled in eight.

The Mulvane sophomores set the stage for the dramatics Friday as they lost to Rose Hill, 50-49, on a last-second shot, a three-pointer no less.

David Boyer had his best game, hitting five three-pointers to keep the sophs in the contest. He finished with 15 points. Spicer added 12 points, Chad Lee had 11 and Jay Jackson scored seven.