

# 'Bowl Heads' On The Attack

What a difference a month makes. In January, the Mulvane High School Wildcat boys were trounced by Augusta by 17 points but the fast-maturing Cats had Augusta on the ropes Tuesday night, Feb. 8, before Augusta escaped with a home victory, 47-44.

"We played extremely well throughout the whole game but it got down to they made their free throws down the stretch and we couldn't get the shots to drop when we needed to have them," said Dale Landes, the MHS coach.

Mulvane should have won the game. The Wildcats were up most of the contest until Augusta took a 42-40 lead with about four minutes to play. "We had our chances all the way to the end of the game but the kids just couldn't get the shots to fall."

It also didn't help that Augusta camped at the free throw all night, hitting 11 of 13 in the last quarter and 23 of 31 for the game. Mulvane shot only five free throws.

Senior Dan Smith had 14 points to pace the Cats. Chris Heersche had his best game with 11 points, Mike Abasolo scored 10 and Jason DeWald scored seven.

In the junior varsity contest, Mulvane bombed Augusta, 67-52, as Tim Glaser hit a

career-high 18 points, James Baker had 17, and Dexter Carpenter scored eight.

Some called it the "attack of the bowl heads." Others wondered when head coach Landes and his staff would join the troops and have new haircuts to match.

In the end, it was two free throws made a difference. Mulvane's Dan Smith made his, Buhler's Max Heinlein missed his.

That was the difference for the Mulvane Cats Friday night, Feb. 4. It was homecoming and a 54-53 verdict for the Wildcats made it a happy homecoming.

The entire varsity squad came out sporting new "doos," and it also signaled a new beginning as MHS won.

"When you can't even remember the last time you beat a team and to beat them on homecoming, it's a big win," commented Landes. "I honestly don't remember the last time we beat Buhler. For the seniors, it's obviously a big win, and it's their first homecoming win. It was just a great team victory."

It was the first one in the league this season for Mulvane after six losses.

For the record, when the senior Dan Smith knocked down two free throws with seven seconds left, and when Heinlein missed the first of a one-and-one with three seconds left, it gave the Wildcats the one-point victory, their first over Buhler in 14 games dating back to a 76-54 home victory in January of the 1986-87 season. Later that season at Buhler, the Crusaders clipped the Cats in overtime, 77-76.

Mulvane and Buhler battled back and forth most of the contest before Mulvane spurred ahead by four points midway in the last quarter. DeWald's two free throws with 1:10 put the Cats ahead by four but a costly turnover with 33 seconds left gave the Crusaders new life and Buhler took a one-point lead.

The sophomore Abasolo managed a team-high 16 points including eight of Mulvane's first 12 points. DeWald finished with 13 points, Smith scored eight and Jeff Parker had five points.

In the junior varsity outing against Buhler, the Wildcats scored 29 points in the last quarter but it wasn't enough to overtake Buhler in a 77-64 Crusader victory.

Shawn Erbert scored 19 points, including 14 in the last quarter surge. James Baker added 16 points to the MHS jayvee total and both Tom Nienke and Rick Maxwell had 10-point games.

Mulvane's sophomores posted a victory, outlasting the Crusaders, 59-50, by hitting their free throws down the stretch. T.J. Lervik had 15 points, which was high for the sophs. Eric Erbert was in double figures with 14 points and both Matt Hendren and Jake Carmichael helped out with eight and nine points, respectively.

#### Varsity Boys

Mulvane	11	19	8	6-44
Augusta	17	7	8	15-47
Mulvane—Chris Heersche 11, Mike Abasolo 10, Shay Yangas 2, Jason DeWald 7, Dan Smith 14. FG 17 (3), FT 4, F 24.				

Augusta—Simms 9, Nesler 10, Miller 11, Markos 2, Schar 2, Kufahl 5, Kappelman 5, Buell 2. FG 10 (4), FT 23-31, F 11.				
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#### Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	28	6	16	17-67
Augusta	15	10	13	14-52
Mulvane—Tom Nienke 6, Tim Glaser 18, Shawn Erbert 4, Rick Maxwell 4, James Baker 17, Dexter Carpenter 8, Brad Canfield 4, David Butler 4. FG 26 (4), FT 7-10, F 17.				

Augusta—Josh Look 15, Zeke Chancey 4, Brian Turpin 12, Jared Prittle 2, Devon Brown 12, Justin Mitchell 3, Calvin Hubbard 4. FG 20 (5), FT 7-14, F 17.				
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#### Varsity Boys

Buhler	12	15	13	13-53
Mulvane	12	14	18	10-54
Buhler—Max Heinlein 2, Terry McDowell 12, Chad Bremer 17, John Krafels 7, Ryan Friesen 4, Matt Meschke 4. FG 20 (6), FT 7-10, F 21.				

Mulvane—Mike Abasolo 16, Chris Heersche 2, Griff Comejo 2, Shawn Erbert 4, Jeff Parker 5, Dexter Carpenter 4, Dan Smith 8, Jason DeWald 13. FG 21 (2), FT 12-17, F 18.				
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#### Junior Varsity Boys

Buhler	22	9	22	24-77
Mulvane	12	14	9	29-64
Buhler—Brian Ballinger 9, Monte Cross 15, Landis Richardson 11, Matt Gray 2, Ryan Parker 24, Josh Thetford 10, Mark Siebert 2, Andrew Schrader 4. FG 32 (2), FT 11-17, F 29.				

Mulvane—Tom Nienke 10, Tim Glaser 4, Shawn Erbert 19, Rick Maxwell 10, Kevin Diller 1, James Baker 16, Dexter Carpenter 4. FG 23 (1), FT 13-27, F 18.				
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#### Sophomore Boys

Buhler	11	12	13	14-50
Mulvane	15	13	14	17-59
Buhler—Brian Voth 7, Jordan Martens 7, Matt Balzer 13, Bryce Swafford 2, Cord Werth 5, Showalter 16. FG 23 (3), FT 1-5, F 17.				

Mulvane—Sam McCoy 4, Eric Erbert 14, T.J. Lervik 15, Jake Carmichael 9, Casey McDowell 2, Brad Canfield 5, Matt Hendren 8, Tim Glaser 2. FG 23 (4), FT 9-16, F 14.				
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