

Cats Claw

Past Two

Mulvane High School's boys continued to position themselves for the "stretch run" Tuesday night, Feb. 9, as they high-stepped their way past Andover, 64-43, in a Chisholm Trail League game in Mulvane.

It was the second 20-point victory over the Trojans this season and gave Coach Charlie Mason's Wildcats two straight CTL wins. The Cats are 7-9 overall and 5-4 in the league after starting out 0-3 in the league.

Mulvane wasted little time establishing itself, taking an 18-10 lead after one quarter and enlarging on that the next two frames to 51-27 heading into the final eight minutes.

Nine players hit the scoring column for Mason's Cats. Seniors Shay Cornejo, one of the top scorers in the Wichita area, shot in 20 points and Toby Butcher scored 11 from his pivot position. Larry Lambrecht was the other Cat in double figures, hitting 10. Russell Norden scored eight points.

The Cat boys treated Augusta unkindly--again. The Cats and Augusta always seem to battle down to the wire and over the last few years, Mulvane has won most of those narrow victories. Friday night, Feb. 5, the Wildcats provided a homecoming night victory by dumping the Orioles, 62-58.

"I thought we played extremely well," said Mason. "We always have good ball games with Augusta and this one gave us a little revenge for the two-point loss to them earlier. We got the big lead, then had the incident in the stands and it gave them a chance to catch their breath. We had just stolen the ball and gone up by about 10 and that seemed to give them a chance to right themselves and come back."

The incident was a student being removed by police which stopped play for about 10 minutes. That helped set the stage for an Augusta comeback which saw the Orioles take a lead late before Mulvane caught up on a free throw by Cornejo. Augusta again tied things at 58-58 before Sean Gillespie popped in a driving jumper with 35 seconds left to give Mulvane a 60-58 lead. Cornejo iced things with 23 seconds left when he dropped two more free throws.

Mulvane gathered the momentum when Augusta missed 10 consecutive free throws. "That's when we gained control of the game," said Mason. "We were five down but the kids played hard and got back in the ball game. This was

a big victory for us, but we still need to keep rolling at home."

The "Big Three" continued to provide the offensive thrust for the Wildcats. Cornejo finished with 20 points and Toby Butcher and Neal Hamilton added 19 and 12 points, respectively. Game honors, however, went to Augusta's 6-foot, 5-inch Chad McDaniel, who popped for 33.

The MHS junior varsity took it on the chin, 72-58, and the sophomore boys rebounded from an overtime loss at Valley Center (49-48) to dump the Orioles, 61-58.

For the jayvees, John Heinrichs scored 14 points, Gillespie had 12 and Larry Lambrecht, Derek Donaldson, Mike Higgins and Mark McClellan each had six points.

Curtis Norden's 15 points led the sophs against Augusta. Bill Harrington added 13 points, followed by Bruce Brashear and Jeff Sisco with 12 and 10. At Valley Center, Scott Young led the Mulvane sophs with 11 points and Todd Hedstrom and Harrington had eight apiece.

Boys Varsity

Andover	10	9	8	16-43
Mulvane	18	13	20	13-64
Andover--Downing 2, Valentine 2, Mullins 3, Blythe 11, Drennan 6, Johnston 6, Martin 2, Kirkland 6, Natale 4, Kavouras 1. FG 12 (1), FT 16-21, F 13.				
Mulvane--John Melick 2, Larry Lambrecht 10, Shay Cornejo 20, Russell Norden 8, Toby Butcher 11, Neal Hamilton 2, Sean Gillespie 5, Mike Higgins 2, Jeremy Hoenscheidt 4. FG 21 (3), FT 11-15, F 15.				
Augusta	13	20	14	11-58
Mulvane	20	14	11	17-62
Augusta--Brian Rodriguez 8, Chad McDaniel 33, Ronnie Botterweck 2, Chad Westbrook 5, Lee Sims 5, Larry Towne 5. FG 22 (0), FT 14-31, F 21.				
Mulvane--Toby Butcher 19, Larry Lambrecht 6, John Melick 2, Neal Hamilton 12, Shay Cornejo 20, Sean Gillespie 2, Russell Norden 1. FG 20 (2), FT 16-28, F 24.				

Boys Junior Varsity

Augusta	23	22	8	19-72
Mulvane	15	18	8	17-58
Augusta--Lee Sims 15, Philip Windsor 3, Brian Edwards 4, Jamie Evans 9, Bryant Ralston 22, Harris Chandler 14, Brent Leedom 1, Matt Perez 4. FG 24-49 (1), FT 23-34, F 12.				
Mulvane--Larry Lambrecht 6, Sean Gillespie 12, John Heinrichs 14, Derek Donaldson 6, Andrew Hodges 5, John Melick 3, Mike Higgins 6, Mark McClellan 6. FG 25-57 (2), FT 6-11, F 25.				

Sophomore Boys

Augusta	16	8	15	19-58
Mulvane	16	10	17	18-61
Augusta--Mike Divine 2, Brent Leedom 11, Matt Perez 20, Keith Wilkinson 9, Scott Duncan 8. FG 15-47 (5), FT 13-21, F 21.				
Mulvane--Andy Church 5, Todd Butcher 6, Bill Harrington 13, Curtis Norden 15, Bruce Brashear 12, Jeff Sisco 10. FG 23-57 (2), FT 9-24, F 18.				
Mulvane	11	9	13	(2)-48
Valley Center	15	8	6	17(3)-49
Mulvane--Andy Church 3, Todd Hedstrom 8, Bill Harrington 8, Curtis Norden 7, Bruce Brashear 7, Jeff Sisco 4, Scott Young 11. FG 14 (2), FT 14-19, F 22.				
Valley Center--Keller 1, Ackerman 4, Cowel 17, Ensey 8, Tipping 4, Sharpe 15. FG 14 (0), FT 21-31, F 49.				