

Boys Rebound At Andover

A second half swoon doesn't matter if you blow 'em out in the first half. The Wildcats boys from Mulvane High School were not in the mood to give Andover an escape route in the second half as they crushed the Trojans, 81-64, in a non-league game Tuesday night, Feb. 10.

The Wildcats, who have had trouble maintaining a lead in the second half recently, took the worry out of matters in the first half as they flattened the host Trojans by a 47-25 intermission score, leading to a few early chants of "start the bus."

The victory came on the heels of a 76-74 overtime loss Saturday night, Feb. 7, at Wellington.

After Andover took a small lead early, the Cats roared to the front and used a 28-14 edge in the second quarter to put the game away.

Four players scored in double figures for Coach Charlie Mason's club as Mason moved to within four games of notching victory No. 100 in his eighth season here. Senior guard Curtis Hicks came off the bench to score 18 points and frontliners Morgan LeClair and Andrew Swayne had 16 and 15 points, respectively. Todd Fox finished with 10 points.

At Wellington Saturday night, the host Crusaders rung up their second straight last-second verdict, handing the Wildcats their first Chisholm Trail League loss of the season. It also marked the third game in a row when the second half wasn't "ours."

"These last three games, we just seem to have lost it in the second half," said Mason. "We seemed to have let up defensively and the other team goes on a roll. We had our chances to win. In regulation, we got two shots in the last seconds, we had an eight-point lead with three minutes to play and we also had the ball playing for the last shot with 49 seconds left."

Instead, it was Mickey Rusk who, in overtime, dumped in a shot under the bucket with five seconds left to win it. "In the first half, everything we threw

up went in but in the second half, they made everything they threw up," noted Mason.

Wellington also hurt the Cats on the boards, especially the offensive boards.

"I think sometimes, we score so easily that we have to think about working hard on defense to keep others from scoring," added Mason. "Right now, I'm concerned we gave up 76 points to Wellington, 67 points to Augusta and 70 points to Valley Center. Everybody's going to have to work harder on defense."

Four players in double figures speaks highly of the Cat offense. Senior Morgan LeClair led all scorers with 22 points. Guards Curtis Hicks and Kyle Steadman scored 16 and 12, respectively, and reserve guard Jeff Williams scored 10. The season's No. 1 scorer, Todd Fox, was limited to just eight points.

Fox was the man of the hour one night earlier, however, as his 18-footer with five seconds left was the difference against Augusta.

Mulvane had squandered a double-figure lead in the second half as the Orioles out-gunned Mulvane, 23-17, in the third quarter and 16-14 in the final period to actually take a four-point lead late in the fourth before Mulvane battled back to first tie things, then win the homecoming game on Fox's shot. Early in the fourth quarter, Augusta actually held a 61-57 lead after out-scoring Mulvane, 17-10 in a six-minute run.

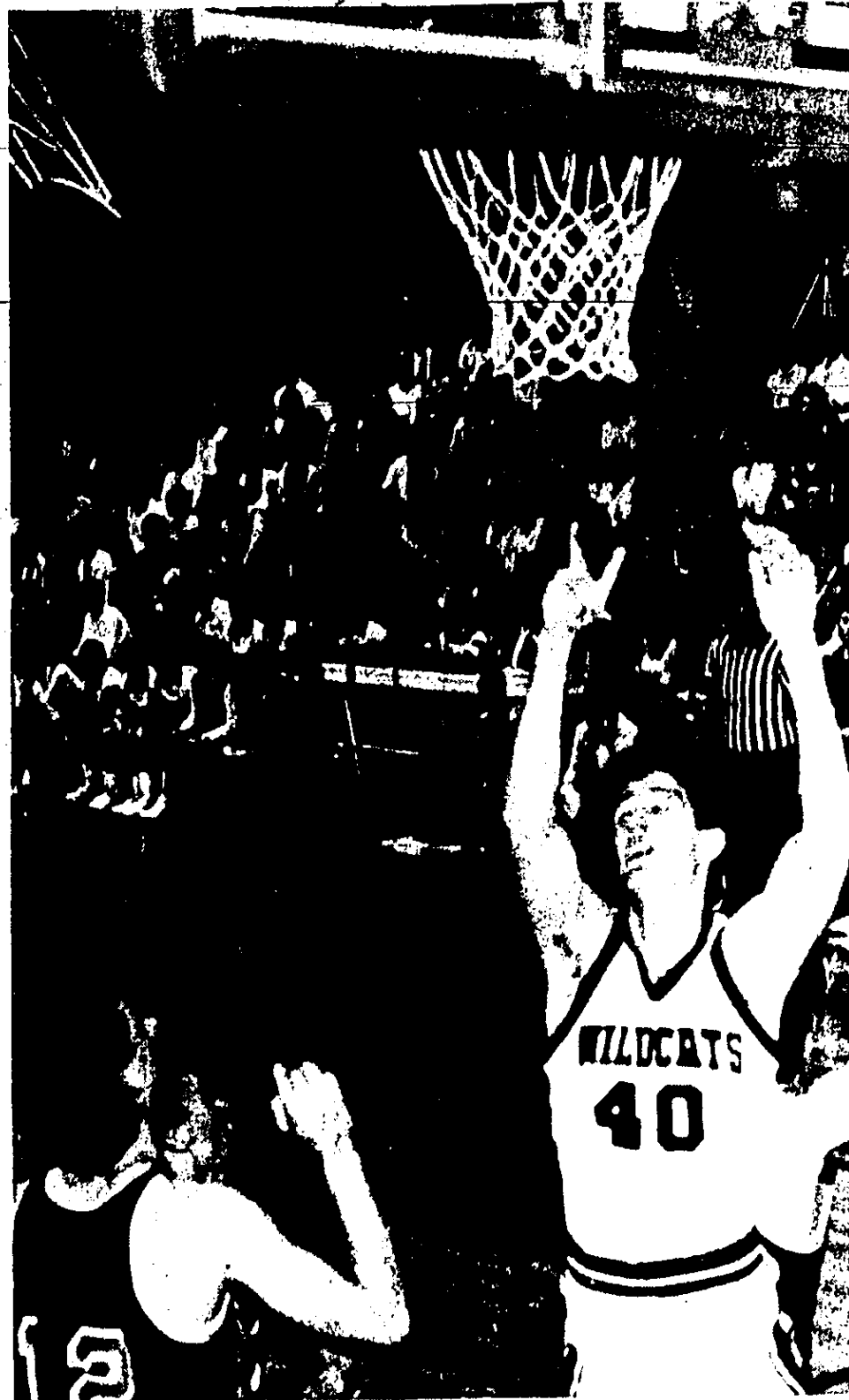
"It was a typical Mulvane-Augusta game," said Mason. "We played an excellent first half and they came out shooting in the second half. You've got to give Augusta credit. They came on hard the whole game."

It was the third straight last-second victory over Augusta for Mulvane over the Orioles. Last year, Mulvane prevailed 67-65 and 59-58.

Fox finished the contest with a game-leading 21 points. LeClair gunned down 16 points and Hicks finished with 14.

In the Valley Center victory Tuesday, Feb. 3, the Cats won by a 76-70 count. Fox and LeClair were the scoring leaders with 20 and 17 points, respectively. Hicks and center Andrew Swayne each contributed 10 points.

The Mulvane junior varsity lost a 74-70 shoot-out at Wellington but nipped Augusta, 63-59, and the Wildcat sophomores notched their first victory



Mulvane's Andrew Swayne [40] banks one in against Augusta

at Wellington. The MHS sophs tripped Wellington, 56-50, but were beaten, 68-46, by Augusta.

Neal Hamilton led Mulvane jayvee scorers at Wellington with 18 points. Shay Cornejo finished with 15 and Huey Nelson and Norman Bowen had 12 and 10, respectively. Against Augusta, Cornejo's 18-point effort helped lift the Cats. Jeremy Hoenscheidt and Hamilton had eight points and Sean Gillespie finished with nine.

Larry Lambrecht scored a game-high 22 points to pace the sophomore win at

Wellington. John Heinrichs and Andrew Hodges were double-figure scorers for Mulvane, each hitting 12 points.

Hodges was the only double-figure scorer for the Mulvane sophs against Augusta, scoring 12 points. Lambrecht had eight points, as did Gillespie.

Varsity Boys

Mulvane 19 28 15 18--81
Andover 11 14 20 19--64
Mulvane--Todd Fox 10, Morgan LeClair 16, Andrew Swayne 15, Kyle Steadman 6, Curtis Hicks 18, Jeff Williams 6, Lyle Graybeal 5, Bryson Butts 3, Shay Cornejo 2, Neal Hamilton 2. FG 34, FT 13-20, F 16.
Andover--Jarrett Sanders 20, Nick Kavouras 11, Dev Natale 2, Damon Blythe 14, Lawrence 6, Layton Strong 1, Steve Brummer 1, Kris Johnston 9. FG 24, FT 16-25, F 14.

Mulvane 19 25 12 16 (2)--74
Wellington 17 17 18 22 (4)--76
Mulvane--Kyle Steadman 12, Curtis Hicks 16, Andrew Swayne 6, Morgan LeClair 22, Todd Fox 8, Jeff Williams 10. FG 31, FT 12-17, F 12.
Wellington--Eric Adams 8, Chad Sterns 9, Clint Whitney 3, Lance Oldridge 6, Shawn Becker 18, Mickey Rusk 12, Matt McIntire 20. FG 20, FT 8-15, F 15.

Augusta 12 16 23 16--67
Mulvane 23 15 17 14--69
Augusta--Trent Nesmith 18, Brian Rodriguez 13, Gary Hallmark 2, Ron Bolterwick 4, Scott Paske 12, Cale Lytton 9, Doug Warren 5, Tim Schild 4. FG 25, FT 17-21, F 20.

Mulvane--Andrew Swayne 8, Curtis Hicks 14, Todd Fox 21, Kyle Steadman 6, Morgan LeClair 16, Lyle Graybeal 4. FG 27, FT 15-22, F 16.

Valley Center 13 17 21 19--70

Mulvane 23 17 18 18--76
Valley Center--Eric Burns 22, Brian Phipps 17, Jeff Alstatt 20, Gari Franklin 4, Spike Anderson 1, Bob Scanlin 6. FG 30, FT 10-18, F 22.

Mulvane--Morgan LeClair 17, Andrew Swayne 10, Todd Fox 20, Curtis Hicks 10, Kyle Steadman 9, Bryson Butts 4, Jeff Williams 3, Lyle Graybeal 2, Shay Cornejo 1. FG 27, FT 22-29, F 15.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane 23 12 10 25--70
Wellington 13 21 13 27--74
Mulvane--Shay Cornejo 15, Huey Nelson 12, Neal Hamilton 18, Russell Norden 2, Norman Bowen 10, Jeremy Hoenscheidt 2, Sean Gillespie 11. FG 29, FT 12-21, F 29.
Wellington--McClure 10, Heasty 7, Oldridge 8, Smith 11, Maricle 22, Barker 3, Alcorn 13. FG 28, FT 18-33, F 22.

Augusta 13 12 15 19--59
Mulvane 14 17 18 16--63
Augusta--Chad McDaniel 15, Brian Rodriguez 4, Greg Eastman 13, Jon Emmitt 15, Larry Towns 8, Chris Williams 4. FG 18, FT 25-32, F 17.

Mulvane--Shay Cornejo 18, Huey Nelson 4, Neal Hamilton 8, Russell Norden 7, Norman Bowen 5, Jeremy Hoenscheidt 8, Pat Lockwood 2, Sean Gillespie 9, Andrew Hodges 2. FG 23, FT 17-27, F 25.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane 12 10 18 16--56
Wellington 8 13 5 24--50
Mulvane--Brian Smith 1, Derek Donaldson 3, Sean Gillespie 4, John Heinrichs 12, Andrew Hodges 12, Larry Lambrecht 22, Channing Nuss 2. FG 24, FT 8-16, F 19.
Wellington--Brian Silcott 4, Jason Barker 7, Jeremy Page 10, Scott White 7, Jeff Willis 14, Tagg Heasty 8. FG 17, FT 16-24, F 19.

Augusta 18 18 19 13--68
Mulvane 14 4 12 16--48

Augusta--Bryant Radston 5, Phillip Windsor 8, Harris Chandler 7, Jamie Evans 18, Matt All 3, Scott Davis 15, Brent Shryock 10, Aaron Saylor 2. FG 23, FT 22-35, F 13.

Mulvane--Jo Nordenadler 6, Phillip Boehler 2, Derek Donaldson 2, Sean Gillespie 8, John Heinrichs 4, Andrew Hodges 12, Larry Lambrecht 8, Channing Nuss 4. FG 20, FT 6-11, F 21.