

Who Pushed 'Re-Play?'

Cat Boys Fold Late

Did somebody push the re-play button.

That's what Mulvane High School boys basketball coach Todd Barker thought Tuesday night, Feb. 10, at Rose Hill. For the second game in a row, his Wildcats hung tough almost the whole game only to watch the pieces fly apart in the last three or four minutes of the game.

Rose Hill came alive in the fourth quarter, and the Cats died on the way to an 85-68 whipping in a Chisholm Trail League game in Rose Hill. The Rockets out-scored Mulvane by 14 points in the last quarter to bust the game open. Just four nights earlier at Kingman, the same thing happened—Kingman scored 15 more than the Cats in the last quarter (30-15) to break up an exciting contest.

"I guess you can call it the '4th quarter blues,'" said Barker. "We can't seem to hold it together in the last half and fourth quarter. What really hurt, though, was them getting 50 rebounds and us getting only 25. That's a killer.

"Disappointed? Yes," confessed Barker. "I thought this was one we could start a run with but now we have to step back and evaluate where we're at."

Darrin Erbert scored 19 points to pace the Cats but RH held him to only four in the last half. Dan McElroy finished with 12 points, Chad Gerwick scored eight and Rob Parker had seven.

There was a lot of craziness going on over at Kingman Friday night, Feb. 6. It was the Eagles' homecoming and who would have thought Kingman would make just about everything that its players threw toward the basket.

"If someone would have told me that we would shoot 53% from the field, score 73 points and get beat by 20, I would have told

them they were crazy," confessed Barker. "But that's what happened. It's hard to believe. Just about everything they threw up in the air came down inside the nets."

That's Coach Barker's assessment of Kingman's stunning 95-73 triumph over the Wildcats Friday night. The loss dropped Mulvane to 7-8 for the year and a strong leg up on being the No. 1 seed in the Mulvane 4A Sub-State the first week in March. The Eagles improved their record to 9-5.

"I think we bring out the best in Kingman," said Barker. "They just lit us up. They were pumped because it was homecoming and they knocked down their first two or three three-pointers, and it seemed to be contagious. It just took off from there and even though we had one of our best shooting games of the season, we couldn't keep up."

Actually, for three quarters, it was a tremendous ball game. The Eagles were knocking 'em down from all over, but so were the Wildcats and after three quarters, Kingman held only a seven-point lead, 65-58. "It was still a ball game at that point but about the middle of the fourth quarter, we just ran out of gas and they kept going."

Kingman out-scored Mulvane, 30-15, in the final eight minutes.

The Wildcats hit 53% from two-point range (18 of 34) and 33% of their threes (8 for 24) but that's nothing compared to what Kingman did: 27 of 40 from two-point range (68%) and 9 of 15 from behind the arc (60%). "When you hit over 60% from the three, you're getting something accomplished," admitted Barker.

"We came out wanting to control their inside game because the last time we played, they only scored six buckets outside the paint," said the Wildcat coach. "We felt that's where we wanted to emphasize our defense and came out with a zone packed in. Well, they came out gunning them in from all over and that forced us to switch to a man-to-man, then they started getting it down low and we couldn't match up."

The victory gave Kingman a two-game sweep over Mulvane this season and

dropped Mulvane to 2-5 in the Chisholm Trail League with five to play.

The only two areas of the game that Barker was happy with was the balanced scoring and the Wildcat rebounding game. Kingman finished with 30 rebounds and only eight offensive boards. The Wildcats had 22 rebounds and nine offensive boards.

"We also finished with some pretty balanced scoring with four in double figures," said Barker. "They did a pretty good job on Bryce and Darrin (Mulvane's one-two punch). It was good to see some of the other kids step up there with some points."

Erbert finished with a team-best 13 points and senior Dan McElroy matched that figure. Senior Chad Gerwick scored 10 points, his first double-digit game in quite a while, and sophomore Jesse Marksberry also scored 10. Schumacher was held to eight points while Rob Parker dumped in seven and Keene Hargrove had five.

In the junior varsity contest, Mulvane won it, 55-53, on Brian McColpin's three-pointer and a follow-up bucket. He finished with 12 points. Game honors went to Mulvane's Garrett Hennes, who scored 22 points. Jake Wilkinson scored 10 points.

The Cats will be entertaining Andale Friday night, Feb. 13. It's the MHS Winter Homecoming.

Mulvane Sophomore Boys Tournament Pairings Saturday, Feb. 14

- Game 1 -- Andale (4-4) vs. Winfield (1-1), 9 a.m.
- Game 2 -- Maize (7-5) vs. Mulvane (0-3), 10:30
- Game 3 (Third Place)-- losers of games 1 and 2, 1 p.m.
- Game 4 (First Place)--winners of games 1 and 2, 2:30

Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Circle	8	0	15	1
Kingman	5	2	9	6
Andale	4	3	9	6
Rose Hill	5	3	7	9
Mulvane	2	6	7	9
Chaparral	2	6	5	11
Clearwater	1	7	5	11
DIVISION I				
Buhler	7	1	13	2
Andover	7	1	10	3
Goddard	5	3	9	7
Wellington	3	5	5	11
Valley Center	2	5	3	12
Augusta	2	6	8	7
Maize	1	6	5	10

Varsity Boys				
Mulvane	16	21	13	18-68
Rose Hill	12	21	20	32-85
Mulvane—Chad Gerwick 8, Sean Holman 6, Darren Erbert 19, Bryce Schumacher 5, Jesse Marksberry 5, Rob Parker 7, Clint Cox 2, Ryan Rogers 2, Brian McColpin 2, Dan McElroy 12. FG 27 (3), FT 11-19, F 24.				

Rose Hill—Brett Mohr 33, Rhett Hansen 10, Zeb Jolly 8, Josh Roy 11, Chris Schneider 2, Brenden Taylor 4, Troy Powell 2, Spencer Holland 1, John Rodgers 6, Phil Ring 2, Phil Harden 4, Joe Chandler 2. FG 33 (3), FT 16-26, F 22.

Junior Varsity Boys				
Mulvane	16	10	16	21-63
Rose Hill	25	21	11	22-79
Mulvane—Brian Dinkel 6, Jake Wilkinson 6, Randy Johnson 22, Tom Anderson 4, Brian McColpin 11, Jesse Marksberry 3, Josh Hanson 3, Garrett Hennes 8. FG 25 (4), FT 9-15, F 19.				

Rose Hill—Troy Powell 14, Ryan Armstrong 6, Spencer Holland 14, Aaron Allen 2, Phil Harden 9, Chris Schneider 7, Brenden Taylor 12, Charlie Delaney 4, Anc Cox 1, Joe Chandler 2. FG 26 (3), FT 15-19, F 18.

Varsity Boys				
Mulvane	19	20	19	15-73
Kingman	25	23	17	30-95
Mulvane—Chad Gerwick 10, Bryce Schumacher 8, Dan McElroy 13, Darrin Erbert 13, Jesse Marksberry 10, Keene Hargrove 5, Rob Parker 7, Ryan Rogers 2, Sean Holman 3, Brian McColpin 2. FG 26 (8), F 13-15, F 18.				
Kingman—Nick Armour 22, Adam Hook 18, John Self 22, Kevin Fischer 20, Clint Graber 2, Cody Young 5, Dallas Hageman 2, Scott Woodward 4. FG 36 (9), FT 14-17, F 12.				

Junior Varsity Boys				
Mulvane	14	17	10	14-55
Kingman	20	12	3	18-53
Mulvane—Jake Wilkinson 10, Randy Johnson 6, Brian McColpin 12, Tom Anderson 1, Josh Hanson 4, Garrett Hennes 22. FG 24 (3), FT 4-6, F 16.				
Kingman—Cody Young 12, Andy Kaiser 4, Clint Graber 2, Brent Neufeld 9, Jeremy Orth 3, Aaron Baldwin 6, Dallas Hageman 10, Aaron Hook 7. FG 23 (0), FT 7-14, F 16.				