

Mulvane Shakes Off Ragged Start, Bench Play Paces Andover Victory

Mulvane High School broke its pattern of ragged play in the second half, Andover didn't. Coach Charlie Mason's Wildcats used the difference as a springboard Tuesday night, Feb. 11, to a 63-47 decision over lowly Andover in a non-conference clash.

The victory boosted MHS's record to 7-8 overall and the visiting Trojans plummeted to 2-14.

"For much of the game, we played like we were 2-14, too," admitted Mason, Mulvane's winningest cage coach. "We were really fortunate to win considering as how we played. Going into a game like that, you're always concerned about consistency. We've been off-and-on anyway, but the kids came off the bench to play well. Reese (Brown, subbing for suspended Andrew Swayne) played well and Bryson (Butts) did a good job. Jeff (Williams) and Shay (Cornejo) came in there late and knocked down the free throws just when we needed them, and Kevin (Kastl) made a couple of baskets when we needed them."

The Cats, who are in the thick of the race for one of the four home games in the first round of the sub-state, struggled early as a 16-16 first quarter score would indicate. But by the third quarter, Mulvane had the game under control by more than a 10-point margin.

Junior Morgan LeClair finished with a game-high 22 points and another junior, Todd Fox, scored 10. Curtis Hicks was next with eight and Kyle Steadman finished with six as 11 Cats hit the scoring column.

The Wildcat junior varsity also pounded Andover, 74-60, as Cornejo pumped in 19 points and Williams and Lyle Graybeal had 14 and Nick Fortin added 10 for Coach Dennis Tegethoff's 5-4 club.

A scoreless third quarter doomed the

Boys Varsity

Andover 16 10 12 9-47
 Mulvane 16 16 18 13-63
 Andover—Jeff Hamilton 9, Jarrett Sanders 8, Larry Routon 11, Rob Morgan 2, Mike Moen 5, David Allen 6, Mike Wiggins 2, Layton Strong 2, Steve Brummer 2. FG 19, FT 9-18, F 17.
 Mulvane—Curtis Hicks 8, Kyle Steadman 6, Morgan LeClair 22, Todd Fox 10, Kevin Kastl 4, Reese Brown 2, Bryson Butts 2, Lyle Graybeal 4, Shay Cornejo 2, Jeff Williams 2, Gerard Sorenson 2. FG 24, FT 15-21, F 14.

Boys Junior Varsity

Andover 11 15 10 24-60
 Mulvane 23 13 18 20-74
 Andover—Craig Schmitz 6, Jarrett Sanders 13, Matt Goering 2, Mike Wiggins 19, Nick Kavouras 6, Ben Lawrence 2, Dev Natalie 3, Kris Johnston 5, Layton Strong 4. FG 22, FT 16-30, F 24.
 Mulvane—Nick Fortin 10, Jeff Williams 14, Lyle Graybeal 14, Bryson Butts 7, Shay Cornejo 19, Toby Butcher 6, Neal Hamilton 2, Larry Lambrecht 2. FG 25, FT 22-35, F 19.

Sophomore Boys

Andover 22 10 11 11-54
 Mulvane 11 16 0 6-33
 Andover—Nick Kavouras 15, Ben Lawrence 8, Damon Blythe 14, Dev Natalie 2, Bill Wolford 7, Brent Smith 6, Jaime Sanchez 1, Kris Johnston 2. FG 23, FT 8-13, F 14.
 Mulvane—Neal Hamilton 16, John Melick 2, Pat Lockwood 2, Jeremy Hoenscheidt 2, Rodger Kendall 5, Ken Baer 3, Larry Lambrecht 2, Sean Gillespie 1. FG 15, FT 3-15, F 15.



Mulvane sophs in a sophomore game against the Trojans. Andover prevailed by a 54-33 count. Guard Neal Hamilton scored 16 points for Mulvane and next high was Rodger Kendall with five points.

The Cats racked up one of their best triumphs of the year Friday night, Feb. 7, at Augusta in a Chisholm Trail League outing. With junior Curtis Hicks throwing in a 18-foot baseline jumper with one second to tick, the Wildcats proved it wasn't how but how many. They nosed out the host Orioles, 59-58.

The victory improved Mulvane's CTL record to 3-3 and Augusta tumbled to 2-4 in the league.

"It was one of our most gratifying victories from the standpoint that we had our backs to the wall the whole ball game and only led twice," said Mason.

The Cats did, indeed, lead only twice, once at 57-56 and again at 59-58, but that last one counted. Augusta appeared to be in the driver's seat with 10 seconds taking a 58-57 lead. Todd Fox had given the Cats their first lead in the game with 25 seconds to play when he hit a baseline jumper from 12 feet. A timeout gave Mason an opportunity near midcourt to set a play, which culminated with Hicks' winning shot.

"We wanted to run our standard out-of-bounds play but instead of Fox taking the shot behind a two-man screen, we figured they would be looking for that so we set it up the same but went to the weak side to Curtis."

Boys Varsity

Mulvane 10 11 20 18-59
 Augusta 18 12 14 14-58
 Mulvane—Curtis Hicks 13, Kyle Steadman 6, Andrew Swayne 2, Morgan LeClair 17, Todd Fox 18, Kevin Kastl 2, Bryson Butts 1. FG 25, FT 9-16, F 20.
 Augusta—Mike Potts 1, Cale Lytton 6, Scott Paske 7, Curt Hillier 2, Curtis Patten 16, Craig Sharp 26. FG 22, FT 14-23, F 14.

Boys Junior Varsity

Mulvane 13 15 8 15-51
 Augusta 10 18 16 18-62
 Mulvane—Ken Baer 1, Nick Fortin 8, Jeff Williams 13, Lyle Graybeal 8, Bryson Butts 4, Shay Cornejo 15, Toby Butcher 2. FG 22, FT 7-16, F 8.
 Augusta—Scott Duncan 6, Tim Schild 6, Kerry Trebbe 12, Tim Martin 4, Trent Nesmith 12, Brian Rodriguez 6, Ron Botterwick 7, Lerry Towne 9. FG 26, FT 6-9, F 14.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane 6 8 14 10-38
 Augusta 7 14 10 16-47
 Mulvane—Neal Hamilton 4, Toby Butcher 5, Pat Lockwood 2, Russell Norden 3, Jeremy Hoenscheidt 8, Ken Baer 10, Rodger Kendall 6. FG 16, FT 6-13, F 15.
 Augusta—Todd Weakley 8, Mark Dennett 4, Greg Estman 14, Kris Johnson 2, Jon Emmitt 8, Dean Burden 9, Barry Marshall 2. FG 22, FT 3-13, F 13.

said Mason. "It happened just like it's designed. It was the same play we used right before half and Curtis just knocked it down. Sometimes it works just like you drew it up, sometimes it doesn't."

Until the last 25 seconds, Augusta's inside tandem of Curtis Patten and Craig Sharp had hurt Mulvane, scoring 42 points between them. Down the stretch, though, it was a quick Wildcat press which kept the Orioles off-balance and upset and that's how the Cats got back in the game.

"That's the first time all year that we've been able to press the way we can press," said Mason. "We gave them a couple of lay-ups but really played good defense, especially in the second half. They had real trouble even getting the ball in bounds."

Fox led Mulvane's scorers with 18 points and junior frontline mate LeClair punched in another 17 points. Hicks finished with 13 points and guard Kyle Steadman scored six.

Augusta won the other two boys games of the evening. The MHS junior varsity couldn't get rolling in the second half and the Orioles clipped the Cats, 62-51. And in the sophomore game, Augusta pulled away at the end for a 47-38 decision.

Guards Shay Cornejo and Jeff Williams carried the Cat jayvee offense, hitting for 15 and 13 points, respectively. Lyle Graybeal and Nick Fortin scored eight points each.

Mulvane's sophs were powered by a 10-point effort by Ken Baer. Jeremy Hoenscheidt was next with eight points and Rodger Kendall scored six points.

The next action for the Wildcats will be at home Friday, Feb. 15, in a big Chisholm Trail battle with league-leading Buhler.

CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL STANDING DIVISION I

TEAM	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Buhler	6	0	9	7
Valley Center	5	1	11	4
Mulvane	3	3	7	8
Augusta	2	4	8	8
Wellington	1	5	5	9
Goddard	1	5	4	11

DIVISION II

Clearwater	4	0	11	5
Malze	2	1	10	6
Andale	2	1	8	7
Kingman	2	1	6	9
Rose Hill	2	2	10	6
Circle	2	3	6	10
Andover	1	3	2	14
Chaparral	0	4	0	15