

# Cats' Roar Too Late

The Wildcats roared, but it was a late roar. Mulvane fell behind early, then had its biggest quarter in more than two seasons, but couldn't catch up completely as Augusta marched to a 74-64 Chisholm Trail League win Tuesday night, Feb. 11, in Augusta.

"We didn't come out with any defensive intensity," said Coach Charlie Mason. "I don't think we stopped them once with intense defense until late, but it was too late by that time."

Trailing by a 56-31 count, Mulvane made a game of it by scoring 33 points in the final quarter as the three-pointers started falling. Mulvane had six three-pointers in the last half, three by Brian Strack, who finished with a team-high 14 points. Seniors Jeff Parson and Chad Carpenter scored 12 points each and J.J. Dunn scored 11.

"We had the people in there who could shoot the threes and they started hitting them," added Mason. "The kids started moving on offense and doing the things they needed to do against a zone. And I think they relaxed a little. That's when the shots started falling."

In the junior varsity contest, the Cats went cold in the 2nd quarter and lost a 50-42 game at Augusta.

Larry Dixson and Jason DeWald led Mulvane's scoring. DeWald had 14 points and Dixson had 11. Strack scored seven.

Mason's Wildcats couldn't get their engines started Friday night, Feb. 7, when Buhler visited for a Chisholm Trail League encounter. The MHS coach felt an upset could be in the works but Buhler charged to an easy, 80-47, triumph.

In the first game of the season at Buhler, the Crusaders pounded Mulvane but Mason felt the team's improvement and a home court advantage might make a difference. It didn't.

"There's not a whole lot to say," said Mason, whose Cats were never in the game after a 14-6 run by Buhler in the second quarter, taking a 17-point halftime lead.

"We didn't execute on offense or defense.

We didn't play well. Buhler came out in a zone and I never expected them to come out in a zone. We didn't execute our zone offense against it. In the first meeting, they switched back and forth but mainly played a man-to-man."

The Cats have been having their troubles against a zone defense. Junior standout J.J. Dunn seems to be able to squirm loose inside against a man-to-man, but the team's No. 1 scorer was held to only seven points Friday night.

"I'm sure Buhler talked to Goddard and we struggled against Goddard's zone," said Mason. "Zones didn't seem to bother us early but we haven't seen many zones for a while. Against a zone defense, you have to show some patience, you have to move the ball, and we didn't do a good job of either. Finally, in the last quarter we started getting some decent shots."

Senior Jeff Parson topped the Cat scoring parade with 11 points, all coming in the early going. Reserve Jeremy Kendrick, Steve Nelson and Jarrod Oldridge had six points apiece to help the Mulvane cause.

The Buhler Crusaders also pounded home a 59-48 decision in the junior varsity game.

Coach Dale Landes' jayvees were led by sophomores Jason DeWald, with 12 points and Shay Vangas with 10. The guard tandem of Steve Nelson and Larry Dixson shared 10 points and Dan Smith scored six.

The Cat sophomores nosed past the Crusader sophs, 51-50. Smith scored 15 points to pace the team, and Chris Heersche and DeWald had 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Varsity Boys				
Mulvane	10	7	14	33-64
Augusta	15	18	23	18-74

Mulvane—Brian Strack 14, Chad Carpenter 12, Steve Nelson 4, Jeff Parson 12, Jeremy Kendrick 6, Brian Heinrichs 2, J.J. Dunn 11. FG 21 (6), FT 16-23, F 21.

Augusta—Hirschfield 10, Grill 12, Davidson 4, Rawlings 7, Duncan 10, Keppelmann 9, Miller 2, Jackson 4, Neismith 2, Goeken 10, Buggelin 4, FG 27 (3), FT 17-20, F 24.

Junior Varsity Boys				
Mulvane	11	7	14	10-42
Augusta	11	17	17	4-50

Mulvane—Larry Dixson 11, Chris Heersche 2, Brian Strack 7, Jeremy Kendrick 2, Jason DeWald 14, Dan Smith 6. FG 19 (1), FT 3-6, F 18.

Augusta—Nesler 9, Kasten 2, VanMeter 6, Buggelin 4, Hawkins 3, Stowell 6, Miller 5, Prothro 8, Sledge 6. FG 20 (3), FT 7-18, F 16.

Varsity Boys				
Buhler	19	14	21	26-80
Mulvane	10	6	16	15-47

Buhler—Matt Hobb 18, Mike Voth 10, Chad Fleming 10, Devin Bowman 11, Andy Balzer 3, Matt Yoder 1, John Morris 6, Ryan Friesen 6, Casey Henning 15. FG 26 (3), FT 19-29, F 16.

Mulvane—Jeff Parson 11, Jeremy Kendrick 6, Brian Heinrichs 4, J.J. Dunn 7, Steve Nelson 6, Judson Spicer 3, Chad Carpenter 2, Jarrod Oldridge 6, Larry Dixson 2. FG 13 (4), FT 9-15, F 25.

Junior Varsity Boys				
Buhler	14	16	17	12-59
Mulvane	11	12	10	15-48

Buhler—Matt Yoder 10, Mike Finley 1, Jerry Balzer 4, Jake Schartz 4, Tom Proheim 4, Chad Weber 4, Max Heinlein 22, Bryan Hamel 2, Ryan Friesen 6. FG 22 (3), FT 10-18, F 12.

Mulvane—Steve Nelson 5, Larry Dixson 5, Chris Heersche 4, Shay Vangas 10, Jeremy Kendrick 4, Jason DeWald 12, Dan Smith 6, Griff Comejo 2. FG 22 (1), FT 3-8, F 18.

Sophomore Boys				
Buhler	12	10	13	15-50
Mulvane	10	17	12	12-51

Buhler—Matt McChes 7, Jake Schwartz 13, Tom Proheim 16, Anthony Canning 2, Chad Weber 4, Jerry Bartles 11, Monte McCormick 11, Dan Smith 6. FG 18 (2), FT 12-23, F 20.

Mulvane—Chris Heersche 14, Dan Herl 4, Jamie Balzer 8, Jason DeWald 10, Dan Smith 15, Griff Comejo 2. FG 23 (0), FT 5-12, F 21.