

Case Of 'Smiles' Breaks Out As Cat Boys Roast Rose Hill

When things go wrong, the only thing you can do is scratch your head and wonder. When things are going right, just smile.

Mulvane High School boys basketball coach Todd Barker was smiling following the Wildcat's stunning revival Tuesday night, Feb. 11, at home against Rose Hill. The Wildcats played their best ball of the season in smashing the Rockets, 77-62, in a Chisholm Trail League game.

The Cats had balanced Bryce

Schumacher (15 points), Raymond Lazier (14), Neil Gosch (13) and Darrin Erbert (10) were in double figures and Dan McElroy (nine) and Clint Cox (seven) were right behind.

The Cats owned the backboards: Mulvane took a 36-27 edge in rebounding.

And the Cats had "the force."

"I can't explain it, we just started clicking like we are supposed to and it carried on for four quarters," said Barker. "We shot the

Varsity Boys

Rose Hill	15	12	18	17-62
Mulvane	16	13	28	20-77
Rose Hill--Johnny Summons 12, John Rodgers 1, Greg Richards 2, Josh Roy 2, Dustin Thomas 6, Dave Rowden 15, Brett Mohr 12, Rhet Hansen 8, Zeb Jolly 4. FG 28 (2), FT 4-10, F 22.				
Mulvane--Raymond Lazier 14, Sean Holman 4, Darrin Erbert 10, Bryce Schumacher 15, Neil Gosch 13, Clint Cox 7, Dan McElroy 9, Brad Canfield 5. FG 25 (6), FT 21-29, F 18.				

Varsity Boys

Kingman	9	15	20	17-61
Mulvane	14	11	12	18-55
Kingman--Scout Campbell 22, Jonathan Sterling 9, Nick Armour 6, Kevin Fischer 19, Niel McCune 2, Derec Lacio 2, Andy Smith 1. FG 19 (1), FT 20-30, F 21.				
Mulvane--Brad Canfield 10, Neal Gosch 12, Bryce Schumacher 8, Darrin Erbert 13, Raymond Lazier 9, Dan McElroy 2, Clint Cox 1. FG 18 (3), FT 10-19, F 19.				

Junior Varsity Boys

Kingman	19	10	8	14-51
Mulvane	15	14	16	21-66
Kingman--John Knapic 2, Joey Knapic 4, Scott Woodard 8, Kyle Williams 8, Niel McCune 8, Brent Neufeld 3, Dallas Hageman 12. FG 20 (0), FT 11-12, F 16.				
Mulvane--Sean Holman 12, Doug Grow 5, Ryan McCarty 10, Rob Parker 11, Ryan Rogers 7, Keene Hargrove 11, Lucas Powell 4, Tom Anderson 2, Garrett Hennes 4. FG 30 (2), FT 6-11, F 16.				
Mulvane	8	10	14	16-52
Derby	15	20	23	22-80
Mulvane--Ryan Rogers 11, Sean Holman 13, Ryan McCarty 5, Doug Grow 1, Rob Parker 7, Ryan Lowe 6, Garrett Hennes 9. FG 14 (0), FT 16-23, F 18.				
Derby--Cha 9, Sanders 14, Frazee 3, Pascual 4, Marcotte 8, McCormack 9, Tilgner 11, Sayed 7, Linchan 15. FG 32 (6), FT 10-19, F 26.				

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	9	14	15	16-54
Derby	18	26	14	12-70
Mulvane--Jacob Wilkinson 8, Lucas Powell 13, Randy Johnson 5, Tom Anderson 5, Brian McColpin 9, Philip Ward 2, Josh Sears 6, Garrett Hennes 6. FG 21 (8), FT 4-8, F 10.				
Derby--Todd Hanson 19, Dustin Brock 6, Shane Kitterman 4, Justin Nelson 2, Cameron Wilson 11, Cory Huggins 14, Carl Blake 4, Eric DePriest 6, Brock Stuhlsatz 4. FG 31 (6), FT 2-6, F 17.				

ball extremely well and decided to rebound. The kids just kept going. They turned the corner and kept going against Rose Hill. In the past, we've always played hard but we have trouble sustaining it. We sustained it Tuesday night. It was a great win for us. I'm tickled for the kids. They play so darn hard, they deserve to win. It was our biggest one all season."

Kingman didn't help the Mulvane Wildcats celebrate homecoming at all. In fact, the Eagles put a crimp in the celebrating Friday night, Feb. 7, by shooting past the Cats, 61-55, in Mulvane's Winter Homecoming game.

"We were erratic again," said Coach Barker. "We played very good in spurts. We had a chance to win it late but we made some bad decisions and we couldn't get the ball to fall in the hole."

That it in a nutshell.

In long form, Mulvane blasted off quickly, rolling out to a 14-9 edge in the opening quarter but the Eagles came back to make it a one-point game at intermission, then took charge in the third quarter as Mulvane's shooting faltered. In the final moments, Mulvane was only two points down and had the ball but fired off a three-point attempt instead of working it inside to try and tie the game up.

"We were right there on the brink of getting it done but we couldn't get over the top," emphasized Barker. "It's pretty frustrating for both the kids and the coaches. The kids don't quit. They haven't all year. They want to do good. We don't lose it because of lack of effort. They always leave it all out on the court, everything they have to give."

Early on, the Wildcat inside game was delivering. Brad Canfield scored eight points in the opening half and the fast break was clicking for points. That all went away in the second half. "I don't know why we play like that," said Barker. "We have the hammer in our hand and all of a sudden, we give it back. Then, we have to play catch-up ball. It's a lot easier to play when you're ahead than trying to play catch-up ball all the time."

The Eagles, completing the season-sweep of Mulvane, were 19 of 38 from the field and also got plenty of help from the free throw line, especially in the second half.

"They scored 17 points in the last quarter with only two buckets from the field," said Barker. "We put them on the line a lot and they made 13 points there. They out-

scored us by 10 at the line so they didn't need to make many field goals."

Kingman made 20 of 30 from the line and Mulvane had only 19 chances, making 10 of them.

"A couple of times we had the offensive boards but the shots wouldn't fall," said Barker. "At other times, we would make a silly pass trying to make a fastbreak. We made a lot of mistakes, but we also did a whole bunch of good things. We just need to smooth out the peaks and valleys."

The team's leading scorer, Erbert, had 13 points as he geared the fastbreak. Seniors Neil Gosch and Brad Canfield were the other Cats in double figures, scoring 12 and 10 points, respectively. Raymond Lazier hit for nine points and Bryce Schumacher had eight.

In junior varsity action, Mulvane powdered the Eagles, 66-51, as Sean Holman popped in 12 points, Rob Parker and Keene Hargrove had 11 apiece and Ryan McCarty scored 10.

A few days earlier at Derby, the Panthers pounded the Cat jayvees, 80-52. In that game, Ryan Rogers and Holman led the Mulvane scoring with 11 and 13 points, respectively, and Garrett Hennes hit for nine points.

The Mulvane sophomores also played at Derby Tuesday, Feb. 4th, but had to settle for a 70-54 drubbing by Derby. Lucas Powell had 13 points to pace the Wildcats. Teammates Brian McColpin and Jacob Wilkinson finished with nine and eight, respectively.

The next games for the Wildcats will be Friday, Feb. 14th, when the Cats travel to Andale for a Chisholm Trail League series.