

# Wildcat Plans Blow Up

When "plan A" isn't working most teams go to "plan B." Neither plan was working for the Mulvane High School basketball boys their last two outings.

Valley Center roared off into the sunset with a torrid first quarter and never looked back Monday night, Feb. 11, in a make-up game in VC. The Hornets had a 29-14 lead after one quarter and rolled to an 81-50 win over the Cats.

That one came three days after Andover spoiled the fun at Mulvane's Winter Homecoming by holding the Wildcats to a season-low 27 points in a 42-27 beating Herrs called his "most disappointing moment" since becoming the Cat coach two years ago.

The losses knocked Mulvane's record to 6-11 heading into a game Tuesday night, Feb. 12, at Goddard.

Going against Valley, Herrs said the game plan was to deny VC's Chad Wilmott the ball and play a deliberate game. Wrong on both accounts. Wilmott scored 18 points in the first quarter alone and the Hornets were in a frenzy as they bolted to a 40-22 halftime lead.

"They are just too good and we're not there yet," said Herrs. "We need to control tempo to win ball games and we didn't. They played their game and that's one rea-

son they won. Plus, we had too many turnovers. We gave it to them right off the bat and it was 4-0, boom, just like that. And that first quarter, it just would not end. We tried to deny Wilmott but he just went off on us. He's just too good. He can drive and he is also a great jump shooter. The Valley pressure was also too much for us."

Herrs said he was proud that his kids kept fighting but he wasn't sure if the Cats played better than they had Friday night, Feb. 8, in the homecoming loss. "The kids played harder," said Herrs. "I have to give them credit for playing hard even though they were getting beat. It's a credit to the guys to play hard no matter what the circumstances are."

Senior Troy Johnson's 22 points carried the MHS offense. Guard Kale Regier scored eight points, Zach Kimble had seven and John Beggs had four points.

Herrs would rather forget the homecoming loss. Mulvane's only Chisholm Trail victory came at Andover's expense in December, a 13-point win in Andover. "This loss was probably my most disappointing loss since I've been here, it really hit me in the heart," said Herrs. "I thought our kids would play a lot better, but they didn't respond and Andover just left us behind."

It was a sad offensive display. The Wildcats scored only nine points in the second half, only three in the 4th quarter. In fact, Mulvane jumped ahead early and held a 15-7 lead early in the 2nd quarter. The Cats scored only 12 points the rest of the way, though.

"I just don't think the guys wanted to win as badly as Andover did," stressed Herrs. "You could see it in their eyes. We didn't have the drive to win it and they did."

Johnson had eight points against the Trojans. Tyler Hennes had five points, Luke Gunter, Regier and Beggs scored four each.

The junior varsity Wildcats lost to both VC and Andover, too, but they were in both games. Valley took advantage of an early surge and won, 61-50, and Andover clipped the Cats, 46-43.

Against Valley's JVs, Greg Flores scored 16 points and Gavin and Grant Snider were next with 13 and 10, respectively. Dusty Sorensen scored four.

Grant Snider and Gavin Snider each scored 10 points against the Trojans. Flores had six points and both Caleb Alexander and Nick Hansen tossed in five points.

### Varsity Boys

Mulvane	14	8	13	15-50
Valley Center	29	11	22	19-81
Mulvane	—Luke Gunter 2, Kale Regier 8, Brian Blue 2, Gavin Snider 2, Troy Johnson 22, Tyler Hennes 3, John Beggs 4, Zach Kimble 7. FG 17 (2), FT 14-25, F 20.			
Valley Center	—Michael Campbell 11, Travis Riffel 6, Matt Opliger 7, Chad Wilmott 33, Jared Simon 1, Pat Edwards 8, Tyler Hewitt 15. FG 32 (3), FT 15-19, F 24.			
Andover	7	9	16	10-42
Mulvane	11	7	6	3-27
Andover	—Danny Beckett 5, Mike Archiopdi 11, Nate Caulk 5, Derek Diehl 6, Brock Schwiens 7, Brennan Knott 2, Shane Jawanlal 4. FG 16 (3), FT 7-14, F 10.			
Mulvane	—John Beggs 4, Tyler Hennes 5, Luke Gunter 4, Zach Kimble 2, Kale Regier 4, Troy Johnson 8. FG 11 (1), FT 4-6, F 15.			

### Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	13	7	14	16-50
Valley Center	20	16	13	12-61
Mulvane	—Nick Hansen 3, Caleb Alexander 3, Dusty Sorensen 4, Greg Flores 16, Grant Snider 10, Jason Turner 3, Gavin Snider 13. FG 18 (4), FT 9-14, F 15.			
Valley Center	—Hellman 5, Garrett Konen 4, Travis Riffel 7, Corey Carter 8, Tyler Hewitt 2, Mike Betswath 2, Drew Goolsby 16, Matt Opliger 4, Jared Simon 8. FG 22 (3), FT 14-18, F 14.			
Andover	18	14	9	5-46
Mulvane	17	11	6	9-43
Andover	—Mark Baker 19, John Roper 7, Shawn Jawanlal 7, Micah Thurman 3, Jay Farias 2, Joel Wickham 4, Simon Sumner 4. FG 20 (2), FT 4-9, F 18.			
Mulvane	—Greg Flores 6, Keil Mangus 3, Travis McGuire 4, Caleb Alexander 5, Gavin Snider 10, Nick Hansen 5, Grant Snider 10. FG 18 (2), FT 5-11, F 13.			