

Second Half Jinx Plagues Cats

That "old ghost"—a second half scoring drouth—again visited the Mulvane High School Wildcats last Friday as Augusta handed the homestanding squad a 59-47 Chisholm Trail League loss.

The Wildcats jumped off to an early lead and sped out to a 32-27 halftime margin. However, Mulvane could muster just 15 points in the second half, while Augusta canned 37 tallies.

There were a number of reasons for the second half collapse. For the half, Mulvane hit four field goals on 20 attempts for an icy 20 percent. In the first half, Mulvane was 16 of 27 for 57 percent.

Then, the Wildcats were in serious foul trouble for much of the game. Brent Fleming fouled out mid-way through the third period. Early in the fourth period, starters Jerry Shoemaker and Skip Day were ruled out due to fouls. As an interesting side note, Mulvane did not shoot a free throw until late in the final period, while Augusta stayed in the contest canning charity tosses. Probably the most important reason was that Augusta's superior height just wore the Wildcats down late in the game.

Brent Fleming and Brian Bob-

rovicz led the Mulvane scoring with 10 points each. Larry Firebaugh, a 6-3 senior, paced Augusta with 17 tallies. The Mulvane box score: Skip Day, 3-0-5; Terry Allred, 0-3-1; Brent Fleming, 5-0-5; Jerry Shoemaker, 0-0-5; Dave Carney, 4-0-1; Mark Sorenson, 1-0-1; Randy Martinez, 3-0-2; Brian Bobrovicz, 4-2-4; Curtis Roberts, 0-0-0; Jim Carr, 0-0-0; David McKinney, 0-0-0; Mark Cranston, 0-2-0.

Dave Carney was Mulvane's leading rebounder with eight. Fleming added four rebounds.

Mulvane High School "B" team topped the Augusta reserves, 49-43, in the preliminary game. The young Wildcats led for most of the contest.

Mulvane jumped off to a 10-6 first period lead. However, Augusta came back in the waning seconds of the half to move to a 16-15 margin. In the third period, Mulvane netted 17 tallies to pull away.

Jim Carr and Mark Cranston led Mulvane with 13 points apiece. The box score: Forest Wise, 0-1-0; Gayland Titus, 1-1-2; Jim Carr, 6-1-5; Mark Brozek, 2-1-1; Sterling Borthwick, 0-0-1; Chris Kimball, 1-0-0; Charlie Shoemaker, 0-0-0; Curtis Roberts, 3-1-2; Mark Cranston, 5-3-3; David McKinney, 1-3-2.