

Errors Prove Fatal Again

For the first five minutes, it was a real pitcher's duel but the Mulvane High School, like a pitcher serving up gopher balls, started falling off the pace. In the end, it was another loss for the Wildcats.

MHS took on Augusta Friday night, Feb. 9, and came away with a 64-43 beating in a Chisholm Trail League game at Augusta.

The loss was the 16th in succession for the Wildcats and ran their record in the CTL to 0-10. Augusta is battling for the CTL title with Valley Center.

The Wildcats were up to the task defensively in the first five minutes, though, as both teams came out tight and nobody scored for nearly five minutes.

"We hurt ourselves early with unforced errors," complained Charlie Mason, the veteran Cat coach. "That's the thing that has been plaguing us all year long. You'd think if you held somebody like that scoreless for more than four minutes that you'd be in good shape. The sad thing was that we couldn't score either."

Finally, when Augusta started rolling, it didn't take long for the Orioles to blow things open. By the end of the first period, Augusta was ahead, 12-4, and by halftime, the Orioles were in command, 32-14.

"That's been the story of our season,"

said Mason. "Our offense isn't producing. We can't get the ball in the basket. I don't know what we shot (percentage-wise) but I know it wasn't very good. And when we fall behind, that creates more pressure to catch up but we don't have the offensive capability to do that, then we get frustrated and our shot selection isn't as good. There's nothing wrong with our offense that one person getting 20-to-25 points a game wouldn't cure."

Defensively, Mason said he was pleased with the effort put forth by Mulvane at Augusta, "but it's kind of like football. When your defense is on the field all the time, you're in trouble. You're going to have breakdowns."

Junior Bill Harrington had another big game. He scored 17 points but he was the only Cat in double figures. Todd Hedstrom was the No. 2 scorer, hitting for six points and center Jeff Sisco, Gary Cleverdon and Curtis Norden all had four points.

Last Tuesday, Feb. 6, at home against Valley Center, the other CTL giant ripped the Wildcats, 94-35.

It wasn't much of a game after VC bolted to a 21-4 lead after one quarter. By halftime, the Hornets were resting comfortably, 45-9.

Mulvane's top scorer there was Cleverdon with 13 points. Scott Travis had six points and Norden scored seven.

The junior varsity boys continued to suffer, although they played extremely well at Augusta. The Orioles hung on, however, for a 66-54 verdict.

Andy Mackey had his best game, scoring 23 points for the Cats and Jarrod Oldridge hit twin figures with 16 points, and Judson Spicer scored nine.

Against Valley, Coach Dale Landes' outfit was no match, although they hung tough through the first half. VC had only a 28-20 lead at intermission.

Top scorers for Mulvane were Mackey and Spicer with 12 points apiece, Oldridge with seven and Jeff Parson with five.

Coach Mike Kendall's sophomores also played twice. Augusta swamped the Cats, 70-39, although Mulvane played well in the final quarter. Valley Center jumped out to an 11-0 lead after one quarter and cruised to an easy 57-23 decision.

Mulvane sophs Chad Carpenter and Spicer had four steals each against Augusta and for the third consecutive game, David Boyer was the top JV scorer with 14 points. Kyle Wagner scored six points and Spicer and Carpenter had four each. Mulvane's sophs scored 22 points in the last period, a season high.

Boyer's eight points and seven by Carpenter led the Cat sophs against Valley Center, but it wasn't enough as Coach Mike Kendall's team continued without a win.

The Wildcats will swing back into action Friday night, Feb. 16, when Buhler is in town for a CTL contest.

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	4	10	11	18	43
Augusta	12	20	17	15	64
Mulvane	Bill Harrington 17, Todd Butcher 2, Curtis Norden 4, Todd Hedstrom 6, Gary Cleverdon 4, Jeff Sisco 4, Andy Mackey 2, Jarrod Oldridge 2, Scott Travis 2 FG 16 (0), FT 11-17, F 19				
Augusta	Mike Browning 18, Brent Leedom 11, Chad Westbrook 15, Brian Jackson 4, Todd Veeman 4, Mike Divine 1, Scott Stewart 2, Lance Hall 4, Patrick Raiston 2 FG 25 (2), FT 12-21, F 14				
Valley Center	21	24	28	21	94
Mulvane	4	5	12	14	35
Valley Center	Scott Nordstedt 21, Chad Nitcher 15, Bobby Webber 10, Russell Parker 10, Jeremy Ensey 6, Bryan Newell 10, Craig Bally 11, Jason Carter 8, Ryan Harbutt 2, Tony Taylor 2 FG 38 (7), FT 11-18, F 18				
Mulvane	Scott Travis 6, Bill Harrington 1, Gary Cleverdon 13, Jarrod Oldridge 1, Jeff Sisco 2, Curtis Norden 7, Todd Hedstrom 4 FG 13 (1), FT 8-20, F 17				

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	16	6	17	15	54
Augusta	14	21	19	12	66
Mulvane	Jarrod Oldridge 16, Judson Spicer 9, Brad Rayl 2, Andy Mackey 23, Neil Andersen 4 FG 22 (1), FT 9-16, F 23				
Augusta	Davidson 8, Stewart 14, Rawlins 2, Carney 4, Jackson 10, Dougherty 11, Veeman 10, Geffre 1, Hirschfield 2, Arredondo 2, Goeken 2 FG 22 (2), FT 20-30, F 14				
Valley Center	19	9	15	23	66
Mulvane	9	11	9	13	42
Valley Center	Tony Taylor 4, Scott Schulze 9, Dallas Gilmore 8, Darren Eskridge 1, Adam Dunn 12, David Tackitt 17, Craig Bally 6, Jeremy Zellers 4, Kirk Royce 5 FG 27-63 (1), FT 11-20, F 15				
Mulvane	Toby Hoving 2, Jarrod Oldridge 7, Judson Spicer 12, David Boyer 2, Jeff Parson 5, Andy Mackey 12, Neil Andersen 2 FG 16-41 (1), FT 9-16, F 15				

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	6	5	6	22	39
Augusta	11	17	20	22	70
Mulvane	Judson Spicer 5, Chad Lee 3, Chad Carpenter 5, David Boyer 14, Jason Swink 2, Corey Moyer 2, Kyle Wagner 6, Jay Jackson 2 FG 12-46 (3), FT 12-18, F 19				
Augusta	Grill 10, Kappelman 7, Standley 9, Lawlor 6, Rawlings 2, Hirschfield 11, Stewart 15, Goeken 10 FG 28-59 (1), FT 13-21, F 18				
Valley Center	11	16	17	13	57
Mulvane	0	2	9	12	53
Valley Center	Kirk Royce 1, Travis Schupp 6, Robbie Nutter 10, Bryce Swingle 6, Jeff Gibson 9, Clayton McPheeters 6, Jeremy Zellers 10, Brian Frieze 9 FG 23 (1), FT 14-18, F 10				
Mulvane	Chad Lee 3, Chad Carpenter 7, David Boyer 8, Jason Swink 1, Neil Andersen 2, Corey Moyer 2 FG 9 (2), FT 3-9, F 14				

Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Augusta	8	1	14	3
Valley Center	7	1	12	3
Maize	5	4	8	8
Buhler	5	4	7	10
Wellington	4	5	8	9
Goddard	3	6	4	13
Mulvane	0	10	0	17

DIVISION II

Kingman	8	1	13	4
Andale	9	2	15	3
Chaparral	6	3	12	5
Andover	5	5	8	10
Circle	4	7	8	9
Clearwater	1	8	3	12
Rose Hill	1	9	2	16

Games Friday, Feb. 16

Buhler at Mulvane
Rose Hill, idle
Augusta at Valley Center
Chaparral at Andale
Wellington at Maize
Andover at Kingman
Circle at Clearwater

Games Saturday, Feb. 17

Augusta at Goddard

Games Tuesday, Feb. 20

Mulvane at Wellington
Clearwater at Rose Hill
Kingman at Chaparral
Maize at Goddard
Buhler at Valley Center
Eureka at Circle

Results Friday, Feb. 9

Andale 73, Rose Hill 55
Augusta 64, Mulvane 43
Kingman 87, Circle 83 (OT)
Maize 58, Buhler 50
Chaparral 69, Andover 34
Wellington 57, Goddard 56