

# Wildcats Stay On Track, Buhler No Match For Cats

Not even the Valentine spirit could sway Mulvane into a more loving mood at Wellington Tuesday night, Feb. 14. The highly-ranked Wildcat boys spent the first half being sweet before finding themselves in the second half to march out to a 65-54 triumph.

The victory for Coach Charlie Mason's Cats, ranked No. 3 in the latest state-wide polls in Class 4A, improved the team's log to 6-2 in the Chisholm Trail League and 15-2 overall heading into Friday night's tussle at home against nemesis Valley Center.

"We need to have a big, supportive crowd behind us Friday night," stressed Mason, who was admittedly weary about Tuesday's game. "It was just the right time for an upset--right after a big, emotional game and right before another big emotional game. After half, we started playing better, got a couple of turnovers and a couple of baskets and got back into it."

The Crusaders, who had won three in a row coming into Tuesday night, bolted to an 8-0 lead and were up, 29-21, at intermission. The Cats finally started pulling away in the fourth behind junior leaper Lonny Travis, who finished with a game-high 19 points (10 coming in the fourth quarter) and 15 rebounds.

"Lonny had his best game in two years," praised Mason. "He got rolling in the fourth quarter, both Lonny and Todd (Travis) controlled the boards and we started pulling away."

Two other Wildcats were in twin figures--guard David Belew with 18 and Kevin Bell with 16.

The Mulvane junior varsity had a steady game to dump the Crusader jayvees, 65-56. Buddy Moyer continued his offensive push with 14 points and Aaron Huslig popped in 10 points for the Cats.

The Cats needed a victory to remain in the chase for the Chisholm Trail League title and they posted a solid one, avenging an earlier setback to the Crusaders on the Buhler hardboards by a 59-49 count. The Cats steamed past the visiting Crusaders, 64-51, in a big CTL showdown Friday night, Feb. 10.

Although Coach Glenn Gayer's Crusaders owned the backboards (Buhler had a 38-17 rebounding edge), they didn't own the passing lanes and the Wildcat multitude of pressure defenses gobbled up error after error to make it an easy victory against the division-leading Crusaders. The Cats sustained 12 turnovers while Buhler had 31 miscues.

"We're pleased we won but we didn't

play well the entire game, only in stretches," stressed Mason. "There were some who have said it was a fluke but it was no fluke. Buhler played up to its capabilities, they played as good as they could against us that one night."

Mason said he felt the turning point was the opening tip. "We decided we wanted them to play our game," said the Cat coach. "We played a good pressure defense and tried to get the ball up the court faster. In that first game, we walked it up the court."

Mason has been increasingly proud of the emergence of some top-notch defense, pointing to the fact that the Cats had given up only 44 points a game in the last seven games. Buhler broke that streak. "We played pretty good defense, though," added Mason. "Their two big scorers got their points but they had to work for them. Also, I felt having a full house and a vocal crowd was as much a factor as anything. We waited four weeks for this game and we played them a ball game."

Ahead by seven at intermission (26-19), the Wildcats enlarged on that

lead and were ahead by as many as 17 points (55-38) following a steal by the senior Bell and a three-point play with just 2:54 left.

Bell led the Cats with 17 points and Belew had 16. Todd Travis had a big game with 14 points and seven rebounds. The other Cat in double figures was Lonny Travis with 10 points.

Mulvane's junior varsity and sophomores made it a clean sweep, the jayvees jumping out to a 12-2 first-quarter lead and taking a 49-40 victory over Buhler and the MHS sophomores edging Bishop Carroll, 50-47, in double overtime.

For the Mulvane jayvees, Greg Quigley scored a career-high 20 points, Mike Rodgers scored 11 and Jamie Lough had six.

Mike Belew scored 22 points for the Mulvane sophomores while Rick Lanzrath and Curtis Hicks each added six.

## CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS DIVISION I

TEAM	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Buhler	7	1	12	5
Mulvane	6	2	15	2
Valley Center	5	3	11	6
Goddard	4	4	6	11
Wellington	2	6	4	12
Augusta	0	8	0	18

## DIVISION II

Circle	5	1	14	3
Clearwater	5	2	10	7
Malze	4	2	12	5
Andover	4	2	9	9
Andale	4	2	8	9
Haven	3	3	10	7
Chaparral	2	4	5	12
Rose Hill	1	6	6	13
Kingman	0	6	1	16

## Friday, Feb. 17, Games

Valley Center at Mulvane  
Buhler at Goddard  
Wellington at Augusta  
Clearwater at Circle  
Andale at Malze  
Kingman at Andover  
Chaparral at Haven

## Tuesday, Feb. 21, Games

Mulvane at Clearwater  
Circle at Wellington  
Goddard at Chaparral  
Buhler at Haven  
Medicine Lodge at Kingman  
Malze at Cheney

## Friday, Feb. 10, Results

Mulvane 64, Buhler 51  
Valley Center 60, Augusta 48  
Andover 58, Haven 53  
Malze 62, Rose Hill 51  
Wellington 64, Goddard 57  
Clearwater 67, Chaparral 60  
Andale 58, Kingman 49

## Boys Varsity

Mulvane 8 13 20 24-65  
Wellington 16 13 13 12-54  
Mulvane--Lonny Travis 19, David Belew 18, Kevin Bell 16, Aaron Huslig 2, J.C. Shook 5, Todd Travis 5. FG 29-68, FT 7-12, F 12.  
Wellington--Jim Welta 16, Jesse Ybarra 22, Steve Scheuffer 6, Jeff Everhart 2, John Huck 4, Mark Cornejo 2, Rich McKain 2. FG 29-52, FT 6-15, F 12.

## Boys Junior Varsity

Mulvane 12 17 18 18-65  
Wellington 12 12 16 18-56  
Mulvane--Bo Jones 6, Greg Quigley 2, Robert Fortner 7, Aaron Huslig 10, Buddy Moyer 14, Rick Lanzrath 8, Mike Belew 8, Mike Snow 2, Kevin Kastl 6, Curtis Hicks 2. FG 28-53, FT 9-24, F 13.  
Wellington--Todd Barker 5, Troy Gooch 3, Robble Staylor 20, Rich McKain 4, John Welta 13, John Elder 5, Richard Keith 6, Dave Anderson 2. FG 25-53, FT 8-15, F 18.

## Boys Varsity

Buhler 10 9 12 20-51  
Mulvane 16 10 14 24-64  
Buhler--Darin Ackley 16, Tad Sohten 17, Earl Warren 10, Steve Guist 6, Jeff Henning 2. FG 23-53, FT 5-7, F 18.  
Mulvane--Lonny Travis 10, David Belew 16, Kevin Bell 17, Greg Quigley 1, Aaron Huslig 2, J.C. Shook 4, Todd Travis 14. FG 24-58, FT 16-21, F 10.

## Boys Junior Varsity

Buhler 2 14 8 16-40  
Mulvane 12 9 7 21-49  
Buhler--Bob Zumalt 18, Chris Zeller 6, Carl Ackley 4, Cory Sohrater 6, Ty Miller 6, FG 20-51, FT 0-1, F 22.  
Mulvane--Jamie Lough 6, Bo Jones 4, Greg Quigley 20, Robert Fortner 2, Mike Rodgers 11, Aaron Huslig 2, Buddy Moyer 4. FG 18-39, FT 17-27, F 9.

## Sophomore Boys

Bishop Carroll 11 11 14 8 (3) (0)-47  
Mulvane 8 9 17 10 (3) (3)-50  
Bishop Carroll--Ranney 14, Cherne 4, Lewis 2, Klenda 11, Degenhardt 12, Larkin 2, Smith 1, Hgbrook 1. FG 18-47, FT 11-24, F 17.  
Mulvane--David Foxworthy 1, Kevin Kastl 4, Mike Stump 1, Rick Lanzrath 6, Mike Belew 22, Wes Moore 4, Reese Brown 2, Mike Snow 4, Curtis Hicks 6. FG 22-62, FT 6-20, F 19.