

# Wildcats Fall Short At Clearwater

A year ago, Mulvane High School's boys basketball Wildcats went 8-0 in winning ball games with last-second shots and last-second "prayers" from half-court. It's all coming back to haunt the Cats this season.

"They always say you even things up over the long stretch," said MHS Coach Charlie Mason, "and I guess that's what is happening."

At Clearwater Tuesday night, Feb. 15, two dandy opportunities in the final 16 seconds went awry as Clearwater avenged an earlier 16-point defeat to Mulvane with a 53-51 non-divisional victory over Mulvane.

"That's six games this year down to

the wire and we've lost four of them," complained Mason. "Last year, we won a bunch of these (type) games. This year, it's coming back to haunt us, but that's how it goes sometimes with a young squad."

Twice in the final moments, Mulvane held the ball with an opportunity to win or tie. Sophomore David Belew drove the baseline behind a screen set by Todd Travis with 16 seconds left but Travis was called for a questionable block. Clearwater made both free throws to take a 52-51 lead. Moments later, a last-chance shot nearly went--but didn't.

Junior guard Kevin Bell had his shooting touch and scored a team-high 18 points. Sophomores Lonny Travis and Belew followed with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Clearwater game was the third in the last week for the Wildcats. They evened the season score with Augusta Friday night, Feb. 11, at Augusta, pulling off a 51-46 verdict while one night earlier at Valley Center, the once-beaten Hornets clipped the Wildcats, 76-56.

The 1-2 week saw the Cats' record dip to 5-11 for the season and 3-5 in Chisholm Trail League action, bogging MHS in a three-way battle for third place in the six-team division.

The Cat junior varsity saw its log fall to 2-10 with a 66-35 setback at Clearwater and a 38-37 loss at Augusta.

Sophomore Greg Quigley scored 10 points Tuesday and Terry Reusser had six.

Coach Dennis Tegethoff's Cats had a better game at Augusta, with Aaron Huslig scoring 11 points and Pat McElravy adding six.

## Boys Varsity

Mulvane 15 18 8 10--51  
Clearwater 7 18 14 14--53

Mulvane--Lonny Travis 12, David Belew 10, Jeff Patterson 2, Kevin Bell 18, J.C. Shook 3, Todd Travis 6. FG 22-61 FT 7-9, F 15.

Clearwater--Brian Hartman 13, Tim Leibold 5, Bret Hammers 2, Robby Richardson 2, Brian Hickman 19, Jeff Vulgamore 2, Phil Hamill 2, Ron Williamson 4, Dean Jones 2, Tim Davis 2. FG 23-50 FT 7-14, F 11.

## Boys Junior Varsity

Mulvane 8 6 10 11--35  
Clearwater 22 17 14 13--68

Mulvane--Greg Quigley 10, Terry Reusser 6, Mike Rayl 4, Mike Rodgers 4, Aaron Huslig 3, Jamie Lough 4, Buddy Moyer 2, Mike Snow 2. FG 14-44, FT 7-14, F 9.

Clearwater--Tim Davis 4, Jeff Vulgamore 12, Hover 4, Dean Jones 9, Ruel Williamson 8, Phil Hamill 4, Rink 2, Wright 4, Beyer 4, Hockersmith 4, Ramsey 4, Simon 6, Chenoweth 1. FG 31-68, FT 4-6, F 16.

## Boys Varsity

Mulvane 9 12 14 16--51  
Augusta 10 15 16 5--46

Mulvane--Lonny Travis 10, Kevin Butler 2, David Belew 10, Kevin Bell 12, J.C. Shook 6, Todd Travis 11. FG 22-63, FT 7-10, F 9.

Augusta--Brent Lytton 6, Brian Hallmark 7, Mark Agard 6, Mike Baxter 2, Craig Train 12, Zeke Rash 2, Danny Helmer 4, Kent Calvert 5, Tom Lindhardt 2. FG 22-53, FT 2-6, F 12.

## Boys Junior Varsity

Mulvane 8 10 11 8--37  
Augusta 8 14 6 10--38

Mulvane--Greg Quigley 2, Terry Reusser 2, Pat McElravy 6, Mike Rayl 4, Bo Jones 4, Mike Rodgers 4, Aaron Huslig 11, Jamie Lough 2, Robert Fortner 2. FG 16-47, FT 5-11, F 8.

Augusta--Kent Clavert 4, Tom Lindhardt 2, Danny Helmer 10, Peter Bodyk 4, D.J. Bodyk 2, Zeke Rash 4, Rod Wilkinson 2, John Borden 8, Pete Murphy 2. FG 19-48, FT 0-7, F 14.

## Boys Varsity

Mulvane 15 10 14 17--56  
Valley Center 15 16 18 27--76

Mulvane--Todd Travis 15, Lonny Travis 13, David Belew 8, Kevin Bell 8, Kevin Butler 4, J.C. Shook 4, Sid Colliatie 2, Terry Reusser 2. FG 22-61, FT 12-19, F 24.

Valley Center--Mark Kennedy 18, Brain Schooler 15, Rod Williams 12, Rod Tormey 7, Steve McKay 10, Joe Witham 7, Brian Lesperance 5, David Korber 2. FG 29-53, FT 18-28, F 17.