

Relapse! Wildcats Struggle

Just when things were looking up, the Mulvane High School boys ran into Wellington Tuesday night, Feb. 15, and the Crusaders never looked back.

The Cats were left in the wake. The host Crusaders raced past Mulvane, 60-41, in a Chisholm Trail League outing.

In the junior varsity game, the Cats bowed in overtime, 61-54.

"They are a lot quicker than we are and it really showed last night," confessed Dale Landes, the MHS coach. "And from start to finish, we didn't play well. We talked about trying to contain top two scorers but their quickness just took over. We didn't play good defense. On offense, we had a terrible shooting night. It was very poor."

What disappointed Landes most is that the Cats had been playing well most of the last month but they fell back a notch or two at Wellington.

Dan Smith powered the Mulvane offense, which generated the fewest points since the second game of the year. Smith had 12 points. Mike Abasolo scored six points, Jason DeWald was held to only five points and reserve James Baker had four points.

In the junior varsity contest, Baker gunned in 24 points. Tom Nienke had 10 points, Dexter Carpenter scored six and Shawn Erbert had five.

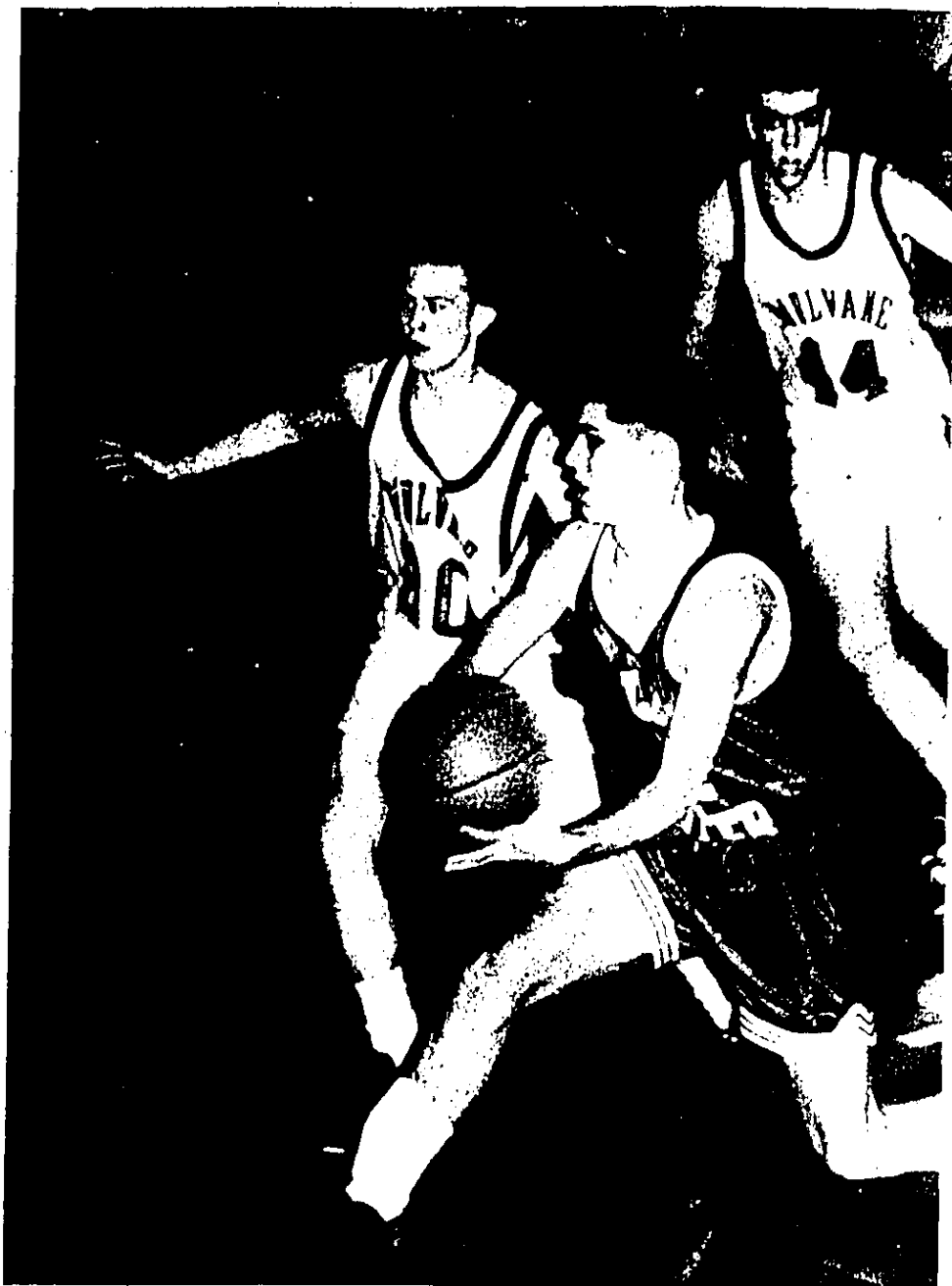
The Wildcats closed the door, but the cows were already out. Valley Center threw an all-out press on the Wildcats Friday night, Feb. 11, in Mulvane and marched out to an 11-point lead by halftime, but it was an even game in the second half. The Hornets eventually registered a 68-57 victory.

"We knew Valley was going to pressure us, that's their game," said Landes. "What they lack in size, they made up in quickness. They can pressure, though, and that's why they are in first place in the league. We didn't handle the pressure very well. We got down by 11, made some adjustments in the second half but never could get back into it."

The Hornets used the turnovers created to roll out to an 11-point lead and the maintained that lead the rest of the way.

Another factor which hurt the Wildcats was free throwing. Valley, despite pressuring the whole game, shot 43 fouls, making 30 of them. Mulvane was whistled for 12 more fouls and hit only three of 12 at the stripe.

Mulvane's two inside guns, DeWald and Smith, played well. They scored 14 and 12



MHS's Jeremy Brown (20), Dan Smlth (14) move to position on the press against VC

points, respectively. Sophomore guard Jeremy Brown had seven points and junior Jeff Parker came off the bench with a fine performance and nine points.

The VC junior varsity paddled the Wildcat jayvees, 51-33, taking control with a 20-8 roll in the second quarter. For Mulvane, Dexter Carpenter had 18 points. The next high players were Tim Glaser with four points and T.J. Lervik with three.

Mulvane also took a back seat in the sophomore game as Valley Center romped out to a 31-10 halftime advantage and went on for

a 64-27 decision. Matt Hendren had nine points to pace the MHS sophs. Lervik scored seven points and Brad Canfield had four.

Mulvane will be at Maize Friday night, Feb. 18, for another CTL game.

Varsity Boys

Valley Center	13	18	16	21--68
Mulvane	10	10	18	19--57

Valley Center—Greg Drumright 26, Quentin Ellis 17, Jason Perry 3, Bobby Vendetti 9, Schmidt 5, Bradley Tidemann 1, Casey Walkup 2, Mark Whitaker 5. FG 16 (6), FT 30-43, F 17.

Mulvane—Chris Heersche 4, Jeremy Brown 7, Shawn Erbert 3, Tom Nienke 2, Shay Vangas 2, Dan Smith 12, Jason DeWald 14, Dexter Carpenter 2, Jeff Parker 9. FG 26 (2), FT 3-12, F 29.

Junior Varsity

Valley Center	11	20	18	17--51
Mulvane	10	8	10	5--33

Valley Center—Casey Walkup 6, Jason Perry 14, Greg Meyer 1, Marco Sandoval 4, Ryan Schmidt 6, Justin Zellers 5, Ben Anderson 4, Jess Riopel 8, Brandon Hally 14, Kevin Rutachman 4. FG 30 (2), FT 4-6, F 19.

Mulvane—Tim Glaser 4, Shawn Erbert 2, James Baker 2, Dexter Carpenter 18, Brad Canfield 2, T.J. Lervik 3, David Butler 2. FG 15 (1), FT 2-7, F 12.

Sophomore Boys

Valley Center	9	22	11	22--64
Mulvane	0	10	11	6--27

Valley Center—Josh Yarnell 2, Chris Goodrich 10, Tymber Lee 2, Ryan Schmidt 13, Kevin Sparks 8, Ben Anderson 6, Kevin Rutachman 23. FG 24 (0), FT 15-22, F 18.

Mulvane—Sam McCoy 2, T.J. Lervik 7, Casey McDowell 2, Brad Canfield 4, Kevin Ingalls 1, Matt Hendren 9, Seth Jones 2. FG 11 (1), FT 4-16, F 19.

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	8	5	14	14--41
Wellington	15	14	10	21--60

Mulvane—Dexter Carpenter 4, James Baker 4, Chris Heersche 3, Jason DeWald 5, Dan Smith 12, Shay Vangas 2, Shawn Erbert 3, Tim Glaser 2, Mike Abasolo 6. FG 14 (2), FT 7-15, F 24.

Wellington—Jeremy Troutman 13, Jesse Comejo 22, Colby Zeka 2, Kirk Boster 2, Sam Biles 5, Tim Tracy 2, Ben Weber 2, Greg Hinshaw 9, Corey Farley 2, John Thatcher 5. FG 15 (4), FT 18-27, F 19.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	12	8	17	16 (1)--54
Wellington	11	17	13	12 (8)--61

Mulvane—Tom Nienke 10, Tim Glaser 4, Shawn Erbert 5, Kevin Diller 2, James Baker 24, Dexter Carpenter 6, David Butler 2. FG 21 (1), FT 10-15, F 14.

Wellington—Kirk Boster 8, David Teague 6, Sam Biles 8, Colby Zeka 11, Corey Farley 13, James Leftwich 4, Ben Weber 7, Doug Farley 2. FG 26 (5), FT 4-9, F 19.