

'The Shot' Goes Swish

Augusta may have gotten the last shot but Mulvane got the last heave, and when the cheering stopped, the Wildcats found themselves with the "Eighth Wonder of the World."

Dale Landes' 61-foot shot (desperation throw, desperate heave?) hit nothing but net Friday night, Feb. 12, to boost Mulvane's boys basketballers to a 45-44 victory over Augusta as the horn sounded.

"The shot" was one of the longest anyone could remember being made in the MHS gym, measured out the following day to 61 feet.

"That's they way we planned it," chortled Wildcat coach Charlie Mason. "Really, you just don't plan something like that. It was one of the greatest things I've ever seen. I don't know, when it comes down to the last few seconds and we're in the ball game, we're going to win it. We've done that about five times this year. There's no better way to end a homecoming

Boys Varsity

Clearwater 10 13 15 8-46
Mulvane 14 11 12 12-49

Clearwater--Kevin Stonehocker 3, Clide Marsh 2, Brian Hartman 15, Mickey Butler 10, Steve Erwin 4, Robby Richardson 2, Tim Leibold 10. FG 18-51, FT 10-18, F 12

Mulvane--Dale Landes 10, Tim Warren 12, Vic Marcelle 10, David Hagerman 9, Joey Belden 4, Kevin Bell 2, Kevin Butler 2. FG 22-56, FT 5-11, F 17

Boys Junior Varsity

Clearwater 12 16 20 18-66
Mulvane 5 8 17 15-45

Clearwater--Robby Richardson 4, Tim Leibold 9, Hammers 2, Hickman 13, Jones 4, Woods 6, Bloomenshine 12, Rink 4, Hoover 2, Vulgamore 2, Davis 6, Stewart 2. FG 29-60, FT 8-12, F 12

Mulvane--Eddie Gerlach 3, Sid Colliatie 6, J.C. Shook 14, Kevin Butler 4, Allen Whitmer 8, Kevin Bell 10. FG 18-62, FT 9-17, F 13

Boys Varsity

Augusta 8 10 13 13-44
Mulvane 8 14 10 13-45

Augusta--David Price 4, Brent Lytton 17, Albert Ward 6, Garth Flaming 7, Mark Agard 2, Zeke Rash 4, Kevin Staffstall 4. FG 17-38, FT 10-20, F 21

Mulvane--Dale Landes 16, Tim Warren 9, Vic Marcelle 10, David Hagerman 8, Robert Turner 2. FG 18-45, FT 9-21, F 20

Boys Junior Varsity

Augusta 10 18 8 12-48
Mulvane 16 8 4 9-37

Augusta--Zeke Rash 8, Mark Agard 5, Mike Baxter 7, Danny Helmer 10, Kent Calvert 8, Craig Train 10. FG 15-43, FT 18-31, F 20

Mulvane--Eddie Gerlach 4, Robert Turner 15, Sid Colliatie 2, J.C. Shook 3, Allen Whitmer 12, Steve Nicholson 1. FG 14-46, FT 9-22, F 29

game."

Actually, the Cats won it, lost it, won it again, lost it again, took it back, gave it away, then took it back...all in the final three minutes.

Two free throws by David Hagerman gave the Wildcats a 43-42 lead with just under one minute to play but Augusta, playing for what the Orioles thought would be the last shot, regained the lead with just three seconds left on a 15-foot jumper.

Tim Warren grabbed the ball out of the net, threw to Landes about a quarter the way up the court and Landes cut loose "The Shot." It went in and pandemonium reigned.

"There were a number of keys leading up to 'The Shot,'" pointed out Mason. "We were down by six but we came back. The basket by (Robert) Turner was a big one. The free throws by Hagerman were big, especially after he had missed his first three. And Tim did a super job throwing in to Landes. And the double foul called on (Allen) Whitmer allowed us to get the ball back an extra time. Warren's 15 rebounds were a big factor, too."

Mason said the only thing he was worried about was the official not calling the shot good but that didn't happen.

Landes, a senior, finished 16 points and Vic Marcelle added another 10 before fouling out. Warren scored nine and Hagerman had eight.

The MHS junior varsity wasn't so lucky, as Augusta measured out a 48-37

triumph. Turner scored 15 points for the jayvees, and Whitmer added 12.

"The Shot" made it difficult to get up for Clearwater Tuesday, Feb. 16, but the Cats managed to notch their 8th victory of the year by a 49-46 count with a home-court win.

A bucket by Hagerman, who had a season-high 15 rebounds, too, and a rebound bucket by guard Kevin Bell after Warren stole the in-bounds pass gave the Cats some breathing room with a five-point lead in the final moments

against the Indians.

Warren led Mulvane with 12 points and Marcelle and Landes each scored 10 points. "We also got some very good play out of Kevin Butler, Joey Belden and Kevin Bell coming off the bench which was instrumental," said Mason.

The Clearwater jayvees rolled out to a 28-13 halftime lead and kept going for an easy 66-45 victory. High for Mulvane's jayvees were J.C. Shook with 14 points, Bell with 10 and Allen Whitmer with eight.