

# Wildcats Deliver, Coach Delivers, ...So Does Renie

Mulvane's Dale Landes coached two winning games Friday night, Feb. 12, but it wasn't an easy task...and he would have had a tough time explaining the "Xs" and "Os."

The Mulvane High School boys basketball coach didn't get to see the end of an exciting Wildcat victory, 56-50, at Valley Center. It was victory No. 5. And he didn't get to see the beginning of victory No. 1—his wife, Renie, coming through in the clutch to deliver their first baby, a boy, that same evening.

The night started for Landes just like any other basketball night—the team meeting, the trip to Valley Center, the warm ups, the tip-off, but somewhere toward the end of the first half, Evan Joel Landes decided he wanted to be part of the second-half crunch time and the race was on for both Landes and the Wildcats.

"I guess you could say it was the best game I never saw," said Landes about the final half of the Wildcats' winner. "I looked at the films, though, and we played a pretty decent second half."

So did Renie, delivering at St. Luke's Hospital in Wellington after her father, Jerry Ward, rushed her to the hospital at just about halftime. "I called before the game and everything was okay and I had a friend call at halftime and the doctor decided it was time, so I jumped in my car and raced to Wellington," said Landes as he outlined his best game plan ever. "It was quite a drive." Yeah, and explain that to the patrol, Dale.

## Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

### DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Goddard	8	0	14	2
Wellington	5	3	10	6
Buhler	4	4	9	6
Augusta	4	5	8	9
Valley Center	3	5	6	10
Mulvane	3	6	5	12
Maize	2	6	6	9

### DIVISION II

Kingman	8	0	13	2
Andover	6	3	13	4
Circle	6	3	12	5
Rose Hill	5	4	8	9
Andale	3	5	4	11
Clearwater	2	6	3	13
Chaparral	0	9	0	16

### Last Friday's Results

Mulvane 56, Valley Center 50  
Kingman 45, Circle 44  
Rose Hill 66, Chaparral 48  
Augusta 78, Maize 70  
Andover 61, Clearwater 48  
Wellington 82, Buhler 71

### Games Friday, Feb. 19

Maize at Mulvane  
Goddard at Valley Center  
Buhler at Augusta  
Kingman at Andale  
Chaparral at Andover  
Circle at Clearwater

### Games Tuesday, Feb. 23

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

### Varsity Boys

Mulvane	16	13	12	15-56
Valley Center	11	5	12	22-50
Mulvane—Steve Nelson 11, Brian Strack 4, Jeremy Kendrick 6, Brian Heinrichs 4, Dan Smith 10, J.J. Dunn 9, Jason DeWald 12. FG 22 (2), FT 10-18, F 15.				
Valley Center—Marcus Williams 17, Greg Drumright 7, Doc Wilson 11, Mark Whitaker 2, Quinn Cravens 6, Scott Carter 7. FG 18 (2), FT 12-16, F 19.				

### Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	14	5	13	17-49
Valley Center	17	17	16	16-66
Mulvane—Griff Cornejo 13, Chris Heersche 8, Michael Abasolo 2, Shay Vangas 8, Tom Nienke 8, Shawn Ebert 4, Dexter Carpenter 6. FG 18 (0), FT 9-17, F 23.				
Valley Center—Bobby Vendetti 14, Bradley Tidemann 10, Quinton Ellis 18, Mark Whitaker 6, Casey Walkup 4, Howard Schmidt 2, Ben Anderson 4, Chad Moon 4, Scott Carlson 2, Jeremy Rogers 2. FG 27 (1), FT 11-22, F 18.				

### Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	11	12	5	15-43
Valley Center	10	11	14	26-61
Mulvane—James Baker 10, Tim Glaser 9, Michael Abasolo 6, Kevin Diller 5, Jeremy Brown 4, David Butler 4, Tom Nienke 2, Casey Mills 2, Rick Maxwell 1. FG 17 (0), FT 6-11, F 15.				
Valley Center—David Rutschman 14, Howard Schmidt 10, Jason Perry 4, Greg Meyer 3, Justin Walkup 7, Marco Sandoval 8, Chad Moon 7, Scott Carlson 7, Ben Anderson 1. FG 25 (1), FT 10-16, F 16.				

Anyway, Landes arrived in time for the delivery and at the other end of the state—it seemed—Landes' Cats were delivering, too. They made it a sweep of Valley by holding on down the stretch, hitting nine of 13 free throws in the fourth quarter to hold off the surging hosts.

The top scorers of a balanced Wildcat offensive were Jason DeWald with 12 points, Steve Nelson with 11, Dan Smith with 10, J.J. Dunn with nine and Jeremy Kendrick with six.

"Going into that game, we knew we had to shoot the ball well early so we could get the lead, and we did," said Landes. "J.J. Dunn, Steve Nelson and Jason DeWald all had a good-shooting first half, but it was our defense that really got us the lead. You have to give the defense credit because we held Valley to under 20 points in the half.

"We went into the game wanting to put pressure on their guards because we didn't feel like they were good ball handlers," added Landes. "We also played a 3-2 zone because we wanted to bottle up their big inside game. That's where they are successful. We didn't feel their outside shooting was that good and everything worked out."

And so did the race to St. Luke's. Landes did a great coaching job, holding hands and helping the breathing, and way up at Valley Center, Scott Swaney did a great job holding the lead.

The Wildcat junior varsity couldn't match the win notched by the varsity and took a 66-49 drubbing. The VC sophomores also had no trouble with the Mulvane sophs, taking a 61-43 verdict.

Griff Cornejo led the MHS jayvee scoring with 13 points. Tom Nienke, Chris Heersche and Shay Vangas each had eight points. For the Mulvane sophomores, James Baker hit double figures with 10 points. Tim Glaser scored nine points, Michael Abasolo had six and Kevin Diller had five.