

Valley's Offensive Caroms Send Wildcats Crashing

Keeping the ball "alive" is something Valley Center is very good at, which makes Mulvane boys basketball coach Charlie Mason almost sick. Mulvane nearly helped Valley Center make Parents' Night a disaster before the Hornets pulled out a 50-35 Chisholm Trail League victory Friday night, Feb. 13, at Valley Center.

The home Hornets broke up a tight game in the final moments and out-scored the Wildcats, 19-10, in the last period. "It was a lot closer than that, though," Mason is quick to point out. "They were up by only one (point) after the first quarter, three at half and six in the third quarter. That's anybody's ball game."

The loss was the seventh straight this year in Chisholm Trail Division I play for Mulvane and trimmed Mulvane's overall record to 3-12. Valley Center is 12-3.

"Offensive rebounding by Valley really hurt us," said Mason. "That's where they hurt everybody. They got 11 offensive bounds. The thing they do so well is keeping it alive. They tip it and keep it going and finally get the ball or you're on top of them and foul. They do

Boys Varsity

Mulvane 7 10 8 10-35
Valley Center 8 13 10 19-50
Mulvane—Dale Landes 9, Brent Iverson 8, Kevin Burke 8, Darryl Brueggeman 4, Greg Hamilton 2, David Hagerman 2, Marc Hualig 2. FG 15-42, FT 5-11, F 24.

Valley Center—Bob Daniels 5, Randy Emler 11, Gary Alford 14, Scott Hinkle 11, Russell Siemens 7, David Kingsbury 2. FG 16-49, FT 18-32, F 16.

Boys Junior Varsity

Mulvane 6 18 14 18 (9)—63
Valley Center 12 15 11 16 (2)—56
Mulvane—Joey Belden 10, David Hagerman 6, Tim Warren 14, Vic Marcelle 16, Brian Pope 9, Mike Coffey 8, Danny Harvey 2. FG 23-52, FT 17-28, F 19.

Valley Center—David Kingsbury 2, David Mellinger 14, Kenny Hinds 15, Bud Higgs 9, Terry Jennings 4, Brian Schooler 10, Terry Kennedy 2. FG 21-62, FT 14-24, F 23.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane 8 8 9 10-36
Valley Center 10 11 8 17-47
Mulvane—Chris Hicks 9, Allen Whitmer 8, Wayne Rich 8, Kevin Butler 6, Sid Colliate 2, Eddie Gerlach 2, Robbie Young 1. FG 12-48, FT 12-26, F 26.

Valley Center—Jay Elliott 5, Rod Tormey 9, Brian Schooler 4, Jeff Coons 8, John Yates 11, Mark Combs 2, Joe Whitham 2, Brian Lesperance 3, Rod Williams 2. FG 18-55, FT 11-31, F 19.

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that to everybody. Valley is big and physical. We got knocked out of there several times but nothing was called. And at other times, we were standing there flat-footed. You can't rebound with good leapers standing flat-footed."

Poor shooting also plagued the Wildcats, as they connected on only 28 percent of their field tries (15 of 53).

The second-year coach was pleased with his defense and also felt the Cats played their game against the physical Hornets. "We dictated to them the tempo of the game," said Mason. "That's what we had to do to have a chance of winning. There's no way we could run with Valley. Every team that has has lost other than maybe Buhler.

"We also played a pretty good zone defense," added Mason, singling out seniors Brent Iverson and Greg Hamilton and junior Dale Landes. "They only hit 27 percent from the field so I would say our zone was effective," Mason said. "I guess it sounds like a broken record, though. We just couldn't hit the easy shots inside when we needed them."

The junior Landes led the Wildcat scoring with nine points and both Iverson and senior Kevin Burke finished with eight points.

The Wildcat junior varsity stunned the previously unbeaten Valley Center B-team in overtime, 63-56, to provide Mulvane with some measure of pleasure. A bucket underneath by Brian Pope and three free throws by Joey Belden iced the victory away for coach Rich Erickson's Cats.

Vic Marcelle led the Mulvane scoring with 16 points and Tim Warren added 14. Belden finished with 10.

Valley's sophomore team pulled away in the final quarter to register a 47-36

triumph over the Mulvane sophomores in the opening game of the evening. Chris Hicks scored nine points and Allen Whitmer and Wayne Rich had eight each for the Wildcats.

The next outing for the Cats will be Friday night, Feb. 20. It's homecoming and Adover's Trojans are in town. MHS will be trying to break an unofficial jinx since it's been seven or eight seasons since the Cats have won a homecoming game.

CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE BOYS STANDINGS

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Valley Center	5	2	13	3
Buhler	5	2	11	5
Goddard	5	2	9	5
Augusta	2	4	8	7
Mulvane	0	7	3	12
Division II				
Kingman	8	2	11	4
Clearwater	8	3	10	6
Chaparral	7	3	10	5
Andale	5	4	8	7
Haven	4	6	4	10
Andover	2	8	6	10
Circle	1	9	2	13