

# Rain Of '3s' Bury Boys

A Clearwater player buried Mulvane and it wasn't the Clearwater all-star. Mulvane's defense was burned from the three-point line as the Indians rallied from behind for a 67-58 triumph Tuesday night, Feb. 18, in a league game at Clearwater.

The Wildcats slumped to 3-7 in the Chisholm Trail and 4-14 overall. The Indians avenged a 10-point loss to the Cats in Mulvane back in early January.

"We just broke down defensively big-time," commented Todd Barker, the MHS coach. "We let one of their kids sit out there and hit six threes in the second half. We called a time out and talked about getting in his face but then we went back out and let him hit some more threes. The kid finished with 20 points in the second half...and it wasn't even Tim Allenbach (Clearwater's all-league star). The kid's a nice player but we made him look like an All-America."

That shooting spree helped chop the Wildcats down to size after Mulvane worked to build up a 12-point lead by intermission. Mulvane was ahead, 32-20, at intermission.

But in the second half, the offensive weapons went dry.

"They overloaded one side, then threw a skip pass to him and he'd knock it down," said Barker. "I thought sooner or later our kids would start picking that up. We were in our special defense but I didn't feel like we could go to a man-to-man because of Allenbach." It was later rather than sooner, though.

Barker also blamed a rash of turnovers. "We had 14 turnovers in the second half and that hurt us, too," said Barker. "We really had some kids who played pretty good ball. Darrin Erbert had 14 points and seven rebounds. Another one who really stepped up was Brad Canfield. He had two blocked shots and 11 rebounds, five of them on the offensive board. He did a good job on Allenbach, too. Clint Cox also did a fine defensive job."

But all of that went out the door when the Indians scored 47 points in the last half, including out-scoring Mulvane, 27-12, in the final eight minutes.

Even one of Mulvane's greatest rebounding games couldn't save the victory. The Wildcats had 38 boards to only 22 for Clearwater. "I am tickled to death with our rebounding in the game," noted Barker. "We haven't out-rebounded anybody that bad since I've been here but we still have to get everything to come together at one time, which is something that we haven't been able to do." Canfield's 11 boards paced the Cats.

Erbert's 14 points, 13 by junior Dan McElroy and 12 by senior Neil Gosch sparked the Cats offensively. Canfield and Cox finished with six points each and Greg Nunn had five points.

Another factor in the loss was free throw shooting and the Indians had it. Mulvane went from hitting 18 of 20 in its previous game to making only three of nine from the charity stripe. Clearwater canned 19 of 25, including 15 points in the last half at the line. "It came down at the end once again to shooting free throws," admitted Barker. "We got to shoot nine to their 25. That's a formula for losing."

Mulvane couldn't quite pick up all the marbles in a Chisholm Trail League game Friday night, Feb. 14, at Andale. The host Indians took advantage of a late scoring swoon by Mulvane in the final couple minutes to pull away for a 69-59 triumph.

"We played well, I have no complaints," stressed Barker. "We had quite a few juniors on the court and it's a learning experience. It came down to picking up the marbles, and you've got to grab them all and we didn't we just got a handful."

With three minutes left, it appeared Barker's gang was scooping up the marbles. They had charged from behind to get to within two points, but the well went dry. Four straight possessions, no scores. And Andale took advantage of the spell to score four consecutive times to put some distance between them and Mulvane.

"We got down about eight before we started coming back on them," said Barker. "We switched to a half-court trap and got

## Varsity Boys

Mulvane	14	18	14	12-58
Clearwater	9	11	20	27-67
Mulvane--Darrin Erbert 14, Bryce Schumacher 2, Greg Nunn 5, Neil Gosch 12, Clint Cox 6, Dan McElroy 13, Brad Canfield 6. FG 25 (5), FT 3-9, F 21.				
Clearwater--Brad Sieter 4, Tim Hastings 4, Keith Tjaden 15, Landon Langston 23, Cliff Shoff 8, David Allenbach 13. FG 21 (6), FT 19-25, F 11.				
Mulvane	12	17	10	20-59
Andale	11	17	17	24-69
Mulvane--Bryce Schumacher 2, Raymond Lazier 2, Darrin Erbert 13, Neil Gosch 7, Brad Canfield 6, Clint Cox 7. FG 19 (3), FT 18-20, F 21.				
Andale--Steve Stanhope 13, Justin Strunk 2, Adam Spexarth 2, Pete Molitor 7, Jared Eck 19, Bart Winter 26. FG 26 (2), FT 15-23, F 18.				

## Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	6	9	14	12-41
Andale	17	30	19	20-88
Mulvane--Ryan Rogers 6, Rob Parker 19, Doug Grow 2, Ryan McCarty 2, Sean Holman 4, Ryan Lowe 2, Jake Wilkinson 2, Lucas Powell 2, Garrett Hennes 2. FG 17 (0), FT 7-14, F 21.				
Andale--Zack Steven 16, Gary McNett 13, Kent Brand 14, Scott Weber 11, Luke May 2, Troy Simon 8, Jarod Marcotte 4, Danny Simon 3, Joe Patry 5, Brandon Blocker 4, Jaron Robelli 3, Brandon Caselman 2, Zac Richards 2. FG 37 (2), FT 11-22, F 19.				
Mulvane	15	16	15	17-63
Rose Hill	12	11	10	13-46
Mulvane--Doug Grow 6, Ryan McCarty 9, Rob Parker 22, Keene Hargrove 2, Sean Holman 14, Ryan Lowe 1, Jake Wilkinson 2, Brian McColpin 1, Philip Ward 1, Garrett Hennes 1. FG 23 (4), FT 13-25, F 16.				
Rose Hill--Zeb Jolly 4, Brendon Taylor 6, Josh Roy 5, Devin Rutledge 8, Troy Powell 4, Spencer Holland 2, John Rodgers 2, Ryan Armstrong 10. FG 21 (0), FT 4-10, F 20.				

## Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	9	12	12	23-56
Andale	22	17	19	10-68
Mulvane--Jacob Wilkinson 10, Lucas Powell 6, Tom Anderson 9, Brian McColpin 9, Jesse Marksberry 8, Randy Johnson 4, Garrett Hennes 10. FG 24 (4), FT 4-15, F 16.				
Andale--Brandon Caselman 9, Luke Eck 6, Matt Amos 15, Chad Meyer 2, Zac Richards 9, Jordan Pelitzer 3, Nathan Terres 18, Dean Leahy 6. FG 31 (3), FT 3-11, F 16.				

some turnovers which turned into some easy baskets for us to get back into the game. They also were fouling us and we were making our free throws but then we got cold and they were able to pull away again. They did it when they needed to, and we couldn't get the baskets to fall."

The Wildcats, hoping to avenge a 92-55 drubbing by Andale in the first game of 1997, actually took the lead in the first half and the Cats were still on top, 29-28, at halftime. Andale put things together again in the third quarter and took the lead behind a 17-10 edge.

"They got hot in the third quarter and we couldn't buy a bucket," said Barker. "But we hung on until we did get back in the game. Then, we went cold again. We got good looks at the basket each time but just couldn't get the shots to drop. It was just bad timing. The game was a lot closer than what it shows in the final score."

Junior Bryce Schumacher had his best game of the campaign. He scored a career-high 21 points. Junior Darrin Erbert finished with 13 points, senior Neil Gosch scored seven, as did junior Clint Cox, and 6-7 senior Brad Canfield scored six.

"I feel like we're improving every game," said the Wildcat coach. "We're playing so much better. Earlier in the year, they drilled us at home and they've moved up in the polls. Either other people are getting worse or we're getting better. I think our kids are starting to peak. It's getting close to the time when you want to be peaking."

Mulvane lost the rebound battle at Andale as the Indians wrapped up 34 to Mulvane's 29. Canfield led the Cats with nine boards and both Cox and Raymond Lazier pulled down six rebounds. Lazier also had seven assists.

The MHS junior varsity's offense never got untracked at Andale. The Indians pounded them, 88-41. Lanky Rob Parker had another fine game, scoring 19 points. Ryan Rogers scored six points and Sean Holman had four.

The Mulvane jayvees did get their offense untracked Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Rose Hill, clipping the Rockets, 63-46. Parker shot in 22 points, his career-best. Holman scored 14 points, Ryan McCarty had nine points and Doug Grow scored six.

In a sophomore game at Andale, the host Indians held off a late push by the Cat sophs for a 68-56 victory. Garrett Hennes and Jake Wilkinson were the scoring leaders with 10 points each. Tom Anderson and Brian McColpin scored nine each.