

Crusaders Chase Away Progress

Wellington brought an abrupt end to a string of good performances for the Mulvane High School boys Tuesday, Feb. 19, as the Crusaders hammered Mulvane, 76-37, in a Chisholm Trail League game here.

"They out-rebounded us 38-18, the worst difference of the year, and that tells the story," said MHS coach Charlie Mason. "For us to have been in the ball game, we would have had to hit our shots but we didn't shoot well. We just didn't play like we have the last few games."

Junior Jarrod Oldridge scored 13 points to key the Cat offense. Jeff Parson scored eight points and sophomore J.J. Dunn had four.

The MHS jayvees held on for a 60-57 verdict over Wellington, and the Mulvane sophomores blitzed the Crusaders, 53-37.

Judson Spicer scored 17 points, Steve Nelson had 12 and Guy Alvarez had eight for the Mulvane jayvees. Guard Brian Strack was top gun for the sophomores, pouring in 23 points. Bill Humphries had 11 and Robert Glaser seven.

The Wildcat boys continued to show improved playing but couldn't crack the "W" column last week. The Cat boys were shot down in a game at Buhler, 72-52, Friday night, Feb. 15, and Goddard struggled past the MHS boys, 64-49, in a make-up game Thursday, Feb. 14, in Mulvane.

But the games marked a continued upswing on offense for the winless Wildcats after hitting a season-high 69 points in the previous game against Maize.

"We're shooting the ball better and we're playing better," agreed Mason, "and the kids are doing the best they can. I think the Buhler game was our best game of the season. The score wasn't very indicative of what the game was. It was a nine-point game going into the 4th quarter and we got it to seven. The turning point was when Scotty Roberts stole the ball and went in and dunked it early in the fourth quarter. We came right back and turned it over again, then committed an intentional foul and that was the difference. That dunk got them going again and got the crowd into the game, and we never recovered from it."

Improved shooting, though, is something that can be seen. Mulvane hit 51% from the field against the Crusaders, who are battling Valley Center for the CTL Division I championship.

"Another factor that hurt was free throws," added Mason. "They shot 17 free throws in the second half and we didn't shoot any. We were 10 of 12 in the first half, which is the best free throwing we've had in years."

Mason said he traces the upswing offensively to improved play from senior Andy Mackey and juniors Jarrod Oldridge and Jeff Parson. "Mackey is coming to life a little and Parson is shooting the ball well," said the Cat chief. "Oldridge had his best game in quite a while against Buhler, and we seem to be playing harder. We don't have any wins to show for it right now but I think the kids are playing to their capabilities."

Parson, the club's No. 1 scorer all season long, dumped in 14 points against the Crusaders, who pulled away by out-scoring Mulvane, 20-9, in the final quarter. Oldridge shook out of a season long slump with 12 points and Mackey had 12, too. Senior Toby Hoving had six points and Daniels scored four.

In the junior varsity game, Buhler came on strong in the second half to clip the Cats, 60-41, despite 11 points by Mulvane's Judson Spicer, 10 by guard Steve Nelson and eight by sophomore frontliner J.J. Dunn.

The Crusader sophomores extracted sweet revenge for a 20-point beating handed them earlier this year by the Cat sophs as they edged Mulvane, 51-47. For Mulvane, Robert Glaser scored 13 points to pace the sophomores and teammates Brian Strack and Bill Humphries

had 10 and nine points, respectively.

In the Valentine's Day make-up game at home against Goddard, it was anything but a massacre as the Wildcats nearly rallied to win it but ran out of gas in the third quarter after knocking down a 31-16 lead to only five points.

"There isn't a 'W' to show for it, but these kids are playing harder and harder and they're working extremely hard," stressed Mason. "That's all you can ask. There's a case where we lose by 15 to Goddard but the first time, they beat us by 30. And we lose to Maize by 17, but the first time it was 30. We play Buhler a tight ball game until the final quarter the second time around and they blow us out (74-45) in the earlier game."

Parson pounded the cords for 20 points against Goddard to lead the MHS offensive. Mackey finished with nine points, senior Chris Wagoner scored five and both Hoving and Oldridge scored four points.

In the junior varsity contest, Goddard cooled off the hot Wildcats with a 56-36 shelling. Guy Alvarez topped the Mulvane jayvee effort with eight points, Dunn scored seven and Jason Russell hit for four.

Varsity Boys

Wellington	19	15	24	18-76
Mulvane	9	9	12	7-37

Wellington—Lawrence 11, Hill 17, Miller 21, Reid 2, Russell 4, Bacon 3, Stover 6, Miller 2, Noss 2, Weaver 1, Vargas 7. FG 31 (3), FT 11-21, F 16.

Mulvane—Jarrod Oldridge 13, Toby Hoving 2, Jeff Parson 8, Andy Mackey 3, Chad Carpenter 3, Larry Dixon 2, J.J. Dunn 4, Brad Rayl 2. FG 12 (3), FT 10-19, F 16.

Junior Varsity Boys

Wellington	10	15	16	16-57
Mulvane	16	12	14	18-60

Wellington—Erwin 4, Lawrence 4, Norris 7, Ybarras 4, Kimball 15, Darby 10, Russell 2, Miller 11. FG 19 (3), FT 16-20, F 22.

Mulvane—Judson Spicer 17, Chad Carpenter 6, Larry Dixon 4, Steve Nelson 12, J.J. Dunn 2, Jay Jackson 2, Brian Heinrichs 6, David Boyer 3, Guy Alvarez 8. FG 22 (4), FT 12-21, F 19.

Sophomore Boys

Derby	10	11	6	10-37
Mulvane	14	19	13	7-53

Derby—Schott 6, Kooser 3, Murtha 3, Noble 2, Fisher 4, Bates 4, Wehrman 2, Harms 4, Clingan 9. FG 13 (3), FT 8-13, F 19.

Mulvane—Jeremy Kendrick 6, Daniel Myers 3, Shawn Ebenole 3, Bill Humphries 11, Robert Glaser 7, Brian Strack 23. FG 19 (2), FT 13-20, F 12.

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	14	15	14	9-52
Buhler	20	19	13	20-72

Mulvane—Jarrod Oldridge 12, Andy Mackey 12, Jeff Parson 14, Toby Hoving 6, Larry Dixon 2, Danny Daniels 4, J.J. Dunn 2. FG 20-39 (2), FT 10-12, F 23.

Buhler—Roberts 11, Bird 8, Hamby 15, Fleming 12, Hebb 19, Mitchell 7. FG 27-53 (0), FT 18-33, F 13.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	10	14	4	12-40
Buhler	19	8	18	19-61

Mulvane—Guy Alvarez 2, Jeremy Kendrick 3, J.J. Dunn 8, Steve Nelson 10, Chad Carpenter 6, Judson Spicer 11. FG 16 (1), FT 5-10, F 22.

Buhler—Yoder 9, Dema 7, Morris 8, Flemming 6, Hamel 4, Kopper 8, Henning 7, Tipton 5, Friesen 4, Balzon 3. FG 23 (1), FT 14-22, F 8.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	10	15	14	8-47
Buhler	15	8	14	14-51

Mulvane—Jeremy Kendrick 5, Daniel Myers 3, Bill Humphries 9, Brian Heinrichs 7, Robert Glaser 13, Brian Strack 10. FG 19 (0), FT 9-20, F 21.

Buhler—Jeremy Blazer 12, Justin Trimmell 6, Jeff Penley 5, Stuart Gillen 9, Jeff Krafels 2, Chris Kiewer 12, Charlie Porter 3. FG 19 (0), FT 11-24, F 21.

Varsity Boys

Goddard	12	19	14	19-64
Mulvane	6	10	21	12-49

Goddard—Jeremy Berblinger 20, Glenn Drailing 12, Rory Hamilton 7, Scott Hardisty 8, Bryan Hardisty 8, Jay Rueschhoff 2, Ryan Hickman 7. FG 25-44 (1), FT 13-26, F 13.

Mulvane—Jeff Parson 20, Andy Mackey 9, Larry Dixon 3, Toby Hoving 4, Danny Daniels 3, Jarrod Oldridge 4, J.J. Dunn 1, Chris Wagoner 5. FG 19-47 (2), FT 9-18, F 13.

Junior Varsity Boys

Goddard	18	10	19	9-56
Mulvane	6	12	6	12-36

Goddard—Karl Staats 12, Bert Krabben 5, Brian Buchanan 12, Chris Durham 10, Scott Schwartzberger 1, Cary Hayes 8, Bill Chubbick 8. FG 22 (5), FT 9-13, F 8.

Mulvane—Guy Alvarez 8, David Boyer 2, Jason Russell 4, Brian Heinrichs 2, Jay Jackson 2, J.J. Dunn 7, Robert Glaser 2, Steve Nelson 2, Larry Dixon 3, Chad Carpenter 2, Judson Spicer 2. FG 17 (1), FT 1-3, F 9.

Sophomore Boys

No sophomore game played