

# Wildcat Boys Turn To Patience For Edge

Buhler out-waited the Mulvane High School Wildcats Tuesday night, Feb. 19, when the Cats tried to slow things down when the Crusaders came to town for a CTL game.

Mulvane tried to control the game's tempo but had too many missed opportunities early and fell behind, opening the door for the visiting Crusaders to edge them, 43-34.

## Varsity Boys

Buhler	11	5	16	11-43
Mulvane	2	9	7	16-34

Buhler—Scott Pauly 3, Brett Cikanek 7, Lindy Wray 2, Jesse Schulte 19, Caleb Lind 4, Ben Corwin 8. FG 15 (3), FT 10-17, F 17.

Mulvane—John Beggs 11, Troy Johnson 9, Zach Kimble 5, Luke Gunter 3, Kale Regier 6. FG 12 (4), FT 6-14, F 14.

Mulvane	10	5	9	15-39
Goddard	8	11	16	16-51

Mulvane—Kale Regier 9, Troy Johnson 17, Luke Gunter 4, John Beggs 7, Zach Kimble 2, FG 14 (3), FT 8-11, F 15

Goddard—Matt Hosey 2, Tyler Beiter 16, Andrew Womack 2, Aaron Page 18, Anthony Quattlebaum 2, Kyle Markham 5, Jeff Shepard 6. FG 18 (4), 18 (4), FT 11-16, F 16.

## Junior Varsity Boys

Buhler	19	13	13	16-61
Mulvane	8	14	15	9-46

Buhler—Brandon Graber 19, Brandon Cameron 5, Josh Eriksen 10, Brian Lewis 10, Jared Gillmore 6, Brandon Walker 4, Jake Sawatzky 6, Andrew Epp 4. FG 25 (5), FT 6-9, F 10.

Mulvane—Greg Flores 7, Dusty Sorensen 2, Caleb Alexander 2, Grant Snider 4, Nick Hansen 13, Gavin Spider 2, Travis McGuire 2, Tyler Hennes 14. FG 18 (3), FT 7-8, F 12.

Mulvane	2	8	7	5-22
Goddard	13	20	8	9-50

Mulvane—Nick Hansen 6, Caleb Alexander 2, Grant Spider 2, Dusty Sorensen 1, Travis McGuire 3, Gavin Spider 4, David Mason 1, Greg Flores 3. FG 8 (1), FT 5-8, F 11.

Goddard—Ryan Bohanan 13, Josh Riesgo 5, Antwan Seymore 2, Beiter 9, Langhofer 2, Burns 10, Womack 5, Collins 4. FG 20 (4), FT 6-8, F 16.

The Cats scored in the last two seconds of the first quarter and never quite recovered from Buhler's 11-0 charge out of the starting gate. The loss was the 7th straight for Coach Ryan Herrs' Wildcats and dropped their record to 6-13 overall and 1-10 in the Chisholm Trail League with only one regular season game left.

Mulvane turned deliberate in the first quarter but several turnovers and missed free throws hurt that strategy and forced the Cats to play catch-up the rest of the game.

John Beggs came off the bench to score 11 points to guide the Cat offense. Troy Johnson finished with nine points, Kale Regier scored six and Zach Kimble had five.

The Wildcat boys came within a "duck" of turning in their biggest win of the year Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Goddard. Controlling the game's tempo most of the way, the Cats were in tight before letting it slip away. Goddard canned three straight three-pointers in the last two minutes to pull out a 51-39 triumph.

"I was so proud of our kids for playing hard," said Herrs. "We played well. We had it down to a four-point deficit and we were at the free throw line with about two minutes to go, but we missed the free throw and they went down and had a kid hit three straight threes."

It was a tough one to lose, coming so close. "Like I told my kids, you get hit in the face with a bat, you duck or move or do something different, and I think they are starting to understand we have to do something different," said Herrs. "We have to control the tempo of the ball game to win.

We don't put up 80 points but our kids are smart enough to be patient and make other teams play defense. That's our advantage."

It very nearly worked out, too. "You think about it," added Herrs. "We had Valley Center at 6 points in the 4th quarter, we had Augusta to six points in the 4th quarter and we had Goddard at four points in the last quarter. We're staying with these people. We just need to learn how to finish."

Hitting eight of 11 at the stripe was important. So was a 17-point spurt by senior Troy Johnson. Guard Kale Regier scored nine points, John Beggs had seven and Luke Gunter scored four.

The Wildcat jayvee team was simply outgunned against both Buhler and Goddard. The Crusaders flew past the Cats, 61-46, after springing out to a 19-8 lead after the first quarter. Tyler Hennes and Nick Hansen led Mulvane's scoring with 14 and 13 points, respectively. Greg Flores scored seven and Grant Snider had four.

The Cat JVs were never in the game at Goddard. The Lions bolted to a 13-2 edge after one quarter and out-scored Mulvane, 20-8, in the 2nd frame to take a 33-10 half-time lead. Hansen had six points to power the meager offense. Gavin Snider scored four and both Travis McGuire and Flores had three points.

The Wildcat boys will end their regular season tonight (Feb. 21) at home against Maize before gearing up to play in the Kapaun Mt. Carmel Class 5A Sub-State next Thursday, Feb. 28. The location and opponent won't be decided until the last games of the regular season.