

# Wildcats Continue Late-Season Swoon ; Lose Two

The season has been a giant roller coaster ride for Mulvane's third-year boys basketball coach Rod Pock. Up one game, down the next. Consistency has not been one of the Wildcats' trademarks.

Coming off a poor performance in a loss to Augusta, which is nailed in the Chisholm Trail League basement, the Wildcats played well Tuesday night, Feb. 20, before Kingman finally pulled out a 76-67 victory over Mulvane in a game played at Kingman.

The loss saw Mulvane's record sag to 2-9 in the CTL and 4-11 overall. Kingman bolstered its mark to 9-2 and 14-3 to stay in there with Haven for second place behind Goddard.

In the preliminary game, Buhler popped the Mulvane B-team, 58-45.

"Our kids played a super ball game," said Pock. "They hustled all the time. Our offense looked good the whole game and we had some fine passing inside."

Pock also changed the Cats' defense to a 3-2 zone in an effort to keep Kingman's fine center, Randy Blumenhourst, in check and also put pressure outside on the Eagles' Abe Erdman. "They are just two pretty good ballplayers," noted Pock as he checked the scorebook and found out Erdman finished with 23 points and Blumenhourst added 18. "We felt a 3-2 zone could bottle up Blumenhourst and it did to a certain extent. He had been averaging 20-some points a game."

Mulvane got off to a good start against the Eagles, hitting six of 17 shots in the first quarter to take a surprising 14-12 lead but that didn't last long, as Kingman, coached by second-year coach Don Jones, out-scored Mulvane, 22-13, in the second frame to grab the lead for good.

"We were shooting the ball well, getting inside but they (the officials) wouldn't call any fouls on Blumenhourst," complained Pock. "We had to fight like the devil just to get him off our backs. I felt we went right down their throats, right up the middle, all night and we got the good passing inside from our guards, (Tom) Fagan and (Troy) Wayman."

The Wildcats never were out of the game, always hanging tough, and finally got to within six points in the fourth quarter. "Then, they got some foul calls and we went down the floor three or four times and didn't score."



Team	League	Overall		
	W	L	W	L
Kingman	9	2	14	3
Haven	7	2	15	2
Buhler	9	2	14	3
Kingman	7	4	11	6
Kingman	5	6	9	8
Kingman	4	8	8	9
Kingman	4	7	9	9
Kingman	3	8	11	7
Kingman	2	9	4	11
Kingman	1	10	4	11

### Boys A-Team

Mulvane	14	13	11	29-87
Kingman	12	22	18	28-76
Mulvane - Tom Fagan 18, Mark Storey 8, Gary Fortner 15, Mark Smith 11, Troy Wayman 13, Grant Sorenson 4. FG 28-65, FT 11-20, F 20.				
Kingman - Abe Erdman 23, Danny Rohman 7, Tim Swope 4, Randy Laroux 8, Randy Blumenhourst 18, Allen Kelter 1, Brad Oiler 2, Robert Wimmer 11, Jeff Binnett 2. FG 32-63, FT 12-21, F 20.				

### Boys B-Team

Mulvane	8	19	10	8-46
Kingman	17	14	10	12-58
Mulvane - Troy Dossey 2, Jeff Staska 5, Troy Phillips 2, Darryl Brueggeman 4, Ed Nelson 8, Greg Hamilton 20, Benny Higgs 2, Brent Iverson 2. FG 16, FT 13-21, F 16.				
Kingman - Mike Ward 13, Don Browder 2, Vince Vinopal 14, Jeff Tabes 6, Mike Wimar 10, Tony Adams 4, Tom Phelps 6, Bill Kenny 3. FG 28, FT 6-17, F 19.				

### Boys A-Team

Mulvane	18	10	23	21	81
Augusta	27	24	22	12	85
Mulvane - Mark Storey 22, Mark Smith 18, Gary Fortner 11, Troy Wayman 10, Tom Fagan 10, Grant Sorenson 4, Lon Pribble 5. FG 34-78, FT 12-26, F 25.					
Augusta - Troy Nordman 14, Alan Lytton 17, Kevin Huddleston 19, Marty Shryock 11, Jay Poore 6, Gary Hamilton 10, Rich Dennett 2, Greg Allaro 6. FG 31-68, FT 23-34, F 23.					

### Boys B-Team

Mulvane	7	16	20	14	57
Augusta	12	15	11	16	54
Mulvane - Troy Dossey 8, Jeff Staska 6, Troy Phillips 13, Darryl Brueggeman 4, Greg Hamilton 18, Benny Higgs 7, Brent Iverson 1. FG 21-59, FT 15-35, F 21.					
Augusta - Jay Poore 8, Russell Gibson 12, Brent Cottrell 3, Rich Dennett 5, Rex Crisco 12, Greg Allaro 6, Thad Richey 1, Kenny Kaiser 6, Todd Patterson 1. FG 20-66, FT 14-26, F 28.					

### Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	8	14	11	19	52
Augusta	17	16	22	12	67
Mulvane - Gary Elston 2, Bob Chippeaux 6, Brent Iverson 11, Mark Fox 8, Mark Crawford 3, Greg Cox 13, Rusty Westfall 2, Bill Bean 5, Tim Crow 2. FG 22-78, FT 8-21, F 16.					
Augusta - Thad Richey 5, Brad Young 2, Brent Cottrell 14, Rich Hess 4, Brian Lemay 2, Russell Gibson 6, Rex Crisco 14, Todd Patterson 16, Bret Steele 2, Eric Grooms. FG 28-60, FT 11-17, F 17.					

said Wildcat assistant coach Charlie Mason.

Fagan and Wayman powered the fourth period comeback, Fagan scoring 12 of his 15 points in the final quarter and Wayman hitting eight of his 13 points in the quarter, as Mulvane out-scored Kingman, 29-26, in the final period.

The Wildcats featured a balanced scoring assault with four players in twin figures. Junior Gary Fortner, who had one of his best games this season, tied Fagan for team honors with 15 points. Another junior, Mark Smith, scored 11 points.

Balanced scoring, Pock feels, is something Wildcat backers will be seeing more of as the season winds down. Top scorer Courtney Gammon's condition has been decided—he tore some ligaments in his ankle a week ago in practice—and he will be out for the season. "I think that has forced us to find the open man," said Pock. "With Courtney gone, some of the others have had to pick up the slack."

Fortner also led Mulvane to a surprising 34-20 edge in rebounding. He pulled down 15.

In the B-team game, Greg Hamilton pumped in 20 points but he was the only Mulvane player to make much of a scoring dent. Second-high for the Cats was Ed Nelson, who scored eight points.

Augusta avenged two earlier defeats by the Wildcat varsity Thursday, Feb. 15, at Augusta as a last-ditch rally fell short in an 85-81 loss to the Orioles.

The Cats fell behind miserably, 51-28, by intermission, then came on with a 33-point third quarter but couldn't overtake Augusta. It was Augusta's first CTL victory of the year.

Mark Storey turned in another fine offensive game, scoring 22 points, while two other juniors, Mark Smith and Gary Fortner, scored 18 and 14 points, respectively. Mulvane also had two other double figure scorers, guards Tom Fagan and Troy Wayman, both with 10 points.

The B-team wrenched a 57-54 victory from Augusta's B-teamers. Sophomore Greg Hamilton topped the Mulvane scoring with 18 points and guard Troy Phillips added 13 points. Coach Charlie Mason's Cats improved their record to 5-6 and snapped a three-game losing skid.

Mulvane's sophomores also ended up on the losing side of things with the Orioles clipping the Cats, 67-52.

Greg Cox headed Mulvane in the scoring column with 13 points and Brent Iverson added 11 points. Coach Larry Beckers's sophs are now 2-6 for the season.



## Wildcat Cage Statistics

WILDCAT BOYS [4-11]						
Player	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	RB	Pts
Tom Fagan	39	144	24	413	109	146
Mark Smith	54	144	21	41	124	141
Troy Wayman	44	119	21	43	83	139
Gary Fortner	41	81	28	44	89	136
Grant Sorenson	39	104	26	46	63	114
Randy Blumenhourst	38	89	15	35	35	87
Abe Erdman	28	76	10	18	14	67
Others	11	49	4	4	6	34
Totals	319	911	185	516	516	641
Opponents	416	1010	161	34	4	612
Total	981	3211	257	383	414	1127
Avg. per game	42.1	167.1	21.7	17.2	19.5	47.2

WILDCAT GIRLS [5-9]						
Player	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	RB	Pts
Sandy Whetstone	43	31	27	51	39	109
Liz Hendricks	30	106	15	42	74	83
Shelly Gerlach	30	113	15	29	38	78
Lauri Lawless	25	92	15	27	83	63
Jan Dankert	24	89	13	49	103	61
Kim Elston	17	45	4	23	85	38
Greene Martinez	15	44	6	19	13	36
Denise Standerfer	7	31	2	16	21	16
Others	1	12	0	0	5	2
Totals	199	706	103	277	523	509
Opponents	264	723	163	348	543	697
Total	463	1355	266	625	1066	1206