

3rd Quarter Does In MHS Boys Again

Drats! Do you have to play the third quarter? Instead of playing a third quarter, could the MHS boys walk on a bed of hot coals or maybe even go to the dentist instead?

The troubles continued for the Mulvane High School boys in third quarters this year when Clearwater came to Mulvane Friday night, Feb. 16. And it was a third quarter spree by the Eagles that lifted them over the Wildcats in their final home game of the season by a 60-43 score.

Clearwater went on a 17-4 tear right after intermission and turned a tight, 28-26, game into another loss for Coach Ryan Herrs' Wildcats, who dropped to 1-17 for the season with two games in the regular season to go. The Cats were to have played at Buhler Tuesday night, Feb. 20, before ending the regular season tonight (Feb. 22) at Maize.

Mulvane will be the No. 8 seed in next week's Augusta Class 4A Sub-State and will play No. 1 seeded at Monday night, Feb. 26. The game will start at 7 p.m.

"It was a 'winable' game for us," said Herrs. "We went into the game believing that we could win it and we had a pretty decent first half. We cut our turnovers down with only four in the first half, but we missed an awful lot of free throws and that was pretty disappointing."

For the first time this season, the Wildcats weren't behind after the first quarter. Clearwater scored a three-pointer and the Cats answered with a bucket to knot the score at 15s after one quarter on "Senior Night." "We were able to match them offensively but in the second half, we didn't show up," said Herrs. "We just missed too many opportunities, too many easy shots."

When it came time to establish their game in the second half, the Wildcats fell silent. Clearwater made all the noise.

"I have always believed that the first four minutes of the 1st quarter and the first four

minutes of the 4th quarter set the tone for the game but instead of coming out fired up, we saw the different face of our team," admitted Herrs. "The third quarter has been a problem for us all year long. We can't figure things out in that quarter for some reason."

After intermission, the Cats came out and committed a couple of turnovers and the Indians immediately scored after each one to start the charge. "One of our problems is that we can't answer," stressed the MHS coach. "I think the kids start getting nervous, getting anxious. They haven't gotten it done for quite a while and I think you tend to forget how to get it done. It going to take a lot of courage for some people to get this thing turned around, a lot of courage."

Senior Jason Phillips drew Herrs' praise after getting a start on "Senior Night." "He did a good job, seven points and eight rebounds, and he really played well," said Herrs.

Brian Love and Jason Wilson paced the Cat attack, scoring nine points apiece. Phillips and Chris Gerhardt scored seven points each, Ryan McKnight had five points and Jonathan Reed scored four.

The MHS junior varsity boys saw a stirring 4th quarter rally fall just short against Clearwater, the Indians escaping Mulvane with a 54-52 victory.

Mulvane's JV fell behind in the 3rd quarter when Clearwater out-scored them, 16-4, to take a 36-25 lead. The Wildcats tallied 27 points in the last quarter but fell short.

Four players were in double digits—Dusty Sorensen with 12, Caleb Alexander with 11, Kale Regier with 10 and Tyler Hennes with 10.

The Wildcats played at home against Goddard Tuesday, Feb. 13, and lost a 53-44 game as the Lions pulled away from a half-time tie. Regier scored 13 points, Alexander had nine, Sorensen and Tyler Hennes had seven apiece for the JV Cats.

Varsity Boys

Clearwater	15	13	17	15—60
Mulvane	15	11	4	13—43

Clearwater—Jaimee Hazelton 17, Kyle Avila 16, Jimmy Charles 4, Jeff Brady 6, Phil Daley 2, Jacob Laha 4, Matt Westbrook 2, Collin Peck 9. FG 20 (6), FT 14-20, F 17.

Mulvane—Brian Love 9, Jason Wilson 9, Ryan McKnight 5, Jason Phillips 7, Chris Gerhardt 7, Jeremy Adams 2, Jonathan Reed 4. FG 15 (6), FT 7-23, F 17.

Junior Varsity Boys

Clearwater	16	4	16	18—54
Mulvane	5	16	4	27—52

Clearwater—Justin France 7, Jacob Laha 6, Matt Westbrook 9, Derek Pike 4, Justin Schoen 2, Kyle Free 4, Nick Bell 10, Mark Batten 10, Michael Lindal 2. FG 23 (1), FT 7-17, F 24.

Mulvane—Caleb Alexander 11, Tyler Hennes 10, Jeremy Adams 9, Dusty Sorensen 12, Kale Regier 10. FG 17 (5), FT 13-32, F 17.

Goddard	9	16	8	20—53
Mulvane	11	14	5	14—44

Goddard—Antwan Seymore 13, Kyle Touchatt 7, Zak Ellington 1, Mark Brown 1, Andrew Herd 4, Josh Riesgo 2, Austin Burns 19, David Dietz 2, Danny Enegren 2, Brady Hatter 2. FG 20 (3), FT 10-22, F 21.

Mulvane—Tyler Hennes 7, Jeremy Adams 5, Caleb Alexander 9, Kale Regier 13, Dusty Sorensen 7, Nick Hansen 3. FG 14 (6), FT 11-21, F 19.