

Wildcats Win 1st Tourney Game

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The Mulvane Wildcats have advanced to the semi-finals of the district tournament being held in Belle Plaine. Tuesday night the Wildcats defeated the Clearwater Indians 58-50 to advance to the second round.

The semi-finals will be held Thursday evening, February 23. At 7:00 Anthony and Harper will tangle. Then at 8:30 the Belle Plaine Dragons and the Mulvane Wildcats will battle for the second time this season. The two winners will play Friday night in the finals. Both teams will advance to the regional tournament to be held at Haven.

The excited fans had seen about 25 minutes of basketball with the Wildcats never holding the lead. Then came the Wildcats big rally. A full-court press and over 50 per cent shooting accuracy played a big part in the Wildcats late surge.

This was a game that saw the Indians ahead by 11 points in the third quarter and saw the Wildcats win by 8 points.

The first half was Clearwater all the way. They outscored the Wildcats by four points in the first quarter and two points in the second period. It also saw the Wildcats held to one field goal and five points in the first stanza. The Indians had a half-time lead of 25-19.

The second half was a complete reverse. The Wildcats scored 13 field goals while holding Clearwater to 5 field goals. The third quarter saw Jake Tjaden, Clearwater center, foul out of the ball game. This allowed the Wildcats to continue their strong drive to the finish.

The high point man for the ball game was Mulvane's Wes Wenzel with 23 points. Don Reed and Ronnie Iverson followed with 14 and 13 points respectively.

Mulvane	fg	ft	pf
Wenzel	9	5	4
Reed	2	10	2
McKee	2	1	2
Iverson	4	5	4
Meek	0	0	3
Heas	1	1	4
Britton	0	0	3
Totals	18	22	22
Clearwater	fg	ft	pf
Tjaden	6	2	5
Webb	1	4	3
Peterson	3	8	3
Love	2	4	3
Lelchardt	2	2	4
Wright	1	0	1
Totals	15	20	19