

Chappy Rejects Cats; Rematch In Sub-State

It was like lapping the competition in a car race. Then running out of gas.

For three quarters Thursday, Feb. 16, the Mulvane boys basketball team was taking it to host Chaparral. Then everything just gave out and the Wildcats lost 79-69.

The Wildcats will begin tournament play Monday night, Feb. 27, on the road in the first round of the Circle Class 4A Sub-State. The Cats, seeded seventh, will meet up against the No. 2 seeded Roadrunners at Chaparral. The game will start at 7 p.m. If they win in the first round, they will play Thursday night, March 2, at Circle.

Great marksmanship from the floor pushed Mulvane out to the lead at halftime.

The Wildcats shot an amazing 79% in the first half.

"It was incredible offensively in the first

half," coach Dale Landes said. "Really, it wasn't so bad defensively either."

The Cats stormed to the 45-40 behind the outside shooting of Michael Abasolo, Jeremy Brown and Tim Glaser. Mulvane made nine three-point shots in the contest.

"They clogged up the middle and we shot very well," Landes said.

Circle Class 4A Sub-State Pairings

First Round

MONDAY, FEB. 27

Mulvane boys (2-16) at Chaparral boys (12-7), 7 p.m.

Clearwater boys (1-17) at Rose Hill boys (13-7), 7

Andover boys (8-12) Kingman boys (10-9), 7

Wellington boys (5-14) at Circle boys (12-7), 7

TUESDAY, FEB. 28

Mulvane girls (1-17) at Andover girls (18-2), 7 p.m.

Circle girls (5-14) at Rose Hill girls (9-11), 7

Clearwater girls (4-14) at Chaparral girls (12-7), 7

Wellington girls (4-15) at Kingman girls (16-3), 7

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Boys semifinals, 6 and 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Girls semifinals, 6 and 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

6 p.m.—Girls Championship

7:30 -- Boys Championship

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	18	27	14	10—69
Chaparral	18	22	13	26—79

Mulvane—Mike Abasolo 22, Jeremy Brown 8, Shawn Erbert 8, Tim Glaser 6, Jeff Parker 3, Dexter Carpenter 20, Sean Younger 2. FG 27 (9), FT 6-7, F 22.

Chaparral—Corbin Hostetler 23, David Reed 14, Tyler Hoopes 14, Jason Carroll 9, Ryan Barker 17, Dusty Oiler 2. FG 27 (5), FT 20-26, F 9.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	25	10	8	10—53
Chaparral	7	12	6	13—38

Mulvane—Tad Nicholson 7, Tim Glaser 7, Seth Jones 2, Jeremiah Coleman 2, Michael Johnson 2, Gregg Nunn 3, Neil Gosch 14, Matt Hendren 6, Luke Cox 2, Brad Canfield 8. FG 23 (1), FT 6-13, F 20.

Clearwater—Worthington 16, Grove 5, Davis 4, Brown 2, Green 11. FG 13 (5), FT 7-12, F 18.

The Cats pushed the lead to 59-53 after three quarters.

Then Mulvane collapsed. The Roadrunners pummeled the Cats 26-10 in the fourth quarter to hand the Wildcats their eighth straight loss, dropping them to 2-16.

"They turned it up a notch," Landes said. "We just got worn down."

A key factor was the inability of Mulvane to break the press of Chaparral in the last minutes.

"They press hadn't bothered us all game, so I don't know why it would in the fourth quarter," Landes said.

Landes' squad ended up shooting 50% for the game.

The outburst offensively was led by two players. Abasolo scored a team-high 22 points. It was his first game back after missing a week due to the chicken pox.

"I was somewhat surprised because he had only had two practices," Landes said. "He is capable of having big games and I think this gave him the assurance he can."

What damage Abasolo didn't do from the outside, Dexter Carpenter did from the inside. The senior center scored 20 points.

"He played well offensively and defensively," Landes said. "His game is decided by whether his baby hook is on or off. Thursday, it was on and they didn't have the size to stop him.

Brown and Shawn Erbert each netted eight points, while Glaser chipped in six.

"I'm happy about the way we played at times, but the inability to stop penetration hurt us," Landes said.

In junior varsity play, Mulvane smoked Chaparral 53-38. The Wildcats led 25-7 after one quarter.

"That was probably the best quarter of basketball we played all year," JV coach Scott Swaney said.

Brad Canfield scored all eight of his points in the quarter, while Tim Glaser also scored all seven of his points in the first frame. Neil Gosch led the Cats with 14 points for the game.

The Wildcats will host Circle tonight (Feb. 23) in CTL play.

"We need to send a message to everyone in the sub-state that we are able to compete," Landes said.

Mulvane will make up their postponed game at Clearwater Friday, Feb. 24. The back-to-back games give Landes some opportunities to tinker with the Wildcats.

"It is a tournament atmosphere and we're going to use that to make some refinements," Landes said.