

# Cat Boys Stick Lions; Sub-State Next

The Mulvane High School boys closed their regular season by making amends Tuesday night, Feb. 22, against Goddard.

The Wildcat staff felt the boys let Goddard off the hook earlier this year but in front of the home folks Tuesday, the Cats snagged the Lions, 51-49, giving Coach Dale Landes his seventh victory of the season, one better than last year.

The win also served as a lift for the Wildcats heading into the Bluestem Class 4A Sub-State next week. The Wildcats were seeded No. 6 and will play the No. 3 seeded Rockets at 7 p.m. Tuesday night, March 1, in Rose Hill.

"We played with a lot more intensity and a lot more emotion and that's the reason we improved our record from last year," said Landes. "Our kids have really played well down the stretch. We battled back the whole game. Our kids never gave in."

Goddard, which beat Mulvane by six in Goddard, squirted ahead by six in the first quarter but the Cats came on the rest of the

## Varsity Boys

Goddard	13	12	14	10-49
Mulvane	7	17	14	13-51

Goddard—Jeremy Durham 6, Justin Meng 8, Scott Schneider 4, David Hughes 5, Eddie Peffly 4, Ben Christensen 6, Andy Stemons 16. FG 16 (0), FT 11-18, F 17.

Mulvane—Chris Heersche 8, Shay Vangas 2, Mike Abasolo 18, Shawn Erbert 1, Jeff Parker 3, Dexter Carpenter 4, Dan Smith 13, Jason DeWald 2. FG 19 (4), FT 9-13, F 19.

## Junior Varsity Boys

Goddard	11	10	15	24-60
Mulvane	12	2	18	20-52

Goddard—Jared Edwards 14, Cummings 1, Brent Buchanan 10, Nick Mosher 12, Greg Oehmke 4, Wes Turybury 2, Jeff Beckwith 17. FG 21 (4), FT 14-22, F 10.

Mulvane—Tom Nienke 10, Tim Glaser 5, Shawn Erbert 3, Kevin Diller 5, James Baker 12, Dexter Carpenter 14, David Butler 2. FG 22 (2), FT 6-8, F 24.

## Sophomore Boys

Goddard	7	19	20	16-62
Mulvane	8	25	15	10-58

Goddard—Pryor 7, Price 7, Johnston 11, Webster 5, Ingram 7, Foster 7, Carlson 7, Bell 2, Faust 6. FG 23 (4), FT 13-27, F 15.

Mulvane—Sam McCoy 6, Eric Erbert 5, Tad Nicholson 7, T.J. Lervik 20, Seth Jones 2, Matt Hendren 12, Jake Carmichael 2, Brad Canfield 4. FG 23 (6), FT 6-9, F 25.

game, finally winning it when senior Chris Heersche broke a tie with two free throws with 11 seconds left.

Mike Abasolo led the Cats with 18 points and senior Dan Smith finished with 13. Heersche scored eight points and Dexter Carpenter had four off the bench.

In the junior varsity game, Goddard held off Mulvane, 60-52, despite 10 points from Tom Nienke, 12 by James Baker and 14 by Carpenter. The MHS jayvees finished 5-9 for the year. The Lions also won the sophomore contest, 62-58. High for the Mulvane sophs was T.J. Lervik with 20 points. Matt Hendren had 12 points for the Cats, followed by Tad Nicholson's seven and six by Sam McCoy.

Coach Landes was looking for only one thing Friday night, Feb. 18, when his Wildcats took the floor at Maize.

He's been battling the "intensity level" and last time out, the Wildcats were kind of "mild cats," which is something that leads to losses.

## Varsity Boys

Mulvane	13	4	17	19-53
Maize	14	9	16	24-63

Mulvane—Chris Heersche 11, Mike Abasolo 10, Jason DeWald 18, Dan Smith 11, Dexter Carpenter 3. FG 25 (1), FT 2-4, F 21.

Maize—Jim Hull 5, Brad Gregory 19, Ryan Welsh 4, Jack Welsh 2, Ryan Seals 23, Heath Elliott 8, Chris Hagman 2. FG 20 (1), FT 22-32, F 10.

## Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	8	19	12	19-58
Maize	9	7	13	6-38

Mulvane—Shawn Erbert 15, David Butler 21, Brad Canfield 4, Todd Nienke 2, T.J. Lervik 2, Kevin Diller 5, James Baker 2, Dexter Carpenter 3, Sam McCoy 2. FG 18 (5), FT 15-22, F 16.

Maize—Graham Money 11, Brian Schoenhofer 7, Phil Beggs 3, Nate Robertson 11, Greg Smith 6, Jamie Holt 2. FG 12 (2), FT 5-15, F 19.

## Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	6	8	9	18-41
Maize	12	11	10	23-54

Mulvane—Sam McCoy 8, Eric Erbert 7, Tad Nicholson 8, T.J. Lervik 2, Seth Jones 4, Matt Hendren 8, Kasey McDowell 2, Brad Canfield 2. FG 14 (0), FT 13-15, F 15.

Maize—Heath Pooe 4, Greg Younger 5, Tim Frasco 3, Casey Barton 11, Brett Brandenberger 9, B.J. Hensler 9, Gary Kral 3, Nole Howard 4, Brian Killman 4, Jim Hull 4, Kyle Udland 2. FG 20 (3), FT 13-20, F 13.

Maize popped the Wildcats, 63-53, but the Cats played like they had tigers in their tanks against the Eagles, who moved into second place in the CTL behind Valley Center at 7-3 in the league.

"I felt we accomplished playing a fine game with great intensity," said Landes. "We played a lot harder and a lot tougher than we did against Wellington. I told the kids that was something they needed to do, to get back on track and play with high intensity and emotion. I thought we did that."

Especially this time of the year with sub-state right around the corner, everybody wants to be at their intense best. "You hope to fine tune some things and get ready for sub-state but against Wellington, I thought we took a step backwards," added Landes. "Against Maize, we took some giant steps forward because we play with feeling."

It's almost becoming a broken record, but the Wildcats again were beaten at the free throw stripe. Maize won the game, although being out-scored by five field goals. The Eagles made 22 of 32 at the line. And what about the Wildcats? They shot four and made two. Go figure.

"I was really upset with the officiating," said Landes, who hardly gets made about anything. "It's certainly confusing because they were in a half-court trap and putting a lot of pressure on half-court. We were going man-to-man full court but it's hard to figure."

Maize led all the way. The MHS Cats pulled to within two with one minute left before intermission. "We decided to put Jason and Dan on the bench because we didn't want them to get a foul before the half and they scored two quick baskets and got up six, then in the first two minutes of the third quarter, we didn't play well defensively and that allowed them to extend their lead to 11," said Landes.

Mulvane chopped it down to four mid-way into the final stanza with tough defense

## Bluestem Class 4A Sub-State Pairings

### First Round Games

MONDAY, FEB. 28

Valley Center girls (8-11) at Mulvane girls (9-11), 7 p.m.

Rose Hill girls (7-13) at Bluestem girls (9-9), 7

Clearwater girls (4-15) at Circle girls (16-3), 7

Wellington girls (2-17) at Andover girls (16-3), 7

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Mulvane boys (7-13) at Rose Hill boys (14-6), 7 p.m.

Wellington boys (7-12) at Andover boys (12-7), 7

Bluestem boys (4-14) at Circle boys (14-5), 7

Clearwater boys (2-17) at Valley Center boys (15-4), 7

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

At Bluestem High School (Leon)

6 p.m.--girls semifinal

7:30 -- girls semifinal

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

6 p.m.--boys semifinal

7:30 -- boys semifinal

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

6 p.m.--girls championship

7:30 -- boys championship

and some good offensive passing inside to DeWald and Smith down low for buckets, but the Cats had to foul down the stretch and Maize cashed in.

DeWald finished with a team-high 18 points and Smith had 11 more. Guards Chris Heersche and Mike Abasolo also were in twin figures with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Dexter Carpenter scored the team's other three points.

Mulvane pounded Maize in the junior varsity contest, 58-38, as David Butler scored a career-high 21 points, including five threes. Shawn Erbert scored 15 points, followed by Kevin Diller's five points and four by Brad Canfield.

Maize started the night on a high note, however, decking the Cats, 54-41, in the sophomore game. Three players for Mulvane tied for team scoring honors with eight points—Sam McCoy, Tad Nicholson and Matt Hendren. Eric Erbert scored seven points.