

## Dunn Hits Winner

# Cats Work Black Magic On Lions

A twisting jumper on the baseline lifted the Mulvane High School basketball program to new heights at Goddard Tuesday night, Feb. 23.

The shot by senior J.J. Dunn fell, and so did league-leading Goddard, 59-57, in Mulvane's final Chisholm Trail League game of the season.

"It was a great win, an outstanding win," said Coach Dale Landes. "We didn't have anything to lose and the kids were having fun and playing with confidence. We were loose and played hard basketball for a complete game, 32 minutes.

"But what I liked most about it was we didn't back off. We were up by nine at half-time, they cut it to four in the third quarter and we didn't back off. With nine seconds left, (Chris) Durham hits a three-pointer that ties the game up and we still didn't back off."

That wiped out a three-point Wildcat lead, but the Cats quickly found Dunn on the baseline and he hit with two seconds left to win it.

The win left the Wildcat record at 6-14 overall and 4-8 in the conference. The Lions (15-4), a team that whipped the Cats by 20 points three weeks ago, stumbled to 9-2 in the league with one game left.

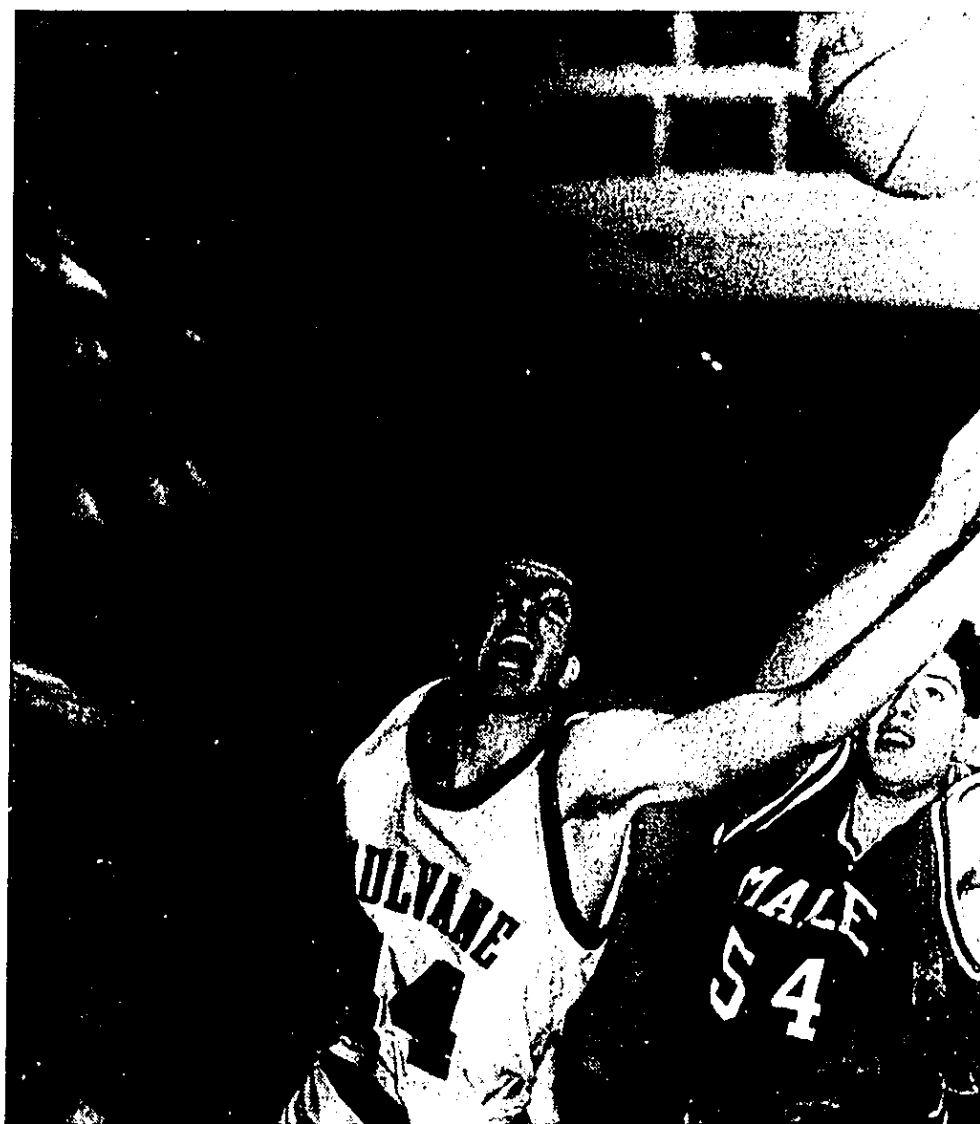
Dunn finished with a game-high 22 points. Guard Steve Nelson scored 10 points and so did Jason DeWald. Brian Heinrichs finished with eight points

In the junior varsity game, Goddard went on an 18-2 tear in the second quarter, setting the stage for a 56-32 triumph. Shay Vangas scored 11 points to lift the Cat offense. Griff Comejo scored four points and Tim Glaser had three.

They were "carbon copy killers," Mulvane's last two home games last week with Wellington, then Maize on successive nights.

The Wildcats hung around for more than three quarters before both opponents pulled away in strong fashion. Wellington drilled the Cats, 66-51, Thursday night, Feb. 18, in the make-up game of a snowed-out, and Maize smothered MHS, 81-59, Friday night, Feb. 19.

Coach Landes' Cats hovered near both those Chisholm Trail League opponents but the wheels came off in one quarter in both games. Mulvane was out-scored, 24-8, by Wellington in the last period and 22-11 by the Eagles in the third quarter.



Dan Smith (44) battles for rebound against Maize

Mulvane and Maize were tied, 44-44, midway in the third quarter, but the Eagles turned it up a notch after a time out, going on a 20-0 run which buried Mulvane's hopes of splitting for the season. "They picked up the pace a notch, we didn't," pointed out Landes. "We had a couple of times when we didn't get back quick enough on defense. It seems like when our offensive intensity breaks down, so does our defensive intensity."

Senior Brian Heinrichs keyed the offense for the Cats against Maize, scoring 13 points. Dunn was also in double figures with 10 points. Dan Smith had eight points and guard Steve Nelson finished with seven.

A night earlier, the something went awry for Mulvane in the last eight minutes. Mulvane led, 47-46, early in the fourth quarter.

Guard Brian Strack and DeWald tied for team honors, each with 11 points. Nelson and Heinrichs had eight points each and

Dunn scored six.

The Wildcat junior varsity split its two games, throttling Wellington, 49-36, but losing to Maize, 68-66.

Friday night against Maize, junior Griff Comejo had another hot night, scoring 21 points. Sophomores Jeff Parker and Dexter Carpenter added 14 points each, and Shay Vangas also were in double figures with 12.

Against Wellington, Coach Scott Swaney's jayvees pulled away each quarter behind a 20-point night from Comejo, who had 14 in the final half as Mulvane out-scored the Crusaders, 31-23. Guard Chris Heersche scored 10 points and Vangas were next with five points.

The sophomore Wildcats couldn't match up with Maize Friday night and the visiting Eagles soared to a 44-21 verdict. High scorers for the MHS sophs were Casey Mills, Kevin Diller and Martin Dody with five points each.

### Varsity Boys

Mulvane	15	20	10	14-59
Goddard	15	11	15	16-57

Mulvane—Steve Nelson 10, J.J. Dunn 22, Brian Heinrichs 8, Brian Strack 4, Chris Heersche 3, Dan Smith 2, Jason DeWald 10. FG 25-55 (3), FT 6-8, F 16.

Goddard—Brian Buchanan 15, Chris Durham 19, Rory Hamilton 18, Troy Schneider 2, Mark Cowel 3. FG 20 (11), FT 6-10, F 15.

### Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	6	2	8	16-32
Goddard	15	18	10	13-56

Mulvane—Shay Vangas 11, Chris Heersche 2, Griff Comejo 4, Martin Dody 2, Shawn Erbert 2, Dexter Carpenter 2, Mike Abasolo 2, Tim Glaser 3, Jeff Parker 2. FG 14 (1), FT 3-5, F 21.

Goddard—Jeremy Durham 14, Trent Meverden 3, Justin Meng 8, Tim Sutler 2, David Hughes 7, Chad Bowles 4, Scott Schneider 12, Andy Stemmons 6. FG 19 (2), FT 18-21, F 9.

### Varsity Boys

Maize	15	24	22	20-81
Mulvane	18	15	11	15-59

Maize—Shawn Beggs 25, Brad Gregory 8, Jesse Friess 4, Adam Phillips 7, Heath Elliott 1, Ryan Seals 24, Eric Kidwell 3, Chris Hagman 2, Ryan Welsh 2, Matt Butler 2. FG 30 (2), FT 19-29, F 20.

Mulvane—Brian Heinrichs 13, J.J. Dunn 10, Jason DeWald 6, Dan Smith 8, Chris Heersche 4, Brian Strack 5, Steve Nelson 7, Jeff Parker 4, Griff Comejo 2. FG 22 (2), FT 13-26, F 19.

Wellington	15	12	15	24-66
Mulvane	10	19	14	8-51

Wellington—Jeremy Troutman 11, Lance Russell 14, Darin Miller 21, Jesse Comejo 2, John Thatcher 6, Josh Darby 11, Chaney Kimball 1. FG 22 (4), FT 18-21, F 17.

Mulvane—Brian Strack 11, Steve Nelson 8, Brian Heinrichs 8, Jason DeWald 11, Dan Smith 3, J.J. Dunn 6, Jeremy Kendrick 2, Griff Comejo 2. FG 21 (3), FT 7-14, F 17.

### Junior Varsity Boys

Maize	9	18	20	21-68
Mulvane	16	17	16	17-66

Maize—Heath Elliott 23, Chris Hagman 8, John Hull 3, Brian Schoenhofer 6, Nate Robertson 4, James Eisenbart 5, Ryan Welsh 19. FG (7), FG 11-20, F 15.

Mulvane—Jeff Parker 14, Shay Vangas 12, Martin Dody 2, Griff Comejo 21, Shawn Erbert 3, Dexter Carpenter 14. FG 31 (1), FT 3-9, F 17.

Wellington	8	5	13	10-36
Mulvane	7	11	16	15-49

Wellington—Tracy 10, Costello 9, Farley 2, Leftwich 2, Gerberding 2, C. Farley 2, Biles 2, Boester 6. FG 14 (2), 6-11, F 18.

Mulvane—Griff Comejo 20, Chris Heersche 10, Jeff Parker 4, Tom Nienke 2, Dexter Carpenter 2, Shawn Erbert 4, Shay Vangas 5, David Butler 2. FG 21 (0), FT 7-15, F 15.

### Sophomore Boys

Maize	9	7	10	18-44
Mulvane	6	3	5	7-21

Maize—Jeff Wolff 6, Brian Schoenhofer 6, Greg Smith 9, Jamie Holt 2, Andy Rickard 3, Nate Robertson 9, Drew Owen 2, James Eisenbart 6, Tony Perez 1. FG 19 (2), FT 4-9, F 16.

Mulvane—Martin Dody 5, Casey Mills 6, Rick Maxwell 1, Kevin Diller 5, David Butler 2, Sean Younger 2. FG 5 (0), FT 11-19, F 12.