

# 'Senior Night' Wildcat Style

It was "Senior Night" at the Mulvane High School gym Tuesday night and Charlie Mason wanted all the seniors on the Wildcat boys basketball squad to have the limelight wash down on them.

"These seniors, all eight of them, have accomplished something that we may never see again and I wanted a kind of 'Senior Night' for them," said Mason. "You know, these kids haven't lost a home game in two years and I feel that's quite an accomplishment. All eight should be proud of that fact as well as all the other accomplishments they've been involved with."

The eight closed out their playing careers on the Mulvane hardwoods Tuesday night, Feb. 26, by pounding Augusta into submission, 86-61, in the first round of the Augusta Class 4A Sub-State Tournament. First round games are played on the home floors of the top four seeded teams.

The victory was the 18th in a row at home for Mulvane, the last MHS home loss coming in the 1982-83 season against Wellington, 56-54.

More importantly, it provided the Wildcats a first step toward defending their Class 4A state championship. They now will meet Rose Hill (12-9), an upset winner Tuesday night over No. 3 seeded Circle, at 8 p.m. Friday night, March 1, in a sub-state semifinal. The boys championship game will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 2.

The beautiful thing about Tuesday night's shellacking of Augusta was that all eight seniors scored. "When one isn't playing, we bring another senior in and they come through and do the job,"

#### Boys Varsity

Mulvane 18 15 17 31-79  
Augusta 14 18 10 17-58  
Mulvane—Bo Jones 11, Buddy Moyer 6, Mike Rodgers 1, Lonny Travis 33, Aaron Huslig 3, Greg Quigley 9, David Belew 13, Wes Moore 1, Mike Stump 2. FG 32-69, FT 15-21, F 28.  
Augusta—A.J. Bodyk 10, Roger Slusser 5, Craig Sharp 11, Cale Lytton 5, Curtis Patten 23, Troy Palmer 4. FG 20-56, FT 18-31, F 19.

#### Boys Junior Varsity

Mulvane 15 8 7 24-52  
Augusta 8 20 15 14-57  
Mulvane—Mike Stump 11, Wes Moore 5, Kevin Kastl 15, Curtis Hicks 6, Morgan LeClair 13, Dan LeClair 2. FG 22-62, FT 8-18, F 18.  
Augusta—Curt Hillier 2, Ty Masterson 27, Steve Holderman 4, Kerry Trebbe 1, Shawn Eldringhoff 6, Mike Potts 6, Troy Palmer 11. FG 22-52, FT 13-18, F 17.

#### Sophomore Boys

Mulvane 25 10 15 14-84  
Augusta 4 12 12 10-38  
Mulvane—Curtis Hicks 9, Jeff Williams 4, Todd Fox 14, Andrew Swayne 2, Bryson Butts 6, Lyle Graybeal 10, Heath Fincham 2, Dan LeClair 7, James Tackett 2, Shay Cornejo 6, Roger Kendall 2. FG 30, FT 4-14, F 8.  
Augusta—Kerry Trebbe 8, Scott Duncan 6, Travis Prothro 4, Tim Schild 10, Doug Warren 4, Lee LaMunyon 6. FG 19, FT 0-4, F 15.

#### AUGUSTA CLASS 4A SUB-STATE FIRST ROUND At Mulvane

Augusta 18 14 13 18-61  
Mulvane 15 20 20 31-86  
Augusta—A.J. Bodyk 6, Roger Slusser 10, Craig Sharp 19, Cale Lytton 6, Curtis Patten 18, Scott Duncan 2. FG 27-55, FT 7-8, F 18.  
Mulvane—Jamie Lough 2, Bo Jones 1, Buddy Moyer 8, Mike Rodgers 9, Greg Quigley 16, Lonny Travis 33, Aaron Huslig 4, David Belew 13. FG 36-78, FT 14-21, F 11.  
Rose Hill 44, Circle 40  
Haven 53, Andale 29  
Andover 82, Malze 62

said Mason. "Early in the game, we broke down defensively and Augusta got some easy baskets. This was the third time they've seen our pressure and they did a good job against it."

"At halftime, we talked about being a little more aggressive with whatever defense we wanted to try and our people started playing better defense. Our deep people came up and made the plays."

Improving the Mulvane record to 18-3, the Cats swallowed up Augusta in the second half, out-gunning the Orioles, 20-13, in the third quarter, but it was a big 4th period rush early in the period that broke the game up. Senior guard David Belew took charge. With Mulvane leading by only 13 points (66-53) with five minutes to tick, Belew got a rebound and squirmed between two defenders for a bucket, then added another rebound bucket moments later after an Augusta turnover. Mike Rodgers made it 72-53, followed by two free throws by Lonny Travis to make it 74-55 after taking a dandy pass from Belew with 3:53 to play.

It was over at that point and Mulvane was marching on.

Travis finished with another 33-point night including 13 of Mulvane's 15 in the first quarter, and Greg Quigley gunned in 16 points. Belew finished with 13 points. Reserves Buddy Moyer and Mike Rodgers added eight and nine points, respectively.

The Cats ended the regular season with a fourth-quarter flurry against Augusta and buried the last-place Orioles, 79-58, scoring 31 points in the last quarter. The victory also gave Mulvane its first Chisholm Trail League Division I championship since the 1965-66 season.

The Cats ended the regular season at 17-3 and 9-1 in the league.

"It's gratifying to coach the school's first league championship team in nearly 20 years," said Mason. "This was one of the goals of this team that was missed by last year's state championship team and it's a real accomplishment for these kids."

"There was a little pressure on us because that was the one goal that got away from last year's squad and Augusta was loose and played like it. Winning the league was one of the major goals this year."

Buhler finished second with an 8-2 mark in the loop.

Augusta gave the Cats all they could handle through three quarters before Travis got busy, scoring 11 points in the last quarter. He finished with a season-high 33 points. Twenty-one of those points came in the second half as Mulvane sprinted away from a 31-30 halftime score.

Greg Quigley kept Mulvane in the game early, scoring seven of his nine points in the opening half. Reserves Bo Jones and Buddy Moyer came alive in the final half, too. Jones finished with 11 points and the 6-5 Moyer had six.

Belew sparkled with his passing and ballhandling and also scored 13 points.

Another encouraging feature of the victory was at the free throw stripe, where Mulvane's fortunes have been sagging. Friday night, the Cats made 15 of 21, their best effort in quite some time.

The Mulvane junior varsity couldn't pull out another victory as they rallied but fell short by a 57-52 count. Mulvane came on strong in the final quarter, out-scoring Augusta, 24-14, behind guard Kevin Kastl's eight fourth-period points and eight more by sophomore Morgan LeClair.

Coach Dennis Tegethoff's jayvees ended their year with a 5-8 record, winning five of their last seven games.

Kastl finished with 15 points and LeClair had 13. Junior Mike Stump scored 11 points and Curtis Hicks scored six.

The MHS sophomore team capped an 8-4 season by slaughtering the Orioles, 64-38. After one quarter, the game was decided as Coach Kim Grant's outfit raced to a 25-4 advantage.

Todd Fox and Lyle Graybeal were the only sophs in twin figures. Fox had 14 points and Graybeal had a season-high 10 points. Hicks finished with nine points, freshman Danny LeClair had seven and both Bryson Butts and frosh Shay Cornejo scored six apiece.