

Cat Boys 'KOed' In First

The end came peacefully for the Mulvane High School boys Monday night, Feb. 25, in the opening game of the Augusta Class 4A Sub-State.

There was little doubt after the first half that the Belle Plaine Dragons were on their way to the next round and the Wildcats on their way to the next season. The Dragons blitzed Mulvane, 69-41, at Belle Plaine and moved into tonight's (Feb. 28) encounter against Circle at Augusta.

The No. 1 seeded Dragons improved their record to 12-5 while the Wildcats slipped to their second straight 0-21 season.

"We couldn't stop them inside," said Charlie Mason, the veteran MHS coach, "which has been kind of the story all year long. Rebounding really hurt us again. We don't have the size to compete with many people."

Belle Plaine has lived with some stand-out guards all season and they were on target Monday night. They bombed the Cats from

the outer limits, hitting eight three-pointers.

"All that did was to extend the guarding zone," said Mason. "We knew they had some good guards with good range. Belle Plaine's game plan was to put the ball up and everybody go to the boards. They shot 20 three-pointers. We scouted them last week against Douglass and knew we were going to have to contain the guards plus block off the boards inside. We did neither."

The Dragons dominated the backboards, pulling down 43 rebounds to only 20 for Mulvane.

"You can't win games getting beat that badly on the boards," said Mason. "We didn't have a lot of offense but part of that problem comes from the fact that we didn't get many offensive rebounds. They had at least 15 of their shots off offensive boards. They were more physical and more aggressive than we were. They went to the ball and got it."

The Wildcats stayed with BP in the first quarter, trailing only by five going into the second quarter, but the Dragons out-scored Mulvane, 20-8, in the second quarter to take

a 34-17 lead by intermission.

"Their game plan was simple," added Mason. "Shoot the three, then get the rebound and put it in and that's what they did in the second quarter to pull away. At the other end, we usually got only one shot."

Junior Jeff Parson paced the Cat offense with 19 points but there weren't any other double figure scorers. Reserve Judson Spicer finished with six points and junior Jarrod Oldridge and sophomore J.J. Dunn each scored four points.

Mulvane ended its regular season Thursday night, Feb. 21, much the way the Wildcats played during the previous 19 games. Andale pounded the MHS boys, 85-54, in the home finale for the Wildcats.

It marked the second consecutive winless regular season for Mulvane and ran the team's losing streak to 45 consecutive games.

The 16-4 Indians, one of the top 4A teams in the state, wasted little time establishing themselves against the host Wildcats. They blitzed MHS, 22-4, in the opening quarter and it was downhill from there. Mulvane played much better in the

second half as the Indians out-scored Mulvane, 43-35.

In the junior varsity contest, the Cats squandered a five-point lead in the final two minutes and the Indians prevailed by a 57-53 count. In the sophomore game, Andale made it a sweep by winning a 69-57 game.

Parson, who has been on fire offensively in the last month and a half of the season, took game scoring honors with 23 points. Senior Andy Mackey scored 15 points and sophomore frontliner Dunn was next in line with four points. Gary Cleverdon, back from an injury, scored three points.

Coach Dale Landes' jayvees finished the season 4-10 but showed some spunk in the final half of the year. Spicer, a junior, again lit it up, scoring 19 points. Chad Carpenter scored 12 points and sophomore Larry Dixon scored 11.

The Cat sophs were paced by 14-point outputs from Brian Heinrichs and Robert Glaser. Brian Strack scored 13 points for Mulvane and Jeremy Kendrick scored seven.

Augusta Class 4A Sub-State Results

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane	9	8	8	16-41
Belle Plaine	14	20	14	21-69

Mulvane—J.J. Dunn 4, Jeff Parson 19, Jarrod Oldridge 4, Judson Spicer 7, Andy Mackey 1, Gary Cleverdon 2, Larry Dixon 1, Chris Wagoner 2, Danny Daniels 2. FG 16-43 (0), FT 9-13, F 18.

Belle Plaine—Andy Roy 22, Phil Swafford 14, Matt Green 11, Garry Lewis 8, Chris Warren 12, Dale Meinecke 2. FG 24-74 (8), FT 13-26, F 15.

Circle 80, Rose Hill 67
Andover 74, Council Grove 53
Augusta 63, Fredonia 48

Varsity Boys

Andale	22	18	23	22-85
Mulvane	4	15	20	15-54

Andale—Joe Blasi 18, Josh Kerschen 16, Joe Rausch 12, Robert Patterson 15, Dan Eck 6, Terry Brand 3, Chad Gorges 5, Brad Horsch 8. FG 29 (2), FT 25-33, F 16.

Mulvane—Andy Mackey 15, Jeff Parson 23, Jarrod Oldridge 2, Toby Hoving 2, Chad Carpenter 2, J.J. Dunn 4, Larry Dixon 1, Brad Rayl 2. FG 19 (1), FT 15-24, F 12.

Junior Varsity Boys

Andale	12	15	13	17-57
Mulvane	10	13	18	12-53

Andale—Jeremy McFadden 8, Bob Prichard 5, Tom Rausch 5, Pete May 8, Terry Brand 11, Keith Eck 12, Bill Molitor 3, Lance Marx 5. FG 24 (2), FT 7-23, F 7.

Mulvane—Judson Spicer 19, Chad Carpenter 12, Larry Dixon 11, Steve Nelson 2, J.J. Dunn 3, Jason Russell 4, Guy Alvarez 2. FG 24 (1), FT 4-8, F 15.

Sophomore Boys

Andale	22	11	17	19-69
Mulvane	4	11	13	29-57

Andale—Jeremy McFadden 3, David Doll 1, Nathan Gorges 13, Tom Rausch 6, Pete May 10, Chad Mohr 8, Tom Steven 3, David Stueber 4, Lance Marx 15. FG 27 (4), FT 11-27, F 18.

Mulvane—Jeremy Kendrick 7, Daniel Myers 4, Shawn Ebersole 3, Bill Humphries 2, Brian Heinrichs 14, Robert Glaser 14, Brian Strack 13. FG 23 (1), FT 10-21, F 19.