

MHS Boys Meet Hosts In Opener

Wouldn't the sub-state be a good place to decide to beat a top-notch basketball team?

Mulvane High School boys coach Ryan Herrs thinks that would be the perfect time. Now it's a matter of going out and doing it.

The Wildcats have played some good ball down the stretch for parts of a lot of games. Putting it all together, that's what coaches call it, and Herrs feels the Cats are close to "putting it together."

They'll get a chance to test that theory at 7:30 tonight (Feb. 28) when they play in the first round of the Bishop Carroll Class 5A Sub-State against the host Bishop Carroll Crusaders. Mulvane brings a 6-14 record into the game and BC is 9-11 on the season.

"When they decided its time to beat a good team, they'll do it, they'll do it because they are capable of doing it," pointed out Herrs. "We're watching game film right now. Carroll is a solid team. The defend well, they shoot well, they take advantage of teams that pressure them."

Sound like mission impossible? Not really. "The big thing is to not dig a hole for ourselves early," said Herrs. "We want to set the pace early. And the kids need to come out ready to play. If we come out ready to play, anything can happen."

The Wildcats made the jump to Class 5A earlier this year, but they've been playing 5A teams much of the last half of the season.

The Cats entertained 6A Maize in the regular season finale Thursday, Feb. 21, and gave the Eagles fits for three quarters before Maize blew the doors off in the last quarter with a 22-6 push, which led to a 53-34 Maize victory.

"We were right there, we just couldn't finish the game," said Herrs. "We've been kind of making a habit out of that the last couple of weeks. We've tried to control the tempo and

Bishop Carroll 5A Boys Sub-State Pairings

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

Game 1 — Liberal (2-18) vs. Goddard (16-4), 6 p.m.

Game 2 — Mulvane (6-14) vs. Bishop Carroll (9-11), 7:30

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Game 3 (Boys Championship)—winners of games 1 and 2, 7:30 p.m.

Varsity Boys

Maize	8	8	15	22—53
Mulvane	8	8	12	6—34

Maize—Kyle Riffel 2, Josh Reeves 21, Mike Dillon 10, Cameron Ledford 9, Austin Hall 5. FG 19 (0), FT 15-24, F 14.

Mulvane—Zach Kimble 8, Kale Regier 2, Troy Johnson 14, John Beggs 6, Tyler Hennes 2, Nick Hansen 2. FG 13 (0), FT 8-12, F 20.

Junior Varsity Boys

Maize	18	17	11	13—59
Mulvane	10	8	10	20—48

Maize—Brice Lowe 16, Joe Brillhart 4, Jordan Wilson 10, Austin Hall 6, Matt Muncy 3, Luke Bettis 2, Damon Gorges 4, Adam Bumstead 11. FG 20 (1), FT 18-27, F 15.

Mulvane—Greg Flores 20, Dusty Sorensen 7, Grant Snider 4, Nick Hansen 9, Gavin Snider 6, Tyler Hennes 2. FG 17 (6), FT 8-11, F 21.

it has been working out pretty good for us. We've been in the games the last half of the season but when it comes time to finish the game, we don't quite have that yet."

The contest was deadlocked, 16-16, at intermission as the Cats slowed the game's tempo to a crawl. "In the 4th quarter, we missed some opportunities and had a couple of turnovers that led to field goals and they shot free throws the rest of the quarter," said Herrs.

Mulvane's scoring leaders were senior Troy Johnson with 14 points, Zach Kimble with eight and John Beggs with six.

The MHS jayvee team fell behind early against Maize and never caught up as the Eagles posted a 59-48 verdict. It was 35-18, at halftime. Greg Flores had 20 points, Nick Hansen had nine and Dusty Sorensen had seven for the JV Cats.