

Mulvane Boys Say 'Good-Bye'

Early In Sub-State Opener

Even the Clearwater crowd tired of waving "good-bye" to Mulvane players as they fouled out.

Clearwater must have felt it was on welfare Tuesday night, Feb. 27, in the opening round of the Rose Hill 4A Sub-State in Mulvane. The Indians got free throw after free throw to soak the Mulvane High School Wildcat boys, 78-60, and end the season for Mulvane.

First-year Coach Todd Barker's Cats were whistled for 35 fouls, the visiting Indians for 15.

Did referees Randy Finuf and Mark Schuyler get parking tickets in front of the MHS gym the last time they were in town? Do they hate green? Did they get caught up in the Rock Road-K-15 traffic jam? Was it something they ate at the Mulvane Sonic?

For whatever reason, the loss ended the season for the MHS boys at 10-11 while the Indians move on to Rose Hill for a Friday night, March 1, appointment with No. 1 seeded Augusta at 6 p.m. in the semifinals. Rose Hill and Andale meet in the other semifinal.

"The foul situation was pretty puzzling," said Barker afterwards. "Obviously, it was the key to the whole ball game. We shot nine free throws, they shot 46. We didn't adjust to the way the fouls were being called. It seemed like they had our number all night long. When you have something like that, something you can't control, you have to adjust and we didn't adjust to it. We'll have to work on that next year."

Going into Tuesday night's contest, Barker said he felt pretty comfortable. The Cats had edged past the Indians two weeks earlier by a 77-70 count and in their first meeting of the year, Clearwater had to go to overtime at home to win. "Clearwater did what it had to do to win the ball game and that was shooting free throws," said Barker. "When you make 34 shots at the line, that's a chunk. It's hard to overcome that many points from the free throw line."

The Indians bounced out to a quick 12-point lead in the second quarter but the Cat "youth movement" came in and started dropping three-pointers on the Indians. "We had six three-pointers in that quarter," said Barker. "We brought in some of the sophomores and they got us back into the game. Then, we cooled off in the third quarter and couldn't buy a bucket and they took it down

to the other end and scored to work the lead back out to 10."

It was basically a tight game until the final moments when Mulvane fouled trying to get the ball back. All that accomplished was early exits for starters Brad Canfield, Jeremy Brown, Darrin Erbert and James Baker, and the Indians pulled away by hitting 14 of 20 free throws in the last period.

Sophomores Erbert and Schumacher were the scoring leaders, hitting 17 and 16 points, respectively. Baker scored 10 in his final game for the Cats and Neil Gosch scored eight.

The Wildcats ended their regular season Thursday, Feb. 22, by losing a 67-52 game at Circle. It left MHS at 7-5 in the Chisholm Trail. Abasolo scored 10 points, Gosch had nine, Brown scored eight and Erbert scored seven in the regular season finale.

The junior varsity boys also took it on the chin, 80-74. Top scorer for the Mulvane jayvees was Greg Nunn with 23 points, Sean Holman with 13 and Gerwick with eight.

Rose Hill Class 4A Boys Sub-State Results

FIRST ROUND

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| Clearwater | 22 | 18 | 16 | 22-78 |
| Mulvane | 13 | 27 | 11 | 9-60 |

Clearwater—Collin Stieben 13, Kevin Tjaden 6, Wade Buller 5, Jeremy Whitney 2, Keith Tjaden 8, Tim Scheer 4, David Allenbach 19, Dustin Clevenger 21. FG 21 (2), FT 34-46, F 15.

Mulvane—Darrin Erbert 17, Bryce Schumacher 16, Neil Gosch 8, James Baker 10, Jeremy Brown 4, Michael Abasolo 2, Chad Gerwick 3. FG 23 (10), FT 4-9, F 35.

Augusta 57, Chaparral 27
Rose Hill 67, Circle 64
Andale 92, Wellington 86 (OT)

Varsity Boys

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| Mulvane | 14 | 6 | 5 | 27-52 |
| Circle | 20 | 12 | 18 | 17-67 |

Mulvane—Dan McElroy 3, James Baker 6, Neil Gosch 9, Bryce Schumacher 6, Mike Abasolo 10, Jeremy Brown 8, Darrin Erbert 7, Raymond Lazier 2, Chad Gerwick 1. FG 20 (3), FT 9-10, F 23.

Circle—Josh Wiltshire 12, Dan Claycamp 21, Ryan Murphy 10, Jason Swilley 6, Justin Shelman 3, Tony Zager 7, Casey Hummel 2, Tyler Bacon 2, Jared Swilley 2, Mike Palmer 2. FG 26 (0), FT 15-24, F 14.

Junior Varsity Boys

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| Mulvane | 13 | 17 | 22 | 20-74 |
| Circle | 19 | 24 | 11 | 25-80 |

Mulvane—Gregg Nunn 23, Sean Holman 13, Raymond Lazier 5, Dan McElroy 3, Chad Gerwick 8, Darrin Erbert 5, Ryan Rogers 2, Bryce Schumacher 3, Luke Cox 5, Keene Hargrove 5. FG 26 (13), FT 5-10, F 21.