

Cat Regular Season

Ends On High,

Augusta Smothered

The "first season" is over and Mulvane boys basketball coach Charlie Mason is now focusing in on what some call "the real season."

The Wildcats concluded their regular season with a flourish Friday night, Feb. 24, at home against hapless Augusta. The Wildcats hardly broke out a sweat in disposing of the Orioles by a 64-30 count before a jam-packed crowd on hand to watch both homecoming festivities and the Wildcat juggernaut.

The Chisholm Trail League victory clinched second place in the CTL Division I behind Buhler with a 9-1 league record. Overall, the Cats posted an 18-2 regular season, making Mulvane's first basketball winning season since the 1971-72 campaign a dandy.

Augusta, on the other hand, has had a dismal year sports-wise. The Orioles capped an 0-20 season--a record matched by the Augusta girls team.

"As far as I know, this has to be one of the best seasons at Mulvane," said Mason. "I don't know how many 20-win seasons the school has had but a 20-2 record comes to mind from quite a few years ago."

The Orioles provided little competition. They came out in a stall but that lasted only through the first two quarters. The Wildcats' quickness made it difficult to slow things down with their pressing tactics.

"That's all they could do," defended Mason. "Augusta had to hold the ball and we continued to press when they went into the stall. We wanted to put pressure on and we got some turnovers, got them into foul trouble and after that, it was only a matter of time."

After being tight in the early going, the Wildcats broke out to a four-point lead after one quarter, then enlarged that to a 26-16 halftime margin. And it wasn't long before Mulvane had it to 40-16 when the Orioles were held scoreless the first four minutes of the third quarter.

Mason said he was proud of the accomplishments so far by his fifth addition of Cats. "We've accomplished a number of goals," said Mason. "We went undefeated at home, we almost won the league championship, we won two tournaments we intended to win. These kids have done a lot." Obviously, the remaining two tournaments are still ahead.

Junior Lonny Travis tossed in a

Boys Varsity

Augusta	8	8	5	9-30
Mulvane	12	14	26	12-64
Augusta--Pete Bodyk 5, A.J. Bodyk 4, Doug Connor 6, Kent Calvert 1, Zeke Raah 7, Danny Helmer 2, Sam Helmer 5. FG 11-45, FT 8-18, F 30.				
Mulvane--Jamie Lough 1, Lonny Travis 20, David Belaw 4, Kevin Bell 9, Greg Quigley 2, Mike Rodgers 5, Aaron Huslig 8, J.C. Shook 3, Mike Rayl 2, Todd Travis 10. FG 22-56, FT 20-39, F 17.				

Boys Junior Varsity

Augusta	8	10	5	21-46
Mulvane	15	21	14	15-66
Augusta--Pete Bodyk 15, Brian Wilkinson 5, David Whitson 2, Rex Seymour 4, Pete Overman 10, Craig Sharp 8, Curtis Patten 2. FG 22-62, FT 2-18, F 25.				
Mulvane--Jamie Lough 11, Bo Jones 8, Greg Quigley 17, Robert Fortner 6, Mike Rodgers 7, Aaron Huslig 11, Buddy Moyer 4, Kevin Kastl 2. FG 22-57, FT 22-34, F 16.				

Sophomore Boys

Augusta	6	4	10	12-32
Mulvane	5	9	14	14-42
Augusta--Steve Overman 8, Craig Sharp 10, Curt Hillier 2, Curtis Patten 10, Steve Holderman 2. FG 14-43, FT 4-5, F 21.				
Mulvane--Kevin Kastl 8, Mike Belaw 8, Wes Moore 10, Reese Brown 3, Mike Snow 8, Curtis Hicks 7. FG 16-39, FT 10-25, F 10.				

game-high 20 points and his senior brother, Todd, was the only other double figure scorer with 10 points. Senior Kevin Bell scored nine points, reserve Aaron Huslig had eight and another reserve, Mike Rodgers, had his biggest varsity night with five points.

"Now, records don't mean a thing," added Mason, getting back to the "new season" line of thought. "Everybody's going into sub-state with a 0-0 record and the team that comes out 3-0 is going to be in the (state) tournament.

If the Cats win the Augusta Class 4A Sub-State, they will be playing Thursday, March 8, at the Class 4A State Tournament at Salina.

The Mulvane junior varsity, under the direction of Dennis Tegethoff, also posted an impressive record, 12-2, after they concluded their season by ambushing the Orioles, 66-46.

Greg Quigley led the scoring with 17 points, a game-high, and guard Jamie Lough and center Aaron Huslig pitched in 11 points apiece. Bo Jones was next high for the cat jayvees with eight points.

The MHS sophomores closed out a successful year, too, rolling out to a 10-point victory over Augusta, 42-32. Coach David Katzenmeier's outfit went 6-6.

Sophomore guard Wes Moore led scorers with 10 points and Kevin Kastl and Mike Belaw each chipped in eight. Freshman Curtis Hicks was next-high with seven points.