

Win 2nd Place In Dist. Tourney

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The Mulvane Wildcats suffered a heartbreaking defeat to the Anthony Pirates in the finals of the district tournament at Belle Plaine Friday night. The final score was 67-68 in one overtime.

The game saw the two teams battle for 32 minutes on an even basis. Then in the overtime, Anthony scored two free throws and the Wildcats got one.

Although Anthony led at the end of the first three quarters, the game was always close.

Anthony held a 2 point lead at the first break, and they led by four points at halftime. The third quarter was played at a much faster pace. Although Anthony led by ten points in the middle of the third quarter, their lead was cut to one by the end of the period.

The fourth quarter was very exciting. It saw the lead change hands on four occasions and it saw the score tied three times. The Wildcats led 63-62 with just a little time remaining. However, a field goal put Anthony ahead by one point, and then a free throw with 11 seconds remaining gave them a two point margin and what looked like the victory. The Wildcats dribbled down court fast and had the ball knocked into the stands with two seconds remaining.

The ball was passed in to Wes Wenzel, who took a jump shot from the corner just as the buzzer sounded. The two points went up on the scoreboard, the score was tied 65-65, and the game was headed into overtime.

The overtime saw Anthony scoring 2 points while Mulvane scored one point.

McKee and Wenzel both scored 17 points for the Wildcats.

MULVANE	fg	ft	pf
Wenzel	7	3	5
Meek	5	1	5
Iverson	3	3	1
Reed	4	2	5
McKee	8	1	4
Hess	1	0	2

Totals 28 10 22