

Cats Split--Boys Upset Fredonia, Gals Bow

Two clutch baskets in the last seconds of regulation play and an overtime period kept the Mulvane High School boys' basketball season alive Tuesday night, providing the Wildcats with an upset victory over Fredonia in the first round of the Augusta Sub-State at Fredonia.

The girls team wasn't so fortunate, however, as coach Bill Brown's girls ran into a strong Chaparral girls team and fell, 66-41 in an opening-round game in the Augusta Girls Sub-State at Chaparral High School Monday night.

The loss ended the season for the girls at 3-15. Coach Roger Pock's boys team is 7-13 and will meet Chaparral, a 70-67 winner over Chanute in another first-round game Tuesday. The two Chisholm Trail League teams will square off in a semifinal meet at Augusta at 8 p.m. Friday, March 3.

AUGUSTA BOYS SUB-STATE

First Round

Mulvane	12	12	17	10	(2)-53
Fredonia	8	19	16	8	(0)-51

Mulvane--Courtney Gammon 13, Dale Walker 14, Perry Caldwell 2, Brad Butts 14, Gary Fortner 2, Mark Smith 8. FG 24-39, FT 5-8, F 13.

Fredonia-- Bob Mellen 8, Chris Lance 8, Russ Shogren 8, David Fink 10, Darrel Fiacus 9, Martin Benbick 8. FG 24-52, FT 3-12, F 9.

AUGUSTA GIRLS SUB-STATE

First Round

Mulvane	4	10	10	17-41
Chaparral	14	24	18	10-66

Mulvane--Kathy Dody 12, Shelly Gerlach 6, Vicki Kill 5, Jackie Smith 14, Cindi Lawless 4. FG 17-41, FT 7-14, F 21.

Chaparral--Carol Nottingham 8, Robin Brown 7, Dana Green 12, Sandy Schrant 22, Bonnie Kastens 5, Lisa Scott 4, Connie Kastens 4, Joanna Osborne 4. FG 27-71, FT 14-24, F 18.

Courtney Gammon sent the game into overtime when he rebounded a missed shot by Brad Butts and hit a bucket with two seconds left in regulation. Then in the overtime, Dale Walker shot in a 15-footer with two seconds left breaking a 51-51 tie and giving the Wildcats the upset victory over a 17-4 Fredonia team.

"The kids came out fired up and believed in themselves," said Pock. "They didn't let down, then our reserves came in when they were asked and gave the starters a break. That was a big help."

So was the Wildcat rebounding. Mulvane gained a 36-19 edge on the boards with the 6-foot-2 Butts clearing 13 rebounds and Gammon eight.

Butts and Walker each scored 14 points to pace Mulvane in the scoring column and Gammon added 13 points.

Brown was pleased with the tournament showing of his forces, too. "The second half was the best basketball we played in two years," said Mulvane girls basketball coach. "We shot 50 percent (12 of 24) from the field and that enabled us to post our best shooting percentage ever. Finishing like that, you see pretty good."

"And they're an awfully good ball club," added Brown. "We didn't play good basketball against the reserves, it was the regulars. We just went out in the second half and played a ball game."

Brown pinpointed good passing for the shooting. "We moved the ball around and found the open player," noted Brown, who said he was highly pleased with the last five ball games the girls played this season.

Rebounding hurt the Wildcat girls, again, as Chaparral held a big edge on the boards, 37-16. "That was the difference in the game," said Brown. "They are big and went to the boards real well."

Cindi Lawless, Vicki Kill and Kathy Dody each had four rebounds to carry Mulvane.

In scoring senior guard Jackie Smith had the best game of her career, scoring 14 points. Dody, the team's top scorer this year and last, finished her career with 12 points and Shelly Gerlach added six.

"It was a thriller," said Pock, more than happy with the extended season. "We got a big one." Offensively, we stayed right with them. We got pretty good and that was the key." The Wildcats made 24 of 39 field attempts, a 62 percent clip.