

Business As Usual For Cats

If it can't be close, it can't be fun. That's the new motto of the Mulvane High School boys basketball team. It's actually an old motto because it has been the club's "guiding light" all season.

A team that has put the worry back into being close, the Wildcats pulled another one out of the fire Tuesday night, March 2, in the opening round of the Class 4A Sub-State Basketball Tournament. The Wildcats came from behind to post a 59-58 verdict over Wellington on the Mulvane hardwoods.

The victory upped the Cats' record to 10-10 and propelled them into the sub-state semifinal round at 8 p.m. tonight (March 4) Circle High School, where they'll tangle for the third time this year with Valley Center (10-10), which zapped Andover, 64-54, in another first-round game Tuesday.

Of the 10 victories for Coach Charlie Mason's Wildcats this season, eight have been by three points or less.

"The kids held together once again,"

CLASS 4A SUB-STATE First Round

Wellington 15 16 12 15--58
Mulvane 10 11 20 18--59
Wellington--Linn Hibbs 18, Bruce Washington 19, Mark Sneed 10, Damon Jones 10, Jeff Everhart 3. FG 23-47, FT 12-23, F 18.
Mulvane--Dale Landes 14, Tim Warren 18, Vic Marcelle 17, David Hagerman 4, Robert Turner 5, Kevin Butler 1, FG 24-51, FT 11-17, F 22.

said Mason. "These kids know if it's nip and tuck in the fourth quarter, we're going to win the ball game. You could see when (Vic) Marcelle was fouled there at the end that these kids were going to win it. They've been there before."

Senior Marcelle sank the first of two free throws with three seconds left to break a 58-58 tie and give the Wildcats the victory. A last-second half-court shot by the Crusaders was well off its mark.

The Cats came out slowly and were behind, 31-21, at intermission. They battled back to tie at 37s with 2:42 left in the third quarter, then finally took their first lead, 49-47, with 5:45 remaining.

"We came out a little flat and had trouble with their half-court pressure," said Mason. "That got us into a hole. And with (David) Hagerman and (Dale) Landes each getting three fouls in the first quarter, we had to make some adjustments there, too. We were fortunate that the three people carrying us (scoring-wise) had good second half efforts."

Senior Tim Warren scored 18 points, Marcelle had 17 and Landes had 14.

The Cats also employed a full-court man-to-man press which forced the Crusaders, who ended their season with a 7-13 mark, into numerous mistakes

which allowed Mulvane to get back in the ball game.

"We picked up the pace some in the second half," said Mason. "We played a better man-to-man, too, and we tried to play the passing lanes more because we knew when they got into trouble, they liked to go to (Linn) Hibbs and (Bruce) Washington."

The Cats boys ended their regular season Friday night, Feb. 26, at home against Goddard and the Lions pounded Mulvane into submission, 92-47. The loss dropped Mulvane's record to 4-6 in the Chisholm Trail League and 9-10 overall.

The 92 points also represented the most given up by the Cats this season and the Lions utilized their height advantage to get a blistering fast break going.

Warren and Landes, two leaders all season long, paced the Cats. Tim scored 14 points, Dale eight.

Goddard also ended the Cat junior varsity season on a sour note, popping Mulvane, 55-38. The Cats, coached by Richard Canfield, finished the season with a 2-14 record. Junior Robert Turner led the offensive with 17 points and sophomores J.C. Shook and Pat McElravy each added seven points.

Goddard made it a clean sweep in the sophomore game, squeezing past Mulvane's sophs, 48-44. The MHS sophomores ended their season at 0-10. Freshman Lonny Travis continued to impress, scoring 10 points, Mike Rayl scored eight and Terry Reusser had six for the Wildcats.

Boys Varsity

Goddard 16 17 22 37--92
Mulvane 11 11 11 14--47
Goddard--Brad Dean 12, Alan McGregor 2, Mike Noller 5, Brad Blake 6, Chuck Taylor 3, Wes Talley 11, Derrick Landsverk 2, Marc Schoenecker 15, Mike Orth 13, Mike Pannell 8, David Minish 10, Brian Paul 6. FG 32-72, FT 28-39, F 23.

Mulvane--Joey Belden 2, Danny Harvey 2, Mike Coffey 2, Vic Marcelle 6, Tim Warren 14, Dale Landes 8, Kevin Butler 3, David Hagerman 6, Robert Turner 2, Sid Colliatie 2. FG 16-43, FT 15-23, F 30.

Boys Junior Varsity

Goddard 14 10 14 17--55
Mulvane 5 8 11 14--38
Goddard--Brad Dean 8, Mike Noller 12, Chuck Taylor 14, Mike Pinnell 12, Bruce Bachelor 9. FG 25-54, FT 5-13, F 18.
Mulvane--Sid Colliatie 1, J.C. Shook 7, Pat McElravy 7, Kevin Bell 6, Robert Turner 17. FG 13-39, FT 12-21, F 20.

Sophomore Boys

Goddard 14 16 10 8--48
Mulvane 12 10 12 10--44
Goddard--Kenny Sherry 4, Scott Harrison 2, Mark Kendrick 4, Rick Bradford 8, Tim Strunk 23, David Fowler 7. FG 20, FT 8-16, F 9.
Mulvane--Terry Reusser 6, Steve Nicholson 4, Mike Rayl 8, David Below 4, Troy Walker 2, Greg Quigley 2, Bo Jones 4, Aaron Huslig 4, Lonny Travis 10. FG 21, FT 2-5, F 20.