

# Rally Clips Cat Boys

For 46 minutes of the first round Sub-State game Monday night, March 1, at Douglass, Mulvane High School boys basketball coach Todd Barker was trying to remember where he had stashed the films of previous Mulvane-Rose Hill games.

He'll have all year to find it. Douglass' "Mad Bomber," Brandon Ford, popped down four three-pointers in the last two minutes to help Douglass wipe out a five-point Mulvane lead as the Bulldogs toppled the Wildcats, 69-54, in a first-round game of the Chaparral Class 4A Sub-State.

Douglass, playing at home because of being the No. 4 seed, eliminated Mulvane in the first round of the sub-state. The Wildcats end the season with a 7-14 record and on a downward spiral. They lost their last six games after showing some life early in the season. It was their second loss this year to Douglass. The Bulldogs thumped the Cats in December by a 79-59 count.

The Bulldogs advance to play Rose Hill tonight (March 4) in a semifinal battle at Chaparral.

The stunning reversal came suddenly. The Cats were sailing right along, holding a 42-38 lead going into the fourth quarter and actually built the margin to five with right at two minutes to play.

## Chaparral Class 4A Boys Sub-State Results

### FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 9 20 13 12-54  
Douglass 10 11 17 31-69

Mulvane--Garrett Hennes 14, Randy Johnson 8, Jake Wilkinson 6, Brian Dinkel 8, Jesse Marksberry 6, Brian McColpin 5, James MacKay 2, Nick Pope 5. FG 21 (3), FT 9-16, F 20

Douglass--Joe Rush 16, Brandon Ford 15, Aaron Overbey 19, Rad Daly 3, Josh Reed 13, Logan Banister 3. FG 25 (7), FT 12-18, F 17

Kingman 57, Chaparral 47

Rose Hill 59, Wellington 56

Augusta 84, Clearwater 48

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### Varsity Boys

Mulvane 4 9 14 11-38

Kingman 15 17 26 26-84

Mulvane--Brian McCoplin 9, Brian Dinkel 3, Jesse Marksberry 9, James MacKay 2, Jake Wilkinson 8, Garrett Hennes 4, Ryan McKnight 2, Chris Gerhardt 1. FG 15 (5), FT 3-6, F 15

Kingman--Dallas Hageman 12, Scott Campbell 14, Jordan White 12, Orth 2, John Self 19, Cooper Geist 4, Taber 7, Cody Young 12, Andy Watkins 2. FG 36 (1), FT 11-14, F 10.

### Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane 15 4 10 16-45

Kingman 18 15 10 10-53

Mulvane--Jared Rice 9, Derek Paul 2, James MacKay 2, Ryan McKnight 5, Nick Pope 2, Chris Brannon 5, Jason Wilson 5, Chris Gerhardt 5, Kyle McGuire 8, Andy Hixson 2. FG 17 (6), FT 4-6, F 18.

Kingman--Cooper Geist 14, Cody Young 4, Aaron Hock 8, Jarod Small 12, Dustin Gates 2, Jeremy Orth 8, Aaron Baldwin 5. FG 22 (0), FT 9-14, F 11.

"We just fell apart," said Coach Todd Barker. "I was on the bench trying to think about where my last Rose Hill tape was, then boom. They hit four threes in a row and we started turning the ball over. It was so quick, we never recovered."

Douglass out-scored Mulvane, 31-12, in the final quarter and pulled away.

"Our kids just went to pieces," said Barker. "They threw a press at us and we started throwing the ball around and taking poor shots. We had three starters resting on the bench and before I could get them back in, we were down."

With the earlier game in mind, Mulvane started the game trying to put the clamps on Douglass' Joe Rush, who had scored 27 on the Wildcats in that earlier meeting. "James MacKay did a nice job on Rush playing him man-to-man and for most of the game, it was going our way," said Barker. "But in the last couple of minutes, we couldn't do anything right. We couldn't hit a basket and their kid was throwing the ball in from six-to-eight feet beyond the three-point line. In most cases, you'd sit back and hope they shoot it from there but the kid hit 'em."

Senior Garrett Hennes finished the game with a team-high 14 points, and seniors Brian Dinkel and Randy Johnson finished with eight points each. The Cats also got six points each from Jake Wilkinson and Jesse Marksberry.

The MHS boys hoped to pick up some momentum in a trip to Kingman Thursday night, Feb. 25, but what the Wildcat boys got was a snoot full of Kingman Eagles. The Eagles handed the Wildcats their most lopsided loss this season as they powered past Mulvane, 84-38.

The loss kept the Cats on their late-season slide with five straight defeats to close out the regular season. The MHS boys ended the regular season at 7-13 and 4-8 in the conference after starting the CTL off with a 2-0 record.

It was no contest after the first few moments. Then it got worse. Kingman raced out to a 15-4 lead and by intermission, the Eagles were up by nearly 20, 32-13.

"The came out hot, hitting just about everything they threw up there," emphasized Coach Barker. "They just beat us up. It was certainly a bad way to end the regular season. We didn't play good basketball at all, and Kingman has been playing really good ball lately. When you have that combination, it usually turns into this kind of ball game. They just took it to us."

The Eagles came out with a man-to-man defense and the Cats helped Kingman by

making poor decisions. "We had a lot of turnovers where we just made the wrong choice," said Barker. "All five of our kids out there started pressing then and that made things even worse. They got off to such a good start and we got off to such a poor start that it snowballed for them. Everybody starts trying too hard."

The Eagles even handled Mulvane on the boards. They out-rebounded the Cats, 39-29.

Mulvane didn't have a player in double figures. Kingman had five. Brian McColpin and Jesse Marksberry scored nine points each. Garrett Hennes finished with four.

Another factor weighing heavily in Kingman's favor was turnovers. The Eagles forced 28 turnovers from the Cats.

The junior varsity game was much closer but the Eagles still managed to win by a 53-45 count. Jared Rice led the Mulvane JV scoring with nine points. Kyle McGuire scored eight points and Chris Brannon, Ryan McKnight, Chris Gerhardt and Jason Wilson had five points each.

## Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

### DIVISION II

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Circle	11	1	17	4
Kingman	9	3	13	8
Rose Hill	8	4	13	8
Andale	7	5	10	11
Mulvane	4	8	7	14
Chaparral	2	10	4	17
Clearwater	1	11	3	18

### DIVISION I

Andover	10	2	16	4
Goddard	8	4	14	6
Buhler	7	5	12	8
Valley Center	7	5	12	8
Marze	5	7	9	11
Augusta	4	8	10	11
Wellington	1	11	2	19

\*won CTL championship