

Circle High Takes League Crown

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The Circle High Thunderbirds spoiled the Wildcats' hopes of becoming the Chisholm Trail champs by defeating the 'Cats, 51-46, last Friday. The T-Birds wrapped the title with a 6-2 record and the Wildcats settled for second place honors with a 5-3 record.

Mulvane held the lead from 3:51 in the first period until 4:50 in the third. The 'Cats, coming from a 5-1 deficit early in the game, knotted it at 5 all with 4:14 left in the first quarter. Big Green then moved out to a 9-5 lead, added one more in the next three minutes, and took a 13-8 lead in the second period.

The 'Cats enjoyed their largest lead of 6 with 7:04 in the second stanza. The T-Birds then fought back and closed the gap to one but could never tie the game or take over the lead. Mulvane took a three-point lead to the dressing room at halftime.

In the third period, the Thunderbirds strayed from their slow, deliberate game plan and with 2:47 left in the quarter took over the lead for the first time since the opening minutes. Circle, however, never relinquished the lead and at one time in the fourth quarter lengthened their lead to 10, 48-38, but the Wildcats could not muster enough to capture the coveted crown.

Though the Wildcats only shot 29% from the field, the T-Birds only managed to sink 35% of their shots. The free throw story was a little bit different. The 'Cats hit only 14 of 22 while the Thunderbirds connected on 17 of their 19 attempts. Mulvane did win the rebounding battle by 3, 33-30, and outrebounded the home team under their own basket by a 21-4 margin.

	FG	FT	TP
Brauser	2-9	4-6	8
Hill	3-16	0-0	6
Crawford	5-13	1-4	11
Farber	1-5	2-4	4
Nichols	2-5	5-6	9
Levering	3-6	2-2	8
Roney	0-1	0-0	0
Barton	0-0	0-0	0

Rebounds	Off.	Def.
Brauser	1	1
Hill	0	4
Crawford	3	11
Farber	3	2
Nichols	3	2
Levering	0	1
Roney	0	0
Barton	1	0

The Wildcat B squad lost their final season game by 9, to the Circle Thunderbirds, 52-43.

The Junior 'Cats made a strong comeback in the final minutes of the game, cutting a 34-21 lead to 40-35, but failed in their final attempt to overtake the T-Birds.

Five Wildcats tied for scoring honors, each sporting a 7-point output. They were: Phil Roney, Craig Levering, Mike Winn, Ronnie Pierson, and Terry Craig.

	FG	FT	TP
Craig	3	1	7
Roney	3	1	7
Levering	3	1	7
Hukle	3	0	6
Winn	1	5	7
Barton	0	0	0
McKee	1	0	2
Pierson	3	1	7
L. Parker	0	0	0

The Sophomore squad was, for the second time in a row, the only Wildcat team to come away with a win against a league foe. The Sophomores won by a 41-36 margin. Terry Craig led all scorers with 14.

	FG	FT	TP
Craig	6	2	14
Fleming	2	1	5
Thomas	2	2	6
Flinn	2	4	8
Dame	1	2	4
Butts	0	0	0
M. Parker	0	0	0
C. Thompson	2	0	4