

Sub-State Ax Falls On Boys

PRATT -- Stranger things have happened but not Tuesday night, March 3, in the first round of the Chaparral Class 4A Sub-State Basketball Tournament.

Mulvane's Wildcats, seeking to pull an upset against highly-ranked Pratt, came close, then faded out as the Greenbacks held off Mulvane, 58-44. The loss closed the book on the Cats' season at 4-16 and Pratt advanced to the semifinal round with a 15-4 mark.

"If we could have shot a little better, it might have been different," said MHS coach Charlie Mason. "We had the shots, 22 of them around the free throw line, but we only made four or five of 'em."

The Wildcats came out stale and by halftime, the Greenbacks were 11 points in front, 25-14. Mulvane pulled back within three points with six minutes left in the game and appeared on the verge of making one of those "strange occurrences" called upsets happen. "Then, they went into a 1-2-2 trap and, while it didn't hurt us (physically), it took our momentum away."

Mason said the key to the Mulvane surge was a pressing man-to-man defense and the shooting of Kevin Burke, who canned four straight buckets, and Brent Iverson. Both seniors playing their final prep game, Iverson led Mulvane's scoring with 14 points and Burke had 11. Another senior, Darryl Brueggeman, finished with 12 points.

"Overall, we feel pretty good about our effort," noted Mason. "Going into the game, we felt we could run on them, thought our transition game would hurt them and it did when we finally got to run in the second half."

Despite Pratt having a size advantage--the Greenbacks started 6-foot-7 and 6-5 kids--MHS came out with an advantage on the boards, 40-26. Brueggeman finished with 10 carons, the 6-foot Iverson, nine, and sophomore David Hagerman and Burke had eight each.

In the final game of the regular season, the Wildcat varsity spoiled an opportun-

ity to sustain some late-season momentum as Circle clipped Mulvane, 53-42.

"That probably was the worst ball game we've played since early in the year," complained Mason. "We couldn't put the ball in the hole, we turned the ball over and we fouled too much. Circle also played what I would consider the best zone defense we've seen and that hurt."

The Cats, after falling behind, 9-1, came on to take an 11-10 lead after one quarter of play but the lights went out after that. "(Brent) Iverson was as consistent as ever," said Mason. "He carried a lot of the load for us and was our only real bright spot."

Iverson led the Wildcats in scoring with 17 points, the only player in double figures for Mulvane. Greg Hamilton added seven points and juniors Tim Warren and Dale Landes each had four.

Coach Rick Erickson's B-team brought the curtain down on a 6-10 season as it checked Circle, 57-51.

Warren finished with 15 points, Joey Belden had 10 and David Hagerman added eight for the Wildcat B-team.

CLASS 4A CHAPARRAL SUB-STATE

First Round

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| Mulvane | 8 | 6 | 15 | 15--44 |
| Pratt | 12 | 13 | 12 | 21--58 |

Mulvane--Brent Iverson 14, Tim Warren 1, Kevin Burke 11, Darryl Brueggeman 12, Greg Hamilton 5, David Hagerman 1. FG 18-51, FT 8-15, F 15.

Pratt--Kerich 8, Boldt 15, M. Myers 4, Henry 4, Becker 2, Piper 8, J. Myers 12, Loomis 1, Norris 4. FG 25-55, FT 8-15, F 15.

Boys Varsity

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| Mulvane | 11 | 8 | 6 | 17--42 |
| Circle | 10 | 14 | 11 | 18--53 |

Mulvane--Mark Fox 3, Dale Landes 4, Brent Iverson 17, Tim Warren 4, Kevin Burke 3, Darryl Brueggeman 2, Greg Hamilton 7, Marc Hustig 2. FG 15-52, FT 12-22, F 27.

Circle--Fullinwider 2, Kelly Glock 28, Rick Glock 4, Jay Farnor 10, Vic Hollinger 7, Rick Hood 2. FG 17-38, FT 19-36, F 22.

Boys Junior Varsity

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| Mulvane | 14 | 15 | 12 | 16--57 |
| Circle | 9 | 9 | 14 | 19--51 |

Mulvane--Joey Belden 10, David Hagerman 8, Tim Warren 15, Vic Marcelle 6, Greg Wilcox 1, Mike Coffey 4, Danny Harvey 8, Allen Whitmer 3, Eddie Garlach 2, Stoney Nichols 2. FG 22-60, FT 13-26, F 25.

Circle--Hood 2, Reed 4, Paschal 10, Brown 17, Henn 8, Coble 7, Johnson 1, Rankin 2. FG 20-53, FT 11-30, F 18.