

Mulvane Takes CTL Championship

Wildcat Boys Into Semifinals

Mulvane High School's boys overcame a mediocre effort in a third game this year against Augusta to budge past the Orioles, 53-49, in the first round of the Augusta Class 4A Sub-State played in Mulvane.

The No. 2 seeded Wildcats needed a good pass from Kyle Steadman from back court to Andrew Swayne under the Cat basket, which resulted in a three-point play and gave Mulvane the breathing room it needed to hold on against the scrappy Orioles, who ended their season at 7-14.

"We could have been in trouble if Steadman hadn't gotten that pass to Morgan for the three-pointer," admitted Mason. "That first (sub-state) game is always the hardest. We anticipated a tough game because it's hard to come back and play somebody three days after you beat them soundly."

Mulvane led most of the first half but went stale in the third quarter as Augusta reeled off nine points to take a 40-36 lead. The Cats pushed ahead barely but two missed free throws and a couple turnovers put the game on the line at 50-47 with one minute to play. That's when Steadman found LeClair under the Mulvane basket with a half-court pass. Swayne dumped it in and was fouled. The three-point play

made it 53-47 with 38 seconds to tick.

The 16-5 Wildcats will advance to the semifinal round in the sub-state at 8 p.m. tonight (March 5) when they tangle with Maize (15-6) at Augusta High School. The other boys semifinal finds No. 1 seeded Circle (18-2), a 72-54 winner Tuesday night over Lindsborg, going against Clearwater (12-9), at 8 p.m. Friday, March 6. Clearwater eliminated Rose Hill, 59-42.

The Wildcats had their usual balanced scoring, although both Todd Fox and Curtis Hicks both had off nights. LeClair scored 14 points, Andrew Swayne popped in 13 and both Fox and Steadman joined in with 10 points apiece.

Mulvane captured the Chisholm Trail League Division I championship Friday night, Feb. 27, when the Cats battered Augusta, 69-47, at Augusta. That gave Mulvane coach Charlie Mason his 100th career victory in Mulvane and also the CTL title with an 8-2 record, one game better than runner-up Buhler (7-3).

Fox pumped in a game-high 27-points, Hicks scored 12 and LeClair had 10 for Mulvane.

The Mulvane junior varsity also posted a winner, 66-53, and so did the Cat sophomores by a 56-55 count.

For Coach Bruce Eitzen's junior varsity, Shay Cornejo continued his torrid scoring with 22 points but Neal Hamilton took game honors with 23 points. Huey Nelson and Russell Norden had six points apiece.

For the Mulvane sophs, Sean Gillespie gunned in 18 points, Larry Lambrecht scored 15 and John Heinrichs added 12 in their final outing of the year.

AUGUSTA CLASS 4A SUB-STATE

FIRST ROUND

Augusta boys 11 14 15 9-49
Mulvane boys 12 18 12 11-53
Augusta—Ron Botterwick 7, Cale Lytton 7, Trent Nesmith 22, Scott Paske 4, Roger Slusser 4, Todd Weakley 5. FG 19- , FT 11-17, F 18.
Mulvane—Todd Fox 10, Lyle Graybeal 4, Curtis Hicks 2, Morgan LeClair 14, Kyle Steadman 10, Andrew Swayne 13. FG 22- , FT 9-18, F 13.

Maize boys 59, Andover boys 47
Circle boys 72, Lindsborg boys 54
Clearwater boys 59, Rose Hill boys 42

REGULAR SEASON FINALE

Varsity Boys

Mulvane 18 15 12 26-69
Augusta 12 8 10 17-47

Mulvane—Kyle Steadman 6, Andrew Swayne 6, Curtis Hicks 12, Morgan LeClair 10, Todd Fox 27, Lyle Graybeal 2, Neal Hamilton 2, Shay Cornejo 2, Huey Nelson 2. FG 29-62, FT 11-16, F 13.

Augusta—Cale Lytton 4, Doug Warren 3, Tim Schild 4, Ron Botterwick 4, Greg Eastman 2, Scott Paske 11, Trent Nesmith 19. FG 21-49, FT 5-15, F 14.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane 15 22 12 17-66
Augusta 17 13 9 14-53

Mulvane—Shay Cornejo 22, Huey Nelson 6, Neal Hamilton 23, Russell Norden 6, Norman Bowen 2, Jeremy Hoenscheidt 1, Jo Nordenadler 4, Larry Lambrecht 2. FG 27, FT 12-19, F 19.

Augusta—Chad McDaniel 19, Greg Eastman 10, Jon Emmitt 3, Larry Townsall, Barry Marshall 2, Chris Williams 8. FG 23, FT 7-17, F 15.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane 16 20 14 6-58
Augusta 14 11 14 14-55

Mulvane—Sean Gillespie 18, John Heinrichs 12, Mike Higgins 2, Andrew Hodges 7, Larry Lambrecht 15, Scott Schnelder 2. FG 26, FT 4-11, F 15.

Augusta—Brian Edwards 6, Bryant Ralston 15, Harrie Chandler 14, Jamie Evans 9, Scott Davis 5, Brent Shyrock 2, Aaron Saylor 2, Scott Simmons 2. FG 24, FT 7-10, F 16.