

Swayne 31, Crusaders 59

Junior center Andrew Swayne had a day, a "career day," well, let's just call it a "life-time day" Tuesday, March 4, in the opening round of the Augusta 4A Sub-State played in the Mulvane High gym.

Swayne poured through 31 points as the Wildcats blew past Wellington, 71-59, behind a second-half outbreak after a tie game in the first half. It was the third straight victory over the Crusaders this year for Coach Charlie Mason's Cats and marked the first time this season Mulvane has been over the .500 mark (11-10). Wellington's year ended at 7-13.

"They tried to deny the ball to Todd and over-shifted too much, and that opened up the middle," said Mason. "And with Morgan out, Andrew had a field day. He knocked down everything he threw up. He had a great game."

With Swayne drilling 12 points in the second quarter alone, the Cats were able to hang on for a 29-29 halftime tie before the Wildcats slowly surged into as much as an 18-point lead in the third quarter, then put the game away in the final period by hitting their free throws.

"We did a good job getting the ball inside," said Mason. "We knew they would have to do something with Todd, especially since he came out and made his first three shots and that gave Andrew an opening and he took advantage of it."

With leading scorer Morgan LeClair hampered after picking up three first-quarter fouls, Swayne went to work, scoring his career-high 31 points. Fox finished with 15 points and Curtis Hicks had nine. LeClair was held to four points, one less than reserves Bryson Butts and Nick Fortin.

"We started pulling away in the third quarter when we went from full-court to half-court pressure and that helped force them to take some poor shots," said Mason. "And in the fourth quarter, when we went to the line, we put them in. Nick (Fortin) came in and did the job and so did Curtis (Hicks) when we needed the free throws."

Boys Varsity

Augusta 10 26 16 13-85
 Mulvane 11 19 17 20-67
 Augusta--Mike Potts 4, Cale Lytton 16, Curtis Patten 4, Scott Paske 6, Craig Sharp 27, Trent Nesmith 8. FG 28, FT 9-11, F 19.
 Mulvane--Curtis Hicks 17, Kyle Steadman 4, Andrew Swayne 15, Morgan LeClair 12, Todd Fox 9, Wes Moore 4, Reese Brown 6. FG 26, FT 15-24, F 13.

Boys Junior Varsity

Augusta 14 6 8 20-48
 Mulvane 18 5 12 18-53
 Augusta--Scott Duncan 7, Tim Schild 6, Kerry Trebbe 12, Tim Martin 12, Doug Warren 5, Roger Slusser 6, Doug Adams 4, Lerry Towns 4, Ron Botterweck 4. FG 22, FT 4-9 F 15.
 Mulvane--Nick Fortin 7, Jeff Williams 6, Lyle Graybeal 11, Bryson Butts 8, Shay Cornejo 15, Toby Bulcher 6. FG 20, FT 13-23, F 12.

Sophomore Boys

Augusta 10 19 14 13-56
 Mulvane 11 6 15 19-51
 Augusta--Todd Weakley 5, Mark Dennett 12, Greg Eastman 24, Dean Burden 2, Kris Johnson 4, John Emmitt 6, Chad McDaniel 3. FG 22, FT 10-20, F 19.
 Mulvane--Neal Hamilton 11, Jeremy Hoenscheidt 6, Pat Lockwood 2, Russell Norden 8, Rodger Kendall 9, Ken Baer 8, Sean Gillespie 7. F 19, FT 13-29, F 51.

CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
x-Buhler	9	1	13	7
Valley Center	7	3	14	6
Mulvane	6	4	11	10
Augusta	3	7	9	12
Goddard	3	7	7	13
Wellington	2	8	7	13

x--won Chisholm Trail League championship

DIVISION II

x-Clearwater	7	0	16	5
Andale	5	2	11	9
Rose Hill	4	3	14	7
Maize	4	3	12	9
Circle	3	4	9	12
Kingman	3	4	8	13
Andover	2	5	3	18
Chaparral	0	7	0	20

x--won Chisholm Trail League championship

AUGUSTA 4A BOYS SUB-STATE FIRST ROUND

Wellington 18 11 10 20-59
 Mulvane 15 14 20 22-71
 Wellington--Johnny Velasquez 8, Richard Lara 4, Rich McKain 8, John Wetta 17, Richard Keith 10, Shawn Becker 6, Tom Short 4, Joe Costello 2. FG 25, FT 9-18, F 26.
 Mulvane--Reese Brown 2, Bryson Butts 5, Nick Fortin 5, Todd Fox 15, Curtis Hicks 9, Morgan LeClair 4, Andrew Swayne 31. FG 24, FT 23-31, F 20.

Caney Valley 59, Augusta 55
 Rose Hill 45, Andover 36
 Circle 64, Eureka 44

The Cats were 16 of 21 in the final quarter at the stripe, including a five-for-six effort by Fortin and six out of eight for the ballhandler Hicks.

Make that two thriller victories. The Wildcat boys notched their second narrow win over the Orioles Friday night, Feb. 28, in the final regular season game on the home hardwoods. The score was 67-65. In the first meeting, the Cats nipped Augusta, 59-58, on the final shot of the game by Curtis Hicks.

It wasn't much difference Friday night as Mason's squad upped its record to 6-4 in the Chisholm Trail League and third place behind winning Buhler and runner-up Valley Center.

The score see-sawed the entire game until the Cats took advantage of a Reese Brown bucket after a great pass from Wes Moore and two free throws by Curtis Hicks. That made the score 65-61 with 2:29 to play and Mulvane went for a good shot.

The Cats scored again to make it 67-63, then survived missing the front end of two one-and-ones in the final one minute two desperate shots in the final seconds by the Orioles.

Three players were in double figures for Mason's club. Hicks finished with 17 points, the team-high, and Andrew Swayne had a good game with 15 points, followed by Morgan LeClair's 12. Todd Fox finished with nine points.

The MHS junior varsity closed its year with a 6-6 record by topping the Orioles, 53-48, in spite of hitting only 13-of-23 free throws. Coach Dennis Tegethoff's boys got a 15-point game from Shay Cornejo. Center Lyle Graybeal had a big game with 11 points and Bryson Butts and Nick Fortin scored eight and seven points, respectively.

The Cat sophomores were beaten, 56-51, in their final outing.



Cats Head For Semis

Both Mulvane High School girls and boys basketball teams marched into the semifinal round of the Augusta Class 4A Sub-State Tournament following victories over Wellington Tuesday night, March 4.

The Wildcat girls will meet No. 1 seeded Circle (15-5) at 6:30 p.m. tonight (March 6) in the Augusta gym. In Friday's semifinal in the girls division, Rose Hill (12-7) will take on Caney Valley (14-6). Mulvane's record is 11-10.

The Cat boys will tangle with the Caney Valley boys (8-13) in semifinal action at 8 p.m. Friday. The MHS boys are 11-10 also. Playing in the first boys semifinal at 8 p.m. tonight will be Circle

AUGUSTA 4A SUB-STATE PAIRINGS TONIGHT (MARCH 6)

6:30 p.m.--Circle girls (15-5) vs. Mulvane girls (11-10)
 8--Circle boys (9-12) vs. Rose Hill boys (14-7)
 FRIDAY, MARCH 7
 6:30 p.m.--Rose Hill girls (12-7) vs. Caney Valley girls (14-6)
 8--Caney Valley boys (8-13) vs. Mulvane boys (11-10)

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

6:30 p.m. (Championship)--Thursday and Friday night winners
 8 (Championship)--Thursday and Friday night winners

(9-12) and No. 1 seeded Rose Hill (14-7). The champion in each division will advance to the Class 4A State Championship which will open Thursday, March 13, in Salina.