

Basketball Tourney Highly Successful

John Ireland, director of Mulvane's class A district tournament completed last Friday announced that this tourney is one for the record books.

Ireland, in summing up the play today, revealed that attendance was much greater than anticipated, sportsmanship on the part of spectators and players alike was outstanding and that the final three games of the cage tournament were one-point affairs attesting to rugged play. This final point provided thrilling games for fans.

Mulvane instructos served as hosts during the tournament and the Quill Type club handled ticket sales.

In the final night of play Haven edged Augusta 51-50 for the championship and Andale squeaked by the Wildcats 43-42 for third and fourth positions respectively. In a semi-final game Augusta advanced by the skin of their teeth 45-44 over Mulvane for a shot at Haven and the crown. With the Mulvane title on the belt Haven was scheduled to meet Kinsley in a regional game Thursday night at Haven and Augusta was set to meet the Kingman Eagles.

Tourney scores down the line follow: Andale 64, Caldwell 55; Mulvane 67, Clearwater 54; Haven 46, Valley Center 40; Haven 69, Andale 48; Mulvane 44, Augusta 45; Mulvane 42, Andale 43; Haven 51, Augusta 50. For the books, here is how they finished: Haven 1st; Augusta 2nd; Andale 3rd; and Mulvane 4th.

Mr. Ireland praised visiting schools for their fine cooperation and visitors were quick to praise Mulvane for a fine tournament. Attendance at the games was Tuesday 696; Thursday 693 and Friday 992. Concessions were in charge of high school teachers Tuesday night, the freshmen on Thursday and the FHA club on Friday night.

Coaches Jim Parker and assistant coach Gordon Goodwin praised the Wildcats for their aggressiveness in the host tourney. The Wildcats, beaten during regular season twice by Clearwater trounced the visitors and by their snappy play advanced to the playoffs. Now with the basketball season closed on the record books the Wildcats will turn their attention to the coming track season.