

Mulvane Takes First In District Tourney

Wildcats Open Tourney Play Tonight

The Mulvane Wildcats, winners of the class A district tourney held here last week, open play tonight (Thursday) in the regional tourney at Kingman when they tangle with Medicine Lodge at 7:30. In the second game of the evening, Caldwell plays Pratt.

On Friday night at Kingman, the losers of the Thursday night games play for third place at 7:30, and at 9 o'clock the winners on Thursday night will play for the championship and the right to go to the state class A tournament to be held in Hutchinson.

In the district tourney here last week, around 630 fans attended the opening games on Wednesday night 1,000 on Thursday night and 1100 on Friday night, according to Phil Cook, high school principal and tournament manager.

Mr. Cook also released a financial statement of the tourney, which showed that the gross receipts for the three-night tournament were \$1,482.49. Twenty percent of the gross receipts go to the state high school activities association, plus other expenses incurred by the state association, such as trophies, etc., making a total of \$366.88 to the state association. The visiting teams were allowed mileage and meal expense, making a total of \$250 for the five visiting teams. The host school receives 15 percent for local expenses, which totaled \$222.37. The remaining \$539.58 was pro-rated to the participating teams and state association, as follows: Ten percent to the local school, \$53.94; 40 percent to the visiting teams, \$215.85; and 50 percent to the state association, \$269.79.

The Mulvane Wildcats used a "deep-freeze" ball control strategy here last Friday night in the championship game of the class A district tourney to eke out a 32 to 31 victory over Caldwell. The Wildcats trailed throughout most of the first half before pulling into a 25 to 25 tie with Caldwell at halftime.

Caldwell again took over the lead in the third period, with the Wildcats knotting the count again at 31 to 31 with around four minutes left in the quarter. At this point the Wildcats started their ball-keep strategy, which consisted of Peckham, team captain, just holding the ball inside the middle line stripe. This he did for the remainder of the period, not being molested by a Caldwell player. Caldwell was in a tight zone defense and they decided against coming out and trying to get the ball. The third quarter ended with the score still standing 31 to 31.

The Wildcats got the ball again as the fourth period started, and again they continued their ball-keep strategy with Peckham holding the ball, and with Caldwell refusing to come out of their zone defense. This continued for almost half of the quarter without being interrupted. Then one of the officials called a traveling infraction on Peckham for lobbing the ball back and forth in his hands. Caldwell took the ball out of bounds and they probably intended to do a little ball control also at this point before attempting a shot at the basket, but a bad pass out of bounds gave the ball back to the Wildcats.

Again, after advancing over the middle line stripe, Peckham calmly tucked the ball under one arm and began waiting the clock out. With around ten seconds playing time remaining, the Wildcats put the ball in play and with just a second of time left, Redick attempted a shot under the basket and was fouled by a Caldwell player. He made good his first free throw, missed the second one, and as Caldwell put the ball in play the game ended, 32 to 31 for Mulvane. In the final 12 minutes of play, not a field goal was scored, and only one point was made, a free throw.

Clearwater took third place in the tourney by winning an overtime game with Valley Center, 57 to 53. Score at the end of the regular playing time was 51 to 51. Valley Center had led, 26 to 24 at halftime.

High point man for Clearwater was Freeman with 20 points. Zabel was high for Valley Center with 15 points.

Box score of the Mulvane-Caldwell game follows:

| Score by quarters | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Mulvane | 12 | 13 | 6 | 1 | | |
| Caldwell | 13 | 12 | 6 | 0 | | |
| Box Score | | | fg | ft | pf | tp |
| Mulvane | | | | | | |
| Jim Prins | | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 | |
| Jerry Webster | | 2 | 6 | 1 | 10 | |
| Larry Peckham | | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | |
| Jim Redick | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 7 | |
| Bill Dickey | | 2 | 3 | 0 | 7 | |
| Merle McKean | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | 9 | 14 | 5 | 32 |
| Caldwell | | | fg | ft | pf | tp |
| Stewart Luder | | 5 | 0 | 2 | 10 | |
| Merrill Stiles | | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | |
| Don Laughrey | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| Walter Jayroe | | 3 | 3 | 0 | 9 | |
| Rudy Dvorak | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| Allan Rader | | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | |
| John Webster | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Myron Subera | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | 13 | 5 | 11 | 31 |