

# MULVANE WILDCATS HEAD TO HUTCHINSON FOR STATE TOURNEY

## Mulvane Wins Regional Tourney

(by Gary Kuntz)

Ted Richardson turned in a spectacular 34 point effort to lead Mulvane over the Herington Railroaders, 69-63, in the championship of the Buhler Class A Regional Tournament last Friday night.

With junior Ted Richardson and junior Mickey Davey each tossing in five points, Mulvane jumped to a 14-12 lead at the end of the first quarter. Steve Carmichael was charged with three fouls in the first quarter and was forced to watch the remainder of the half from the bench.

Herington dominated the backboards in the second quarter and outscored the Wildcats 25-19. The Herington attack in the second period was led by Mike Benson who scored five field goals and three free throws.

Ted Richardson continued his outstanding performance with four field goals and two free throws in the second stanza. His output included Mulvane's first eight points of the quarter.

The Wildcats fought back to tie the score at the end of the third quarter, 48-48. Ted Richardson was again the offensive standout as he got twelve points in the third period. The Wildcats hit 7 of 7 free throws to help them outscore Herington 15-11 in the third stanza. The turning point in the ball game seemed to appear in the third quarter. With red-hot Mike Benson shooting a jump shot, Ted Richardson made a beautiful block and the Wildcats were in control. After the blocked shot, Benson lost his shooting eye and the Railroaders were on their way down. With Ted Richardson playing a beautiful defensive game, Benson was held to one field goal in the last half of the game.

Well balanced scoring in the fourth quarter completed the Wildcat victory. Steve Carmichael, Ted Richardson and Mickey Davey each scored six points in the final period. Herington hoped to stop Richardson in the fourth quarter and he did not score a field goal but he spent most of the period at the free throw line and he continued his great show connecting on seven of nine from the line.

Mulvane showed great poise and ability as they went into a semi-delay game in the fourth quarter. With some outstanding passing and nice team work the Wildcats broke Mickey Davey loose twice within a thirty second period for lay-ups which gave the Mulvane team a commanding 64-55 lead with 2:14 remaining.

Mickey Davey played an outstanding game for the Wildcats. He scored four field goals and connected on 3 of 3 from the free throw line. He also got three big rebounds. Mickey did all of his scoring in the first and last period. He got five points in the first quarter and finished strong with six points in the last eight minutes. help the Wildcats. He hit three

Gordon Long got seven points to long field goals and a free throw and grabbed three rebounds. Gordon's defensive game was also outstanding.

Although held scoreless from the field, Greg Farber was instrumental in the Mulvan victory. Greg hit five of five free throws. He also got six rebounds to be Mulvane's second top rebounder of the evening.

Richard Dame came off the bench when Steve Carmichael got into foul trouble and Richard turned in a good game. Richard connected on one of two field goals and he also got a rebound.

Steve Carmichael hit in an outstanding game also. Steve hit 4 of 9 field goals and two free throws for 10 big points. He was the big man for the Wildcats on the backboard as he got 10 rebounds. His defensive game was also outstanding.

Ted Richardson's final statistics show he hit on 10 of 15 field goals and 14 of 17 free throws. His 34 points was tops for both teams. He also had several assists and plays an outstanding defensive game. day.

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By bus and car, hundreds of Mulvane fans headed to Hutchinson Thursday evening to cheer the Mulvane Wildcats in their first game in the class A state basketball tournament. Mulvane became one of the eight select class A teams in the state to gain a berth in the state tourney by virtue of their winning the regional championship last Friday night at Buhler.

At 9 o'clock Thursday night the Mulvane Wildcats tangle with the Larned Indians. An interesting sidelight to this game is that it will pit two brothers as the opposing coaches. Jerry Webster, in his first year as head cage coach at Mulvane, will be sending his Wildcats against a Larned five that is coached by his older brother Marvin Webster.

Coach Webster said this week that the Wildcat squad will be in top form, physically and mentally, for this important game. The tourney squad is composed of four seniors and eight juniors. They are: Ronnie Wayman, Richard Dame, Greg Farber and Dallas Johns, all seniors; Ted Richardson Mickey Davey, Steve Carmichael, Gordon Long, Bruce Kimble, and Steve Roney, all juniors; and two alternates, Steve Iverson and Frank Cobb, juniors.

A total of six busses from Mulvane were headed to Hutchinson Thursday night. Three were for the Pep club members, one bus for high school boys, and two busses for adults. Many others went by automobile.

A Mulvane victory Thursday night will put the Wildcats in the semi-finals on Friday night at 9 o'clock, meeting the winner of the Goodland-Carey game. A loss will eliminate them from the tourney.

A large turnout from Mulvane supported the Wildcats in victory, and an even larger following will accompany the team to Hutchinson for the state tournament.

The coaching job turned in by Mr. Jerry Webster for the Wildcats was truly outstanding. It is extremely hard for any team to play three games in three days. It was apparent Friday night, that the Wildcats are well coached. They showed the ability to fast break. They also showed in the last quarter, that they are well able to use the stall game or delay game. But it appeared that the Wildcats and coach Webster take their greatest pride in their defensive game. Congratulations to Jerry Webster, who in his first year as coach of the Mulvane Wildcats, has guided the team to the first place finish in the regional tournament and is now competing in the state tour-