

Lose To Winfield At Regional Tourney

By John Carney

The Mulvane Wildcats closed the 1969-1970 basketball season on Wednesday of last week. The 'Cats met the Winfield Vikings in the first round of the Class AAA Regional Tournament held at Circle High School. The Vikings came out on top by a score of 72-66. The loss brought the Wildcats' final mark to 12-8 for the season.

The Vikings, defeating Mulvane in the first round, were entitled to compete in the semifinals, and there, picked up a victory over Augusta. In the championship game, Winfield found themselves pitted against Ark-Valley foe, Wellington. Winfield won the game and picked up a berth in the state playoffs.

Big Green never led during the entire tilt and only tied it once at 7-7, with 3:52 remaining in the first quarter. Nevertheless it was an exciting and fast-moving game. The Wildcats were down by more than 10 points a number of times but always battled back within striking distance. Winfield jumped off to a quick 6-0 lead, but with 4:38 remaining in the period the 'Cats cut the gap one, 6-5. The Vikes added steadily to their total and took a 19-11 first-quarter edge.

At the beginning of the second stanza Mulvane quickly cut the gap to four, the lead varied slightly the remainder of the period and Winfield took a 34-28 advantage to the dressing room at halftime.

During the second half of play the 'Cats fell behind by as much as 14 points but with 4:02 left in the game, they had cut the lead to five, 59-54. The Vikings built back to a 10-point margin only to find it torn down to 5 again a minute later. With 19 seconds remaining in the game, Winfield had another 10-point lead, 72-62. The Wildcats, however, not willing to surrender, hit on two short jumpers with 9 and 5 seconds left and cut Vikes' lead to 6, 72-66.

Three seniors closed out their high school basketball careers last Wednesday. They are: Dan Brauser, Jim Crawford and Ted Hill. All three seniors have added a great deal to the squad, and played a very important role in leading the team to a winning season and second place in the Chisholm Trail League.

	FG	FT	TP
Dan Brauser	13-24	3-4	29
Ted Hill	3-12	2-3	8
Jim Crawford	4-7	1-4	9
Rick Farber	4-6	2-2	10
Max Nichols	1-5	0-2	2
Craig Levering	4-8	0-1	8
Phil Roney	0-1	0-0	0