

Wildcats Place 2nd In Regional Tourney

The Mulvane Wildcats settled for second place in the regional tournament played at Newton when they lost a close thriller to the Nickerson quintet by a score of 49 - 51 in the finals Saturday night.

Nickerson from the Mid - Kansas League defeated Mulvane after successfully downing a cold Caldwell team in the semi-finals, 55 - 48.

Mulvane and Nickerson appeared very evenly matched throughout the game. The "Cats" led at the end of the opening quarter 13 - 12, but at the intermission, the scoreboard blinked 26 - 25 in favor of Nickerson. The opposing team came back in the third and hacked up a ten point lead with little trouble. Mulvane couldn't seem to click, and the third period ended 41 - 35.

In the last quarter Mulvane rallied, taking their opponents by surprise, and with Old Father Time marching on, tied the score with a minute left to play. Team captain Roberts tossed in a couple of charities to put the rivals out in front 49 - 47, but a scared set shot from the corner by "Spec" Summers, with but 15 heart-failing seconds remaining, put the teams into a 49 - 49 deadlock. Wilkey, one of Nickerson highest scorers, made the winning basket with a whirling jump shot from 35 feet out. The gun sounded with the ball in mid-air; it seemed to hang their an eternity before it rippled the cord and gave Mulvane the second place trophy.

High scorer for Mulvane was Webster who potted 6 field goals and 2 free throws for 14 points. Top man for the "Champs" was the team's unlucky number 13, Jones, who netted 17 big points.

BOX SCORE

MULVANE	FG	FT	F
Dickey	3	3	1
Peckham	1	3	2
Summers	3	0	1
Deaver	2	1	5
Galvan	4	2	2
Webster	6	2	3
NICKERSON			
Frank	0	6	3
Jones	6	5	4
Ritcha	2	0	2
Roberts	3	3	2
Wilkey	7	1	3

In the semi-finals Thursday night, Mulvane slipped by Hillsboro 55-53 in an overtime game. Mulvane led 13-11 at the first and 41-35 at the third, but Hillsboro led 23-22 at halftime and it was tied 51-51 as the game ended. Scoring for Mulvane: Dickey, 18, Webster 14, Deavers 4, Galvan 1, Peckham 13 and Summers 5.