

# Quick Augusta Shells Wildcats

"Now we know what we have to work on." Words are small consolation for Mulvane boys basketball coach Charlie Mason whose charges opened the season at home Tuesday night, Dec. 2, on a sour note.

The Wildcats were out-quickd and out-played by Augusta, 63-37, in a Chisholm Trail League game. The MHS junior varsity also took it on the chin, as did the sophomore team. The Augusta jayvees clipped the Cats, 52-33, and the Oriole sophs plastered Mulvane, 39-25.

"Now we know what we have to work on," stressed a disappointed Mason, who got rough treatment on the dawn of his second year as the head coach. "We have to work more on our defense and our offense against the pressure defense. We have to be able to put the ball in the hole against pressure defense, and we didn't."

A half-court pressing defense employed by the Orioles kept the Cats from any organized attempt and the offense also showed that Augusta was considerably quicker than the Cats. After taking a 14-9 lead in the opening period, Augusta plowed ahead to pull away.

The Orioles' pressure defense forced 23 Mulvane turnovers while Augusta had only 15. "That was one of the biggest differences," said Mason. "They handled the ball a lot better than we did. What pressure we put on, they handled. And we didn't handle theirs. They took us out of what we tried to do. They did have good quickness and they kept us from running our offense."

The Cats weren't able to contain Augusta on the boards, either, despite having a size advantage. Augusta came away with 30 rebounds to 21 for the locals. Senior Kevin Burke had nine to

### Boys Varsity

Augusta 14 17 18 14--63  
Mulvane 9 8 13 7--37

Augusta--Eric Grooms 5, Russ Gibson 11, Garth Flaming 4, Rick Hess 12, Brad Young 9, Kurt Gosch 12, Todd Patterson 8, David Price 2. FG 20-52, FT 11-24, F 24.

Mulvane--Kevin Burke 6, Greg Hamilton 1, Brent Iverson 11, Darryl Brueggeman 11, Mark Fox 2, Mark Crawford 4, David Hagerman 2, Tim Warren 5. FG 13-37, FT 11-22, F 22.

### Boys Junior Varsity

Augusta 11 10 11 20--52  
Mulvane 8 6 4 15--33

Augusta--Dave Price 5, Will Johnson 4, Garth Flaming 7, Denny Williams 5, Scott Murphy 2, Hunter East 15, Albert Ward 13, Brent Lytton 1. FG 17, FT 18-33, F 22.

Mulvane--Dale Landes 8, Tim Warren 8, Brian Pope 4, David Hagerman 2, Mike Coffey 7, Danny Harvey 2, David Lee 2. FG 12, FT 9-19, F 28.

### Boys Sophomore

Augusta 16 5 7 11--39  
Mulvane 2 8 2 13--25

Augusta--Scott McKeicher 8, Brent Lytton 13, Mike Baxter 8, Mark Agard 7, Darren Casner 1, Brian Hallmark 2. FG 15-58, FT 9-20, F 14.

Mulvane--Greg Wilcox 2, Robert Turner 7, Chris Hicks 4, Todd Robinson 7, Eddie Gerlach 4, Chuck Collett 1. FG 10-31, FT 5-11, F 17.

pace Mulvane. "They just got into better position than we did," emphasized Mason. "They constantly went to the boards and kept moving."

Seniors Brent Iverson and Darryl Brueggeman led the meager MHS scoring with 11 points each. Burke had six points and reserve Tim Warren added five.

The junior varsity was led by Dale Landes and Warren, each scoring eight points. Mike Coffey added seven points.

On the sophomore level, Mulvane was led by Robert Turner and Todd Robinson, each hitting seven points.

The next game for the Wildcats will be at home against Kingman, last year's Class 4A state champion, Friday, Dec. 5.