

Mulvane Wins Opener Against Kingman

By Gary Kuntz

When Mulvane beat Kingman last Friday, 58-50, the Wildcats did not win the state championship. But there was a happy feeling in the air as the victory indicated a good season for the Wildcats.

Junior guard Ted Hill was the top scorer for the "Big Green" as he had six field goals and four free throws. Jim Crawford contributed seven field goals. Hal Calcote hit double figures with 10 points. Dan Brauser and Phil Morgan each added seven points. Mike McKee made four free throws to give Mulvane a total of 58 points.

Phil Morgan scored the first point of the season for Mulvane on a free throw. After the Eagles grabbed a lead, Dan Brauser scored a free throw and Jim Crawford scored two field goals, one on a fantastic driving lay-up, to give the Wildcats a 6-5 lead. While Ted Hill scored a free throw and Dan Brauser hit a jump shot, Kingman scored four points and with three minutes left in the quarter the score was 9-9. Jim Crawford scored a field goal and Ted Hill scored two goals before the quarter ended, but the Eagles scored eight points and led 17-15.

In the first five minutes of the second stanza, Kingman out-scored Mulvane, 13-3, and the Wildcats were down, 30-18. But then came three of the most impressive minutes of the game for Mulvane. In a minute and a half, Hal Calcote scored a free throw and Ted Hill added a field goal and a three-point play to make the score 30-24. In the next minute Hill added another field goal and Crawford scored a field goal and the Wildcats trailed 30-28 at half-time. Most impressive in the final three minutes had to be the Mulvane defense as Kingman did not score in the last three minutes.

The third period was filled with eight minutes of nail-biting action. After Brauser scored two field goals and Calcote scored one and Crawford scored one the Wildcats trailed 37-36. Then Hal Calcote stole the ball, drove the length of the court, passed off to Hill, and Mulvane led, 38-37. The lead changed hands several times before the quarter ended with Mike McKee and Hal Calcote scoring for Mulvane, but Kingman led by three at the end of the quarter, 47-44.

Then came one of the most sparkling eight minutes of defensive basketball you will ever see. After Phil Morgan made a free throw, Jim Crawford scored a field goal and the score was tied. Four and a half minutes had been played and Kingman had not scored. Finally, the Eagles scored their first point of the quarter with 1:56 remaining. But 14 seconds later Phil Morgan was fouled. The senior center calmly stepped to the foul line and converted both free throws to give Mulvane a 49-48 lead. After Kingman missed a shot, the Wildcats stalled until Hal Calcote was fouled with 46 seconds remaining. A missed free throw would keep the Eagles in the game, but the senior forward sank both free shots and the Big Green led, 51-48. Twelve seconds later, Calcote drove for a lay-up and scored but was also called for charging. After Kingman scored its only field goal of the quarter, Ted Hill made two free throws. Then Phil Morgan, who scored the first point of the game, scored a field goal and a free throw with one second remaining. As the game ended, the final score was 58-50.

One had to be impressed with the Wildcat defense Friday night. The pressing man-to-man was a beautiful defense to watch.

The fighting desire was also obvious on the Mulvane team. It would have been real easy to "give up" when the Big Green trailed by 10 in the second period. But the Wildcats kept their "cool" and by halftime cut the lead to two points.

Also impressive was the balanced scoring. Jim Crawford was the top scorer in the first period. Ted Hill led the Wildcats in the

second eight minutes. Hal Calcote scored the most points in the third and Phil Morgan was the top scorer in the last quarter.

All six players were impressive Friday night. But the spirit on the bench and the spirit of the crowd added greatly to the victory. The 100% effort by each player was tremendous.

The player of the game, as selected by this writer, is Phil Morgan. The center scored only one point through the first 24 minutes. But in the final eight minutes, Phil scored a field goal and four clutch free throws. But the lanky senior contributed things you don't see in the box score. Phil grabbed numerous rebounds and blocked several shots. His hustle and desire to win was reflected in the entire team. Yes, last Friday night Phil Morgan led an outstanding group of young men to an impressive basketball victory.

	FG	FT	PF
Hill	6	4	2
Crawford	7	0	2
Calcote	3	4	3
Morgan	1	5	3
Brauser	2	3	5
McKee	0	4	2
Total	19	20	17