

More Fun Ahead?

Remember how much fun it was last year? Well, things don't appear to have changed that much for the Mulvane High School basketball squad.

There are a few new faces, but that hasn't slowed the Wildcats down. Just ask Andale. The Indians were ambushed in home territory Friday night, Nov. 30, as Mulvane cranked out a 70-36.

The victory was the 18th in a row for Coach Charlie Mason's Cats, 17 coming at the end of last year which ended with a four-foot high Class 4A State Championship trophy. It also opened the season for both teams.

"We looked good in the first quarter, we had good intensity and did some good things," admitted Mason. "We really put a lot of pressure on them and it was a good experience for us because it gave us a chance to see a lot of people, people we're going to have to count on."

In all, 15 Wildcats saw action and that was only because 15 were suited up. It didn't take Mason's band of Cats long to establish themselves. Applying the pressure from the word "go," Mulvane swooped out to an early 12-2 lead and were out in front, 23-10, after just eight minutes of play. And the keys to success were many of those same keys the team established a year ago--a pressing, ball-hawking defense, some dandy passing by senior guard David Belew and the balanced duet of Belew and Lonny Travis. Mulvane's two all-state candidates scored 21 of the team's first 23 points with the 6-foot-4 Travis getting 12.

Andale, with no starters coming back, was no match and crumbled throughout the game. "Andale isn't as strong as they have been and they didn't have too much experience at guard, so we were able to capitalize on it," pointed out Mason. "We did a much better job in the first quarter than we did the rest of the game. It's difficult to keep the intensity level up when you're 15 points up and that's one area we tried to work on."

"It was a good learning experience because we got to look at some other people in other positions. And we got a chance to look at some of our other defenses. We pressed and we trapped and we found some answers. Now, the key is to try and improve them and get ready for Goddard."

Going into the game, two questions were critical for another outstanding MHS season. One was the No. 5 starter role, who could fill it and the second centered on 6-4 pivot Aaron Huslig, who looked great at the state tournament

after a rather lackluster season. Would that great play continue his senior year.

It did. Huslig hit 6-of-6 from the field, scoring 12 points, and had six rebounds as Mulvane racked up a 40-21 edge on the boards. And the No. 5 starter, 6-3 senior Mike Rodgers, the jury's still out. He didn't score and didn't get a rebound after getting into foul trouble.

Travis and Belew were one-two in the scoring department. Travis, hitting 11 of 18 from the field, scored 22 points and Belew added 16 with Travis having six assists and Belew five. Reserves Bo Jones, Curtis Hicks and starter Greg Quigley all had four points.

The Mulvane junior varsity had its troubles at Andale. The host redskins held off the Cats, 59-55, after leading most of the game.

Guard Kevin Kastl led the Cat jayvees with 10 points and Wes Moore and Mike Belew scored eight each. Morgan LeClair had seven.

Goddard will be the next test for the Wildcats. The Chisholm Trail League contest will be played in Mulvane Friday night, Dec. 7.

Varsity Boys Basketball

Mulvane	23	19	12	16	70
Andale	10	11	6	9	36
Mulvane--	Bo Jones 4	Lonny Travis 22	David Belew 16	Curtis Hicks 4	Greg Quigley 4
	Mike Rodgers 0	Aaron Huslig 12	Wes Moore 2	Andrew Swayne 3	Mike Belew 3
	FG 33-64	FT 4-11	F 19		
Andale--	Bill Nilles 14	Doug Winter 3	Mike Blasl 3	Steve Winter 2	Bob Reichenberger 5
	Lance Kitt 5	Ed Bugner 4	FG 15-43	FT 6-17	F 14

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	7	16	14	18	55
Andale	10	16	20	13	59
Mulvane--	Mike Stump 6	Wes Moore 8	Kevin Kastl 10	Mike Belew 8	Morgan LeClair 7
	Andrew Swayne 5	Curtis Hicks 4	Bryson Butts 3	FG 20-59	FT 15-30
	F 15				
Andale--	Greg Doll 4	Greg Smarsh 10	Scott Mannebach 4	Chad Marx 14	Gavin Seiler 9
	David Workman 3	Phil Thunberg 4	Dennis O'Keefe 6	Greg Majerus 5	FG 26-49
	FT 7-21	F 21			