

Wildcat Boys Rally Behind Belew's 32

There are two ways to use the basketball goal and the Mulvane Wildcats used both Friday night, Dec. 2, in a season-opening decision over Andale.

The game, a typical Mulvane-Andale shoot-out, went down to the final moments again this year before the Wildcats puffed out a 66-63 victory in a non-league game and gave Mulvane its first win over the Indians since 1979-80 when the Cats edged Andale, 60-59.

And as it turned out, two errant passes by Andale in the fading moments of the game sealed the Mulvane victory. Both passes by Andale guards were trying to find open teammates under the bucket and both passes hit the rim and bounced into Mulvane hands for turnovers.

"It was fortunate the ball bounced in our direction, but sure, those were big turning points," admitted Mason, who was pleased with his club's first outing. "It turned out to be a typical Andale game. Two or three times we got the lead up to five or six points but turned around and put them at the free throw line and back in (the game)."

What impressed Mason the most was a "team" outlook to go with a 32-point outburst from junior David Belew. Naturally, it was a career high. Belew got Mulvane off and running with 10 points in the first quarter and had 10 more in the third quarter, hitting 14 of 21 from the field overall.

"You can't say enough about David's game, he had a once-in-a-lifetime game," said Mason. "It was a clinic out there. But just as important was the free throw by Ronnie Rabe late in the game. That decided it right there. And you can't say enough good things about the defensive efforts of Kevin Bell and J.C. Shook.

"I think Shook has his best overall game in his three years here," added Mason. "We gave him the job of stopping their best player, and when we needed a rebound or a reflection, J.C. was there to do it."

Equally important was 6-foot 3 junior Lonny Travis coming alive in the second half, scoring all 11 of his points in the final half.

Mulvane seemed to pick up steam in the second half by switching defenses, with a 1-3-1 zone trap working very effectively. "Everybody did what they had to do to win the ball game," said Mason. "We had a good (scoring) night out of Belew, good defense by Shook and Bell, who made some big steals for it."

If there was one "fly in the ointment," it was Andale's ability to get off a number of shots by hitting the offensive boards. The Indians of Coach Lance Reid beat the Cats on the boards, 39-35. For the Wildcats, 6-4 senior Todd Travis pulled down 10 rebounds and the guard Belew had eight.

"We gave up two or three efforts, especially at the free throw line," said Mason. "We preached and preached in practice because this is what we gave them last year and it was our biggest concern going in. They have four people who can board well."

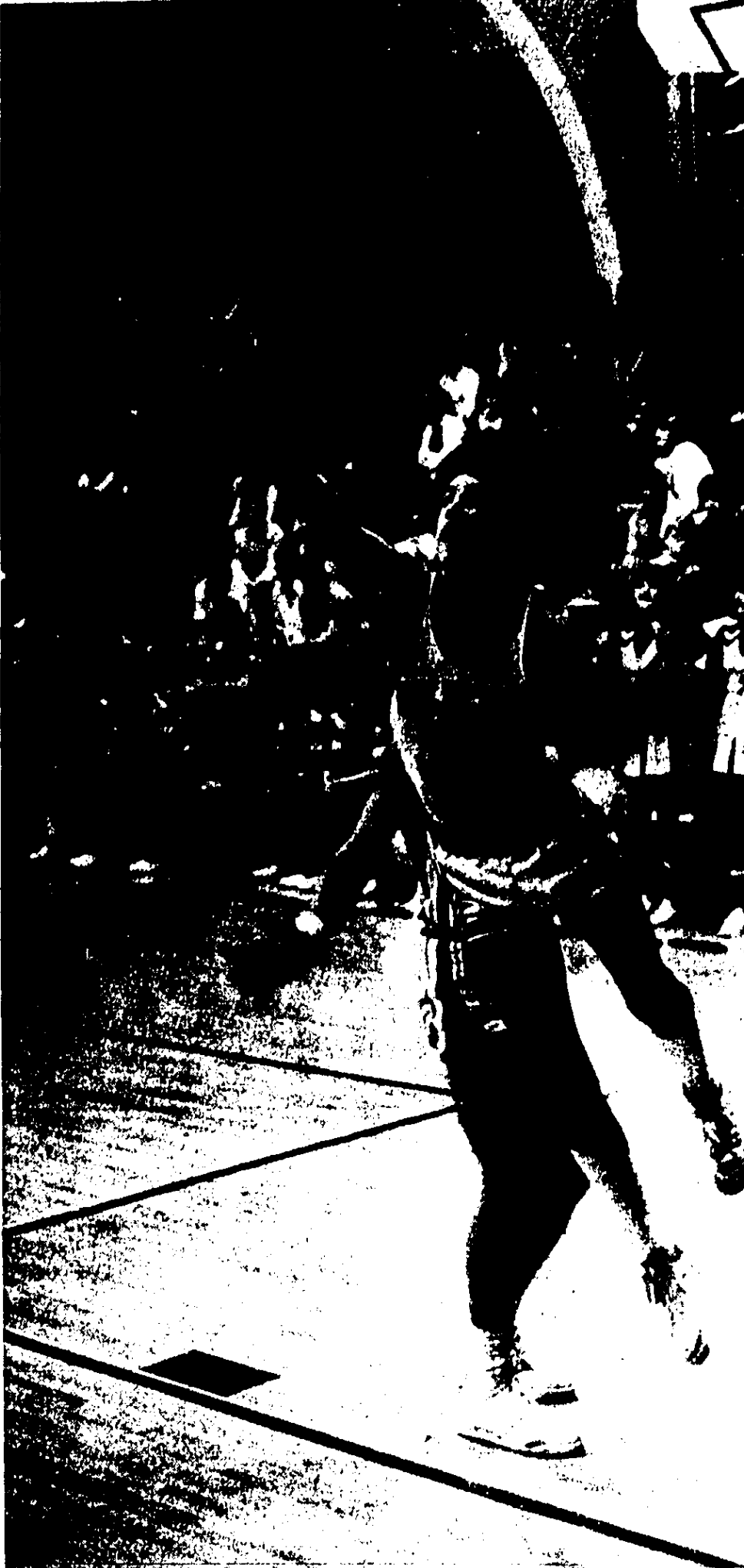
The Cats appeared on top of things with a four-point lead (61-57) with 3:44 left in the game but Andale wouldn't die and came back to take a 63-61 advantage with 1:46 to play. A bucket by Belew, two free throws by the junior and one of two free tosses at the 17-second mark pulled Mulvane back on top. Then, Rabe made one of two free throws with two seconds left to ice things.

Belew and Travis were the lone double-figure scorers for the Wildcats. Shook finished with eight points and both R. Travis and Bell had six points each.

The MHS junior varsity also had an outstanding effort, dismantling the visiting Indians, 62-39. The junior varsity boys and girls played at Mulvane Junior High.

Greg Quigley led all scorers with 16 points and big Aaron Huslig added another 12. Rick Lanzrath and David Kramer chipped in with eight and five points, respectively, for Coach Dennis Tegethoff's Cats.

The Wildcats will open their chase for the Chisholm Trail League Division I title Friday, Dec. 9, at Goddard.



Cat David Belew (14) spins past flat-footed Indian

Boys Varsity

Andale 14 14 20 15-63
 Mulvane 17 10 24 16-66
 Andale—Rich Martin 8, Ted Orth 4, Russell Gordon 7, Jerry Martin 13, Kevin Engels 19, Bill Doll 14. FG 24-52, FT 15-32, F 16.
 Mulvane—Kevin Bell 6, J.C. Shook 8, Todd Travis 6, Lonny Travis 11, David Belew 32, Greg Quigley 2, Ronnie Rabe 1. FG 29-62, FT 8-15, F 24.

Boys Junior Varsity

Andale 8 7 10 16-39
 Mulvane 15 10 23 14-62
 Andale—Mike Biasi 4, Ed Bugner 2, Mark Engels 1, Bill Niles 10, Bob Reichenberger 8, Mark Hilger 10, Lance Kitt 2, Steve Winter 3, Doug Winter 4. FG 17-39, FT 5-15, F 12.
 Mulvane—Jamie Lough 4, Bo Jones 4, David Kramer 5, Greg Quigley 16, Robert Fortner 2, Mike Rodgers 2, Aaron Huslig 12, Buddy Moyer 2, Mike Snow 2, Mike Stump 4, Rick Lanzrath 8, Wes Moore 1. FG 27-71, FT 8-13, F 20.

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TUESDAY, DEC. 13

First Round

- Game 1 — Valley Center vs. Conway Springs, 3 p.m.
- Game 2 — Pratt vs. Nickerson, 4:30
- Game 3 — Mulvane vs. Andale, 6
- Game 4 — Mulvane vs. Clearwater, 7:30

FRIDAY, DEC. 16

- Game 5 — losers of games 1 and 2, 3 p.m.
- Game 6 — winners of games 3 and 4, 4:30
- Game 7 — winners of games 1 and 2, 6
- Game 8 — winners of games 3 and 4, 7:30

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

- Game 9 (Consolation Third) — losers of games 5 and 6, 3 p.m.
- Game 10 (Consolation First) — winners of games 5 and 6, 4:30
- Game 11 (Third Place) — losers of games 7 and 8, 6
- Game 12 (Championship First) — winners of games 7 and 8, 7:30