

Indians Batter MHS In Opener

Everybody expected it to be a physical game, it always is when Mulvane and Andale meet. The home-standing Indians proved to be more physical, however, thumping the Mulvane High School boys with regularity Friday night, Dec. 2, in the season opener.

Andale used the second and third quarters to out-score Mulvane, 45-17, to pull away in this non-league encounter, winning by a 69-51 count.

"They were much more physical than we were," emphasized MHS veteran coach Charlie Mason. "We knew they were going to be physical but we didn't handle it."

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	15	9	8	19-51
Andale	13	20	25	11-69

Mulvane--Mike Higgins 14, Jeff Sisco 8, Andrew Hodges 8, Larry Lambrecht 15, Derek Donaldson 2, John Heinrichs 2, Andy Church 2. FG 17-53, FT 16-28, F 25

Andale--Greg Knoblauch 23, Heath Marx 10, Damon Walther 12, Mike Workman 5, Mike Williams 7, Jason Marcotte 4, John Eck 6, David Stanhope 2. FG 27-60, FT 13-24, F 26.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	13	11	8	17-49
Andale	10	15	18	16-59

Mulvane--Bill Harrington 8, Scott Travis 10, Andy Church 14, Bruce Brashear 13, Jeff Sisco 4, Toby Hoving 2. FG 19-35 (1), FT 8-13, F 14.

Andale--John Eck 8, Damon Walther 2, David Stanhope 8, John Mannebach 6, Bryan Kraus 7, Craig Brasser 10, Nathan Barrager 12, Josh Kerschen 6. FG 27-48 (0), FT 5-10, F 14.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	6	8	6	17-37
Andale	6	16	22	13-57

Mulvane--Andy Mackey 17, Scott Ingalls 4, Adam Beehler 2, Toby Hoving 8, Jamie Hardesty 6. FG 14, FT 9-10, F 17.

Andale--Brad Horsch 10, Josh Kerschen 8, Joe Rausch 8, Dan Eck 7, Chad Gorges 9, Loren Erker 4, Joe Blasi 7, Brian Graber 2, Danny Doll 4. FG 23, FT 11-22, F 15.

The Mulvane junior varsity also was dumped, Andale taking a 59-49 victory. In the sophomore game, Andale made a clean sweep of things by claiming a 57-37 victory.

Mason, who had one of his two returning lettermen (Sean Gillespie) sitting out because of an ankle injury, wasn't disheartened by the 18-point defeat. "We lost to them by four points last year and they had four people coming back this year," said Mason. "They played well and we didn't. It came down to a couple of areas where we didn't take care of business. We gave them too many offensive rebounds and they beat us down the floor too many times. All these things add up to no varsity experience. We started four kids with little or no varsity playing time. And having Gillespie out didn't help." Gillespie twisted an ankle in practice earlier in the week.

The Wildcats looked good early as they rolled out to the early lead that held up until the second quarter. Mulvane nursed a 15-13 lead into the second frame before the Andale roof caved in and the Indians out-gunned Mulvane, 20-9, in the second quarter. The hosts also out-scored Mulvane, 25-8, in the next quarter to put the game out of question heading into the final eight minutes of play.

"We gave them 20 offensive rebounds and they scored on 12-to-14 of them," stressed Mason. "We really felt like they wouldn't shoot the ball well going

into the contest but we made them good shooters by giving them all those easy points under the basket.

"They also beat us down the floor and that hurt, too, because it gave them some lay-ups. We weren't rotating back like we should have been," added Mason.

Senior Larry Lambrecht topped the Mulvane scoring effort with 15 points. He was the only Cat in double figures other than surprising senior Mike Higgins, who had 14. Junior center Jeff Sisco and Andrew Hodges, another senior, had eight points each.

"I was pleased with the effort Higgins gave us," noted Mason. "He had a real good game for his first real experience. He also had 11 points. If he can continue playing that way, it's going to be a plus. I also felt Sisco did a good job. He took a beating but I think he learned. He had to get a lot more physical to deal with the people inside. I think that will come with time.

"We made a lot of mistakes, but those mistakes are correctible. Now we know where we stand and what we have to work on. There just was not a whole lot of experience out there on the floor for us. We need to go out each game with the idea of playing a little better than the last one. Sometimes you can improve from one game to the next and still not get the 'W.'"

The Indians took the rebound battle, 44-35, with Higgins and Lambrecht (with 10) pacing Mulvane.

In the junior varsity game, the Indians

went on an 18-8 spree in the third quarter to take control of the game. Andy Church led the MHS offense with 14 points. Bruce Brashear scored 13 points and Scott Travis had 10. Andy Mackey was the only Mulvane sophomore in double figures, scoring 17 points. Toby Hoving scored eight points and Jamie Hardesty had six for the Cats.

Mulvane will begin its Chisholm Trail League play Friday night, Dec. 9, with the Cats travelling to Valley Center. The Hornets are the pre-season pick to win Division I in the CTL.