Frigid Firing Foils Felines

Derby's Panthers capitalized on the Mulvane Wildcats' cold second half shooting to pick up a 68-50 win in a game played at Mulvane on Tuesday.

Mulvane rallied late in the second period to cut Derby's lead to 29-25 at intermission. However, somebody slid the lid on the hoop when the third period started and Mulvane was held scoreless for the first 3 minutes and 15 seconds of the stanza before Skip Day connected on a lay-up. During that stretch Derby jumped out to a ten-point lead. In fact, Mulvane netted just five points in the third period—four by Day and a charity throw by Steve Butts. Derby held a 45-30 edge at the buzzer.

Overall—Mulvane hit just 16 field goals on 66 attempts for a chilly 24 percent. Derby was 22 of 55 for 40 percent.

Derby opened the game in a full court zone press which Mulvane handled easily. However, the 'Cats were unable to capitalize on numerous scoring opportunities.

Derby led 18-10 at the end of the first period. Mulvane stormed back in the second period, led by Terry Craig's three field goals, to move into contention.

Derby completely dominated the backboards at both ends of the court. Greg Caldwell, a 6-3 senior, picked up 15 rebounds to pace the Panthers. Reserve center Dan Carmichael and 5-9 Dave Carney paced Mulvane with five rebounds each.

The 'Cats attack was plagued by fouls. Starting center Dave Carmichael had three fouls early in the second period and was forced to play less aggressively. He fouled out early in the fourth period.

Skip Day paced Mulvane's attack with 15 tallies. The hustling junior guard had seven field goals and a free throw for his total. Troy Richardson was second with 11 points—seven of them coming at the foul line. Senior Terry Craig netted ten points. Craig was forced to move to the pivot when both Carmichaels fouled out late in the game.

Wayne Gifford paced Derby with 21 while Greg Caldwell had 18 tallies.

The Mulvane box score: Terry Craig, 3-4-3; Dave Carmichael, 1-0-5; Skip Day, 7-1-4; Randy Martinez, 0-1-2; Steve Butts, 1-1-0; Troy Richardson, 2-7-3; Dan Carmichael, 2-0-5; Dave Carney, 2-0-0; Brian Bobrovicz, 0-0-0.

Derby reserves topped the Mulvane "B" squad, 56-33. Sophomore Don Winn topped Mulvane scoring with seven. The Mulvane box score: Terry Crook, 0-0-0; Mark Sorenson, 0-0-2; Brian Bobrovicz, 2-1-2; Dave Carney, 0-0-1; Dan Carmichael, 2-2-3; Mike Abasolo, 0-0-0; Larry Childs, 1-2-1; Terry Allred, 2-1-3; Jerry Shoemaker, 0-0-3; Malcolm Nichols, 2-0-3, and Don Winn, 2-3-4.