

Wildcat Boys Still On Cage Slide

Rose Hill didn't waste time beating around the bush. The Rockets kicked their offense in gear quickly Tuesday night, Dec. 10, and blasted Mulvane High School's Wildcats, 82-41, in a non-league outing in Mulvane.

The Wildcats weren't in the game long, as Rose Hill blazed away early, taking a 20-8 lead after one quarter. By halftime, the Cats had only scored 16 points and the game was essentially over.

"They flat beat us," said MHS Coach Charlie Mason. "When you miss lay-ups, you can't ask anything more from running the offense. We had the shots but missed them. That puts more pressure on the defense and usually leads to a long night."

It was a long one. The Wildcat starters sat out most of the final quarter as reserves took over. "It gave us a good opportunity to get some kids in there who didn't have much playing time at Buhler," said Mason. "When you're over-powered, you get those opportunities. Brian Strack did a good job, Chad Carpenter did a good job and Jeremy Kendrick looked pretty good."

Strack scored eight points off the bench to take scoring honors for Mulvane, which slipped to 0-2. Starter Jeff Parson scored six points, reserve Larry Dixon scored five and starters Brian Heinrichs, J.J. Dunn and Jarrod Oldridge scored four points each.

The Wildcat junior varsity nearly pulled out a victory against Rose Hill, but missed opportunities in the last 90 seconds led to a 43-37 setback. Kendrick dumped in 15 points for the Mulvane jayvees and the guard tandem of Dixon and Strack had 16 between them.

The Mulvane sophomores came from behind in the final quarter to top the Rocket sophs, 38-35, in the first game Tuesday. Mulvane out-scored Rose Hill, 20-13, in the final quarter. Top scorers for Mulvane were Chris Heersche with 12 points, Shay Vangas with 10 and Dan Smith with eight.

Mason's Cats opened their season with part of a game at Buhler Friday night, Dec. 6. The host Crusaders eventually turned it on and buried Mulvane, 62-35, in a Chisholm Trail League outing.

"We played pretty decent basketball in the first half and really in the third quarter, too," said Mason. "We were within three points at one point in the 3rd quarter, then we had some mental breakdowns and turnovers and they got hot."

Mulvane stayed close in the early going. The game was tied after the first quarter and the Crusaders were ahead only by 22-16 at halftime. Buhler blew the game apart by out-scoring the Cats, 24-9, in the final quarter.

"There were a couple of areas which really hurt us," added Mason. "We shot 14 of 64 from the field and you're not going to win many games shooting that kind of percentage. We also had 20 turnovers and 14 of those came in the second half. We also didn't do a very good job blocking out. We gave them 19 offensive rebounds."

Scoring has been a problem for the Wildcats in the last couple years and the MHS boys expected to do more this year but it didn't happen at Buhler. "When you have 16-to-18 lay-ups and they don't go down, you can't ask for more out of the running of your offense," said Mason. "The shots were there. We just missed them."

Mulvane's offense was paced by senior lettermen Jarrod Oldridge and Jeff Parson. Each scored 10 points. J.J. Dunn scored six points and Judson Spicer had four for the varsity Cats.

Circle Thunderbird Boys Classic Pairings

Monday, Dec. 16

Game 1 -- Valley Center vs. Circle, gym No. 1, 6:15 p.m.

Game 2 -- Arkansas City vs. Mulvane, gym No. 1, 8

Game 3 -- Rose Hill vs. El Dorado, gym No. 2, 6:15

Game 4 -- Andover vs. Independence, gym No. 2, 8

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Game 5 -- losers of games 1 and 2, gym No. 1, 6:15 p.m.

Game 6 -- losers of games 3 and 4, gym No. 2, 6:15

Game 7 -- winners of games 1 and 2, gym No. 1, 8

Game 8 -- winners of games 3 and 4, gym No. 2, 8

Friday, Dec. 20

Game 9 (Seventh Place)--losers of games 5 and 6, gym No. 2, 4:30 p.m.

Game 10 (Fifth Place)--winners of games 5 and 6, gym No. 1, 4:30

Game 11 (Third Place)--losers of games 7 and 8, gym No. 1, 6:15

Game 12 (Championship)--winners of games 7 and 8, gym No. 1, 8

Boys Varsity

Rose Hill	20	14	21	27	82
Mulvane	8	8	9	16	41

Rose Hill--Brette Tanner 14, Cory Coppage 12, Ryan Nelson 10, Derek Meyers 4, Jeremy Anthis 6, Aaron Kendall 4, Chris Dye 14, Eric Landon 4, Clayton Dye 10, Jeff Gordon 4. FG 33 (3), FT 7-14, F 20.

Mulvane--Brian Strack 8, Jarrod Oldridge 4, Jeff Parson 6, Larry Dixon 5, Brian Heinrichs 4, Steve Nelson 3, J.J. Dunn 4, Judson Spicer 2, Jeremy Kendrick 2, Chad Carpenter 3. FG 14 (0), FT 13-18, F 15.

Junior Varsity Boys

Rose Hill	15	11	6	11	43
Mulvane	13	5	4	15	37

Rose Hill--Tim Cline 4, Ryan Nelson 8, Aaron Krueger 4, Jason Landers 2, Troy Smith 5, Eric Landon 9, Matt Pursley 5, Chris Connor 2, David Ruark 4. FG 17 (0), FT 9-15, F 16.

Mulvane--Larry Dixon 8, Brian Strack 8, Jeremy Kendrick 15, Jason DeWald 2, Dan Smith 4. FG 15 (2), FT 5-14, F 15.

Sophomore Boys

Rose Hill	7	4	11	13	35
Mulvane	6	5	7	20	38

Rose Hill--Aaron Krueger 3, Cody Hughes 13, Jason Landers 4, Tim Cline 2, Pat Beedles 5, Brett Weber 4, Jay Johnson 2, Kevin Mohr 2. FG 10 (3), FT 6-10, F 12.

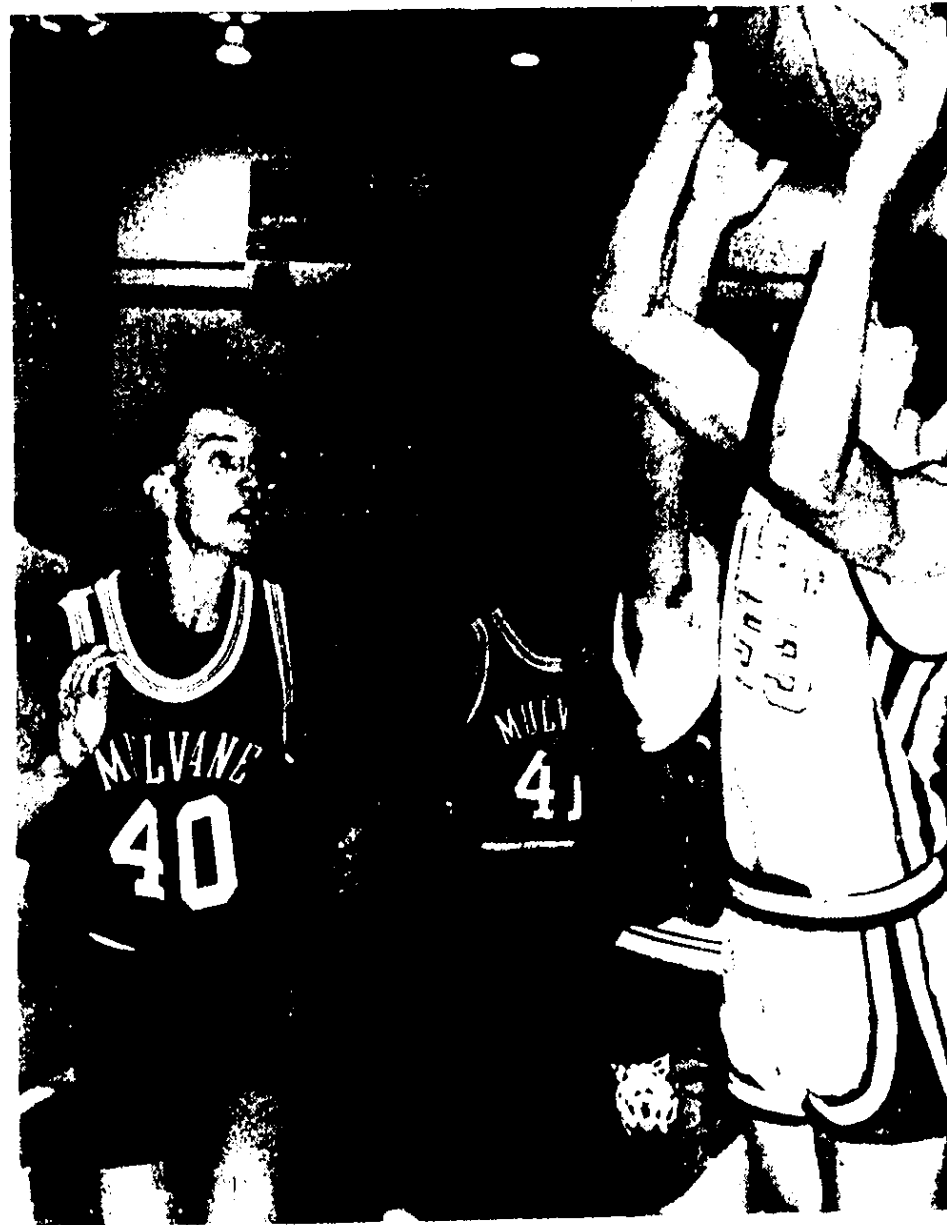
Mulvane--Chris Heersche 12, Shay Vangas 10, Jamie Belden 6, Jason DeWald 2, Dan Smith 8. FG 16 (0), FT 6-12, F 17.

The Mulvane junior varsity fell short with a 4th quarter comeback at Buhler, losing by a 51-40 count. Coach Dale Landes' club got 15 points from guard Larry Dixon. Dan Smith scored eight points and Brian Strack had nine for the jayvees.

In the sophomore contest at Buhler, the Wildcats measured out a 54-43 triumph in

their first game under new coach Scott Swaney. Dan Smith dumped in 16 points, Jamie Belden had 14 and 6-4 center Jason DeWald scored eight for the MHS sophs.

Next week, the Wildcats will be playing in the eight-team Thunderbird Classic at Circle. Mulvane plays at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, in the opening round of games.



Brian Heinrichs (40), J.J. Dunn (41) and Jeff Parson put the pressure on against Buhler

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	8	8	10	9	35
Buhler	8	14	16	24	62

Mulvane--Steve Nelson 1, Jarrod Oldridge 10, Judson Spicer 4, Jeff Parson 10, Brian Heinrichs 2, J.J. Dunn 6, Chad Carpenter 2. FG 14-64 (1), FT 6-16, F 10.

Buhler--Andy Balzer 11, Devin Bowman 12, Chad Fleming 8, Mike Voth 2, Casey Herning 2, Andy Dornel 2, Matt Hebb 13, Ryan Friesen 12. FG 26-71 (1), 9-16, F 19.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	8	5	14	13	40
Buhler	11	14	17	7	51

Mulvane--Larry Dixon 15, Chris Heersche 2, Brian Strack 9, Jeremy Kendrick 4, Jason DeWald 2, Dan Smith 8. FG 17-33 (0), FT 6-13, F 17.

Buhler--Matt Yoder 7, Jeremy Balzer 2, Max Heinlein 3, Bryan Hamel 8, Matt Moschke 10, Chris Kliever 6, Ryan Friesen 5, Jake Schwartz 2, Tom Preheim 6. FG 22-46 (0), FT 7-12, F 24.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	15	9	16	15	55
Buhler	14	14	6	9	43

Mulvane--Dan Smith 16, Jamie Belden 14, Shay Vangas 5, Jason DeWald 8, Jerry Lambrecht 2, Josh Lachina 4, Chris Heersche 6. FG 21 (0), FT 11-16, F 10.

Buhler--Matt McCahee 6, Jake Swartz 10, Tom Preheim 7, Chad Weber 4, Manish Cotecha 8, Monte McConunghy 4, Brad Fenwick 2, B.J. Walle 3. FG 19 (1), FT 4-13, F 8.