

Cats Chasing Maize Repeat

When strength matches weakness, it doesn't take a genius to figure out what happens. Mulvane High School's boys basketballers opened defense of their Maize Boys Invitational championship Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 11, from a point of strength.

A Wildcat strength is quickness and pressing, and those two factors worked well against Valley Center's inexperienced backcourters. The Wildcats broke ahead, 17-10, in the first quarter and dominated Valley in the tourney opener, 87-54.

That win, running the club's record to 3-0, advanced Coach Charlie Mason's Cats into a semifinal game at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, against Nickerson, a 59-36 winner over Andale.

"We got off to a real good start, then just kind of kept it going," admitted Mason. "We pressed and they turned it over. We felt like they were awfully weak at guard and wanted to try to take advantage of that. They are inexperienced there and we felt like we could take advantage of it."

It also didn't hurt the Cats to dominate the boards as Valley tried a three-guard game to counter-act Mulvane's pressing defense. "We were able to dominate the boards then," said Mason. "If we missed a shot, someone was there to get the offensive rebound and put it back up. Several times, we got three or four shots and once I can recall us getting seven shots before we made it."

The only two areas of concern for Mason were on defense and at the free throw stripe, where Mulvane had another poor showing, making only 11 of 25. "We still need to work a lot defensively," said Mason. "I'm not satisfied with it right now, especially



MAIZE BOYS INVITATIONAL FRIDAY, DEC. 14

Game 5--Valley Center vs. Andale, 3 p.m.
Game 6--Clearwater vs. Canton-Galva, 4:30
Game 7--Mulvane vs. Nickerson, 6
Game 8--Pratt vs. Maize, 7:30

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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

our half-court defense. We're so offensive-minded that we're taking chances to get that quick score. It was a lot better against Valley than it was against Goddard."

Mason also may have found his No. 5 man. Starting for the first time, Buddy Moyer, a 6-foot-4 senior, had his best game of the year with 11 points and 14 rebounds against Valley. "He had a fine ball game," admitted Mason.

Senior Greg Quigley helped lead the Cat scoring, hitting a career-high 23 points, 17 coming in the first half. Senior Lonny Travis had his second straight big game, scoring a game-high 24 points, and guard David Belew added 13 points. Reserve Mike Rodgers

finished with six points.

Mulvane used a fourth quarter avalanche to bury Goddard, 76-51, in a Chisholm Trail League game Friday night, Dec. 7, in the Wildcats' home opener. The place was packed as Mulvane shelled the Lions, 29-14, as the senior all-state prospects Travis and Belew scored 11 and 8 points, respectively, to blow the lid off things.

Lonny finished with a season-high 29 points, 19 coming in the second half, and Belew scored 21, 14 coming in the last half. Senior Greg Quigley was a third Wildcat in double figures, hitting for 14. Buddy Moyer, coming off the bench, hit for six.

The quick, swarming Mulvane defense forced the Lions into 26 turnovers, a big factor in the victory. Every time Goddard made a move, the Cats made a counter-move of bigger proportions behind its ball-hawking defense.

The MHS junior varsity dropped its second in a row, losing to Goddard, 48-41. Sophomore Morgan LeClair led all scorers with 15 points and Mike Stump, Wes Moore and Curtis Hicks all had six points apiece.

MAIZE BOYS INVITATIONAL First Round

Valley Center	10	13	14	17--54
Mulvane	17	26	26	18--87

Valley Center--Scott Willis 6, Mike Hampton 9, Tim Ruth 11, Gary Black 2, Jamie Williams 6, Scott Hunter 4, Ron Eskridge 14, Kevin Shaw 2. FG 19-48, FT 16-27, F 16.

Mulvane--David Belew 13, Greg Quigley 23, Aaron Huslig 4, Lonny Travis 22, Mike Rodgers 6, Bo Jones 2, Jamie Lough 2, Buddy Moyer 11, Wes Moore 2, Mike Stump 2. FG 38-64, FT 11-26, F 16.

Nickerson	59	Andale	36
Pratt	65	Clearwater	35
Maize	82	Canton-Galva	57

Boys Varsity

Goddard	8	16	13	14--51
Mulvane	21	8	18	29--78

Goddard--Kenny Putnam 10, Jeff Roberts 6, Steve Stucky 6, Tim McCool 12, Mike German 7, Ron Canupp 6, Brad Hawk 4. FG 22-50, FT 7-9, F 22.

Mulvane--David Belew 21, Aaron Huslig 2, Buddy Moyer 6, Greg Quigley 14, Lonny Travis 29, Mike Stump 4. FG 28-57, FT 20-30, F 13.

Boys Junior Varsity

Goddard	13	10	13	12--48
Mulvane	10	13	6	12--41

Goddard--Jeff Roberts 6, David Kingrey 14, Tim Davis 8, Tony Putnam 7, Steve Petracek 4, Ken Schneider 2, Robert Bunting 7. FG 16-41, FT 16-22, F 18.

Mulvane--Mike Stump 6, Wes Moore 6, Kevin Kastl 5, David Belew 3, Morgan LeClair 15, Curtis Hicks 6. FG 16-46, FT 9-19, F 15.

Sophomore Boys

Goddard	10	5	10	14--39
Mulvane	34	14	10	16--74

Goddard--Tim Callison 16, Jeff Howell 2, Steve Center 4, Steve Dixon 3, Jarad Mares 2, Brian Goldsmith 8, Dan Doonan 8. FG 17-44, FT 5-11, F 15.

Mulvane--Brad Singleterry 14, Morgan LeClair 12, Todd Fox 8, Bryson Butts 7, Kyle Steadman 6, Lyle Graybeal 3, Jeff Williams 10, Andrew Swayne 2, Ken Baer 2, Heath Fincham 5, James Tackett 5. FG 33-64, FT 8-16, F 16.

The Wildcat sophomores, playing their first game of the year, had little trouble disposing of the Lions, 74-39. It was all over after the Cats put on a 34-10 blitz in the opening frame. Brad Singleterry and LeClair scored 14 and 12 points, respectively, and guard Jeff Williams added 10 for Mulvane.