Cats Ride 2nd Half Surge

For one half, the Mulvane Wildcats were pussycats, but in the second half of their first-round game Tuesday night. Dec. 13, in the Maize Boys Invitational, they were wild Cats indeed.

Coach Charlie Mason woke his dozing Wildcats up in the second half and Mulvane roared past Clearwater, 72-56, breaking the game open by reeling off 20 consecutive points in the fourth quarter.

The victory moved Mulvane into the semifinals at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, against Andale, a 52-50 winner over the host Maize team Tuesday. In other first-round action, Valley Center throttled Conway Springs, 64-50, and Pratt clubbed Nickerson, 50-40.

The championship game will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Maize and the third place game will be at 6.

The victory, raising the Wildcats' record to 3-0, was accomplished by wiping out a 25-20 halftime lead by the Indians. "We were lethargic and stood around until the second half," said Mason. "Then, in the 4th quarter, we came out in our man-to-man and pressed them and that was the difference."

Junior Lonny Travis gunned down a team-high 22 points, 13 coming in the second half, and senior Todd Travis finished with 19 points, 14 coming in the last half. Two other scorers for the Cats were in double figures, junior David Belew with 13 points and senior Kevin Bell with 12, 10 of those in the final half.

Four nights earlier, the Wildcats opened their run for the Chisholm Trail League Division I title by smothering

Mulvane Varsity

Goddard 10 14 18 18--60 Mulvane 11 16 26 15--68

Goddard--Mike Noller 29, Tim McCool 6, Mark Minor 5, Rick Bradford 6, Dan Bachelor 6, Scott Harris 8, FG 28-64, FT 4-8, F 10.

Mulvane-Lonny Travis 16, David Belew 11, Kevin Bell 6, T. Travis 15, J.C. Shook 16, Greg Quigley 4. FG 32-64, FT 4-8, F 12.

Mulvane Junior Varsity

Goddard 6 18 6 13-43
Mulvane 11 14 16 16--57
Goddard--Steve Stucky 6, Steve Lechner 1, Rick
Scheer 2, Andrea Franca 6, Ron Canupp 2, Tommy
James 7, Brad Hawk 13, Kenny Putnam 6, FG

20-49, FT 3-10, F 15. Mulvane--David Kramer 8, Bo Jones 8, Robert Fortner 9, Sean Diss 3, Mike Rodgers 9, Aaron Huslig 16, Buddy Moyer 4, Mike Snow 1, FG 25-59, FT 7-13, F 14

Mulvane Sophomore

Goddard 16 19 12 17--64 Mulvane 10 11 12 22--55 Goddard--Robert Bunting 10, Tim Davis 2, Jeff Roberts 16, Todd Payne 14, Brian Huuchens 6, David Kingrey 6, Ken Schneider 4, FG 24-49, FT 16-30, F 18.

Mulvane--Kevin Kastl 10, Mike Slump 6, Mike Belew 10, Rick Lanzrath 23, Mike Snow 4, Reese Brown 3 FG 20-56, FT 15-22, F 26

MAIZE BOYS INVITATIONAL First Round

Mulvane 12 8 22 30-72
Clearwater 11 14 13 18-56
Mulvane-Ronnie Rabe 2, Mike Rayl 1, David
Belew 13, Lonny Travis 22, Kevin Bell 12, Todd
Travis 19, J.C. Shook 1, Aaron Huslig 2, FG 31-64,
FT 10-19, F 19.

Clearwater--Shawn Simon 9, Brian Hickman 23, Phil Hamill 10, Scott Blumenshine 2, Jeff Ramsey 10, Buel Williamson 2, FG 21-50, FT 14-16, F 15.

Goddard, 68-60, in a game here Friday, Dec. 9.

In two earlier games, Mulvane came out in the "win column," although one victory was rule-aided. The Cat junior varsity walked all over the Goddard jayvees, 57-43, and the school was notified Monday that Goddard's 64-55 triumph over the Wildcats in the sophomore game Friday would have to be reversed to a 2-0 Mulvane win because of an ineligible player.

Mason, whose Wildcats rose to No. 2 in Class 4A prep rankings in the Wichita Eagle, also was pleased with the total balance displayed by the MHS boys. Four players finished in double figures in scoring. Senior J.C. Shook and L. Travis led scorers with 16 points each. T. Travis was right there also, scoring 15.