

Wildcats

'Grinched'

By Panthers

It was kind of like the grinch that stole Christmas, Nickerson was. And even a mini-push in the second half couldn't put the Mulvane High School boys basketballers in the holiday spirit.

The scene Tuesday night, Dec. 13, was the first round of the Maize Boys Tournament and the Wildcats and Nickerson battled...anyway the Panthers did as they shellacked the Cats, 90-70, to knock Coach Charlie Mason's team into the consolation bracket.

Mulvane will meet Wellington at 4:45 p.m. today (Dec. 15) in the semifinal round of the tourney. A victory would put Mulvane in the consolation championship game at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. A loss will put the Cats in the seventh place game at 3 Saturday.

"We were terrible, we didn't come out and play with any intensity," complained Mason. "I thought we would be ready to play because of the way we played in our last ball game, but we weren't. It didn't matter what defense we threw up there, Nickerson just went right on through it."

The offense scored enough points to win. Seniors Sean Gillespie and Larry Lambrecht led the Cat scoring with 18 points apiece. Inside, junior Jeff Sisco had his best game, tossing in 14 points. Andrew Hodges and Derek Donaldson each scored eight points for Mulvane.

MAIZE BOYS TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND

Nickerson 24 29 17 20-90
Mulvane 16 16 16 22-70

Nickerson--Willm 5, Quillin 25, Nelson 10, Graber 8, Walker 10, Ontjes 8, Barkley 2, Allen 4, Smalling 20. FG 37 (0), FT 16-23, F 25.

Mulvane--Jeff Sisco 14, Andrew Hodges 8, Derek Donaldson 8, Larry Lambrecht 18, Sean Gillespie 18, Bruce Brashear 3. FG 25 (2), FT 14-24, F 19.

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Andale 60, Wellington 57
Valley Center 77, Andale JV 39
Winfield 58, Maize 55

TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS TODAY (DEC. 15)

Game 5--Andale JV vs. Maize, 3 p.m.
Game 6 - Wellington vs. Mulvane, 4:45
Game 7 - Valley Center vs. Winfield, 6:15
Game 8 - Andale varsity vs. Nickerson, 8:15

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

Game 9 (seventh place)--losers of games 5 and 8, 3 p.m.
Game 10 (fifth place)--winners of games 5 and 6, 4:45 p.m.
Game 11 (third place)--losers of games 7 and 8, 6:30
Game 12(championship)--winners of games 7 and 8, 8:15 p.m.