

Two Free Throws Decisive

Coffey Brews Up Win

Two free throws by Mike Coffey snapped a 49-49 tie and provided Mulvane with an upset victory over Rose Hill Tuesday night, Dec. 15, in an intra-divisional basketball game in the Chisholm Trail League.

The victory evened the record for the Wildcats at 2-2 and dropped the Rockets to 1-2.

"This is one of our bigger wins," said Cat third-year coach Charlie Mason. "Maybe it will turn things around."

Coffey's free throws came with less than a minute to play and gave the Cats a two point lead. "There are three kids you can't foul on this team and Mike's one of them," said Mason. "He's been hitting those free throws."

Defense keyed the Cat effort, though. "I'd say we played really good defense," said the Wildcat mentor. "You hold a team averaging nearly 70 points a game to only 49, you're doing a pretty good job. And you can't single out anyone because defense is such a team effort."

Mason did, however, point out that 6-foot-5 David Hagerman held Rose Hill's insider, Chris Holland, in check much of the game. Mason also utilized a switching defense, going from man-to-man to zone. "We also tried to put pressure on the outside because our

scouting report told us that they couldn't handle it."

Seniors Dale Landes, Vic Marcelle and Tim Warren carried the Cat offense, each in twin figures. Landes and Marcelle scored 12 points each and Warren had 10. Hagerman had nine points.

The Wildcat junior varsity also enjoyed a good evening, topping the visiting Rockets, 47-31, Sophomores Jim Dunegan and Kevin Bell scored 11 and 10 points, respectively, and junior Sid Colliatie added 10 points.

Inconsistent play and some turnovers early in the third quarter sent Mulvane reeling in a setback Friday night, Dec. 11, at Valley Center.

The Cats were hanging in the game at 28-26 at halftime. The Hornets came out to put the rush on Mulvane with a 15-2 edge in the third period and took control.

"We're playing inconsistently and until we can get some consistency in offense, we're going to have periods like that," said Mason. "We're not putting the ball in the hole. It's not one thing you can put your finger on. But sometime down the line, we're going to get that consistency. I feel we're explosive at times. If we can get it all together in four quarters, that's when we'll start getting better."

The Cats trailed before running off 10 straight points right before the end of the half to close the gap. After intermission, the Hornets came out with a half-court trap defense and grabbed the momentum when Mulvane made some turnovers.

"We really didn't need the halftime because we were going strong," said Mason. "We talked about and worked on that half-court trap because we knew they would be coming with it. We came out (in the third quarter) and turned the ball over two or three times and that turned the momentum against us."

Senior Dale Landes again led the Wildcat scoring with 18 points before fouling out in the fourth quarter. Tim Warren added 14 points and 6-foot-5 junior Dave Hagerman had his best outing with 10 points.

Valley made it a clean sweep by dumping the Wildcat junior varsity, 47-32, and taking a 68-28 edge in the sophomore game.

A scoreless third quarter doomed the Cat jayvees after a 22-22 tie through the first half. Sophomore Kevin Bell and junior Robert Turner led the scorers with eight points each for MHS. Kevin Butler added seven.

The Wildcat sophomores were led by Pat McElravy's 18 points. Mike Rayl added four points.

Boys Varsity

Rose Hill 9 16 13 11--49
Mulvane 11 13 12 17--53
Rose Hill--Scott Swaney 3, Chris Holland 19, Kurt McCune 12, Chuck Marquardt 2, John McDaniel 9, Eric Moeder 2, Jeff Martin 2. FG 19-50, FT 11-17, F 20.

Mulvane--Mike Coffey 6, Dale Landes 12, Tim Warren 10, Vic Marcelle 12, David Hagerman 9, J.C. Shook 2, Jim Dunegan 2. FG 21-47, FT 11-17, F 18.

Boys Junior Varsity

Rose Hill 12 4 4 11--31
Mulvane 15 9 12 11--47
Rose Hill-- Mike Bradfield 2, Doug Richardson 1, Tod Lowry 2, Ken Chadic 2, Tim Young 2, Chad Sharp 10, Kent Kringen 2, Tim Schneider 6, Jeff Prior 4. FG 13, FT 5-18, F 22.

Mulvane--Kevin Bell 10, Jim Dunegan 11, Eddie Gerlach 1, Robert Turner 2, Sid Colliatie 10, J.C. Shook 3, Allen Whitmer 2, Pat McElravy 8. FG 17, FT 13-32, F 18

Boys Varsity

Mulvane 6 20 2 26--54
Valley Center 13 15 15 20--63
Mulvane--Tim Warren 14, Mike Coffey 2, Dale Landes 18, David Hagerman 10, Vic Marcelle 4, Joey Beldon 2, J.C. Shook 4. FG 23-68, FT 8-13, F 21.

Valley Center--Terry Jennings 4, Kenny Hinds 12, David Kingsbury 7, Steve Taylor 6, Rod Tormey 3, Mark Kennedy 4, Ron Williams 12, Bud Higgs 8, Joe Wiltham 2. FG 27-62, FT 9-20, F 18.

Boys Junior Varsity

Mulvane 7 15 0 10--32
Valley Center 10 12 9 16--47
Mulvane--Kevin Butler 7, Sid Colliatie 2, Robert Turner 8, Eddie Gerlach 1, Kevin Bell 8, Jim Dunegan 4, Allen Whitmer 2. FG 12-62, FT 8-11, F 20.

Valley Center--Jay Elliott 9, Mark Kennedy 11, Dave Koeber 7, Brian Lesperance 14, Brian Kutz 1, Joe Morris 1, Matt Combs 4. FG 17-47, FT 13-22, F 14.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane 2 14 7 5--28
Valley Center 14 18 14 22--68
Mulvane--Mike Rayl 4, Pat McElravy 18, Terry Reusser 2, David Hall 2, Francis Schmidt 2. FG 13-42, FT 2-11, F 18.

Valley Center--Joe Morris 12, Scott Young 11, Shawn Watkins 5, Dave Koeber 8, Brian Kutz 24, Randy Southards 2, Frank Holmes 10. FG 28-63, FT 10-15, F 10.