

Cat Boys Blast Off At Maize, Manhandle Lions In CTL Opener

It's always better the second time around. It was for the Mulvane High School boys basketball team. The Wildcats had to go up against Andale for the second time in less than two weeks Monday night, Dec. 15, in the first round of the Maize Boys Basketball Tournament.

And it was sweeter the second time around as the Cats blasted off to a big lead in the first quarter, held tight during one Andale run, then put the Indians away with a 89-72 triumph. In their first meeting, the Cats trimmed Andale, 66-63.

In the other first-night game at Maize, Pratt's Greenbacks roasted the host Eagles, 67-55.

"I was a little worried about having to play Andale again, especially so soon," admitted MHS coach Charlie Mason. "They played us tough the first time but we got out to a 19-5 lead in the first quarter. I thought it might be another close one because we started making mistakes and suddenly it was an eight-point game. Then, we started playing better again and pulled away."

It was never closer than 12 points in the second half as Mulvane took advantage of the Indians' fouling. The Cats finished hitting 31 of 42 from the free throw line but in the second half, Mulvane was 21 of 25 to ice the game.

"We came out really playing well," said Mason of his 4-0 Wildcats, ranked no. 1 in 4A in the state by the Wichita paper. "They turned the ball over, missed some easy shots and they gave us some turnovers off the press, but it's tough to maintain that kind of momentum the entire game."

"We felt like we could score just about when we wanted to and I think the kids started taking chances on defense. We tried to extend our defense and steal the ball and that let them back into the game."

With senior guard Curtis Hicks and senior frontliner Todd Fox dropping free throws right and left, Mulvane finally started pulling away again in the

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FIRST ROUND

Andale	13 25 18 16-72
Mulvane	27 21 18 23-89
Andale--Scott Mannebach 10, James Lies 21, Greg Smarsh 10, Phil Thunberg 8, Greg Doll 11, Eric Swenson 8, Gavin Sailer 4. FG 31, FT 10-14, F 27.	
Mulvane--Curtis Hicks 20, Kyle Steadman 15, Andrew Swayne 6, Morgan LeClair 19, Todd Fox 21, Bryson Butts 4, Shay Cornejo 1, Neal Hamilton 1, Jo Nordenadler 2. FG 29, FT 31-42, F 13.	

MAIZE BOYS TOURNAMENT
Tonight (Dec. 18)

Game 5 -- Pratt vs. Valley Center (Pool No. 1), 8 p.m.

Game 6 -- Mulvane vs. Nickerson (Pool No. 2), 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 20

Game 7 -- Teams with worst records in Pool No. 1 and No. 2, 4:30 p.m.

Game 8 (Third Place) -- Teams with second-best records in Pool No. 1 and No. 2, 6:30

Game 9 (First Place) -- Teams with best records in Pool No. 1 and No. 2, 8:30

final quarter by out-scoring Andale, 23-16. Hicks finished with 20 points and Fox had 21. Two other Wildcats were in double figures, Morgan LeClair with 19 and guard Kyle Steadman had his career high with 15 points.

The Cats will meet Nickerson at 8 p.m. tonight (Dec. 18) in the next game of the tournament. A victory would put Mason's club into the 8:30 p.m. game Saturday night, Dec. 20, for the championship. A loss tonight would have the Cats coming back at 6:30 Saturday for third place.

Mulvane worked a similar game plan to perfection with about the same results Friday night, Dec. 12, in the opening game of the Chisholm Trail League Division I race. Goddard was in Mulvane Friday but it didn't take

Varsity Boys

Goddard	5 11 9 14-39
Mulvane	16 18 19 23-76
Goddard--Jared Mares 14, Don Voge 4, Paul LaBrue 5, Brian Goldsmith 1, John Wilsoq 4, Jeff Berblinger 2, Doug Keandy 3, Brent Paul 2, David Enright 4. FG 15, FT 9-16, F 24.	
Mulvane--Andrew Swayne 17, Todd Fox 14, Morgan LeClair 11, Kyle Steadman 8, Curtis Hicks 4, Shay Cornejo 11, Bryson Butts 8, Neal Hamilton 2, Jo Nordenadler 1. FG 31, FT 14-30, F 18.	

Junior Varsity Boys

Goddard	12 12 17 8-49
Mulvane	12 20 17 16-65
Goddard--James Girrens 10, Paul LaBrue 6, Shawn Klein 2, Doug Keady 2, David Enright 7, Jeff Berburger 12, Tim Dougherty 4, Scott Kingrey 2, Ryan Wiebe 4. FG 17-62, FT 15-21, F 26.	
Mulvane--Shay Cornejo 11, Toby Bulcher 6, Neal Hamilton 20, Jo Nordenadler 2, Russell Norden 6, Jeremy Hoenscheidt 4, Sean Gillespie 10. FG 25-62, FT 15-31, F 23.	

Sophomore Boys

Goddard	9 10 8 14-41
Mulvane	10 10 8 15-43
Goddard--Phillip West 6, Bryan Musson 2, Tony Weingartner 4, Scott Kingrey 8, Clint Gregory 8, Curt Howell 11, Ryan Wiebe 2. FG 17, FT 7-15, F 24.	
Mulvane--Jo Nordenadler 3, Brian Smith 4, Phillip Beehler 9, Derek Donaldson 2, Sean Gillespie 8, John Heinrichs 10, Andrew Hodges 3, Larry Lambrecht 4. FG 14, FT 15-31, F 14.	

CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE
BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS
DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Mulvane	1	0	4	0
Buhter	1	0	1	4
Valley Center	1	0	1	3
Augusta	0	1	0	2
Goddard	0	1	0	1
Wellington	0	1	0	2

DIVISION II

Circle	1	0	3	0
Rose Hill	1	0	1	2
Maize	1	0	3	2
Clearwater	0	0	3	1
Andale	0	0	1	3
Chaparral	0	1	1	1
Kingman	0	1	1	2
Andover	0	1	0	3

Mason's crew long to run Goddard out of the gym in a 76-39 rout.

The Wildcat junior varsity also dumped the visiting Lions, 65-49, and the MHS sophomores notched their first win and made it a sweep of the Lions, 43-41, in the sophomore game.

"We negated their size real early with our running game, in fact their 6-5 kid have four fouls early and never was a factor," said Mason. "We wanted to come out and put the pressure on and run the ball down the floor, two things we've been doing successfully the last few years. And it didn't matter who we put in there. With Jeff Williams and Lyle Graybeal both sick, we were a little short on the bench but they all got a lot of work. I think that will pay off later."

The Cats waltzed out to a 16-5 lead and had the game under control before intermission with a 34-16 lead. A big

19-9 spread in the third quarter enabled Mason to try all of his bench people.

Four players were again in double figures with center Andrew Swayne leading the charge with 17 points. Fox finished with 14 points and both reserve Shay Cornejo and senior Morgan LeClair scored 11. Steadman and Bryson Butts each had eight points.

Coach Bruce Eitzen's junior varsity had a big game from slick guard Neal Hamilton, who scored 20 points. Cornejo finished with 11 points and Sean Gillespie and Russell Norden had 10 and six, respectively.

John Heinrichs scored 10 points and Phillip Beehler added nine as the Cat sophs barely held off the Lions in the night's first game. Gillespie finished with eight points and both Brian Smith and Larry Lambrecht scored four for Coach Kim Grant's outfit.