

First Champs!

It's Best On Top For MHS Boys In Tourney

It doesn't get any better...at least for this moment.

The Mulvane High School boys christened their new gym in style Saturday night, Dec. 13, stopping Rose Hill's boys to take the first Mulvane Early Season Tournament championship.

The Wildcats of Coach Todd Barker handled the RH Rockets, 69-64, in the third round of the round-robin tournament. Earlier, the Wildcat had streaked past Oxford, 65-47, Thursday night, Dec. 11, and edged Douglass in overtime, 71-70, the next night. The run left Mulvane at 3-1 for the

2 Named All-Tournament; Coach, Sr. Guard Honored

The first-place Mulvane Wildcats had two players named to the first Mulvane Early Season Tournament which concluded Saturday night, Dec. 13. The tournament gave Mulvane High School a great opportunity to showcase its new gym.

Cat guard Darrin Erbert was selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Player and he was joined on the all-tournament team by Bryce Schumacher, who was Mulvane's top scorer in the tourney with 56 points.

Other players named to the seven-player squad included 6-4 seniors Jerod Seal and Darbey Cockrell, both of Douglass, Oxford senior Curt Potucek and Brett Mohr and Rhett Hansen of Rose Hill.

All seven of the the all-tournament stars

season heading into an huge early season game against Circle Tuesday night, Dec. 16. (Results will appear in next week's News.)

"It was great," said Barker. "Winning three in a row and winning our own tournament in its first year, it doesn't get much better than that. What better way to open up a gym?"

It was the first three-game winning streak in Barker's three years at the helm. And it took help off the bench to accomplish the feat. Senior reserve Rob Parker was the key performer in two of the tourney

are seniors in the tournament inaugural.

Mohr set the meet record for points in a single game when dumped in 42 during Rose Hill's second-round game against Oxford. The 5-10 senior guard finished with the high score for the tournament, hitting 82 points in the three games.

The top 10 scorers in the tournament's first year included Mohr with 82 points, Schumacher with 56 points, Seal with 56, Cockrell with 52, Erbert with 47, Hansen with 41, Oxford's Josh Wheeler with 39, Mulvane's Chad Gerwick and Oxford's Potucek with 35 apiece, and Mulvane's 6-9 Rob Parker with 30. Wildcat coach Todd Barker was selected the "All-Tournament Coach" for guiding Mulvane to the crown.

contests, especially in the finale against Rose Hill. The offense appeared stagnant until the 6-foot, 9-inch Parker was sent in late in the first quarter. "Rob Parker saved our bottoms in two games," stressed Barker. "He came up big in the Douglass game and did the same thing against Rose Hill. His size intimidated the Rose Hill boys inside and he picked up the scoring for us. I'm so happy for him and so proud of him because he has come a long ways."

Against Rose Hill, Parker finished with 16 points, hitting five of six from the floor, grabbed five rebounds and blocked four shots, which helped the Cats spurt ahead in third quarter, out-scoring Rose Hill 20-10 to get a double digit lead.

The Rockets took the Cats' stellar guard, Darrin Erbert, out of the game with a diamond and one defense but senior Bryce Schumacher made the Rockets pay with a game-high 26-point effort. Senior Chad Gerwick had 12 points and sophomore Jesse Marksberry finished with nine points.

A night earlier against Douglass, the Cats couldn't pull away down the stretch and had to win it in overtime. Parker rebounded a missed shot by Schumacher and put it back in to tie the ball game and give Mulvane the chance to win it in OT.

"We jumped all over them early (taking a 21-8 lead after one quarter) but we had a big shutdown in the third quarter and it was back-and-forth the rest of the way," emphasized Barker. "We went cold and they got back into it but we pulled it together just in time and started hitting better."

The Bulldogs out-scored Mulvane, 17-9, in the third quarter and actually took the lead in the last quarter. The Cats won it in the overtime by hitting five free throws to take a three-point lead. Douglass hit one at the gun to make it close.

Erbert went crazy, scoring 27 points to pace the offense. Gerwick had 15 points, Schumacher had 14, Parker had seven and both Clint Cox and Marksberry scored four.

The Wildcats opened their four-team tourney by spanking Oxford handily as Erbert scored 17 points, Schumacher had 16 and both Gerwick and Dan McElroy had eight.

The Cats out-boarded the Oxford Wildcats, 42-33, with Schumacher pulling down 10 caroms, Erbert getting nine, McElroy taking five boards and Ryan Rogers four.

The key stretch came right before half when Mulvane raced their lead into double-digits with a 19-7 spree to take a 39-27 lead by intermission.

The next game for Mulvane—and the final one before the Christmas holiday break—will be Friday night, Dec. 19, when Kingman comes to "Cat Country" for a Chisholm Trail League game.

Mulvane SPORTS

Mulvane Boys Early Season Tournament

THIRD ROUND

Rose Hill	16	18	10	20—64
Mulvane	19	13	20	17—69
Rose Hill—John Rogers 6, Rhett Hansen 8, Phil Harden 2, Brett Mohr 17, Brenden Taylor 14	FG 23 (7), FT 11-16, F 23			
Mulvane—Bryce Schumacher 26, Clint Cox 1, Ryan Rogers 2, Rob Parker 16, Darrin Erbert 3, Chad Gerwick 12, Jesse Marksberry 9	FG 21 (4), FT 23-27, F 17			

Douglass 68, Oxford 47

SECOND ROUND

Douglass	8	18	17	21 (6)—70
Mulvane	21	15	9	20 (7)—71
Douglass—Darbey Cockrell 24, Joe Rush 6, Aaron Overbey 11, Jerod Seal 15, Dustin Peterson 7, Rad Daly 6, Josh Reed 1	FG 27 (9), FT 16-22, F 20			
Mulvane—Chad Gerwick 15, Darrin Erbert 27, Bryce Schumacher 14, Clint Cox 4, Rob Parker 7, Jesse Marksberry 4	FG 20 (6), FT 13-27, F 21			

Rose Hill 64, Oxford 53

FIRST ROUND

Oxford	11	16	13	7—47
Mulvane	16	23	12	14—65
Oxford—Josh Wheeler 17, Curt Potucek 10, Mike Blood 2, Brian Hamilton 5, Tyson Sivils 2, Thane Buss 6, Kevin Sawyer 4	FG 18 (9), FT 9-25, F 16			
Mulvane—Darrin Erbert 17, Bryce Schumacher 16, Chad Gerwick 8, Rob Parker 7, Clint Cox 4, Dan McElroy 8, Ryan Rogers 1, Jesse Marksberry 4	FG 25 (5), FT 10-17, F 23			

Douglass 81, Rose Hill 78