

# Wildcat Victory On Mason's Christmas List, Losing Skein Three With Tourney Loss

Mulvane High School basketball coach Charlie Mason has only one thing on his "Santa's Christmas List." Mason and his MHS Wildcats are still seeking their first triumph of the year following a third straight loss Tuesday night, Dec. 17.

The Cats and Valley Center tangled in the first round of the Maize Boys Tournament and the Hornets prevailed by a 69-59 count, pushing Mulvane into the loser's bracket and a 4:15 p.m. date with Canton-Galva today (Dec. 19) in a semifinal game.

The loss ran Mulvane's record to 0-3. "We played probably our best ball game of the year," admitted Mason, who had no returning lettermen back this year. "We did a real good job until the third quarter when they put the half-court trap on and we came down and turned it over three or four times in a row. Valley took the ball and capitalized on those mistakes and that was the difference in the ball game."

The Hornets, expected to battle Buhler for the Chisholm Trail League crown, out-scored the Cats, 19-14, in the third quarter.

Mason applauded the Mulvane defensive effort as much better than the previous losses this season. "We played a lot better because we didn't press most of the way," said Mason.

## CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE BASKETBALL STANDINGS DIVISION I

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

## DIVISION II

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

## MAIZE BOYS TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

Tonight (Dec. 19)

Game 5--Canton-Galva vs. Mulvane, 4:15 p.m.  
Game 6--Maize vs. Pratt, 5:45  
Game 7--Nickerson vs. Valley Center, 7:15  
Game 8--Andale, bye

Friday, Dec. 20

Game 9 (consolation first place)--Winner of game 5 vs. Andale, 4:15 p.m.  
Game 10 (third place)--Losers of games 6 and 7, 5:45  
Game 11 (championship)--Winners of games 6 and 7, 7:15

## MAIZE TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 11 16 14 20--59  
Valley Center 15 16 19 20--69  
Mulvane--Wes Moore 2, Curtis Hicks 4, Todd Fox 18, Nick Fortin 2, Morgan LeClair 16, Bryson Butts 7, Andrew Swayne 8, Jeff Williams 2. FG 24, FT 11-19, F 18.  
Valley Center--Kevin Shaw 19, Tony Hampton 9, Tim Ruth 6, Mike Whitaker 6, Scott Hunter 8, Jamie Williams 18, Lucia Dalmi 4. FG 24, FT 21-27, F 16.

Nickerson 86, Canton-Galva 43  
Maize 61, Andale 48

"We have been having trouble with the rotation on the back side of our press and it's been hurting us."

Again, the real statistical difference came at the free throw stripe, where Valley Center went 21 of 27. Mulvane made 11 of 19 shots. "That's one of our biggest problems now," admitted Mason. "We're putting the opposition to the line too many times. You can't win many games with 24 fouls. We out-shot (in field goals made) our first two opponents but lost it at the line. Some of our fouls aren't the most intelligent fouls in the world, but they're not coming from lack of hustle, though, just lack of judgement."

The Wildcats had scoring help from many as eight players scored. Mason has been going with numbers, playing between eight and 10 players.

Junior Todd Fox led the scoring column for the Cats with 18 points. Another junior, Morgan LeClair, also was in double figures with 16 points.

## Varsity Boys

Goddard 15 20 15 15--65  
Mulvane 22 11 14 10--57  
Goddard--Jeff Roberts 18, Tony Putnam 4, Steve Petracek 11, Jared Mares 11, David Kingrey 10, Kenny Schneider 2, Preston Gonsalves 8, Chad Steward 1. FG 24-54, FT 17-30, F 11.  
Mulvane--Todd Fox 20, Andrew Swayne 15, Bryson Butts 4, Morgan LeClair 10, Reese Brown 2, Nick Fortin 4, Curtis Hicks 2. FG 27-58, FT 3-5, F 25.

## Junior Varsity Boys

Goddard 14 11 8 10--43  
Mulvane 16 16 22 12--66  
Goddard--Jared Mares 9, Chad Steward 2, Brian Goldsmith 10, Paul LaBrue 12, Steve Center 6, Brent Paul 2, Neal Hargate 2. FG 18-55, FT 7-13, F 16.  
Mulvane--Nick Fortin 10, Lyle Graybeal 12, Jeff Williams 16, Kyle Steadman 16, Shay Cornejo 12. FG 29-62, FT 8-12, F 16.

## Sophomore Boys

Goddard 11 12 15 10--48  
Mulvane 16 8 8 17--49  
Goddard--Brent Paul 6, Juan Ortega 5, Chris Napier 4, Neal Hargate 8, John Wilson 5, Jim Girrens 15, John Hopkins 2, Keith Lewis 2, Rick Powell 1. FG 19-41, FT 10-17, F 13.  
Mulvane--Neal Hamilton 10, Toby Butcher 11, Justin Moses 2, Russell Norden 2, Dan LeClair 13, Shay Cornejo 10, Ken Baer 1. FG 21-44, FT 7-12, F 15.

Center Andrew Swayne and Bryson Butts, two more juniors, scored eight and seven points, respectively.

"Until we get some confidence, it's going to take time," said Mason. "I was well-pleased with the effort against Valley. We played them tough. Each ball game we have been getting better than the last one and that's what it's going to take. Right now, all we need is a win."

The Wildcats found it difficult to get another home winning streak started thanks to Goddard Friday night, Dec. 13. The Lions came to town and bumped off the Cats, 65-57, in the club's first Chisholm Trail League game of the season. It was the second straight home defeat for Mason's boys and came on the heels of a 20-game home winning streak the last three seasons.

A hot Todd Fox kept the Wildcats ahead in the first period but Goddard

took the lead for good in the second quarter and was ahead, 35-33, at intermission.

Fox finished with 20 points and Andrew Swayne finished with a 15-point outing. Morgan LeClair scored 10 points to give the Cats three in double figures.

The Mulvane junior varsity blasted the Lions, 66-43, to notch their second victory of the young season for coach Dennis Tegethoff.

Five players scored and all five were in twin figures. Juniors Jeff Williams and Kyle Steadman both dumped in 16 points and Lyle Graybeal, another junior, and sophomore Shay Cornejo equally split 24 points. Nick Fortin added 10 points.

The sophomore boys from MHS also prevailed, coming from behind to take a 49-48 decision over the Lions. The sophomore coach is Kim Grant.

Big Dan LeClair led four sophomores in twin figures. He scored 13 points. Toby Butcher was next with 11 points and both Cornejo and Neal Hamilton scored 10.