

# The Ice Age Cometh; New Wildcat Attack

The Ice Age has arrived for the Mulvane High School boys basketball team. After running and gunning as they came off the bus in their first four games this season, the Wildcats changed gears with good results in their home opener Tuesday night, Dec. 18.

Top-ranked Valley Center was in town and the Wildcats threw ice water in their face before the Hornets finally pulled things together to recover a 48-37 victory in a Chisholm Trail League outing.

The Wildcat junior varsity also took it on the chin, VC capturing a 71-52 verdict, and making it a 3-0 sweep as the Valley sophomores out-gunned the Cat sophs, 62-41.

"The only way we were going to combat 6-5, 6-5, 6-4, 6-3 with our 6-footers was to hang onto the basketball and that's what we did," stressed MHS coach, Charlie Mason.

"We were within one point four different times in the second half, so we did the right thing. That was the only way we were going to be in the ball game with a team with the talent of Valley Center. We spread them out and tried to get the best shot possible."

The plan still produced a loss, the 5th in a row this season for MHS cagers, but the game wasn't over until the Hornets, now 5-0 and averaging more than 90 points a game, hit a couple buckets in the final minute of the game.

Mason said this type of game appeared to be the answer or at least a style which would give the Cats an opportunity to win after getting blown out of the saddle by an average of more than 35 points in four earlier games.

"We generally played the style of game we wanted to and that's what we'll be playing the rest of the year," said Mason. "I was very happy about our play. I told the kids I was proud of them because we were in the game until the 4th quarter. We had Valley doing what we wanted to them to do and we had them off-balance. They were air-balling free throws and missing shots underneath. Anytime you're scoring 95 points a game

like they are, it can really mess you up to play it slow."

Mason said there also were a couple other promising aspects to this game. "We became a team tonight," said Mason. "We did the things we've been asking them to do for six weeks, and the kids were disappointed that they didn't win the game. I don't really think they were disappointed at getting beat our first four games.

Juniors Jarrod Oldridge and Jeff Parson powered Mulvane's best performance by scoring 12 and 11 points, respectively. Toby Hoving had five points and Chris Wagoner scored four.

Ironically, the Cats scored nearly as many as they did a few nights earlier when they were still trying to run and shoot against Rose Hill in the Circle tourney.

The MHS jayvees also played well before bowing. Larry Dixson's 12 points, 11 by Chad Carpenter and eight more from J.J. Dunn topped the Cat offense.

In the sophomore game, Brian Strack's nine points led the Mulvane effort. Tim Richardson, Brian Heinrichs and Daniel Myears each scored six.

The Wildcat kept seeing stars in the

Circle Thunderbird Boys Classic, which ended Saturday afternoon, Dec. 15, with Rose Hill blistering the Cats, 97-41, in the

## Boys Varsity

Valley Center	7	13	9	19-48
Mulvane	6	7	12	12-37
Valley Center—Tony Taylor 3, Mike Drumright 10, Scott Simonsen 4, Jason Carter 10, Russell Parker 11, Craig Bally 4, Aaron Dunn 6. FG 18 (1), FT 9-21, F 13.				
Mulvane—Jeff Parson 11, Jarrod Oldridge 12, Andy Mackey 3, Chris Wagoner 4, Gary Cleverdon 2, Toby Hoving 5. FG 13 (2), FT 5-8, F 15.				

## Boys Junior Varsity

Valley Center	22	9	9	31-71
Mulvane	9	14	13	16-52
Valley Center—Kirk Royse 14, Rob Nutter 3, Aaron Towns 7, Brandon Tidemann 6, Scott Simonsen 25, Jeremy Zellers 4, Marcus Williams 2, David Parshman 8, Jon Freed 2. FG 19 (8), FT 9-21, F 14.				
Mulvane—David Boyer 6, Chad Carpenter 11, Neil Anderson 6, Jay Jackson 2, J.J. Dunn 8, Brian Strack 5, Larry Dixson 12, Judson Spicer 2. FG 23 (3), FT 3-8, F 22.				

## Sophomore Boys

Valley Center	7	28	13	14-62
Mulvane	7	10	5	19-41
Valley Center—Brandon Wilson 6, Cale Good 7, Darin Gleason 8, David Rutschman 13, Kevin Ward 1, Denny Bevin 4, Marcus Williams 10, Scott Carter 1, Jon Freed 6, Darren Edwards 2, Jamie Jacob 4. FG 20 (0), FT 22-42, F 14.				
Mulvane—J.J. Dunn 4, Brian Strack 9, Brian Heinrichs 6, Robert Glaser 4, Bill Humphries 4, Tim Richardson 6, Daniel Myears 6, Shawn Ebersole 2. FG 15 (2), FT 9-13, F 27.				

## Circle Thunderbird Boys Classic Results

### Seventh Place

Rose Hill	33	27	19	18-97
Mulvane	9	16	10	6-41
Rose Hill—Corey Coppage 27, Bobby Simmons 26, John Ward 4, Kelly Farber 11, Chris Dye 14, Jon Rucas 15. FG 40-69 (2), FT 15-19, F 13.				
Mulvane—Andy Mackey 12, Toby Hoving 5, Jarrod Oldridge 5, Jeff Parson 7, Gary Cleverdon 5, Brock Davis 3, Larry Dixson 2, Judson Spicer 2. FG 16-51 (0), FT 9-22, F 15.				

### Championship

El Dorado 58, Arkansas City 40

### Third Place

Circle 63, Independence 54

### Fifth Place

Andover 69, Augusta 61

### Semifinals

Andover	22	18	22	24-86
Mulvane	14	16	11	26-67

Andover—Tony Esposito 15, Michael Glades 18, Noel Downing 15, Matt Patterson 2, Cayle Bunton 11, Mark Burgess 5, Rod Bouwens 4, Bob Scott 2, Joey Claussen 10. FG 34 (1), FT 17-23, F 25.

Mulvane—Jeff Parson 14, Gary Cleverdon 11, Chris Wagoner 8, Andy Mackey 5, Judson Spicer 7, Jarrod Oldridge 7, Larry Dixson 2, Brad Rayl 1, Toby Hoving 5, Brock Davis 7. FG 25 (3), FT 14-28, F 21.

Augusta 63, Rose Hill 58  
El Dorado 62, Independence 58  
Arkansas City 80, Circle 70

game for 7th place.

Two nights earlier, Mulvane battled well but didn't have the guns against Andover, the Trojans registering an 86-67 victory in a semifinal game.

In the game for 7th place, Rose Hill blasted off into the wild blue yonder, out-scoring Mulvane, 33-9, in the opening eight minutes and rolling up the game at halftime with a 60-25 edge. Game, match, set!



Wildcats' Gary Cleverdon looks toward basket but charged against Augusta; Cats' Andy Mackey moves in at right