

Not Even Santa Claus Could Make It Jolly

Not even a visit from Santa Claus could make the season for a jolly one for Mulvane High School boys basketball coach Charlie Mason.

His Wildcats slipped to 0-4 this season Saturday night, Dec. 16, in the final round of the Chaparral Boys Round Robin Tournament. Wellington laced the Cats, 58-47, Saturday. A night earlier, Garden Plain blew past Mulvane, 75-56, and Thursday night, Dec. 14, the Cats opened the tourney by bowing to the Roadrunner hosts, 89-51.

"We played better against Wellington than we did the previous two games," admitted Mason. "We've had four games and have had four different line-ups. We took 11 people to the tournament and 11 people played each game. We're still trying to find five people who can play together."

Mason singled out junior Andy Mackey as the club's most consistent player during the tournament. Gary Cleverdon, a sophomore, was the Cats' No. 1 scorer. "And Jeff Parson also played pretty good," said Mason. "It's just a matter of trying to find the people who can play and score and do the things we need to do to win ball games. We need to rebound better. We need to take care of the ball better and we need to not foul so much."

The Crusaders bruised their way to a 14-6 lead after one quarter and had things in control at halftime, leading 34-17.

"We did play a little better defense against Wellington but we didn't play near the athletes we did the first two nights," said Mason. "We did a better job rebounding, which had hurt us the previous two nights, and we tried to run our offense. When we ran it right, we scored. When we didn't run it right, we turned the ball over."

Chaparral Boys Round Robin Tourney

THIRD ROUND

Mulvane 6 11 12 18-47
Wellington 14 20 11 13-58

Mulvane—Todd Hedstrom 2, Jeff Sisco 16, Andy Mackey 5, Gary Cleverdon 20, Jarrod Oldridge 2, Jeff Parson 2. FG 15 (3), FT 8-13, F 23.

Wellington—Mark Erickson 4, John Vargas 9, Kelly Adams 12, Jeff Hill 4, Frank Cornejo 22, Rick McConnell 7. FG 17 (2), FT 18-27, F 13.

Chaparral 72, Garden Plain 65

SECOND ROUND

Garden Plain 12 24 24 15-75
Mulvane 11 9 7 29-56

Garden Plain—Pat Meyer 15, Pete Meyer 11, Jenks 2, Bob Heheisel 13, Mike Putz 9, T. Putz 4, Paul Meyer 7, Chapple 2, Haukap 2, Scheer 6, Hutchison 4. FG 25 (1), FT 22-33, F 13.

Mulvane—Toby Hoving 2, Andy Mackey 9, Jarrod Oldridge 7, Jeff Parson 6, Gary Cleverdon 23, Todd Butcher 5, Jeff Sisco 4. FG 22 (2), FT 10-14, F 24.

Chaparral 58, Wellington 56

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 4 12 9 26-51
Chaparral 20 19 27 25-89

Mulvane—Gary Cleverdon 8, Todd Butcher 7, Jeff Sisco 7, Jeff Parson 5, Andy Mackey 5, Jarrod Oldridge 5, Toby Hoving 4, Scott Travis 4, Bill Harrington 4, Guy Alvarez 2. FG 18 (3), FT 12-27, F 19.

Chaparral—Marc McCann 28, Britt Whealy 4, Justin Hill 15, Bruce Latta 7, Brian Conrady 2, Andy Burnet 6, Dan Shudry 17, Jeff Troyer 4, Mike Hooley 2. FG 36 (1), FT 16-26, F 24.

Garden Plain 48, Wellington 46

Cleverdon gunned in 20 points against the Crusaders and senior center Jeff Sisco finished with 16. Mackey was the only other Mulvane scorer with more than a bucket—he scored five points.

Garden Plain wasted little time hammering down hard on the Cats. A surge in the second quarter which saw the Owls roll out 24 points to nine for MHS gave GPa a 36-20 halftime cushion, and that was expanded in the third quarter with another 24-7 tear.

High for the Cats against Garden Plain was Cleverdon with 23 points. Mackey scored nine points, followed by sophomores Jarrod Oldridge with seven and Parson with six.

Against Chappy, Mulvane again was out of it in the first half. The Roadrunners blistered their way to a 20-4 first quarter lead and were ahead, 39-16, at intermission.

"As time goes on, it's going to get better because the kids are going to learn the system and learn to do things we need to have them do for us to be able to compete," said Mason. "When we have 5-10 post people out there, it's tough. We're doing as much as we can. It's difficult to compete with more experienced, bigger people."

Ten of the 11 players scored against Chaparral in the first tourney game. Nobody hit double figures but Cleverdon was high with eight points, senior Todd Butcher scored seven, as did the 6-foot, 6-inch



senior Sisco, and Oldridge, Mackey and Parson had five apiece.

Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Valley Center	2	0	5	0
Buhaler	2	0	3	3
Augusta	1	1	4	2
Chaparral	1	1	2	4
Wellington	0	1	2	3
Mulvane	0	1	2	3
Mulvane	0	2	0	5
DIVISION II				
Chaparral	2	0	6	0
Kingman	2	0	4	2
Andover	1	0	3	2
Andax	1	1	4	2
Clearwater	0	1	0	5
Cirle	0	2	3	2
Rose Hill	0	2	0	6

Last Tuesday's Results

Andover 75, Rose Hill 65
Valley Center 87, Mulvane 37
Chaparral 69, Cirle 58
Augusta 81, Mazze 67
Buhaler 57, Goddard 56
Kingman 51, Clearwater 49

Games Friday, Dec. 22

No games scheduled—Christmas Break