

Wildcat Boys Run To Daylight; Pull Away Against Kingman

When Todd Barker took over the Mulvane High School boys basketball program, he promised one thing. It was the only game he knew.

Barker promised the Wildcats would run, that they would get up and down the floor with the best of them.

The Cats were on the run Friday night, Dec. 15, at Kingman. When the dust settled, the Wildcats had a 65-52 triumph over the host Eagles.

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	17	15	15	18—65
Kingman	13	14	16	9—52

Mulvane—Mike Abasolo 17, Brad Canfield 4, James Baker 10, Luke Cox 1, Matt Hendren 4, Neil Gosch 5, Jeremy Brown 13, Darrin Erbert 6, Greg Nunn 5. FG 26 (1), FT 12-16, F 14.

Kingman—Jarrod McClafflin 4, Kevin Fischer 6, Kevin Criman 16, Nick Armour 5, Andy Smith 4, Jonathan Sterling 7, Garrett Krehbiel 7, Scout Woodward 3. FG 23 (1), FT 5-11, F 17.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	18	17	7	20—62
Kingman	15	19	10	15—59

Mulvane—Luke Cox 14, Greg Nunn 8, Chad Gerwick 4, Raymond Lazier 6, Sean Holman 3, Darrin Erbert 6, Clint Cox 4, Ryan Rogers 4, Bryce Schumacher 13. FG 21 (4), FT 16-25, F 26.

Kingman—Garret Holder 8, Derec Lacio 2, Joey Knapiac 4, Andy Smith 12, Niel McCune 3, Adam Hook 20, Nick Armour 4, Scott Woodward 6. FG 22 (0), FT 16-28, F 20.

"We played pretty good, although we were up and down a bit," said Barker, whose Wildcats boosted their record to 3-2. "We fought them off, though. I thought we did all right."

Barker would have found out more about his team Tuesday night, Dec. 19, when Andale was scheduled to be in Mulvane. However, that game was postponed because of bad weather and will now be played Friday night, Jan. 5, in Mulvane. Andale stands 4-1 overall going into the Christmas break.

Kingman and the Cats were at each other's throats most of the first three quarter before Mulvane out-scored Kingman, 18-9, in the final stanza to pull away.

"I think they got a little tired in the last quarter and we were able to run more," said Barker. "Our conditioning and our depth paid off. We were able to get some easy baskets and they started fading. We just wore them down, I felt. We kept running players at them and we kept pushing the ball up and down the floor. It tends to take a toll on people who are not used to doing it all the time. And we're getting there."

That's where Mulvane's balance and depth came to the forefront. The Wildcats appear to have between eight and 10 kids

who can play and Barker used them to perfection at Kingman.

Nine players scored against the Eagles, who slipped to 2-2 for the season. Senior Mike Abasolo scored 17 points and guard Jeremy Brown finished with 13. James Baker was in double figures with 10 points while Darrin Erbert, Neil Gosch and Greg Nunn had six and five points, respectively.

"Going into the game, the scouting report was pretty positive," said Barker. "We felt like we could play man defense against them and the kids picked it up a notch and worked it. It was a pretty important win, too."

What the victory did was get the Cats back on track after two consecutive defeats to Circle last week.

"In the first half, we executed really well," said Barker. "We had a slow third quarter but came back in the fourth. We rebounded well, especially in the first quarter with Neil, Mike and Brad (Canfield) hitting the boards. That's one thing that kept us on top in the first half, everybody was getting to the boards and we were winning the rebound battle."

It also helped the Wildcats in the shooting department, where Barker's guys hit

49% for the game, 26 of 53.

Mulvane also had its way in the junior varsity contest, measuring out a 62-59 verdict over Kingman.

Coach Scott Swaney's troopers were led by big Luke Cox's 14, Bryce Schumacher, who had 13, Gregg Nunn, who had eight, and Erbert, who had six points.

Chisholm Trail League Boys Basketball Standings

DIVISION II

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Circle	2	0	6	0
Rose Hill	1	0	2	2
Andale	0	0	4	1
Mulvane	1	1	3	2
Kingman	0	1	2	2
Chaparral	0	1	2	3
Clearwater	0	1	1	4

DIVISION I

Buhler	1	0	5	0
Goddard	1	0	4	0
Augusta	1	0	2	1
Maize	0	0	2	2
Andover	0	1	3	2
Valley Center	0	1	3	2
Wellington	0	1	2	3

Games Thursday, Dec. 21

Augusta at Chanute
Goddard at Buhler