

Augusta Defeats Wildcats 57-41

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The Augusta Orioles defeated the Mulvane Wildcats Tues. night 57-41. But the Wildcats can be very proud of their effort. The Mulvane team was looking good in the first game of the season when two starters got hurt. After this, the Wildcats looked very bad for three and a half games. Many people gave up on the Wildcats.

But Mulvane has outstanding coaching and great pride. This is an unstoppable combination. The Wildcats played great basketball last night. Steve Layton played one of his best games scoring 10 points and rebounding well against big Augusta. Steve hustled every minute he played and he was real impressive.

Dale Grundeman played probably his best game this year scoring nine points and playing a good game. Mike Davis played a beautiful floor game, scored seven points, and gave a 100 percent effort all the way.

Sophomore Phil Morgan played an outstanding defensive game, added six big points in the second half, and was great on the boards.

But the biggest surprise for the Wildcat fans was number 23. Tall Jerry Haynes had not even been seen in a basketball suit this year. Last night he played his first game against one of the best centers in the state. Jerry and the rest of the Wildcat defense held Dick Crist to one field goal. Jerry also had six points and did a great job of rebounding.

The Wildcats have two weeks before their next game. Quinn Radford will be back in the line-up for that game. The people who missed last night's game missed a really outstanding effort by the Wildcats. I am sure that Mulvane will continue to work this hard.

I am sincerely convinced that the Wildcats are going to come on strong in January and February and I think they are going to surprise a lot of people.

I will even go so far as to predict a victory for Mulvane in their next game against Antony.