

Three-Game Sweep

Boys Composed, Sweep Crusaders

Playing with composure means doing those little things that win ball games. It's something Mulvane boys basketball coach Charlie Mason has been in search of all season.

Mason found that composure Friday night, Dec. 17, at Wellington as Mulvane swept three games from the host Crusaders. The Cat varsity capped the evening with a 58-47 decision. The junior varsity wrapped up a brilliant comeback win with a 50-48 victory, and the sophomore Wildcats scorched Wellington, 52-40, with a final quarter blitz.

"We played a lot better overall and in those critical times, we played with a lot more composure," said Mason. "we feel a lot better about the games because we won all three down there. Anytime you win a league game and win it on the road, it's a big win. We're not that far off of where we had hoped to be at this point. We're only four points from having a 4-1 record."

Instead, the Wildcats are 2-3 heading into a two-week break for the holidays. They won't play again until Jan. 7th at the home against Augusta.

Mulvane led most of the way but couldn't pull away to a comfortable lead. The final quarter was decisive in that the Wildcats put on a surge after

Wellington closed the gap to two points and they did it by hitting six of 10 free throws down the stretch.

Mason was happy with his club's response to the full-court pressure by Wellington. "They put on as much pressure full court as anybody we'll face all year," said Mason. "They're very quick. They don't have much height so they try to make up for it with quickness and a pressing defense."

Although 6-foot-6 senior David Hagerman was out with illness, his size wasn't missed much as 6-4 Todd Travis, 6-4 Kevin Butler and 6-2 sophomore Lonny Travis controlled the backboards. Mulvane registered a 39-33 edge there with T. Travis, who had his best game overall, pulling down 16 caroms and Butler and L. Travis pulling down eight and six, respectively.

"We knew David wasn't going to play and Butler did a fine job filling in," said Mason. "We didn't change anything but maybe each player individually worked a little harder to get the job done."

The Cats got the job done by enjoying their best balanced offensive effort of the year, as four players made it to twin figures. T. Travis led all scorers with 15 points and guard Kevin Bell, a junior, added 13. L. Travis scored 12 and Butler added 10.

The Cat junior varsity came from 13 points off the pace to clip Wellington at the wire. Sophomore David was the chief architect, gunning in 11 points in the fourth quarter when Mulvane out-distanced the Crusaders, 24-10.

The Wildcats pulled to within three with 40 seconds to tick. Belew hit a driving layup, then on the next time down, made both ends of a foul to put the Cats in position to win their first of the season.

Junior J.C. Shook scored seven points for MHS and Terry Reusser, Jamie Lough and Bo Jones each scored six points.

The Wildcat sophomores hiked their record to 2-1 behind Greg Quigley's 13 points and 11 and 10, respectively, by Aaron Huslig and Bo Jones. Mulvane out-scored the Crusaders, 18-7, in the final eight minutes.

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	12	13	15	18-58
Wellington	10	10	16	11-47

Mulvane—Kevin Bell 13, Lonny Travis 12, Kevin Butler 10, Sid Colliatle 2, Todd Travis 15, Allen Whitmer 3, David Belew 3. FG 21-49, FT 18-26, F 14.

Wellington—Mark Sneed 8, Damon Jones 5, Jesse Ybarra 14, Jeff Everhart 6, John Huck 4, Greg Whaley 2, Gene Watkins 4, Steve Scheuler 4. FG 21-48, FT 5-13, F 24.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	12	8	8	24-50
Wellington	8	20	10	10-48

Mulvane—Greg Quigley 2, David Belew 21, Terry Reusser 6, Jamie Lough 6, J.C. Shook 7, Mike Rayl 2, Bo Jones 6. FG 20-49, FT 10-17, F 8.

Wellington—Wilbur Scobee 9, Eric Northbrook 4, Donnie Stark 5, Andy Tatum 12, Steve Scheuler 10, Jim Wetta 4, Mark Conrejo 4. FG 22-51, FT 4-7, F 13.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane	11	15	8	18-52
Wellington	14	10	9	7-40

Mulvane—Greg Quigley 13, Robert Fortner 1, Buddy Moyer 3, David Kramer 8, Bo Jones 10, Aaron Huslig 11, Jamie Lough 6. FG 20-35, FT 12-25, F 14.

Wellington—Russell 10, Williams 8, Zaka 2, Ward 16, Gooch 2, Stone 2. FG 17-46, FT 6-12, F 22.