

Mulvane Thumps Andover, 69 - 44

By John Carney

Victory number five came last Friday for the Wildcats in a 69-44 trouncing of the Andover Trojans. This is the fourth game the Wildcats have defeated their opponents by more than 20 points. The other win was a 3-point decision over the Burrton Chargers. As the Christmas break arrived the 'Cats' points per game average was 65.4 while their opponents have only managed 44.6 points per game.

Overall the Wildcats are 5-0, in league play are tied for first with Kingman and Augusta at 2-0, and are ranked number 10 in the state in Class AAA by the Wichita Eagle. Two other Chisholm Trail League teams also rank in the top ten in Class 3-A. They are third-ranking Kingman and sixth-ranking Augusta.

The next 'Cat game is on January 5 at Towanda against the Circle T Birds. Three days later the Wildcats get to meet the Augusta Orioles on their home court for the first battle of two of the three league leading teams. The third team, also with a 2-0 league record, is Kingman. Although neither of these two games will count in league play, they are very vital to both the Wildcats and their opponents. The next league game is against Valley Center on January 15.

The Wildcats started the scoring off in the Andover game after 1:18 had ticked off the clock, from that point on the 'Cats held the lead. The Wildcats did get a little scare late in the game as both Max Nichols and Del Hargrove fouled out with more than 7 minutes of basketball remaining to play. Their substitutes, however, picked up right where they left off, and with 27 seconds left to play the 'Cats held their biggest lead of the game, 69-40.

Craig Levering led both the Wildcats offensive and defensive efforts. He grabbed off 13 caroms, 9 in the first period, and popped in 7 field goals and 3 free throws for a total of 17 tallies. Del Hargrove finished second to Levering in both categories adding 14 points offensively and grab-

bing 0: 8 rebounds. Max Nichols also reached double figures by adding 11 counters.

	FG	FT	F	TP
C. Levering	7-16	3-6	3	17
P. Roney	4-8	0-1	0	8
M. Nichols	5-7	1-2	4	11
D. Hargrove	5-10	4-7	5	14
R. Farber	4-5	0-0	4	8
T. Craig	0-12	2-4	3	2
G. Fleming	0-3	1-2	1	1
T. Flinn	1-3	2-4	2	4
D. Carmichael	2-2	0-0	0	4
L. Dame	0-0	0-0	0	0
S. Butts	0-0	0-0	0	0
S. Day	0-1	0-0	0	0

The Wildcat J. V. squad lost the opening game of Friday night's double header by a score of 44-43. The 'Cats led, 43-42, with 7 seconds to go, but the Trojans connected on a six-footer as the buzzer rang to give them the one-point victory.

Terry Flinn led all scorers with 12 points, followed by Steve Butts with 10, and Skip Day with 8.

	FG	FT	F	TP
D. Carmichael	1	2	3	3
S. Day	2	4	1	8
T. Flinn	4	4	3	12
G. Fleming	1	5	3	7
S. Butts	4	2	1	10
L. Dame	1	1	3	3
D. Carney	0	0	0	0