



Senior Tim Warren [13] wheels around Wellington's Washington

Warren Scores 20

Comeback Fuels Cats

There were some at Friday night's basketball game against Wellington who paid their money but missed the game. Those who left at intermission don't know what they missed.

Mulvane's boys team rallied in the final minutes of the Dec. 18th game and nipped Wellington, 56-53, in an exciting Chisholm Trail League game.

The Wildcat B-team couldn't get its offense going in the fourth quarter and stumbled in a 45-31 defeat to Wellington.

Coach Charlie Mason's A-teamers hiked their record to 3-2 behind an inspired last half and a pressing defense which rattled the Crusaders into numerous mistakes, allowing the likes of Tim Warren to score 18 points in the second half and junior David Hagerman to come up with the big plays inside.

"It was an exciting ball game but it shouldn't have been," said Mason. "We didn't come out and play very good basketball in the first half but we started moving, started playing some good defense and won the game. Wellington's got to be the best 0-5 team in the state."

Behind 30-18 at halftime, the Cats got back in the game behind a full-court press and consistent play. "We got some breaks, they missed some (shots) they shouldn't have and we made some we should have," cited Mason. "Too, it didn't hurt that their big kid got into foul trouble. We played a terrible first half but fortunately the decent second half made up for our bad half."

The Wildcats took the lead with only minutes left in the game, then held on behind some clutch baskets and free throws. "Our pressure defense forced them into a few turnovers and they threw the ball away a few times," said Mason. "We couldn't come up with a steal every time but we gave them something to think about. And you have to give Hagerman credit because he protected the basket once they broke our press and tried to go in."

There was no halftime magic, only plain talk by Mason and his staff. "We talked about what we weren't doing. We had some people who weren't taking the ball to the basket like they are capable of and we weren't moving or playing very good defense," said Mason. "We started to pick it up in the second half.

"Right now, the kids are starting to

believe they can play with anybody and also that they can't be beat at home."

All three Mulvane victories have been on the home hardwoods.

The senior Warren led the offensive spurt with 20 points but four players hit double figures. In addition to Warren, there was senior Dale Landes with 12 points and Vic Marcelle and Hagerman with 10 each.

Coach Richard Canfield's junior varsity lost their touch in two quarters and that spelled defeat. The Cats scored only four points in the second quarter and one in the final eight minutes.

Sophomore J.C. Shook scored 10 points to pace the Cat B-team. Robert Turner and Allen Whitmer, two juniors, added eight and four points, respectively.

The boys will break for the Christmas holidays before coming back with a Jan. 8th game at Augusta.

Boys Varsity

Wellington 12 18 11 12-53
Mulvane 8 10 20 18-56

Wellington—Lynn Hibbe 16, Damon Jones 9, Bruce Washington 22, Mark Braed 6, Darin Waseley 0, FG 21-47, FT 11-18, F 12.

Mulvane—Dale Landes 12, Tim Warren 20, Vic Marcelle 10, David Hagerman 10, Joey Balleri 2, Allen Whitmer 2, FG 28-56, FT 4-6, F 19.

Boys Junior Varsity

Wellington 10 14 9 12-45
Mulvane 14 4 12 1-31

Wellington—Mark Nelson 1, Bobby Wilson 16, Donnie Stark 10, Gene Watkins 2, Wilbur Soobee 4, Kurt Meaders 5, Jeff Everhart 9, Steve Saffell 2, Mark Cornejo 6, FG 20-45, FT 5-13, F 13.

Mulvane—Kevin Bell 2, Jim Dunagan 2, Eddie Gerlach 3, Robert Turner 8, Sid Culllette 2, J.C. Shook 10, Allen Whitmer 4, FG 13-52, Ft 5-16, F 13.