

Wildcats Edge By Hillsboro, 56-55

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Thirty-two times last Friday night Mulvane's basketball players took turns shooting baskets from a freethrow line. Twenty times the ball went through the hoop. The Wildcats held off a fourth quarter surge of the Hillsboro Trojans and downed them 56-55. Mulvane ended the first half with a comfortable 26-17 lead, but had to fight to preserve it especially in the last stanza of the game.

With thirteen seconds in the last quarter the Wildcats brought the ball in under Hillsboro's goal and victory seemed imminent. However, nine seconds later the Trojans forced a Wildcat turnover on their half-court press. Tabor College gymnasium was pandemonium those last four seconds, but the Wildcat defense held for their fourth win in five starts.

Dan Brauser collected scoring honors in the game with 23 points followed by Morgan and Hill with 14 apiece. Defensively Phil Morgan once again dominated the Wildcat defensive charts. Phil picked off 16 rebounds and blocked five shots. Closely following Morgan was Hal Calcote. Hal grabbed seven rebounds and blocked three shots. Ted Hil, offensively, scored only fourteen points and shot fifty percent for the night. In the second half Ted shot 4 out of 5 from the field for a blazing eighty percent.

January the third the Wildcats play Andover in league play. Mulvane carries with them into this next game one of the most impressive records they've had for years.

The "B" squad also pulled a win out of Hillsboro which was their second win of the season.

Box Score

	FG	FT	TP
Brauser	7	9-11	23
Hill	7	0-0	14
Morgan	3	8-11	14
Calcote	1	1-6	3
McKee	0	2-3	2
Jones, Le.	9	0-1	0
	18	20-32	56
Mulvane	10 - 16	16 - 14	— 56
Hillsboro	8 - 19	9 - 19	— 55