

# Augusta's Early Blast

## Sours Wildcats' Holiday

All Mulvane High School basketball coach Charlie Mason wanted for Christmas is time...time to practice.

The Wildcats ended their pre-Christmas part of the season Tuesday night, Dec. 20, when Augusta came to town, but it ended up being almost un-rivalry like as the Orioles powdered the Wildcats, 73-48, in a game that has been historically close.

Augusta made a clean sweep of things as the Oriole jayvees dropped Mulvane's junior varsity, 59-52, and the Augusta sophomores were all over the Cat sophs, 53-32.

The loss for the MHS varsity fropped its record to 0-2 in the Chisholm Trail League and 1-5 overall heading into the holiday vacation. Augusta improved its record to 2-0 in the CTL and served notice that the Orioles are challengers in the league.

"We didn't execute on offense," said Mason. "They came out in a sagging man-to-man, which shouldn't hurt us but we looked like we'd never run a man offense. We started talking some bad shots and they were in position for the rebounds."

The visiting Orioles wasted little time going for the throat. After one quarter, it was 20-8 and by halftime, Augusta held a comfortable 34-13 lead.

"They started out good and things got worse for us," added Mason. "We were off offensively and it just wasn't a very good effort on our part. For being the first chance at home, it wasn't a good effort. The first couple times down we threw the ball away and it kind of set the tone for the rest of the game. When our offense wouldn't go, everything else started breaking down."

"There are going to be nights like that when you can't shoot the ball and when that happens, you have to do something defensively and we didn't. We did perk up in the second half and played better defense but the closest we could get was 16 points."

The Augusta man-to-man also set the Orioles up for the best rebound position, reflected by the Orioles' 42-19 edge on the boards. The foul situation also favored Augusta. The visitors shot 21 free throws in the first half and Mulvane had only three shots.

"They've got the athletes and I think they have a chance to be in the top four in the SA state tournament," noted Mason. "This is the best Augusta team I've seen but for McDaniel to get his first foul in the fourth quarter, it's pretty bad."

The veteran Mulvane coach said it was simply a matter of inexperience vs.

experience. "We had a lot of inexperience going against their experience," said Mason. "They go about 10 or 11 players deep and we go out there with a lot of people who haven't played much varsity ball. Like I told the kids in the locker room, sometime this year we're going to be a good ball club. That will happen when we quit beating ourselves."

Mason did get a chance to look at 14 players. "(Larry) Lambrecht and (Jeff) Sisco got into foul trouble early so we got to look at a lot of people," said Mason. "We've got some time now (during the Christmas break) to work on some things and we'll keep trying to find the right people. Hopefully, we can put something together."

What there was of the Mulvane offense was led by Lambrecht, who finished with 18 points. Sean Gillespie scored 10 points and Jeff Sisco, Scott Travis and Andrew Hodges followed with six, four and four points, respectively.

Coach Bruce Eitzen's junior varsity suffered its third straight setback. Guard Andy Church was hot, scoring a career-high 22 points. Travis finished with 11 points. Todd Hedstrom and Curtis Norden had six and five points, respectively.

The Mulvane sophomores had an equal amount of trouble...lack of offense. Augusta's sophs pulled in front, 12-4, in the first quarter and rolled to an easy victory.

Andy Mackey scored 11 points to top

### Varsity Boys

Augusta	20	14	17	22--73
Mulvane	8	5	10	25--48

Augusta--Mike Browning 15, Chad McDaniel 15, Chris Williams 3, Bryant Ralston 5, Lee Sims 6, Chad Westbrooks 11, Scott Davis 4, Brent Shryock 4, Trent Whiteside 2, Brent Leedom 8 FG 26-63 (0), FT 21-32, F 21.

Mulvane--Jeff Sisco 6, Larry Lambrecht 18, Derek Donaldson 2, Mark McClellan 1, Sean Gillespie 10, Scott Travis 4, John Heinrichs 3, Andrew Hodges 4 FG 17-67 (2), FT 12-20, F 23

### Junior Varsity Boys

Augusta	15	17	8	49--59
Mulvane	14	13	13	12--52

Augusta--Patrick Ralston 9, Gary Eastman 2, Mike Divine 6, Lance Hall 14, Trent Whiteside 15, Todd Veeman 13 FG 25-52 (1), FT 8-11, F 10

Mulvane--Bill Harrington 4, Scott Travis 22, Andy Church 22, Bruce Brashear 2, Jeff Sisco 2, Curtis Norden 5, Todd Hedstrom 6 FG 21-50 (4), FT 6-10, F 6

### Sophomore Boys

Augusta	12	13	10	18--53
Mulvane	4	7	7	14--32

Augusta--Todd Veeman 4, Burghart 16, Patrick Ralston 3, Stewart 15, Rawling 2, Carney 2, Dougherty 5, Abraham 4, Bertonemo 2 FG 18 (1), FT 14-24, F 16

Mulvane--Andy Mackey 11, Scott Ingalls 1, Adam Beehler 7, Toby Hoving 11, Duffy Parker 2 FG 12 (3), FT 5-13, F 18

the Cat effort. Toby Hoving also had 11 points and Adam Beehler scored seven.

Mulvane will be idle until school is back in session next week. The Cats will go to Buhler to play the strong Crusaders Tuesday, Jan. 3.