

Last Second Turnover Dooms Cats

By Todd Robinson

It happened once again, Mulvane High School boys basketball team had a chance to pull off the victory but failed to convert key possessions late in the game and lost, 56-54, at Augusta Tuesday, Dec. 22. It's the fifth time this season that the Cats have lost by nine points or less.

"It's a game that we should have won," said Coach Charlie Mason. "We had a 13-point lead in the first half and let them catch back up. They had the ball up by one and we fouled with 11 seconds left to send them to the line. So we called timeout to try and ice him at the line and to set up a play if he missed them or made them. He made the first one and missed the second, but we never got a play off as we turned the ball over."

"They're a very deliberate team which took two or three minutes before they shot the ball, so we didn't get many possessions in the second half, and when they missed the shot the big kid inside, Charlie McDaniel, would put it in. We didn't contain McDaniel very

well. He had 22 points, and we didn't block off the boards at all in the second half. It was like a snowball effect in the second half when things went wrong, they kept getting worse."

Leading the way for the Wildcats again was senior Shay Cornejo who ripped the nets for 22 points. Toby Butcher put in 10 points and added 11 rebounds before he fouled out. Neal Hamilton added eight points followed by Larry Lambrecht and Russell Norden each with five points. Norman Bowen had two points and John Melick and Sean Gillespie had one point each.

"Cornejo shot well," said Mason. "Butcher had 11 boards but when he fouled out, we didn't have anybody to contain the big guy in the middle. They out-rebounded us by nine and most of their boards came on the offensive in the second half."

The junior varsity team found a way to win, beating Augusta, 51-48. Gillespie led the jayvee with 16 points. Others to contribute were Jeff Sisco with nine, Mike Higgins and Andrew Hodges with eight points each.

The sophomore boys from Mulvane had a rough time losing, 49-40, to Augusta. Todd Butcher and Bill Harrington led the way for the soph Cats scoring eight points each.

The loss to Augusta leaves the Cats' record at 1-5 and 0-2 in the league. "We're 0-2 in the league," said Mason. "There are still four teams in our league that we haven't played yet so there are enough games to get some wins."

"We figure we need to win at least eight games this year so that we can host a sub-state game and we have all of Christmas break to work on some of the problems we have," noted Mason.

"Over break, we'll be working on playing better defense, especially our half-court game, we're giving up too many easy shots. Also, we'll be working on our rebounding, we're not blocking out very well and also we're not getting to the foul line enough. We're not shooting good at all from the line with the exception of the last game."

The next game for Mulvane will be hosting the Crusaders from Buhler, which will be held Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Boys Varsity

Mulvane 16 13 14 11-54
Augusta 12 12 18 14-58
Mulvane—Larry Lambrecht 5, Neal Hamilton 8, Shay Cornejo 22, Toby Butcher 10, Russell Norden 5, Norman Bowen 2, John Melick 1, Sean Gillespie 1. FG 21 (2), FT 10-13, F 17.

Augusta—Chad McDaniel 22, Brian Rodriguez 10, Greg Eastman 9, Tim Wesbrooks 8, Williams 6, Emmitt 1. FG 21 (0), FT 14-25, F 13.

Boys Junior Varsity

Mulvane 14 9 13 15-51
Augusta 8 18 8 14-48
Mulvane—Sean Gillespie 16, Jeff Sisco 9, Mike Higgins 8, Andrew Hodges 8, Derek Donaldson 4, Bruce Brashear 3, Todd Butcher 2, John Melick 1. FG 18 (3), FT 10-23, F 24.

Augusta—Evans 11, Perez 11, Windsor 8, Ralston 8, Shryock 3, Leedom 3, Watson 2, Edwards 2. FG 15 (0), FT 18-34, F 20.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane 10 12 9 9-40
Augusta 7 18 12 12-49

Mulvane—Todd Butcher 8, Todd Headstrom 6, Jeff Sisco 2, Andy Church 2, Curtis Norden 2, Bruce Brashear 7, Bill Harrington 8, Scott Young 5. FG 15 (2), FT 8-17, F 17.

Augusta—Divine 4, Wesbrooks 8, Leedom 18, Perez 11, Wilkinson 4, Duncan 4. FG 17 (2), FT 13-26, F 15.

CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Buhler	2	0	3	2
Wellington	1	0	3	3
Valley Center	1	0	1	4
Andover	1	1	1	5
Augusta	1	1	3	3
Mulvane	0	2	1	5
Goddard	0	2	0	6

DIVISION II

Kingman	2	0	4	1
Maize	1	1	5	1
Circle	1	1	3	2
Andale	1	1	3	3
Rose Hill	1	1	2	4
Chaparral	0	1	4	1
Clearwater	0	1	2	1

Last Week's Results

Augusta 56, Mulvane 54
Kingman 76, Rose Hill 69
Andale 42, Clearwater 41
Buhler 70, Andover 48
Circle 72, Maize 70
Wellington 71, Goddard 58

Games Tuesday, Jan. 5

Buhler at Mulvane
Maize at Rose Hill
Kingman at Clearwater
Circle at Chaparral
Augusta at Valley Center
Andover at Wellington