

Cat Boys' Effort Stale

Coming back from the holiday break and playing an unbeaten team is tough enough. Coming out flat makes things more difficult.

The Mulvane High School boys' basketball team hosted AVCTL Division III rival Augusta in their first game of 2007 Friday night, Jan. 5, and the visiting Orioles took control from the beginning, marching to a 73-46 win over the Wildcats, who slipped to 3-4 on the season, 1-3 in league play.

"We really showed a lack of discipline from the very beginning," said MHS head coach Scott Dunham. "The little things that it takes to win big games, we didn't do them well at all. We got killed on the boards, we committed careless turnovers, and we got beat down the floor in transition. As coach, I take responsibility for not having the guys prepared properly. Overall, it was a disappointing effort."

The Orioles (4-0, 6-0) scored the first four points of the game. Dylan Donaldson's three-pointer cut it to 4-3, but that was as close as Mulvane got. By the end of the first quarter, Augusta had taken a 21-7 lead. By halftime, the margin had reached 20 points, 33-13. The score had ballooned to 57-27 by the end of the third quarter.

"We were out-rebounded by eight in the first half, which is a pretty high number for a half," said Dunham. "We also didn't play very sound defense. We always seemed to be out of position defensively, which led to us committing way too many fouls and putting them at the free-throw line way too much." Augusta attempted 41 free throws for the game, converting 27. Mulvane was 9-for-14 from the line.

John Knight was the only Wildcat to score in double figures, scoring 10 points before fouling out late in the game. Levi Hein, who also fouled out, added eight points, as did Tyler Springer. Mulvane also got six points from Donaldson, five from Brenton Higgins, four from Andrew Myers, three from Ryan Herrig, and two from Aaron Elston. Eleven players scored for Augusta, including three Orioles in double figures.

Mulvane played at Buhler Tuesday night, Jan. 9. That result was not available by press time and will be recapped in next week's Mulvane News.

Varsity Boys

Augusta 31 32 24 16—71
Mulvane 7 6 14 19—46

Augusta—Tyler Nordman 12, Luke McKay 2, Brian Koenig 6, Zeb Carriette 2, Matt Norman 12, John Harris 6, Casey Burden 7, Brock Train 7, Carter Stevenson 3, Derek Anglemeyer 10, Clayton Hamilton 6, PJ 10, FT 24-41.

Mulvane—Brenton Higgins 5, Tyler Springer 8, Ryan Herrig 3, Andrew Myers 4, John Knight 10, Dylan Donaldson 6, Aaron Elston 2, Levi Hein 8, FG 16 35, FT 9-14.



Shooter Brenton Higgins (4) guns from outside as Jacob Snider (24) breaks toward the basket against Augusta's Orioles

36th Chaparral Roadrunner Classic**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17**

Game 1 — No. 4 Mulvane (4-4) vs. No. 5 Clearwater (2-4), 6 p.m.

Game 2 — No. 1 Wellington (7-1) vs. No. 8 Chaparral (0-8), 8

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

Game 3 — No. 2 Arkansas City (6-1) vs. No. 7 Conway Springs (2-7), 6 p.m.

Game 4 — No. 3 Winfield (5-3) vs. No. 6 Kington (2-6), 8

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

Game 5 — losers of games 1 and 2, 5 p.m.

Game 6 — losers of games 3 and 4, 6:30

Game 7 — winners of games 1 and 2, 6:30

Game 8 — winners of games 3 and 4, 8

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

Game 9 (Crested Peak)—losers of games 5 and 6, 2 p.m.

Game 10 (10th Place)—winners of games 5 and 6, 3:30

Game 11 (Third Place)—losers of games 7 and 8, 5:30

Game 12 (First Place)—winners of games 7 and 8, 7