

Four In Double Figures

Offense Comes Alive In Rout Of Chappy

It's probably too soon to tell, but the Mulvane High School boys' basketball team seems to be finding its offense.

The Wildcats put together their best offensive effort of the season Saturday, Jan. 21, in the fifth-place game of the Chaparral Roadrunner Invitational. Mulvane led 14-2 after one quarter and rolled from there to defeat host Chaparral, 72-49. Not only were the 72 points a season high, it's Mulvane's highest point total under head coach Scott Dunham. It's the Wildcats' highest point total since scoring 75 against Clearwater in December of 2003.

"Everything just seemed to come together for us against Chaparral," said Coach Dunham. "It helped that we got off to a quick start. We hit some early three-pointers against their zone, and they had trouble defending us man-to-man. I thought we played a good team game offensively and defensively."

Among the reasons for the Wildcats' offensive improvement is that Dunham has been getting nearly the entire roster

involved. Eleven different players scored for Mulvane, including four in double figures. The 'Cats hit 25 shots from the floor, including a season-high eight three-pointers, and were 14-for-22 from the line.

"We're just looking for players who are going to score points for us," said Dunham. "It could be anybody on any given night. We've got several guys who are capable scorers."

Mulvane outscored Chappy in every quarter. After taking a 14-2 lead after the first period, Mulvane extended the lead to 37-19 at the intermission and 52-33 after three quarters. Mulvane was led by sophomore guard Dylan Donaldson with 17 points, which included five of the Wildcats' eight treys in the game. Mulvane also got 13 points from John Knight, 11 from Tyler Ruder, and 10 from Kyle Womacks.

The Wildcats slipped to the fifth-place game after going 0-2 in pool play. The 'Cats lost to top seed Conway Springs Friday

night, Jan. 20, by a final count of 56-42. "We defended well early in the game," said Dunham. "Offensively, we didn't convert enough of our early scoring chances. Once they started making some outside shots, we just fell too far behind."

Mulvane fell behind 14-6 after one quarter. The Cardinals extended it to 30-17 by halftime, and the Wildcats did not get back within 10 points in the second half. The Wildcats made 19 shots from the floor, but they could not overcome Conway's seven three-pointers and a big disadvantage at the free-throw line. Conway was 15-for-21 from the line while Mulvane was only 3-for-6.

Seven different Wildcats scored, but none in double figures. Mulvane got eight points from Chris Wilson, seven each from Adam Edwards and Collin Mangus, six from Knight, five from Donaldson, and four each from Ruder and Ryan Herrig.

The Wildcats opened their pool play with a 61-55 loss to Arkansas City Thursday night, Jan. 19. Mulvane was outscored in the first three quarters by the Bulldogs, and a 26-point fourth-quarter effort by the 'Cats came up short.

"This was our worst game of the tournament," said Dunham. "Our defense was not good, especially our transition defense. We just seemed to have a low energy level from the start. We were going uphill the whole game, and we never got over the top. The two things that really killed us were our defense and our free-throw shooting."

The 'Cats made five treys against Ark City but were only 10-for-19 from the line, including four misses on front ends of one-and-ones. Ten different Wildcats scored in the game. Ruder led Mulvane with 18 points while Edwards added 10. The 'Cats also got seven points from Herrig and five from Donaldson.

Ruder was the only Wildcat voted to the All-Tournament Team. In the skills competitions, Jesse Pierce and Donaldson finished first and second in the three-point shooting contest, and Ruder and Edwards finished second and third in the free-throw shooting contest.

The 'Cats will return to action Friday night, Jan. 27, when they host Circle, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Chaparral Roadrunner Invitational

FIFTH PLACE

Mulvane 14 23 15 20-72

Chaparral 2 17 14 16-49

Mulvane—Dylan Donaldson 17, Tyler Ruder 11, Tyler Springer 4, Syler Swaney 2, John Knight 13, Brock Kendall 2, Kyle Womacks 10, Jesse Pierce 2, Adam Edwards 5, Andrew Myers 2, Levi Heim 4. FG 25 (8), FT 14-22

Chaparral—Henson 11, Capps 6, McCartney 13, Fox 4, Ferguson 7, Maka 2, Cashier 6. FG 16 (7), FT 10-15

CHAMPIONSHIP

Conway Springs 57, Winfield 51

THIRD PLACE

Clearwater 64, Arkansas City 48

POOL I

Mulvane 6 11 9 16-44

Conway Springs 14 16 12 14-56

Mulvane—Dylan Donaldson 5, Tyler Ruder 4, Ryan Herrig 4, John Knight 6, Collin Mangus 7, Chris Wilson 8, Adam Edwards 7. FG 19 (1), FT 3-6

Conway Springs—Heim 11, Shrum 7, Lent 8, M. Gerber 12, Goheen 5, Devlin 8, Kibbe 3, Pauls 2. FG 17 (7), FT 15-21

Mulvane 13 7 9 26-55

Arkansas City 17 12 13 19-61

Mulvane—Dylan Donaldson 5, Tyler Ruder 18, Tyler Springer 1, Ryan Herrig 7, John Knight 1, Brock Kendall 3, Kyle Womacks 4, Chris Wilson 2, Adam Edwards 10, Levi Heim 4. FG 20 (5), FT 10-15

Arkansas City—Fields 8, Miller 20, Avery 2, Watson 5, Wright 6, Loehrs 6, Brown 10, Swanson 4. FG 26 (1), FT 8-14

Conway Springs 59, Arkansas City 46

POOL II

Winfield 57, Chaparral 44

Clearwater 55, Chaparral 52

Winfield 70, Clearwater 39



Mulvane guard Dylan Donaldson (4) hits two of his game-high 17 points against Chappy Roadrunners