

# Boys' Comeback Comes Up Short

The Mulvane High School boys' basketball team had another close call that fell short Friday night, Jan. 27, at home against Circle.

After falling behind by 18 points early, Coach Scott Dunham's Wildcats rallied to cut the lead down to three points before running out of gas, eventually losing, 76-66. The 'Cats slipped to 2-11 overall on the season.

Mulvane's mid-game comeback was impressive, especially considering how far behind the Wildcats were early in the game. Late in the first period, the 'Cats trailed 24-6. The score was 28-12 after one quarter, but the 'Cats fought back, led by the guard combination of senior Tyler Ruder and sophomore Dylan Donaldson. By the end of the half, the Wildcats were back within seven, 40-33.

Early in the third quarter, another early Mulvane run got the 'Cats to within three points, but they wouldn't get any closer the rest of the game. Circle put on a run of their own and led by 12 after three quarters, 60-48. Mulvane never seriously threatened in the fourth quarter. In fact, Circle led by 20 before the Wildcats scored the last 10 points over the final two minutes.

Both teams shot the ball well. Circle made eight three-pointers to Mulvane's seven. The free-throw figures were just as good, if not better. Circle was 18-for-22 from the line while Mulvane only missed one free throw in the game (13-for-14).

As close as Mulvane got during the game, the 'Cats may have won if not for Circle's Logan Calderera, who picked Friday night to have a career game. Calderera seemed to score from everywhere on the floor, finishing with a career-high 31 points.

## Varsity Boys

Circle	28	12	20	16-76
Mulvane	12	21	15	18-66

Circle—Ryan Mills 12, Christian Trotter 2, Logan Gibson 14, Berry 2, Walthers 3, Logan Calderera 31, Matt Wood 6, Griffis 4, Kinkaid 2. FG 25 (8), FT 18-22.

Mulvane—Dylan Donaldson 14, Tyler Ruder 14, Tyler Springer 2, Ryan Herrig 12, John Knight 6, Kyle Womacks 5, Adam Edwards 11, Levi Hein 2. FG 23 (7), FT 13-14.

## Junior Varsity Boys

Circle	8	12	12	12-44
Mulvane	11	15	18	10-54

Circle—Kinder 2, Reilly 14, Gaylor 9, Kinkaid 4, Pello 2, Cunningham 2, Griffis 6, Heinrich 2, Siemens 3. FG 17 (3), FT 7-14.

Mulvane—Tyler Springer 4, Syler Swaney 4, Aaron Elston 10, Jared NeSmith 2, Devin Morton 8, Jesse Pierce 7, Danny Schneider 4, Andrew Myers 6, Levi Hein 9. FG 20 (2), FT 12-25.

Mulvane was much more balanced on offense, with four Wildcats in double figures. Ruder and Donaldson both finished with 14 points, junior point guard Ryan Herrig added 12, and 6-7 senior center Adam Edwards finished with 11. Mulvane also got six points from John Knight, five from Kyle Womacks, and two each from Levi Hein and freshman Tyler Springer.

The Mulvane junior varsity picked up a win against Circle, 54-44. The Wildcats built up a 12-point lead, 44-32, by the end of the third quarter, then held off a Circle rally to win. Mulvane got 10 points from Aaron Elston, nine from Levi Hein, eight from Devin Morton, seven from Jesse Pierce, six from Andrew Myers, four each from Tyler Springer, Syler Swaney, and Danny Schneider, and two from Jared NeSmith.

The Wildcats return to the court Friday night, Feb. 3, when they play at Clearwater. The game is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.