

Defensive Lapses Kill Cat Chances

Just when the Mulvane boys basketball team seemed to be heading on the right track, they had on of those nights Tuesday, Feb. 7. The Wildcats were pounded by Rose Hill 75-38.

"They did everything well, we did nothing well," coach Dale Landes said.

For the first five minutes, Mulvane looked like they could make a run at the No. 9 ranked Rockets. But then Rose Hill went on a 26-0 run.

"We never buckled down defensively," Landes said. "We were forced to try a man-to-man, but it didn't work."

If the game was not out of reach after that stretch, it certainly was after an 18-0 run in the third quarter.

"When you keep making the same mistakes, you need a little more discipline," Landes said. "We kept letting them beat us down the floor in transition."

The 38 points were a season low. A partial explanation was the absence of junior Michael Abasolo, who is out with chicken pox. However, Landes does not accept that one player makes that much of a difference.

"We were never in sync offensively," Landes said. "We did not run what we needed to."

The aggravating part was the fact that Mulvane had been playing pretty well lately.

"I thought we had a shot to do something," junior Jeremy Brown said.

"We can not afford to be playing roller-coaster basketball this late in the season, we need to be consistent," Landes said.

Luke Cox led Mulvane with eight points. "He had a nice second half," Landes said.

With the season drawing to a close, Landes is searching for answers.

"We just have to put this game behind us and go back to work," he said.

The junior varsity made it four out of the last five with a 56-31 win.

"The kids are playing great, really hard," JV coach Scott Swaney said. Tim Glaser laced the nets for 16 points to lead Mulvane. Tad Nicholson had nine points, while Matt Hendren and Cox each scored eight points.

The sophomore boys grabbed a 61-48 win. Greg Nunn totalled 15 points, Neil Gosch hit 13 and Sam Roebuck netted 11.

It was a close game all the way in Mulvane's 52-49 loss at Kingman Friday, Feb. 3. While not completely satisfied, Landes was happier with this game than the

Mulvane Sophomore Tournament Pairings

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

Game 1 — Mulvane (4-3) vs. Augusta (6-3), 9 a.m.

Game 2 — Maize (6-1) vs. Winfield (1-1), 10:30

Game 3 (Third Place)—losers of games 1 and 2, 1 p.m.

Game 4 (Championship)—winners of games 1 and 2, 2:30

20-point loss they suffered to Kingman earlier in the season.

"We did a good job," Landes said. "There were a couple of subtle mistakes that get magnified in a close loss, but, overall, it was a situation where we went to their place and had a chance to win."

While the defense was as good as it needed to be, the offense was just short of that mark.

"You're not going to win many games scoring 49 points," Landes said. "It wasn't a bad job, but we need to concentrate on finishing our put-backs and layups."

Abasolo led all scorers with 16 points in the game for the 'Cats.

"He was aggressive offensively, working hard to get open" Landes said.

Brown laced the nets for 13 points, while Dexter Carpenter added nine.

"Jeremy did a good job of giving us good looks from the outside, plus he helped us look to Dexter more," Landes said.

Varsity Boys

Rose Hill 15 22 24 14-75

Mulvane 7 11 6 14-38

Rose Hill—Kyle Holland 21, Johnny Simmons 16, Ryan Pursley 4, Brent Mohr 4, Bryan Mohr 1, Creighton Snellenberg 1, Brant Brittingham 2, Clayton Dye 20, Ben Hammit 2, Dustin Thomas 2, Nick Nelson 2. FG 30 (4), FT 11-24, F 18.

Mulvane—Tim Glaser 6, Shawn Erbert 2, Jeremy Brown 2, Tad Nicholson 2, Dexter Carpenter 6, Luke Cox 7, Brad Canfield 2, Matt Hendren 4, Tom Nienke 4, Kevin Diller 2. FG 15 (2), FT 6-21, F 23.

Junior Varsity Boys

Rose Hill 12 9 2 8-31

Mulvane 17 12 9 18-56

Rose Hill—Brett Mohr 5, Bryan Mohr 8, Greg Richards 8, Bryan Brackeen 3, David Rowden 7.

Mulvane—Tad Nicholson 9, Tim Glaser 16, Seth Jones 4, Jeremiah Coleman 1, Greg Nunn 3, Neil Gosch 6, Matt Hendren 8, Luke Cox 8, Brad Canfield 5.

Sophomore Boys

Rose Hill 8 11 15 14-48

Mulvane 18 15 15 13-61

Rose Hill—Chad Thomison 13, Jason Rose 4, Andy King 10, Nick Krueger 7, David Rowden 4, Jon Smith 4, Luke Liby 6. FG 22 (3), FT 1-3, F 19.

Mulvane—Greg Nunn 15, Neil Gosch 13, Jeremiah Coleman 9, Michael Johnson 5, Zach Wayman 7, Sam Roebuck 11. FG 21 (5), FT 13-19, F 12.

"I think we played really well," Landes said. "Allowing 52 points is a lot better than 71."

The Wildcats used a three-two zone to try to offset the Eagles quickness.

In the junior varsity game, Kingman dared Mulvane to beat them from the outside. That is exactly what Mulvane did in a 51-39 victory.

Tim Glaser scored 14 points and Tad Nicholson netted 13 to give Mulvane a force from the outside.

"They both had excellent games from the perimeter," Swaney said.

The jayvee ran into a steamroller Tuesday, Jan. 31 at Derby. The Wildcats lost 87-46. Glaser led Mulvane with 11 points.

The sophomore squad also fell to the Panthers, by a score of 66-44. Raymond Lazier scored 14 points, while Neil Gosch added 13.

The Wildcats next hit the hardwood Friday, Feb. 10 at Andale. Game time is 8 p.m.

Varsity Boys

Mulvane 11 14 12 12-49

Kingman 12 17 11 13-52

Mulvane—Mike Abasolo 16, Jeremy Brown 13, Dexter Carpenter 9, Shawn Erbert 7, Matt Hendren 2, Sean Younger 2. FG 19 (6), FT 5-12, F 20.

Kingman—Todd Garrison 12, Ty VanLandingham 6, Chad Young 7, Chad Zoelman 7, Bart Hedrick 11, Kevin Criman 4, Craig Zoeller 3, Garrett Krehbiel 2. FG 18 (2), FT 14-20, F 20.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane 16 10 12 13-51

Kingman 12 4 12 11-39

Mulvane—Tad Nicholson 13, Tim Glaser 14, Raymond Lazier 8, Jeremiah Coleman 3, Neil Gosch 2, Matt Hendren 2, Luke Cox 2, Brad Canfield 3, Seth Jones 4. FG 20 (6)

Kingman—Gene Barber 4, Andy Smith 5, Dean Nowak 7, Brian Hart 7, Preston Lubbers 1, Josh Arensdorf 3, Jerrod McClafflin 2, Kevin Criman 10. FG 15 (4), FT 5-24, F 19.

Mulvane 10 9 14 13-46

Derby 23 13 23 28-87

Mulvane—Tad Nicholson 4, Tim Glaser 11, Brad Canfield 5, Luke Cox 6, Matt Hendren 6, Neil Gosch 7, Seth Jones 3, Michael Johnson 2, Raymond Lazier 2. FG 19 (3), FT 5-11, F 13.

Derby—Luke Hanson 14, Kelly Bradfield 10, T.J. Killian 4, Benton Terrill 16, Corey Stewart 6, Ryan Lockary 3, Brad Carlson 11, Chris Devore 4, Nick Slayton 4, Shawn Faust 2, Michael Canady 2, Nathan Pryor 11. FG 36 (3), FT 12-15, F 16.

Sophomore Boys

Mulvane 8 13 11 12-44

Derby 16 15 11 24-66

Mulvane—Raymond Lazier 14, Neil Gosch 13, Sam Roebuck 7, Pete Myers 1, Michael Johnson 6, Greg Nunn 3. FG 20 (1), FT 3-7, F 18.

Derby—Corey Stewart 14, Mike Snider 8, Kelly Bradfield 8, Ryan Lockary 4, Chris Devore 3, Bruce Wilford 10, Michael Canady 3, Eric Sutton 7, Don Denny 4, Freddie Pepper 5. FG 26 (2), FT 12-26, F 11.