

Storm Of Three-Pointers Buries Wildcat Cagers

The Mulvane High School boys' basketball team tried to catch lightning in a bottle. Instead, they got caught in a storm of three-pointers.

Top seed Andover Central made 12 three-pointers and defeated the eighth-seeded Wildcats, 65-42, at Central Tuesday night, Feb. 28, in the first round of the Augusta Class 4A Sub-State. The loss ended Mulvane's season with a 3-18 record.

"They're probably the best outside-shooting team we've faced all season," said MHS head coach Scott Dunham. "We had tried to prepare defensively for their perimeter game, but they got hot early and we couldn't seem to stop them. We had some chances to keep the game close, but we missed three shots from close range when we were down by four points in the second quarter, and they came back and scored each time."

As it has all season, poor shooting doomed the 'Cats against Central. "You can handle missing perimeter shots, but we've missed too many shots in the paint this season," said Dunham. "The shots just didn't fall. It wasn't for lack of effort. We just don't have a lot of guys who are confident shooting the ball. We didn't take advantage of our opportunities when they came up."

By intermission, the Jaguars had grabbed a 31-14 lead and held on through the final two periods of play.

Seniors Tyler Ruder, Kyle Womacks and 6'7" center Adam Edwards saw their prep careers come to a close. Edwards scored eight points, Ruder had six and Womacks hit for five. The Cats' top scorer was sophomore guard Dylan Donaldson, who finished with 10 points and was the only double-figure scorer for Coach Dunham's warriors.

John Knight, a junior, scored six points and Levi Hein finished with four points.

In other first-round games, #2 seed Rose Hill took out #7 seed Douglass, 66-38, #4 seed Augusta defeated #5 Andover, 50-31, and #6 seed El Dorado upset #3 Circle, 49-46.

The Wildcats finished their regular season with one of their best offensive perfor-

mances of the season at Rose Hill Thursday night, Feb. 23, but it was still a loss.

Mulvane fell behind by 10 points early and fell to the host Rockets, 80-64, as the 'Cats finished 0-10 in league play. Rose Hill finished 7-3 in AVCTL Division III, tying for the league title with Augusta.

The Wildcats fell behind 17-7 after one quarter of play, but they stayed within shouting distance the rest of the half, thanks in part to the outside shooting of sophomore guard Dylan Donaldson, who made three three-pointers in the first half. The 'Cats trailed by 11 points at halftime, 35-24. Mulvane never got closer than nine points in the second half, and Rose Hill extended their advantage to 20 points late in the game.

Mulvane finished the game with seven three-pointers, six of them from Donaldson, and went 13-for-24 from the free-throw line. The 64 points were the third most scored by the 'Cats this season. Mulvane scored 72 in a win over Chaparral and 66 in a loss to Circle. The Wildcats got 20 points from Donaldson, 11 from Adam Edwards, 10 from Kyle Womacks, six from Levi Hein, five from Tyler Ruder, four from John Knight, and two each from Ryan Herrig, Brock Kendall, Chris Wilson, and Tyler Springer.

On the positive side, the Wildcats made a slight improvement from last season, finishing 3-18 after going 1-20 in 2004-05. On the other side, Mulvane has now gone two full seasons in AVCTL Division III without a league victory.

The Mulvane junior varsity ended its season on a heart-breaking note, losing 48-46 at Rose Hill on two free throws with five seconds left. Mulvane was led by Devin Morton with 16 points, Andrew Myers with 10, and Jesse Pierce and Chris Wilson with eight points each.

Augusta Class 4A Sub-State FIRST ROUND

Mulvane	7	17	18	22-64
Andover Central	16	15	18	16-65

Mulvane—Adam Edwards 8, Ryan Herrig 2, Kyle Womacks 5, John Knight 6, Dylan Donaldson 10, Levi Hein 4, Tyler Ruder 6, Tyler Springer 1. FG 16 (4), FT 6 (2), F 21.

Andover Central	Compton 8, Wilkens 9, Potter 14, Hamilton 3, Miller 12, Hamm 1, Lang 2, Huelskamp 2, Noves 5, McNeil 9, FG 21 (9), FT 14 (9), F 15.
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Augusta	50	Andover	31
Rose Hill	66	Douglass	38
El Dorado	49	Circle	46

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	7	17	18	22-64
Rose Hill	17	18	21	24-80

Mulvane—Dylan Donaldson 20, Tyler Ruder 5, Tyler Springer 2, Ryan Herrig 2, John Knight 4, Brock Kendall 2, Kyle Womacks 10, Chris Wilson 2, Adam Edwards 11, Levi Hein 6. FG 22 (7), FT 13-24.

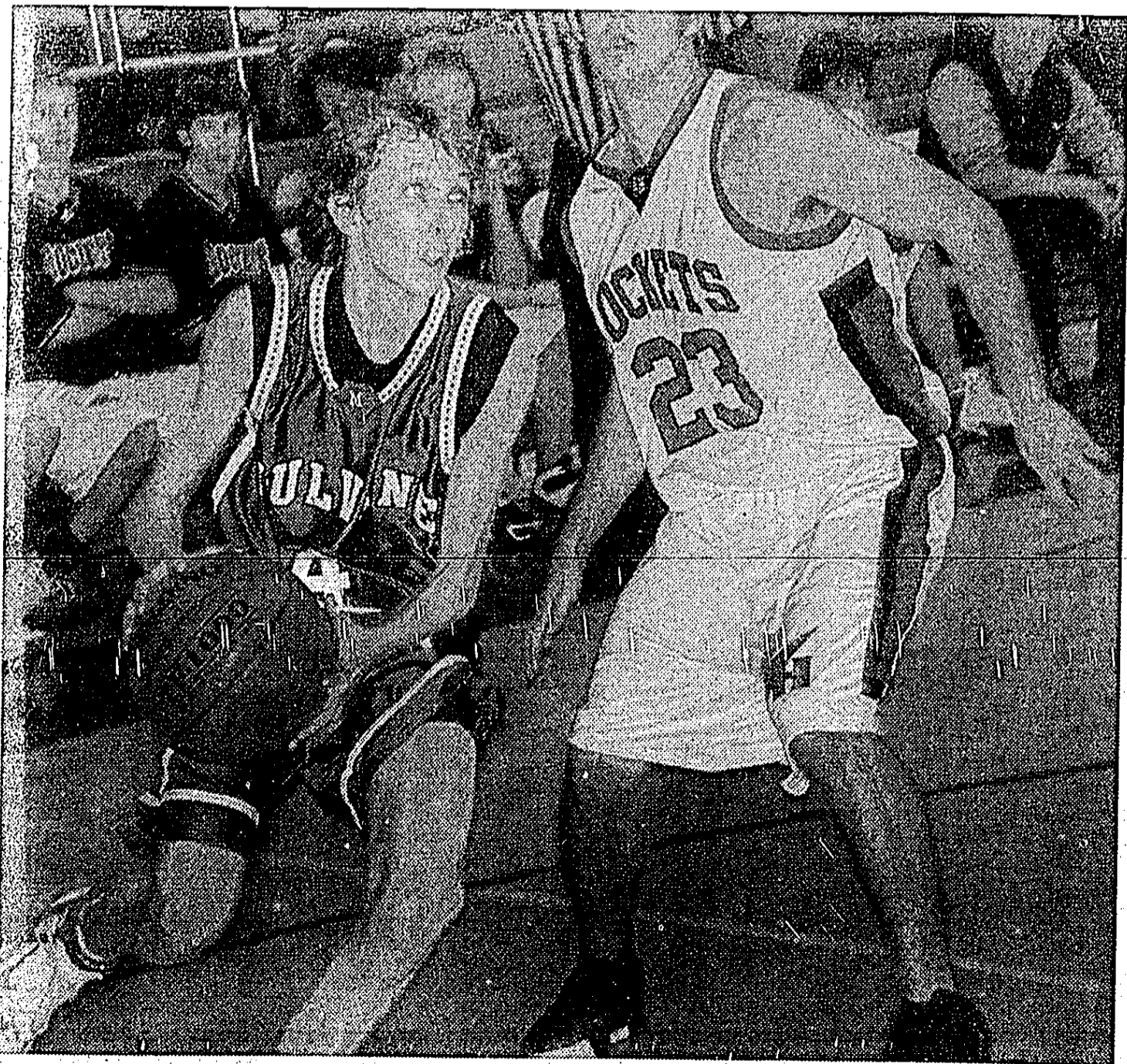
Rose Hill—Chase Ozburn 1, Taylor Wilson 14, Brayden Crowe 15, Graham Petersen 12, Trent Ubben 27, Josh Shirley 6, Aaron Clark 4, Tyler Engels 1. FG 30 (7), FT 13-22.

Junior Varsity Boys

Mulvane	9	17	14	6-46
Rose Hill	8	12	11	17-48

Mulvane—Tyler Springer 1, Devin Morton 16, Jesse Pierce 8, Danny Schneider 3, Chris Wilson 8, Andrew Myers 10. FG 16 (5), FT 9-21.

Rose Hill—Chase Ozburn 3, Ty Wisener 12, Tyler Engels 4, Taylor Stauffer 4, Casey Coates 4, BlaiZe Foltz 6, Mike Smith 15. FG 16 (3), FT 13-33.



MHS sophomore Dylan Donaldson (5) drives the baseline looking for an opening for a shot against Rose Hill.