

Cats Topped In '2nd Home'

Rose Hill is nearly becoming a second homecourt for the Mulvane High School boys' basketball team. They've played there more than their own gym.

The Wildcats opened AVCTL III play at Rose Hill Tuesday night, Dec. 12, and lost to the Rockets for the second time in five days, 70-51. Mulvane slipped to 2-2 on the season.

The Wildcats fell behind 13-4 after one quarter, but fought back to within five points by halftime, 26-21. A bad third quarter for the Wildcats, however, gave the Rockets a 45-28 lead by the end of the period. Mulvane scored 23 points in the fourth quarter, but Rose Hill scored 25 to stop any possible rally.

Leading the Wildcats were senior John Knight with 14 points and shooting guard Dylan Donaldson with 12. Mulvane also got seven points each from Ryan Herrig and Jordan Gosch, five from Tyler Springer, and three each from Andrew Myers and Brenton Higgins.

The Wildcats finished the Early-Season Tournament at Rose Hill with a 2-1 record, getting their season off to a promising start. Mulvane wrapped up their tourney run with a 60-49 win over Douglass Saturday, Dec. 9.

"We're off to our best start over the last few years," said Wildcat head coach Scott Dunham. "We shot the ball pretty well against Douglass, and we got offensive support from guys that we expect to score points. We were pretty consistent on offense, and we didn't have any major dry spells. On defense, we're still committing too many fouls. We allowed them to shoot 32 free throws, so we need to improve our technique on defense. Still, winning two of our first three games is a great start for our guys."

After the first quarter ended tied at 14-14, the Wildcats were able to pull ahead and take a 30-25 lead by halftime. The 'Cats led by six, 46-40, after three quarters, then held the Bulldogs to nine points in the fourth quarter. Douglass made just 13 shots from the floor, but they were also 23-for-32 from the line.

Mulvane, meanwhile, had 21 field goals, including four three-pointers, and were 14-for-23 from the line. The 'Cats scored between 14 and 16 points in each quarter. Sophomore Jordan Gosch led the Wildcats with 16 points while Dylan Donaldson and Andrew Myers each added 10. Mulvane also got eight points from John Knight, five each from Levi Hein and Tyler Springer, four from Ryan Herrig, and two from Aaron Elston.

The Wildcats played Rose Hill tough for three quarters Friday night, Dec. 8, but the host Rockets pulled away late for a 60-36 win to hand the 'Cats their first loss.

"We played them close for a long time, but we had chances to keep them even closer," said Dunham. "We had chances to get within one or two points in the second quarter, but we just couldn't hit any big shots. Defensively, that was probably the best three quarters we've played so far this season. We let them pull away in the fourth quarter, partially because we started getting a little discouraged that we were missing on our opportunities."

The 'Cats scored the game's first basket, then fell behind 13-2 before cutting it to 13-6 by the end of the period. Mulvane cut into Rose Hill's lead late in the half, but a three-pointer at the buzzer put the halftime lead back up to seven, 22-15. Mulvane was still within 10

points, 32-22, by the end of the third quarter, but Rose Hill scored the first eight points of the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach.

Mulvane only hit 11 shots from the floor, including three three-pointers. Knight was the only Wildcat in double figures with 10 points. Mulvane also got eight points from Springer, seven from Hein, four from Herrig, three from Donaldson, and two each from Myers and Jacob Snider.

In the junior varsity portion of the tournament, the Mulvane JV team swept to a perfect 3-0 record to finish first in the tournament, including a 42-36 win over host Rose Hill. In the Rose Hill win, Mulvane got 12 points from Stephen Saldivar, six from Aaron Elston, and five from Quinton Smith.

The Wildcats will play their first home game of the season Friday night, Dec. 15, when they host AVCTL III rival El Dorado. The game is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	4	17	7	23-51
Rose Hill	13	13	19	25-70
Mulvane—Brenton Higgins 3, Tyler Springer 5, Ryan Herrig 7, Andrew Myers 3, John Knight 14, Dylan Donaldson 12, Jordan Gosch 7. FG 18 (4), FT 11-30.				
Rose Hill—Ty Wisener 2, Brayden Crowe 11, Trent Ubben 17, Taylor Stauffer 12, Josh Shirley 17, Blaine Foltz 9, Mike Smith 2. FG 24 (1), FT 21-27.				

Early-Season Tournament

THIRD ROUND

Mulvane	14	16	16	14-60
Douglass	14	11	15	9-49
Mulvane—Tyler Springer 5, Ryan Herrig 4, Andrew Myers 10, John Knight 8, Dylan Donaldson 10, Aaron Elston 2, Levi Hein 5, Jordan Gosch 16. FG 21 (4), FT 14-23.				
Douglass—Kyle Hotthaus 2, Blake Nachbar 11, Jesse Wallace 4, Preston Giesen 10, Josh Hamilton 6, Ethan Koejer 1, Skyler Travis 5, Tyler Hauser 10. FG 13 (0), FT 23-32.				

Rose Hill 60, Antale 54 (1st place)

SECOND ROUND

Mulvane	6	9	7	14-36
Rose Hill	13	9	10	28-60
Mulvane—Tyler Springer 8, Ryan Herrig 4, Andrew Myers 2, John Knight 10, Dylan Donaldson 3, Jacob Snider 2, Levi Hein 7. FG 11 (3), FT 11-18.				
Rose Hill—Chase Orban 2, Tyler Shirley 3, Brayden Crowe 17, Trent Ubben 7, Taylor Stauffer 4, Josh Hayden 2, Josh Shirley 15, Blaine Foltz 5, Mike Smith 5. FG 19 (2), FT 20-26.				

Antale 43, Douglass 41

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 53, Antale 49
Rose Hill 68, Douglass 37

Junior Varsity

SECOND ROUND

Mulvane	10	12	8	12-42
Rose Hill	4	9	11	12-36
Mulvane—Brenton Higgins 4, Brice Walsten 4, Jacob Snider 4, Aaron Elston 6, Stephen Saldivar 12, Jordan Gosch 3, Quinton Smith 5, Cody McBratney 4. FG 14 (2), FT 12-21.				
Rose Hill—Chase Orban 6, Tyler Shirley 4, Cody Knuth 2, Caleb Brown 5, Kenny Bates 2, Jacob Burnett 3, Blaine Foltz 7, Blake Jimenez 4, Josh Priebe 1, Steven Walton 2. FG 12 (2), FT 10-20.				