

First League Game

Boys Blink Under Pressure

After one quarter of play Tuesday night, Dec. 14, at El Dorado, it looked like the Mulvane Wildcats were going to give new coach Scott Dunham his first varsity victory.

Instead, Mulvane found out why they play four quarters.

El Dorado created havoc with the Mulvane offense with a sticky, half-court man press and used the turnovers as a springboard to victory in four quarters. Playing their first game in the new Ark Valley Chisholm Trail League, the Mulvane Wildcats were throttled by a 53-35 score, leaving Coach Dunham at 0-5 for the season.

Mulvane's Wildcats looked good early, rolling out to a 9-4 lead after a quarter of play but the El Dorado Wildcats used a series of turnovers by Mulvane to generate a 21-7 push in the second quarter to take a 25-16 lead before putting the game away in the 3rd quarter.

"We were just stagnant offensively," said Dunham. "Our screening wasn't good, our cuts weren't good, our passing wasn't good, and it was the same thing on defense. We just had very poor execution all night."

Dunham cited the El Dorado pressure defense for much of the problem. "We struggled for the first time this year with pressure defense," said the Mulvane coach. "Our guards had a hard time out there. They made it hard for us to bring it up the floor and kept our offense from starting where we wanted to start from. And once we picked up our dribble, El Dorado really put the pressure on the next pass. That kept us from getting any kind of offensive flow going the whole night."

It was the lowest scoring game of the season for the green-clad Wildcats.

Mulvane	9	7	9	11-36
El Dorado	4	21	17	11-53

Mulvane--Logan Sorensen 9, Ryan Herrig 2, John Knight 3, Sage Swancy 1, Mason Leonard 4, Kyle Womacks 8, J.D. Sorensen 4, Adam Edwards 4, Tyler Oblinger 1. FG 10 (2), FT 14-20, F 23

El Dorado--Landon Bryan 4, Roger Nightengale 17, Fleener 5, Brian Campbell 6, Mathews 6, Ward 2, Dustin Ingalls 7, Currier 6. FG 18 (1), FT 13-24, F 20

Douglass Early Season Boys Tournament

THIRD ROUND

Andale	12	12	10	11-45
Mulvane	12	8	14	9-43

Andale-- Matt Lawson 15, Tyler Flickinger 6, Joseph Baumann 5, Brandon Albert 7, Toby Eck 12. FG 17 (13), FT 8 (11)

Mulvane-- J.D. Sorensen 15, Tyler Ruder 6, Mason Leonard 5, Logan Sorensen 7, Chris Wilson 8, Kyle Womacks 2. FG 18 (3), FT 4-5, F 15

Rose Hill 82, Douglass 36

"We just seemed a step slow, a step behind in everything we did," said Dunham. "We had an okay first quarter and did a good job a few possessions after that but once they stepped up the pressure, we didn't step up to the challenge."

Senior Logan Sorensen led the scoring with nine points and junior Kyle Womacks scored eight points. El Dorado made it tough on center J.D. Sorensen, who had posted two double-figure games in his last three outings, and held him to only four points. Mason Leonard and Adam Edwards also had four points each for Mulvane.

"I keep using the same words to describe the problem," said Dunham. "There are critical times in every game and when the other team turns up the intensity on us, we have to answer and turn our intensity up a couple of notches. We're just not getting that."

The Douglass Early Season Tournament ended up being just another bad dream for Coach Dunham and his Wildcat boys instead of a dream opportunity.

Andale finished off the Wildcats in the last game of the round robin tournament Thursday night, Dec. 9, leaving both the Cats and Dunham still looking for something under the "W" column. The Indians edged Mulvane, 45-43, as the Wildcats went 0-3 in the tourney.

Rose Hill won the tournament title, going 3-0. The Rocket trounced Douglass, 82-36, in the last game of the tournament.

AVCT League Boys Basketball Standings

Division III

Team	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Rose Hill	1	0	5	0
El Dorado	1	0	1	1
Buhler	0	0	2	1
Augusta	0	0	1	2
Wellington	0	1	2	2
Mulvane	0	1	0	5

Division IV

Andover Central	1	0	4	0
Andover	1	0	2	1
*Kingman	0	0	0	0
Clearwater	0	0	1	3
Circle	0	1	3	1
Andale	0	1	2	3

*illness has forced postponement of all early games

Games Friday, Dec. 17

Wellington at Mulvane
Rose Hill at Buhler
El Dorado at Augusta
Andover Central at Andale
Clearwater at Andover

Games Tuesday, Dec. 21

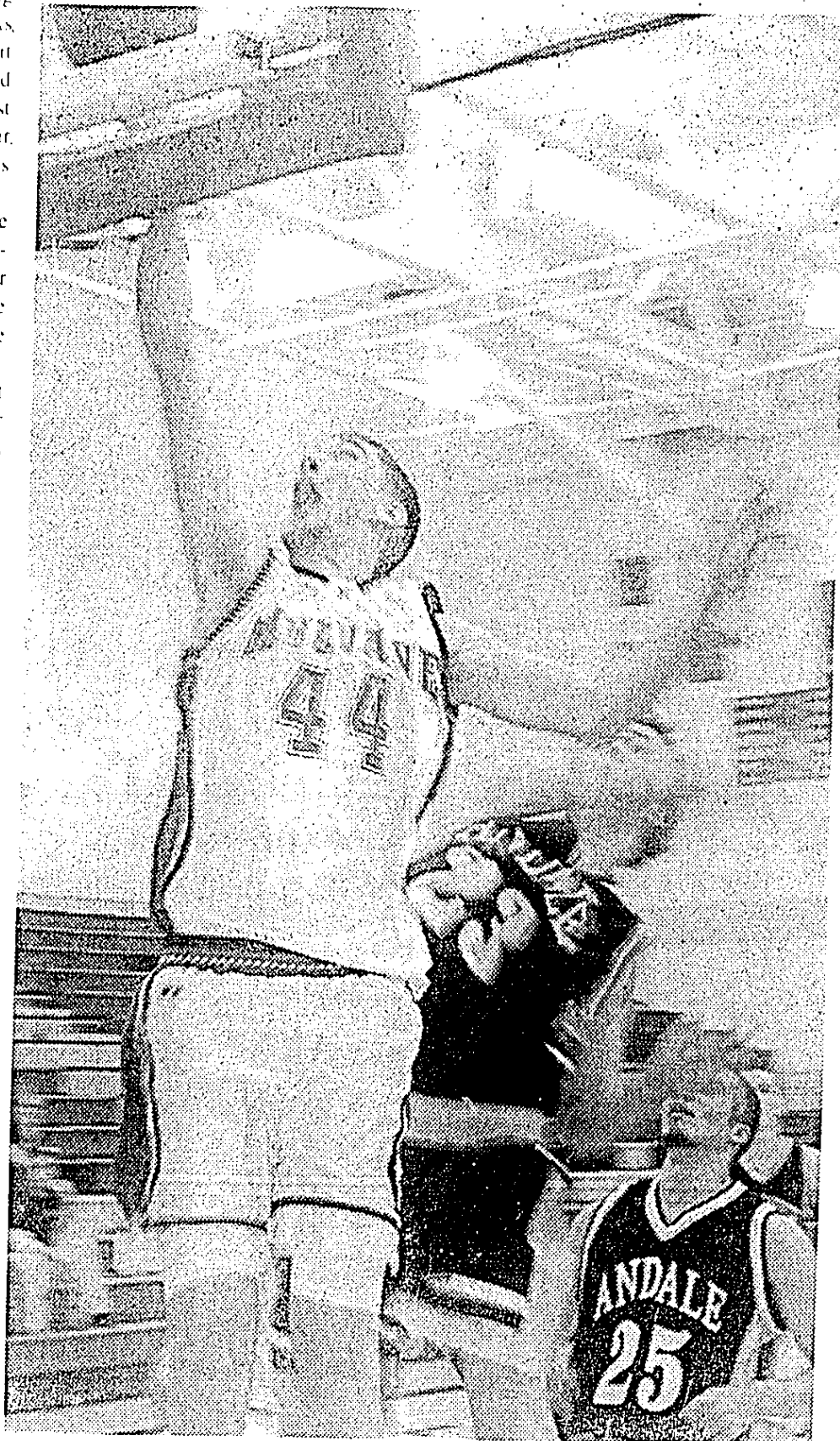
Augusta at Andover

The game was tight the whole game between the Cats and Indians.

J.D. Sorensen inside gave the Cats a 15-point game as he continued to show good offensive skills. Sophomore Chris Wilson also scored eight points in the paint. Guards

Tyler Ruder and Logan Sorensen finished with six and seven points, respectively, and Leonard picked up five points, all on the inside game.

"This game was our most consistent offensive game this season," said Dunham.



Mulvane senior center J.D. Sorensen (44) banks one off the glass