

Boys Tumble To 1-5 As Offense Struggles

The Mulvane High School boys' basketball team will go into the holiday break still looking for a little consistency.

The Wildcats' final game of 2005 was played at Wellington Friday night, Dec. 16, and the 'Cats fell to the host Crusaders, 59-39, to slip to 0-2 in AVCTL Division III, 1-5 overall.

Although the Wildcats jumped out to an early 7-0 lead, they were outscored in each quarter, including 15-8 in the third quarter, which gave Wellington a 43-27 lead. "We're still struggling to make shots and score

points," said MHS head coach Scott Dunham. "We only shot about 28% from the floor, and we also gave up too many second and third chances. We really had no answer for their inside players, who are very tall and athletic."

Mulvane was led by 6-7 senior center Adam Edwards, who was the only Wildcat in double figures, scoring 14 points. The 'Cats also got eight points from Chris Wilson, seven from Tyler Ruder, six from John Knight, and two each from Ryan Herrig and Kyle Womacks. Wellington was led by Lars White

with 21 points and Trenton Rains with 16.

Dunham knows his team has much to work on over the break. Of course, knowing what the problems are is just the first step. "We simply have to do a better job of converting our scoring chances from close range," said Dunham. "We have to find ways to score points. We need to become more aggressive on both ends of the floor. We'll work on some new offensive and defensive sets, and we'll make some personnel decisions with our lineup. Hopefully, we can find the right combination to improve the offense. Our main goal is for these guys to become the best players they can possibly be."

The Wildcats will return to action Friday night, Jan. 6, when they travel to Augusta.



Guard Tyler Ruder (5) floats a shot at the bucket against Wellington

Varsity Boys

Mulvane	11	8	8	12-39
Wellington	17	11	15	16-59

Mulvane—Tyler Ruder 7, Ryan Herrig 2, John Knight 6, Kyle Womacks 2, Chris Wilson 8, Adam Edwards 14. FG 16 (1), FT 6-7.

Wellington—Tanner Ybarra 7, Kerby Hefley 9, Calder Cody 4, Lars White 21, Cody Riggs 2, Trenton Rains 16. FG 22 (2), FT 13-18.

AVCTL III-IV Boys' Basketball Standings

DIVISION III

	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Rose Hill	2	0	5	1
Augusta	1	0	3	2
El Dorado	1	1	2	2
Wellington	1	1	3	3
Buhler	0	1	0	4
Mulvane	0	2	1	5

DIVISION IV

Andover Central	2	0	5	0
Andover	2	0	2	3
Circle	1	1	4	1
Clearwater	1	1	3	3
Andale	0	2	3	3
Kingman	0	2	2	4