

Consistent Effort A Mystery For Mulvane Girls To Solve

The Mulvane High School girls followed up one of their better game with one of their worst ones to end the "2007 season."

The MHS girls were solid Tuesday night, Dec. 18, when they went to Andover and came away with a 41-36 victory over the Trojans. Two nights later in a make-up game at home against the Rose Hill Rockets, Coach Dale Landes' girls had one of their poorer performances. The Rockets buried the Wildcats, 54-27, Thursday, Dec. 20, leaving Coach Landes' girls at 2-5 overall and 1-2 in the Ark Valley Clashholm Trail League as they gear up for the 2008 portion of their schedule.

"We came out really flat, there was not a lot of intensity or emotion against Rose Hill and even though we were down by only eight at halftime, we just didn't do a very good job defensively of stopping their penetration. We came out in the third quarter and played every worse. We didn't take care of the ball at all, so they ran off an 8-0 run to start the second half."

That streak pretty much broke the game open. Mulvane was down, 25-18, at halftime but the Rockets out-scored Mulvane, 19-3, in the 3rd quarter to take control of the game.

"We just seem to have a very hard time against teams that are very athletic," pointed out Landes. "If our intensity isn't there and we don't take care of the ball, we struggle. It's as simple as that. Everything just kind of fell apart in that 3rd quarter."

When the two teams played earlier in December, Rose Hill won it but Mulvane made a serious charge in the 4th quarter to make things interesting. There was no "interesting" this night, however, as the Rockets pressured the Wildcats all over the court and created numerous turnovers.

"We just weren't ready to play," said Landes. "Consistency, that's one thing we have talked about in previous weeks. We need to develop it. Teams that have it are steady and can weather those big runs."

Two players held up their end of

Varsity Girls

Rose Hill	15	10	19	10-54
Mulvane	8	10	3	4-27
Rose Hill—Kelli Hertel 8, Emily Jones 2, Andrea Pfannenstiel 7, Kelsey Withler 4, Teryn Engels 2, Whitney Bates 6, Kelsey Herman 17, Randi Lucas 4, Courtney Rath 4. FG 18 (2). FT 16-20, F 17.				
Mulvane—Stephanie Wilson 31, Melinda McKee 12, Courtney Becker 1, Haylee Smith 2, Kayla Morton 1. FG 9 (2). FT 7-12, F 18.				
Mulvane	10	10	8	13-41
Andover	13	6	13	4-36
Mulvane—Melinda McKee 18, Katie Ybarra 1, Kaylee Smith 2, Maddie Wae 8, Stephanie Wilson 12. FG 14 (3). FT 10-20, F 15.				
Andover—Devan Farbo 10, Olivia Banks 2, Taylor Titton 1, Kylie Cooper 12, Abby Hamilton 3, Brianna Gonzalez 6. FG 14 (2). FT 6-15, F 18.				

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	12	1	17	14-44
Andover	16	9	8	10-43
Mulvane—Taylor Bell 3, Courtney Malenkowski 2, Taylor Becker 2, Stephanie Wilson 7, Meredith McKee 1, Kayla Morton 15, Taitt Pulliam 5, Sydney Locke 1, Kelsey Miller 6, Jolee Gusch 2. FG 13 (8). FT 18-32, F 17.				
Andover—Kayla Leach 10, Kendra Bloue 1, Margot Hazwell 6, Ashley Beards 6, Paige Quastal 1, Fabaholtz 2, Christina Prebuth 3, Emily Dunmore 2. FG 16 (1). FT 10-22, F 20.				

things on offense. Senior Melinda McKee scored 12 points and sophomore Stephanie Wilson had 11. The next top scorer for the Wildcats was Haylee Smith with a bucket. As it turned out, it was Mulvane's worst scoring game this season, dipping into the 20s for the first time this year.

It was a different story altogether at Andover. The Wildcats played with poise and power. "We were the kind of team I felt we could have been all year long," emphasized Landes. "Andover pretty much plays a half-court game like we do and we went out and executed our offense. In that game, we made the plays when we had to, especially down the stretch."

The Trojans took a late lead into the 4th quarter but the Wildcats rallied by out-scoring Andover, 13-4, to come from behind.

"Even when we were down four or five points in the 4th quarter, our girls never panicked," said Landes. "Katie Ybarra, Melinda McKee and Stephanie Wilson really made some big plays down the stretch. That's when I saw the team I thought we could see all season."

McKee finished with a game-high 18 points. Guard Maddie Wae scored eight points and Wilson pumped in 12 more.

Mulvane also won the jayvee girls game at Andover, nosing out the host Trojans, 44-43. Kayla Morton scored 15 points to lead the way but she had good help from Wilson with seven points. Kelsey Miller with six and Taitt Pulliam with five.