



Mulvane's Maddie Wise (4) tries to find an open teammate against Augusta

# Slow Start Dooms Girls

The Mulvane High School girls' basketball team finished well against undefeated Augusta Friday night, Jan. 5, but it wasn't enough to overcome a bad start.

The visiting Orioles jumped on the Wildcats early and often, taking a 15-2 lead and going on to win at Mulvane, 45-29. The Wildcats slipped to 1-6 overall on the season, 0-4 in AVCTL Division III.

"Their pressure, intensity, and experience were just too much for us," said MHS head coach Dale Landes. "They got their hands on a lot of our passes, and it was tough for us to get any rhythm going offensively. We just had too many breakdowns on both ends of the court."

Augusta (4-0, 6-0) extended their 15-2 lead after one quarter to a 34-11 advantage at halftime. The Wildcats outscored the Orioles 18-11 in the second half, but the game's outcome was never really in doubt.

"The best thing was that our girls never gave up," said Landes. "It would've been easy for us to just go through the motions in the second half, but we didn't do that. They battled right to the very end. On the other hand, effort is one thing and execution is another. Against a team like Augusta, you almost have to play a perfect game to win, and we just didn't execute at all in the first half. We're still a young team that's going through a lot of growing pains."

Taylor Parsons, Melinda McKee, and Maddie Wise each had six points to lead the Wildcats. Mulvane also got four points from Whitney Sullivan, three each from Stephanie Wilson and Kelcey Sharpe, and one from Amanda Burrell. Augusta was led by Julie Stephenson with 17 points and Rainey Nickel with 12.

The Mulvane junior varsity led 17-6 after one quarter and went on to defeat Augusta, 48-26. The Wildcats took control by outscoring the Orioles 15-6 in the third quarter. The Wildcats got 12 points from Kaitlin Lanzrath, nine from Amanda Burrell, eight from Kelcey Sharpe, and seven from Lindsey Ring. Scoring two points each were Stephanie Wilson, Taylor Parsons, Lauren Miller, Kendra Reusser, Taylor Bell, and Haylee Smith.

Mulvane played at Buhler Tuesday night, Jan. 9. That result was not available by press time and will be recapped in next week's Mulvane News.

The Wildcats are off until next Friday night, Jan. 19, when they will play at Andale at 7:30 p.m.

## Varsity Girls

Augusta	15	19	5	6-45
Mulvane	2	9	10	8-29

Augusta—Myers 2, Reichard 2, Meyer 6, Gillies 2, Bues 4, Rainey Nickel 12, Julie Stephenson 17. FG 21 (0), FT 3-11.

Mulvane—Stephanie Wilson 3, Maddie Wise 6, Whitney Sullivan 4, Taylor Parsons 6, Melinda McKee 6, Kelcey Sharpe 3, Amanda Burrell 1. FG 10 (1), FT 8-20.

## Junior Varsity Girls

Augusta	6	7	6	7-26
Mulvane	17	7	15	9-48

Augusta—Reichard 6, Schwemmer 5, Jones 6, Miller 2, Gillies 7. FG 11 (1), FT 3-11.

Mulvane—Stephanie Wilson 2, Lauren Miller 2, Lindsey Ring 7, Kendra Reusser 2, Taylor Bell 2, Taylor Parsons 2, Haylee Smith 2, Kaitlin Lanzrath 12, Amanda Burrell 9, Kelcey Sharpe 8. FG 22 (1), FT 3-18.

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