

# Crusaders Put The Chill Into Girls' Ride Home

Buhler is always a long trip but the Mulvane High School girls made it even longer Tuesday night, Jan. 11.

The Wildcats, coming off three "off" days at school and the Christmas holiday break, looked like a team that, well, had been off for Christmas holiday and three "off" days at school as the host Crusaders smacked the Cats around for a 58-40 victory in an Ark Valley Chisholm Trail League game.

It was Mulvane's first game since Dec. 17. Buhler, on the other hand, had played twice since returning from the holidays. The loss dropped Coach Dale Landes' girls to 2-5 for the season and 1-2 in the league.

"We played like a team that had had only one practice in six days," confessed Landes. "We just didn't have our legs under us. Lack of conditioning hit us early and in the later stages of the game, we were strugg-

## Girls Varsity

Mulvane	10	10	9	11-40
Buhler	14	20	14	10-58
Mulvane--Tara Robert 8, Josey Gosch 4, Laura Buchanan 6, Whitney Becker 4, Abby Sorensen 8, Tasha Parman 2, Amanda Hagerman 2, Kristi Parker 6, FG 1-0, FT 6-8, F 18				
Buhler--Brax 2, Pankratz 5, Cameron 2, Richman 1, Jones 11, Hines 14, Wiens 2, Beardslee 5, FG 22-00, FT 8-018, F 19				

ling to get back on defense." School politics is that if there is no school, there is no practice and the Wildcats were off Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 5-7, because of the ice storm.

"As the game progressed, our shots became flat and short," said Landes. "When you haven't played a game since December 17 and have had only one practice, you're going to look like this."

The two teams battled through the first quarter, Buhler staking itself to a 14-10 lead, but it was all Buhler after that. By intermission, the Crusaders built up a 34-10 lead and never let the Cats back in the game.

"I was not unhappy with our performance tonight," said Landes. "We were just in a situation we had no control over. Our girls came out and played as good as I could have hoped. We just weren't able to keep up with a strong team. If you look at the little things, good things are happening."

Landes subbed early, understanding the need for fresh horses but in the end, the Wildcats couldn't match the Crusaders bucket-for-bucket. "I tried to give our starters a minute or two here and there and we got some good minutes from our bench. Kristi Parker gave us some good time. Amanda Hagerman came in and gave us some good minutes and Tasha Parman gave us some good minutes."

Mulvane got 10 bench points between those three players. Guards Tara Roberts and Abby Sorensen topped the Wildcat scoring. Each had eight points. Parker and Laura Buchanan scored six points apiece and Whitney Becker and Josey Gosch scored four points each.

"A couple of weeks ago, I talked about mental toughness and we're going to find out in the next few weeks if we are mentally tough," said Landes. "We have some tough games ahead. At Buhler, we weren't mentally tough because we started making a lot of mental mistakes when we got tired, mistakes I don't think you normally see from this group. We just really struggled."

The MHS girls will march on to Rose Hill Friday night, Jan. 14, to take on the Rockets and follow that game up with top-ranked Circle at Circle on Tuesday night, Jan. 18.

## AVCT League

### Girls Basketball Standings

#### DIVISION III

Team	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
El Dorado	3	0	4	1
Buhler	3	0	3	3
Rose Hill	1	1	4	2
Mulvane	1	2	2	5
Augusta	0	1	2	3
Wellington	0	4	3	5

#### DIVISION IV

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

Tonight (Jan. 13)

Rose Hill at Augusta

Games Friday, Jan. 14

Mulvane at Rose Hill

Buhler at El Dorado

Augusta at Wellington

Andover at Andover Central

Andale at Kingman

Circle at Clearwater

Games Tuesday, Jan. 18

Mulvane at Circle

Augusta at Andale