

## 1st Round Win

# Mulvane Girls Find Their Touch

The Mulvane High School girls' basketball team needed a confidence-boosting victory, and that's exactly what they got in the first round of the 27th annual Mulvane Wildcat Lady Classic Monday night, Jan. 22, at the MHS gym.

The Wildcats struggled early but eventually pulled away for a 55-35 win against the Wichita Southeast junior varsity. The Wildcats, who moved into the semifinals of the Classic with the win, are now 2-8 overall on the season, breaking a six-game losing streak.

Dale Landes' Wildcats gave up the first two points, then scored nine straight to take an early lead against Southeast. The Buffaloes fought back to take a one-point lead before Mulvane took it back, 13-11, by the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Wildcats got inside baskets from Melinda McKee and Taylor Parsons, as well as a couple of transition layups from Whitney Sullivan, to open up a 31-17 lead by halftime.

The 'Cats continued to play tough defense and extended their lead to 43-22 by the end of the third quarter. Mulvane led by as much as 25 points in the fourth quarter. Ten different Wildcats scored as Mulvane scored a season-high 55 points. The 'Cats got 14 points from Sullivan, 11 from Parsons, nine from McKee, and six points each from Courtney Becker and Kaitlin Lanzrath.

The Wildcats visited Andale for the second time this season, and the result was pretty much the same. Having lost 50-29 in their season opener at Andale, the Wildcats lost 58-27 Friday night, Jan. 19, in a non-league game.

The 'Cats hung tough early, trailing only 12-9 after one quarter. In the second quarter,

## 27th Annual Mulvane

### Wildcat Girls Classic Pairings

#### TONIGHT (JAN. 25)

- Game 3 - Wellington vs. Arkansas City, 4:30 p.m.  
 Game 4 - Wichita Southeast JV vs. Campus, auxiliary gym, 6:15  
 Game 7 - Garden Plain vs. Rose Hill, main gym, 6:15  
 Game 8 - Mulvane Wildcats vs. Clearwater, 7:45

#### SATURDAY, JAN. 27

- Game 9 (Seventh Place) - losers of games 5 and 6, 2 p.m.  
 Game 10 (Fifth Place) - winners of games 3 and 6, 3:45  
 Game 11 (Third Place) - losers of games 7 and 8, 5:30  
 Game 12 (First Place) - winners of games 7 and 8, 7:30

the host Indians extended the lead to 12 by halftime, 27-15. By the end of the third quarter, Andale's lead had grown to 43-22. Nine different players scored for Andale.

The Wildcats hit just 10 shots from the floor, three of them three-pointers, and were only 4-for-11 from the free-throw line. Mulvane got seven points from Katie Ybarra, six from Sullivan, five from McKee, four from Maddie Wise, three from Kelcey Sharpe, and two from Parsons.

Mulvane will play in the Lady Wildcat Classic semifinals tonight (Jan. 25) against top seed Clearwater. The game is scheduled to get underway at 7:45 p.m. A win will put the 'Cats in the championship game Saturday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. A loss would put Mulvane in Saturday's third-place game at 5:30 p.m.

## Lady Wildcat Classic

### FIRST ROUND

Southeast JV	11	6	0	13-25
Mulvane	13	18	12	12-55

Wichita Southeast JV-Melodie Casanova 2, Nichole Ellis 2, Kelly Tyler 2, Kayanna Jennings 13, Ashley Silvers 16. PG 14 (2), FT 5-8.

Mulvane-Stephanie Wilson 1, Lauren Miller 3, Lindsey King 2, Whitney Sullivan 14, Courtney Becker 6, Katie Ybarra 1, Taylor Parsons 11, Melinda McKee 9, Kelcey Sharpe 2, Kaitlin Lanzrath 6. PG 21 (1), FT 12-26.

Clearwater 43, Campus 27
Garden Plain 61, Wellington 18
Rose Hill 57, Arkansas City 45

### Varsity Girls

Mulvane	9	6	7	5-27
Andale	12	15	16	15-58

Mulvane-Katie Ybarra 7, Melinda McKee 5, Kelcey Sharpe 3, Whitney Sullivan 6, Taylor Parsons 2, Wise 4. PG 19 (3), FT 4-11, F 21.

Andale-Emily Gages 18, Jessi Reichenberger 5, Adrienne Fox 9, Beth Bueger 2, Nali Mobley 4, Kim Watts 11, Amy Sarson 3, Allison Fox 2, Kaitlin Martin 6. PG 22 (2), FT 12-19, F 13.

