

Classic's 1st Round

Andale Speeds

Past Wildcats

Trying to slow down quickness is like trying to catch mercury. It always keeps sliding in the opposite direction.

Andale kept sliding in the opposite direction Monday night, Jan. 25, in the opening round of the 25th annual Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic, leaving Mulvane behind in a 67-48 first-round game.

"We have to play a perfect game technique-wise against a team that is quicker than we are. We just didn't do that," pointed out Cat coach Dale Landes. "Andale is a much quicker team and more athletic. They got to rebounds quicker, a lot of the loose balls went their way and they got a lot of second opportunities that really hurt us."

That's what quickness will do for you. This time, the tortoise didn't catch the hare.

In other first-round action in the classic, Wellington skated past Campus, 46-41. Wichita East, a tournament newcomer, bottled up Clearwater, 48-41, and No. 1 seeded Garden Plain throttled Arkansas City, 38-28.

That leaves the Wildcats meeting up with Campus tonight (Jan. 27) at 6 p.m. in the auxiliary gym.

Earlier this year in the Douglas Earth Season Tournament, Andale ripped the Cats, 73-39. "The same thing happened to us in that game," said Landes. "We work on quick feet drills in practice but that's not something that's going to happen overnight. Against a quicker team, we preach to the girls that our technique has to be perfect. You have to body up and your footwork has to be perfect. If you don't their quickness becomes their advantage."

The Wildcats also missed too many easy shots. Trailing by 14 at halftime, the MHS girls made some halftime adjustments and got back within six points at 36-30, but they hit two big three pointers in succession and that was a back-breaker. We never got the momentum back. That really took the wind out of our sail."

Even a balanced scoring attack couldn't save Mulvane. Eight players scored as Landes tried different combinations to give his players some rest. Junior Tara Roberts led the team with 15 points. Center Laura Buchanan scored eight, Abby Sorensen fin-

25th Annual Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 67, Clearwater 48
 Andale 46, Wellington 41
 Mulvane—Laura Buchanan 8, Tara Roberts 15, Abby Sorensen 6, Whitney Becker 4, Lara Robert 15, Tasha Parman 4, Megan Turner 4, Kristi Parker 4, FG 17-33, FT 11-14
 Andale—Tara Roberts 15, Abby Sorensen 11, Tashane Prange 10, Kristi Winters 10, Tasha Martin 10, Hil McKeel 7, Emily Stahl 7, S. Criss 6, Cook 6, Hatfield 5, Meredith 4, FG 23-37, FT 10-19

Wildcat on 26, Campus 40
 Wichita East 48, Clearwater 41
 Garden Plain 38, Arkansas City 28

Wildcat Girls Classic Pairings

TONIGHT (JAN. 27)

7:00 p.m. Clearwater vs. Arkansas City, 4 p.m. Campus vs. Mulvane, and 6:00 p.m. Wellington vs. Andale, in the gymnasium. Wichita East vs. Garden Plain 7:30 p.m.

SAURDAY, JAN. 29

7:00 p.m. Clearwater vs. Garden Plain, and 6:00 p.m. Campus vs. Mulvane, in the gymnasium. Andale vs. Wellington, 4 p.m. Garden Plain vs. Wichita East, 7:30 p.m. Clearwater vs. Arkansas City, 4 p.m. Garden Plain vs. Clearwater, 4 p.m. Clearwater vs. Garden Plain, 4 p.m.

and, with seven and Tasha Parman. Megan Turner and Kristi Parker had four points each.

"We wanted to play up tempo hoping to get some better shot opportunities and we got them," said Landes. "When you speed up tempo you also get tired and start making mental mistakes. You let down on defense. We did all of these things. Right now, we're trying to find consistency and can't."

It was a busy last week for the Wildcat girls. They entertained Augusta in a make-up game Friday night, Jan. 21, and the Orioles took advantage of one of Mulvane's worst games to register a 49-28 victory. The Wildcats had no better luck—but played better—Tuesday, Jan. 18, at No. 1 ranked Circle. The Cats lost that game by a 78-51 count.

Against Augusta, Mulvane scored 15 points in the first quarter, then went stone-cold and scored 13 the last three quarters. "It was just a totally poor performance on our part," complained Landes. "They went on a 13-0 run to start the 2nd quarter and we did an extremely poor job defensively."

When that Oriole run started, the Cats were leading, 15-11, and life was good. "Coaches always stress that you have to step it up defensively when your offense struggles and we did a very poor job of that," said the Cat coach. "We couldn't hit a shot and we did a poor job getting back on defense."

Playing the undefeated T-Birds on their floor was no picnic, but "we played with them and hung in there for the first half," stressed Landes. "We had six shots from point blank in the first half that didn't fall. If they do, it's a tie game at halftime."

Instead, the Thunderbirds were up, 30-20.

Roberts led the offense for Mulvane with 13 points and Becker, Buchanan and Sorensen chipped in with eight points each.

The Cat jayvee girls squirmed past Augusta, 32-29, and lost a 42-36 decision to Circle's T-Bird JVs.

Leading the scoring against Augusta were Megan Turner with eight points, Emily Stahl with seven and Whitney Sullivan with six.

The Mulvane JV's top scorers against Circle were sophomore Jordan Martin with 11 points, freshman McKee with eight and Turner with six.

Girls Varsity

Augusta	11	13	13	12	49
Mulvane	15	3	5	5	28

Augusta—Little 6, Julie Stephenson 14, Farmer 2, Rainey Nickel 13, Natalie Critchfield 3, Alyssa Ledgerwood 2, Sarah Waldorf 9. FG 20 (5), FT 4-10, F 11.

Mulvane—Laura Buchanan 4, Tara Roberts 4, Abby Sorensen 6, Josey Gosch 5, Caitlin Wise 3, Keeper Thompson 2, Whitney Sullivan 2, Tasha Parman 2. FG 11 (3), FT 3-5, F 14.

Mulvane	15	15	10	11	51
Circle	20	20	17	21	78

Mulvane—Whitney Becker 8, Tara Roberts 13, Laura Buchanan 8, Abby Sorensen 8, Josey Gosch 5, Caitlin Wise 3, Megan Turner 2, Tasha Parman 2. FG 21 (4), FT 5-7, F 25.

Circle—Val Siemens 21, Urton 3, Rosales 5, Bekah Mills 19, Amanda Marsh 3, Alisha Saenger 18, Cablarera 7, Witt 2. FG 25 (5), FT 23-38, F 12.

Junior Varsity Girls

Augusta	2	5	9	13	29
Mulvane	5	9	9	9	32

Augusta—Garcia 6, Blue 2, Burns 4, Schwemmer 6, Hromeck 3, Bradley 3, Jamee Farmer 5. FG 10 (0), FT 9-16, F 26.

Mulvane—Megan Turner 8, Amanda Hagerman 4, Whitney Sullivan 6, Emily Stahl 7, Jordan Martin 4, Melinda McKee 3. FG 9 (0), FT 14-38, F 14.

Mulvane	9	7	11	9	36
Circle	10	10	10	12	42

Mulvane—Amanda Hagerman 5, Megan Turner 6, Whitney Sullivan 1, Melinda McKee 8, Jordan Martin 11, Caitlin Wise 2, Kristi Parker 2, Keeper Thompson 1. FG 10 (0), FT 14-29, F 25.

Circle—Warren 10, J. Criss 2, Wilt 4, Caldarella 6, Rosales 3, Smith 2, S. Criss 3, Cook 9, Hatfield 1, Lara 2. FG 10 (1), FT 21-36, F 19.