



Bombs away! Mulvane's Dylan Donaldson (23) lets one fly in 3rd place game against Arkansas City

Third In Cat Classic

Girls Stopped At Home By Winfield Comeback

The Mulvane High School girls' basketball team suffered another close loss Tuesday night, Jan. 30, at home against Winfield. The 'Cats lost, 46-40, dropping the Wildcats to 2-11 overall on the season.

The Wildcats led 9-7 after one quarter, but Winfield came back to take a four-point lead by halftime, 23-19. Winfield extended the lead slightly to 32-26 by the end of the third quarter. Both teams scored 14 points in the fourth quarter as a final Mulvane rally fell short.

Mulvane's two freshmen combined for over half of the Wildcats' points. Stephanie Wilson led the 'Cats with 12 points while Taylor Parsons added nine. Mulvane also got eight points from Maddie Wise, six from Whitney Sullivan, three from Katie Ybarra, and two from Courtney Becker.

The Mulvane junior varsity defeated Winfield, 39-20. Stephanie Wilson led Mulvane with 11 points. The 'Cats also got seven points from Amanda Burrell and four from Taylor Bell.

The Wildcats started well in the third-place game of the Mulvane Lady Wildcat Classic against Garden Plain Saturday, Jan. 27, but the finish wasn't there. Garden Plain pulled away in the second half for a 57-35 win as the Wildcats finished fourth.

Mulvane took an early 10-8 lead after one quarter, and the 'Cats still only trailed by two at halftime, 24-22. The Owls used a 21-11 third-quarter advantage to take a 45-33 lead, and the Wildcats scored just four points in

the fourth quarter as the Owls pulled away. "We played well in the first half, especially on defense," said MHS head coach Dale Landes. "We created some good scoring opportunities, but we didn't convert them enough. In the second half, we looked tired on the court, which I haven't seen much from this team. Once the lead got into double figures, it just snowballed from there."

Katie Ybarra, the only Wildcat named to this year's All-Tournament Team, led the 'Cats with 10 points. Mulvane also got nine points from Melinda McKee, six from Whitney Sullivan, four from Maddie Wise, and two each from Stephanie Wilson, Courtney Becker, and Amanda Burrell.

Rose Hill won the tournament title with a 36-25 win over top seed Clearwater Saturday night. Arkansas City defeated Campus for fifth place, 54-27. Wellington took seventh place with a 59-23 win over the Wichita Southeast junior varsity.

The Wildcats played top seed Clearwater close for the entire game in the semifinals Thursday night, Jan. 25, before losing to the Indians, 50-41. The nine-point final margin was the largest lead either team had in the game.

"We played very well against Clearwater," said Landes. "Their starting center (Melissa Brockleman) makes them very tough, and we wanted to try to take her out of the game as much as possible. We stayed right with them the whole game. They just made some key shots down the stretch, including a few free throws in the final minute."

Both teams traded the lead in the first quarter, with Clearwater leading 13-11 when the period ended. By halftime, the Wildcats were still within three, 25-22. The Indians had extended the lead to eight by the end of the third quarter, 38-30, but the Wildcats didn't go away. Mulvane cut the lead to as little as three in the fourth quarter, but they never got the ball with the chance to tie the game.

Taylor Parsons led the Wildcats with nine points. Mulvane also got eight points apiece from Ybarra and McKee, six each from Wilson and Sullivan, and four from Wise. Clearwater was led by Melissa Brockleman with 16 points and Melanie Brockleman with 12.

"Our girls are getting more used to playing together," said Landes. "With us, our success still comes down to our consistency. We're also working on becoming more aggressive offensively. It's all part of a continuing learning process for our team."

Ybarra Named To Tourney Team

One Mulvane High School player was named to the all-tournament team for the 27th annual Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic named at the conclusion of the week-long tournament Saturday, Jan. 27.

Junior Katie Ybarra was the only Wildcat cager selected to the all-tourney team.

The Rose Hill Rockets grabbed three spots on the top 10 team announced by Classic officials. Kristy Herman, Erica Herman and Madison Lucas, all of the tourney champ Rockets, were named to the all-tournament squad.

Rose Hill also won first place in 1987 in its last appearance in the Classic.

Others on the top 10 were Teall Culbertson and Kahlila Young of Arkansas City, Monica Schoenecker and Melissa Brockleman of runner-up Clearwater, Courtney Goodrum of Wellington and Kim Kerschen of Garden Plain. Culbertson and Kerschen were the top scorers in the classic, each scoring 49 points.

Rose Hill's Jenny Page was named to the Coaches Award and Kerschen won the C.V. Hartung Award for individual sportsmanship, hustle and teamwork. The team sportsmanship award was given to Wellington.

Varsity Girls

Winfield 7 16 9 14-46

Mulvane 9 10 7 14-40

Winfield—Kaylee Johnson 2, Katie Jackson 5,

Miller 6, Legako 5, Annaliss Jauregui 17, Breayle

Tucker 9, Anna Gorman 2. PG 17 (3), FT 9-21, F 20.

Mulvane—Taylor Parsons 9, Stephanie Wilson 12,

Katie Ybarra 3, Whitney Sullivan 6, Courtney Becker 2,

Maddie Wise 8. PG 13 (3), FT 11-20, F 22.

Junior Varsity Girls

Winfield 3 4 8 5-20

Mulvane 6 10 10 15-39

Winfield—Proctor 4, Legako 3, Owe 6, Young 4,

Kath 1, Brownson 2. PG 6 (0), FT 5-14, F 8.

Mulvane—Katie Shupe 2, Stephanie Wilson 11,

Amanda Burrell 7, Lauren Miller 3, Lindsey Ring 3,

Taylor Bell 4, Taylor Becker 3, Kristina Lovik 2, Kaitlin

Laureth 2. PG 16 (1), FT 6-12, F 15.

Mulvane Lady Wildcat Classic

THIRD PLACE

Garden Plain 8 14 21 14-37

Mulvane 10 10 11 4-35

Garden Plain—Melissa Loebe 9, Julie Doid 4,

Janie Kersch 9, Cassie Hubert 2, Tera Suckline 4,

Kim Kersch 16, Sarah Loebe 11, Ann Pealy 2. PG 24

(6), FT 5-8.

Mulvane—Stephanie Wilson 2, Maddie Wise 4,

Whitney Sullivan 6, Courtney Becker 2, Katie Ybarra 10,

Melinda McKee 5, Amanda Burrell 2. PG 15 (2), FT 3-5.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Rose Hill 36, Clearwater 25

FIFTH PLACE

Arkansas City 54, Campus 27

SEVENTH PLACE

Wellington 39, Wichita Southeast JV 23

SEMIFINALS

Mulvane 11 11 8 11-41

Clearwater 12 12 13 12-50

Mulvane—Stephanie Wilson 6, Maddie Wise 4,

Whitney Sullivan 6, Katie Ybarra 8, Taylor Parsons 9,

Melinda McKee 8. PG 14 (3), FT 10-18.

Clearwater—Emily Missak 6, Abbie Widler 3,

Monica Schoenecker 4, Melinda Brockleman 12, Jordan

Mills 9, Melissa Brockleman 16. PG 16 (2), FT 14-36.

Rose Hill 40, Garden Plain 46

CONSOLATION

Arkansas City 34, Wellington 39

Campus 51, Wichita Southeast JV 29

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 88, Wichita Southeast JV 28

Clearwater 43, Campus 27

Rose Hill 57, Arkansas City 45

Garden Plain 61, Wellington 18



Junior Katie Ybarra (20) makes a steal against Clearwater