

Mulvane Girls Fall Short

The Mulvane girls' basketball team lost a heartbreaker to a very highly rated team Tuesday night, Feb. 7.

The Wildcats went toe-to-toe with a Kingman squad that had only lost three games, and the visiting Eagles got the last word, nipping the 'Cats, 43-42, at Mulvane. The Wildcats slipped to 8-7 overall on the season.

Mulvane took an early 14-12 lead after one quarter, but Kingman, ranked in the top 10 in Class 4A in at least one poll, held Mulvane to four points in the second period

and took a 22-18 halftime lead. The Wildcats turned the tables on the Eagles in the third period, holding them to five points and taking the lead back, 28-27. The fourth quarter was the highest-scoring of the game, with Kingman scoring 16 points to Mulvane's 14.

Mulvane made 17 field goals, including two three-pointers, while Kingman made 16 shots, including three treys. Kingman was 8-of-14 from the free-throw line to Mulvane's 6-of-11. The Wildcats were led by their senior trio of Laura Buchanan with 15 points, Tara Roberts with 12, and Josey Gosch with

eight. Mulvane also got two points each from Maddie Wise, Melinda McKee, and Kristi Parker, and one from Megan Turner.

The second time around wasn't as easy.

Six days earlier, in the third-place game of the Mulvane Lady Wildcat Classic, the 'Cats had defeated Clearwater, 51-27. In the rematch at Clearwater Friday night, Feb. 3, Mulvane had to battle with the host Indians on their Homecoming Night for a full 32 minutes, hanging on at the end for a 47-43 win.

"It was an ugly win," said MHS head

coach Dale Landes. "In the first meeting we had with them, we shot about 45% from the floor. In this game, we only shot about 36%. We had to pick things up on the defensive end and we made enough plays on defense to win."

Mulvane led by three points after one quarter (10-7) and at halftime (21-18). The 'Cats were struggling with not only their shooting, but with first-half foul trouble. The Wildcats managed to get key contributions off the bench from players such as Parker, McKee, and Caitlin Wise, in the second half.

Parker had six of Mulvane's nine points in the third quarter as the Wildcats held on to a 30-28 lead after three quarters. In the fourth quarter, Caitlin Wise made some big defensive plays while McKee pulled down some key rebounds and made two big free throws late that put Mulvane up by four points. Mulvane also got free throws down the stretch from starters Roberts, Buchanan, and Gosch. For the game, Mulvane was 11-for-17 from the line.

"Our bench really came through with some big plays," said Landes. "Tara had a big fourth quarter, as did Laura, which is something you come to expect from your top scorers. Since we struggled with our shooting early, Clearwater packed in their defense and made us shoot from the perimeter. Fortunately, we made enough shots from the floor and from the line to win the game."

Roberts was the only Wildcat in double figures with 15 points, nine of them coming in the final quarter. Mulvane also got eight points from Buchanan, seven from Maddie Wise, six from Parker, four from McKee, three from Gosch, and two each from Caitlin Wise and Turner.

The Mulvane junior varsity also won at Clearwater, 46-37. The 'Cats took the lead for good by outscoring Clearwater 13-1 in the third quarter. Mulvane was 24-for-42 from the free-throw line while Clearwater was 17-for-29. Mulvane got 12 points from Melinda McKee, eight from Katie Ybarra, and six each from Emily Stahl and Kristen Lervik.

AVCTL III-IV Girls' Basketball Standings

DIVISION III

	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Augusta	4	1	12	2
Rose Hill	4	1	12	2
Mulvane	3	2	8	6
Buhler	3	2	8	6
El Dorado	1	4	1	13
Wellington	0	5	1	13

DIVISION IV

Circle	5	0	13	1
Andover Central	4	1	10	4
Kingman	2	3	11	3
Andale	2	3	8	6
Clearwater	2	3	3	11
Andover	0	5	4	10

Games Friday, Feb. 10

Rose Hill at Wellington
Buhler at Augusta
Mulvane at El Dorado
Circle at Andover Central
Clearwater at Kingman
Andale at Andover

Varsity Girls

Kingman	12	10	5	16-43
Mulvane	14	4	10	14-42
Kingman—Vecchiarelli 9, Osner 3, Blackburn 12, Funke 6, Lacio 11, Molitor 2 FG 16 (3), FT 8-14.				
Mulvane—Maddie Wise 2, Megan Turner 1, Melinda McKee 2, Laura Buchanan 15, Kristi Parker 2, Josey Gosch 8, Tara Roberts 12 FG 17 (2), FT 6-11				
Mulvane	10	11	9	17-47
Clearwater	7	11	10	15-43
Mulvane—Maddie Wise 7, Megan Turner 2, Melinda McKee 4, Caitlin Wise 2, Laura Buchanan 8, Kristi Parker 6, Josey Gosch 3, Tara Roberts 15. FG 16 (4), FT 11-17.				
Clearwater—Emily Misak 1, Abbee Widler 6, Jenna Meilen 1, Jessica Frischenmeyer 5, Melanie Brockleman 1, Jordan Mills 11, Melissa Brockleman 18. FG 14 (3), FT 12-20.				

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	5	13	15-46
Clearwater	10	14	12-37
Mulvane—Amanda Hagerman 3, Katie Ybarra 8, Stephanie Boal 2, Melinda McKee 12, Emily Stahl 6, Kristen Lervik 6, Caitlin Wise 3, Jordan Martin 3, Jessica Greinacher 3. FG 11 (0), FT 24-42.			
Clearwater—Misak 5, Hargett 4, Childs 8, Mills 4, Fassnacht 1, Watt 3, Howland 3, Brockleman 8, Hines 1. FG 10 (0), FT 17-29.			