

Tough Opponents Girls Can't Break Out

You could call it, "A Tale of Two Halves," but the Mulvane High School Girls Basketball team was unable to put those two halves together in a disappointing week of basketball.

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, Mulvane hosted the number one ranked team in the state, Andover Central and lost 72-45. The first half was not pretty as Andover Central showed why they are ranked so highly and led 35-13 at the half. "We couldn't overcome their two great players, Gee and Bias, so we were working uphill all night," said Coach Dale Landes. "We knew we'd have to play a perfect game in order to win, but we didn't."

The second half was different story however. The Cats showed their determination and toughness and hung with Andover Central, only getting outscored by five points. "These girls can take a big positive from how they they played in the second half, I'm very proud of them," said Landes. "The team gave a big effort and it shows how they played late."

Melinda McKee led Mulvane with 17 points in a great showing. "Melinda's status was in doubt, so for her to come in and give us 17 points was huge. A tremendous effort on her part," said Landes.

In addition Stephanie Wilson added 10 points, Kelsey Miller chipped in six, Courtney Becker and Taylor Parsons added four each.

Later that week, the Cats would experience the other side of the coin. On Friday, Feb 8th, they lost at Rose Hill by the score of 62-41.

The final may be a bit deceiving as the Cats hung tough for three quarters before fading down the stretch in the fourth. At the half, Mulvane trailed 24-19. "We played a pretty good first half and I was happy to be within striking distance," said Coach Landes. "Rose Hill is a big challenge for us and their guards really give us a lot of problems defensively."

In the third quarter, both teams kicked up the offense a notch with Rose Hill outpacing Mulvane 22-16. "We didn't execute well in the third quarter and did a poor job of rebounding and stopping penetration," said Landes. "However, we were still close and still had some



Varsity Girls

Mulvane	10	9	16	6-41
Rose Hill	13	11	22	16-62
Mulvane—Melinda Wise 2, Katie Yhanna 1, Melinda McKee 6, Stephanie Wilson 14, Taylor Parsons 14, Hayley Smith 2, Kelsey Miller 1. PG 14 (3), FT 16-27, F 24.				
Rose Hill—Emily Jones 6, Whitney Bates 13, Audie Plummerstedt 11, Jay Hathaway 7, Kelli Herbst 3, Randi Lucas 11, Kristy Herman 6, Kelsey Webber 3. PG 21 (2), FT 18-25, F 25.				
Andover Central	17	18	18	19-72
Mulvane	9	4	15	17-45
Andover Central—Tiffany Bias 22, Brit Chamberlin 16, Bailey Gee 24, Sarah Huelskamp 4, Kaitlin Tenyson 3, Maddie Chapin 1, Libby Walker 2. PG 10 (4), FT 8-18, F 18.				
Mulvane—Melinda McKee 17, Courtney Becker 4, Katie Yhanna 1, Stephanie Wilson 10, Maddie Wise 2, Kayla Morton 1, Taylor Parsons 4, Kelsey Miller 6. PG 16 (4), FT 9-17, F 15.				

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	17	10	14	17-60
Rose Hill	18	5	7	5-33
Mulvane—Kayla Morton 16, Kelsey Miller 10, Sammie Miller 2, Stephanie Wilson 7, Logan Hladik 1, Taylor Bell 1, Hayley Smith 4, Meredith McKee 3, Taylor Becker 4, Sydney Locker 4, Kyleen Coudon 2. PG 24 (0), FT 13-24, F 17.				
Rose Hill—Molly Baker 1, Nicole Appel 10, Brya Engels 7, Eva Elberhardt 6, Courtney Rash 13.				

opportunities to close the gap."

The fourth quarter is finally where Rose Hill pulled away, outscoring the Cats by 10 points in the final frame. Free throw shooting was a sore spot for Mulvane and cost them some chances to keep the game close. "We're shooting 51% on free throws this season. You're going to struggle to win games when you do that," said Landes. The Cats certainly struggled all game long, knocking down just 10 of 27 free throws.

In this game, the Cats were paced by 14 points each from Taylor Parsons and Stephanie Wilson. Melinda McKee added six in the losing effort.

If the Mulvane girls basketball team could just put together the second half of Tuesday's game and the first half of Friday's game, I'd think that would make Coach Landes a happy man.

Up next for the girls are a pair of home games. On Tuesday, Feb. 12, they will host El Dorado and on Friday the 15, they will host Andover in the homecoming game. The games start at 6 p.m.

AVCTL Class 4A Sub-State Basketball Assignments

ANDAILE SUB-STATE

Monday-Saturday, Feb. 25, March 1

Mulvane, Wellington, Bolivar, Andale, Clearwater, Havana, Houston, Cheney

ANDOVER CENTRAL SUB-STATE

Monday-Saturday, Feb. 25, March 1

Andover, Andover Central, Augusta, El Dorado, Rose Hill, Clark, Douglas, Proctor

RUSSELL SUB-STATE

Monday-Saturday, Feb. 25, March 1

Kingson, Coffey, Goodland, Hogson, Nickerson, Pratt, Russell, Ulysses