

*Winless In League*

# Ailing Offense Costly Again

The Mulvane High School girls' basketball team continues to struggle offensively. As their scoring slump continues, so does their losing streak.

The Wildcats lost their third game in a row at El Dorado Tuesday night, Feb. 13, by a final score of 39-29. During their three-game slide, Mulvane has averaged 30 points per game. The 'Cats fell to 0-7 in AVCTL Division III, 3-14 overall.

The Wildcats started out cold, but their defense kept Mulvane in the game most of the way. Mulvane trailed 8-2 after one quarter, but the deficit stayed at six points at half-time, 14-8. The 'Cats stayed close in the third quarter, although El Dorado did inch their lead up to seven, 25-18, by the end of the period. In the fourth quarter, Mulvane just never got close enough to make a final rally.

Mulvane finished the game with just seven field goals, two of them three-pointers. The Wildcats stayed in the game by going 13-for-19 from the free-throw line. Junior Melinda McKee had both of Mulvane's treys and led the Wildcats with 10 points. Mulvane also got seven points from senior Whitney Sullivan, six from freshman Taylor Parsons, three from Katie Ybarra, two from Stephanie Wilson, and one from Courtney Becker. Parsons was 4-for-5 from the line while Ybarra and Sullivan were each 3-for-4.

The Wildcats looked to turn things around in league play in their Homecoming game Friday night, Feb. 9, against Rose Hill. In the end, though, it turned into another learning experience.

After getting to within three points by the end of the third quarter, the Wildcats were outscored 16-7 in the fourth period as the visiting Rockets won, 46-34. Mulvane slipped to 0-6 in AVCTL Division III and 3-13 overall. The Mulvane junior varsity defeated Rose Hill, 59-19.

Coach Dale Landes' Wildcats stayed with the Rockets in the first quarter, although both teams started slowly on offense. Two early baskets by Courtney Becker helped give the Wildcats an early 6-2 lead, but Mulvane then

## Varsity Girls

Mulvane	2	6	10	11-29
El Dorado	8	6	11	14-39

Mulvane—Stephanie Wilson 2, Whitney Sullivan 2, Courtney Becker 1, Katie Ybarra 1, Taylor Parsons 4, Melinda McKee 10. PG 7 (2), FT 13-19.

El Dorado—Kylie Bookout 6, Laura Nightingale 6, Kellie Fagg 2, Ross Yorks 1, Shelby McAllister 2, Britany Brown 14, Megan Plesner 6. PG 17 (3), FT 4-12.

Rose Hill	8	17	3	16-40
Mulvane	6	10	11	7-34

Rose Hill—Kristy Herman 7, Whitney Bates 2, Bekah Sooter 7, Erica Herman 15, Jay Hathaway 2, Madison Lucas 13. PG 13 (3), FT 19-27.

Mulvane—Stephanie Wilson 7, Maddie Wise 2, Whitney Sullivan 2, Courtney Becker 4, Katie Ybarra 7, Melinda McKee 10. PG 11 (3), FT 11-22.

## Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane 29, Rose Hill 19

went into a long scoring drought. By the end of the first quarter, Rose Hill had taken an 8-6 lead. It was 12-6 before the 'Cats scored again, and by halftime, the Rockets had extended the margin to 25-16.

In the third quarter, the 'Cats put together a strong defensive effort and got some key baskets from Melinda McKee and Stephanie Wilson to cut Rose Hill's lead to 30-27 by the end of the quarter. Rose Hill, however, scored the first four points of the fourth quarter, and Mulvane never got closer than six points the rest of the way.

While Mulvane held Rose Hill to 13 field goals for the game, the Wildcats made just 11 themselves, including one three-pointer. Rose Hill was also 19-for-27 (70%) from the free-throw line while the Wildcats went 11-for-22 (50%). Both teams had numerous turnovers, but Mulvane's seemed to come at less opportune times.

Melinda McKee was the only Wildcat in double figures with 10 points. Mulvane also got seven points apiece from freshman Stephanie Wilson and Katie Ybarra, six points from Courtney Becker, and two points apiece from Maddie Wise and Whitney Sullivan.

The Wildcats will continue their three-game road swing Friday night, Feb. 16, at Anakover. That game is scheduled to start at 6 p.m.