

## Overtime Game

# Cats Ice Crusaders

The Mulvane High School girls' basketball team survived a home scare against Wellington Tuesday night, Feb. 14, while the offense continued to search for its groove.

The Wildcats needed overtime to fight off a pesky Wellington squad, 45-44, to stay in the race in AVCTL Division III. The 'Cats are 5-2 in league play and 10-7 overall with a tough three-game stretch to finish the regular season against Augusta, Buhler, and Rose Hill.

Things started out well enough, with the Wildcats scoring 10 straight points in the first quarter and taking a 15-6 lead. Mulvane only scored two points in the second quarter, though, and the lead at halftime was only 17-12. By the end of the third quarter, Mulvane's lead was still only six points, 29-23. In the final quarter, Mulvane struggled on offense while Wellington found success scoring inside, and a putback with 11 seconds left tied the score at 36-36, sending the game to overtime.

The teams traded the lead back and forth in overtime. Finally, two free throws by Tara Roberts and one by Maddie Wise gave Mulvane a 45-42 lead. With 19 seconds left, however, Wellington's Courtney Goodrum was fouled on a three-point attempt. After a Mulvane timeout, Goodrum made the first two free throws. After a second timeout, Goodrum missed the tying attempt, Mulvane rebounded, and the clock ran out.

Roberts led Mulvane with 18 points, including eight of Mulvane's nine in the overtime. Josey Gosch added 13 points, Laura Buchanan scored seven, and Megan Turner added six. The Wildcats were 11-for-17 from the free-throw line.

The Wildcats survived another low-scoring game at El Dorado Friday night, Feb. 10, winning by a final score of 40-31. It was a similar result to Mulvane's 41-30 win at home over El Dorado Dec. 13.

"I thought we played well enough to win," said MHS head coach Dale Landes. "We didn't have our best game on offense. We only shot 36%, but we held them to 27% shooting. Our team defense really came through for us on a night when our offense struggled."

The Wildcats increased their lead little by little throughout the game. Mulvane led 10-8 after one quarter, 23-17 at halftime, and 29-21 after three quarters. Defensively, the Wildcats held El Dorado to 10 field goals. Mulvane outscored El Dorado 14-8 from the free-throw line, going 14-for-20 (70%).

### Varsity Girls

Wellington 6 6 11 13 (8)—44  
Mulvane 15 2 12 7 (9)—45

Wellington—Courtney Goodrum 12, Emily Raschke 2, Kacie Brown 2, Cierra Gonzales 1, Christiana McQuin 6, Alicia Dierksen 13, Mandy Zeka 8. FG 16 (4), FT 11 (19).

Mulvane—Maddie Wise 1, Megan Turner 6, Laura Buchanan 7, Josey Gosch 13, Tara Roberts 18. FG 16 (2), FT 11 (17).

El Dorado 10 13 6 11—40  
El Dorado 8 9 4 10—31

Mulvane—Maddie Wise 4, Megan Turner 5, Laura Buchanan 11, Josey Gosch 5, Tara Roberts 15. FG 12 (2), FT 14 (20).

El Dorado—Laura Nightengale 6, Kellie Fagg 4, Shelby McAllister 9, Brittany Brown 6, Andrea Ladson 6. FG 10 (3), FT 8 (15).

### Junior Varsity Girls

Kingman 9 5—14  
Mulvane 13 6—19

Kingman—Wollen 1, Gantz 3, Bangert 2, Mertens 4, Janes 2, Govert 2. FG 5 (0), FT 4 (10).

Mulvane—Amanda Hagerman 1, Melinda McKee 5, Emily Stahl 3, Jordan Martin 10. FG 7 (1), FT 4 (12).

"We were able to get to the line because we rebounded well," said Landes. "We made sure Tara Roberts got the ball more down the stretch because she's our best free-throw shooter, and she was 7-for-8 from the line. We did enough good things to win the game, mainly on defense, but our execution on offense wasn't very good. We didn't pass the ball enough, and we took some tougher shots than we usually take. Anytime you're on the road, you're happy to get the win. You can look at statistics and positives and negatives all you want, but the fact is that we played well enough to win the game."

Only five players scored for Mulvane, including two in double figures. The Wildcats were led by Roberts with 15 points and Laura Buchanan with 11. Mulvane also got five points each from Josey Gosch and Megan Turner and four points from Maddie Wise.

The Mulvane junior varsity won a 19-14 decision at home over Kingman Tuesday, Feb. 7. The Wildcats held Kingman to five field goals. Mulvane got 10 points from Jordan Martin, five from Melinda McKee, three from Emily Stahl, and one from Amanda Hagerman.

The Wildcats play their final home game of the season Friday night, Feb. 17, an AVCTL Division III matchup against Augusta. The game is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. It will also be Senior Parents' Night, and the Wildcat seniors and their parents will be recognized in a ceremony between the girls' and boys' varsity games.

### AVCTL III-IV Girls' Basketball Standings

#### DIVISION III

	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Rose Hill	5	1	14	2
Augusta	4	2	12	4
Mulvane	4	2	9	7
Buhler	4	2	9	7
El Dorado	1	5	1	15
Wellington	0	6	1	15

#### DIVISION IV

Circle	5	1	13	3
Andover Central	5	1	12	4
Kingman	3	3	13	3
Andale	2	4	9	7
Clearwater	2	4	4	12
Andover	1	5	6	10

### Games Friday, Feb. 17

Augusta at Mulvane, Parents' Night  
Wellington at Buhler  
El Dorado at Rose Hill  
Andale at Circle  
Andover Central at Clearwater  
Andover at Kingman