

# 'Senior Night' Is For Seniors; MHS Girls Make Most Of It

On senior night, it was a couple of seniors, Melinda McKee and Courtney Becker, who had a profound impact in Mulvane's 40-36 win over the visiting Augusta Orioles on Feb. 19. "Melinda had two big threes at the beginning of the second half to really kick start the offense," said Coach Dale Landes. "It was a huge factor in us winning the game." McKee led all scorers with 11 points.

In the first half Mulvane's offense really struggled to find a rhythm and only scored 10 points in the entire first half. They trailed 17-10 at halftime and things were looking bleak for the Wildcats. But McKee's three pointers sparked the Cats to score 20 points in the third and take a 30-24 lead going into the final frame of action.

The ballgame remained tight as Augusta closed to 34-33 with just over three minutes to play in the ball game. Maddie Wise grabbed an errant shot and layed in a bucket to extend the lead to 36-33 with two and a half to go. Augusta would answer with two free throws by Ashley Schwemmer to pull it to 36-35.

With a minute and 25 seconds left in the game, Augusta's Lauren Crawford stepped to the line and made the first of two free throws to tie the game at 36. Luckily for the Wildcats, she missed the second shot.

On the ensuing trip, sophomore Stephanie Wilson hit senior Courtney Becker with a beautiful pass in the lane

and Becker notched her only points of the game with a two point basket and just over a minute remaining in the ball game. Becker would add a couple of rebounds on missed shots by Augusta and would force a jumpball after great defense by Wise with just 12.4 seconds left to go. Wise would be fouled and step to the free throw line and convert points number nine and 10 on the night. This sealed up a victory for the Wildcats on senior night.

Haylee Smith added six points for the Cats while Taylor Parsons contributed five. Wilson had four and freshman Kayla Morton contributed a bucket. In addition to Becker and McKee, this was the final home game for seniors, Katie Ybarra and Kristen Lervik.

"I'm so happy for the girls to get a win on senior night," said Landes. "We're very happy to win and win a league game as well. We'll take this forward with us when we play Buhler and on into sub-state." The Wildcats conclude the regular season with a game on Thursday Feb. 21 at Division 3 leader, Buhler. The Wildcats will then travel to Andale for sub-state as the number seven seed.

Just when it looked like Coach Dale Landes' Mulvane High School girls were on the verge of what could be considered a streak, they lost their shooting touch.

The Wildcat girls seemed to play better the second half of the season but couldn't make it two in a row over Andover Friday night, Feb. 15. The

Trojans rallied in the last half as Mulvane suffered through a 15% night from the field and lost a 43-35 game to Andover. In December in Andover, Mulvane clipped the Trojans, 41-36.

"Andover definitely would have been a real good league win for us," noted Coach Landes. "We didn't shoot the ball real well. We had plenty of opportunities offensively. We had good looks at the basket but we only shot 15% from the field. You can't win too many games shooting 15%."

Mulvane was rolling in the opening period, taking a quick lead that the Trojans didn't pass until the third quarter. It was 14-12 at intermission.

The Trojans charged past Mulvane and pulled away in the last quarter behind an 18-11 scoring bulge.

Mulvane didn't have anybody in double figures but had some points from a lot of people. Senior Courtney Becker led the way with nine points. Sophomore Stephanie Wilson scored seven. Senior Katie Ybarra scored five points and Maddie Wise, Melinda McKee and Taylor Parsons all scored four points.

The loss left the Wildcats at 5-13 and 2-6 in the league heading into the final week of the regular season. The Cats will battle Buhler's Crusaders in Buhler tonight (Feb. 21) in the last game of the season before heading to the Andale 4A Sub-State, which starts Monday, Feb. 25. It appears the Wildcats will be on

the road for the first round game since they are locked into the No. 7 seed.

Mulvane had one of its most complete games Tuesday, Feb. 12, when the Cats roared past El Dorado for a 56-39 victory at home. That avenged a 54-36 setback earlier when the two teams played in El Dorado.

The game was Mulvane's highest scoring game of the entire campaign.

## Varsity Girls

Augusta	6	11	7	12	-36
Mulvane	7	3	20	10	-40
Augusta—Erin Meyer 3, Ashley Schwemmer 9, Alexa Poore 10, Kelsey Farmer 2, Lauren Crawford 9, Kyrsten Crawford 3, FG 9 (3), FT 9-18, F 13.					
Mulvane—Stephanie Wilson 4, Maddie Wise 10, Kayla Morton 2, Haylee Smith 4, Courtney Becker 2, Taylor Parsons 5, Melinda McKee 11, FG 11 (4), FT 6-11, F 15.					
Andover	6	4	13	18	-43
Mulvane	9	3	10	11	-35
Andover—Kylie Cooper 6, Taylor Tison 13, Devan Farbs 8, Abby Hamblin 2, Ashley Bezek 4, Olivia Banks 9, Brianna Gonzalez 1, FG 13 (2), FT 15-24, F 26.					
Mulvane—Courtney Becker 9, Katie Ybarra 5, Maddie Wise 4, Taylor Parsons 4, Melinda McKee 4, Stephanie Wilson 7, Haylee Smith 2, FG 7 (3), FT 16-31, F 23.					
El Dorado	14	9	10	6	-39
Mulvane	8	18	12	18	-36
El Dorado—Laura Nightingale 4, Megan Flesher 2, Brea Rice 4, Shelby McAllister 11, Katie Byard 2, Kellie Fagg 6, Alexa Cusckley 6, Jessica Currier 4, FG 16 (1), FT 6-10, F 23.					
Mulvane—Courtney Becker 2, Stephanie Wilson 15, Melinda McKee 11, Maddie Wise 3, Haylee Smith 8, Taylor Parsons 9, Kelsey Miller 2, Katie Ybarra 3, Taylor Bell 3, FG 19 (11), FT 17-31, F 15.					