

Girls Tumble At Augusta

Playing the league champion on their home court might not be the best way to break a losing streak.

The Mulvane High School girls' basketball team found the going rough at Augusta Tuesday night, Feb. 20, as the host Orioles outscored the Wildcats in every quarter on their way to a 51-26 win. Mulvane dropped their fifth straight game, slipping to 0-9 in AVCTL Division III, 3-16 overall. Augusta (9-0, 17-2) clinched the AVCTL III title with the victory.

Augusta jumped out to an early lead, doubling up the Wildcats after one quarter, 16-8. The Wildcats fell behind by 11 points by half-time, 23-12. By the end of the third quarter, the lead had extended to 34-18. For the game, Mulvane hit just 10 shots from the floor, two of them three-pointers, and went 4-for-10 from the free-throw line. Augusta had 21 field goals and went 9-for-21 from the line.

Only five players scored for Mulvane in the game. The Wildcats got eight points from freshman Stephanie Wilson, six apiece from Whitney Sullivan and Melinda McKee, and three each from Lauren Miller and Katie Ybarra. Augusta was led by Rainey Nickel with 14 points and Julie Stephenson with 11.

Mulvane's game at Andover Friday night, Feb. 16, showed that the Wildcats are getting closer to breaking through in the league. After hanging close for three quarters, Dale Landes' Wildcats eventually lost to the host Trojans, 47-36.

The Wildcats led 7-6 after one quarter and trailed by just three points at half-time, 14-11. Both teams started to pick things up offensively in the third quarter, and Mulvane stayed close, trailing by only four points, 27-23, by the end of the period. In the fourth quarter, though, Andover pulled away, outscoring the Wildcats, 20-13.

The closeness of the game probably didn't really surprise too many people. In the two teams' first meeting in Mulvane Dec. 19, the game went to overtime before the Trojans prevailed by a single point, 42-41.

For the game, Mulvane made just 10 shots from the floor, although four of them were three-pointers. The Wildcats also had one of their best free-throw-shooting performances of the season, making 12 of 14 attempts. The Trojans made 15 shots from the floor, including one three-pointer, and were 16-for-24 from the line.

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	8	4	6	8-26
Augusta	16	7	11	17-51
Mulvane—Stephanie Wilson 8, Lauren Miller 5, Whitney Sullivan 6, Katie Ybarra 3, Melinda McKee 6	PG 10 (2), FT 4-10.			

Augusta—Peters 4, Myers 2, Sarah Walder 2, Schwemmer 1, Gillies 7, Brooke Burns 6, Kahlia Purnet 4, Rainey Nickel 14, Julie Stephenson 11. PG 21 (8), FT 9-21.

Mulvane	7	4	12	13-36
Andover	6	8	13	20-47

Mulvane—Stephanie Wilson 2, Maddie Wise 6, Whitney Sullivan 6, Courtney Becker 4, Katie Ybarra 15, Taylor Parsons 3, Melinda McKee 3. PG 10 (4), FT 12-14.
Andover—Olivia Banks 11, Julia Matthias 2, Devon Parha 7, Melanie Delimont 15, Deann Parha 2, Kala Shields 2, Bri Gonzalez 4, Kylie Cooper 4. PG 15 (1), FT 16-24.

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	14	16	10	14-54
Andover	6	13	10	46-45

Mulvane—Stephanie Wilson 6, Latrice Miller 1, Lindsey Ring 8, Kendra Reusser 12, Haylee Smith 2, Kelcey Sharpe 3, Amanda Burrell 16, Tels Roberts 6. PG 17 (2), FT 18-32.

Andover—Leach 3, Hemman 12, Hamblin 4, Sprekel 2, Pabstoltz 4, Rootholtz 5, Cullison 2, Beards 4, Haswell 1, Probst 2, Dilkes 6. PG 14 (4), FT 13-29.

Junior guard Katie Ybarra was the only Wildcat in double figures with 12 points. Mulvane also got six points each from Maddie Wise and Whitney Sullivan, four from Courtney Becker, three each from Taylor Parsons and Melinda McKee, and two from Stephanie Wilson. Andover was led by Melanie Delimont with 15 points and Olivia Banks with 11.

The Mulvane junior varsity grabbed an early 14-6 lead and went on to defeat Andover, 54-45. The Wildcats made 17 shots from the floor, including two three-pointers, and were 18-for-32 from the free-throw line. Mulvane got 16 points from Amanda Burrell, 12 from Kendra Reusser, eight from Lindsey Ring, six each from Stephanie Wilson and Tels Roberts, three from Kelcey Sharpe, two from Haylee Smith, and one from Lauren Miller.

The Wildcats will wrap up their regular season tonight (Feb. 22) at home against Buhler. The opening tip is scheduled for 6 p.m. It will be Senior Parents' Night, and the Wildcat seniors and their parents will be recognized in a ceremony between the girls' and boys' games. The lone senior on the current girls' roster is Whitney Sullivan.

Class 4A sub-state play begins next week, starting Tuesday, Feb. 27.