

1st Round Sub-State

Hot-Shooting Orioles

All Over MHS Girls

It must be the gym.

When the Mulvane High School girls' basketball team played at Augusta Jan. 6, the Wildcats lost, 60-28. In their second meeting at Mulvane Feb. 17, the 'Cats won a tight 39-37 decision. The fifth-seeded Wildcats and fourth-seeded Orioles met again Monday night, Feb. 27, at Augusta in the first round of the Class 4A Sub-State.

Unfortunately for the 'Cats, the third meeting turned out much like the first.

Mulvane fell behind 19-4 and never recovered, losing 60-34. The loss ended Mulvane's season with an 11-10 overall record and a three-game losing streak.

"I don't know what it is about their gym," said MHS head coach Dale Landes. "I do know that Augusta shot 67% from the field in the first quarter. Our defense wasn't nearly good enough to slow them down, and we became impatient on offense very quickly. It eventually became too much of a hill to climb."

The Wildcats were fighting uphill from the very beginning. By the end of the first quarter, the 'Cats were down, 19-4. The deficit climbed to 32-13 by halftime and 47-28 by the end of the third period. The Wildcats made just 13 shots from the floor and were 8-for-12 from the free-throw line.

Senior Laura Buchanan was the only Wildcat in double figures with 16 points. Mulvane also got seven points from Tara Roberts, six from Kristi Parker, three from Melinda McKee, and two from Josey Gosch. The Wildcats were held without a three-pointer, a rare occurrence this season.

"Once they jumped on us early, we got flustered," said Landes. "We started firing quick shots and getting away from our game

Augusta Class 4A Sub-State

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane	4	9	15	6-34
Augusta	19	13	15	13-60

Mulvane—Melinda McKee 3, Laura Buchanan 16, Kristi Parker 6, Josey Gosch 2, Tara Roberts 7. FG 13 (0), FT 8-12.

Augusta—Sarah Waldorf 5, Brooke Burns 3, Kelsey Farmer 2, Rainey Nickel 24, Hannah Garcia 2, Katy Little 9, Julie Stephenson 15. FG 25 (4), FT 6-13

Rose Hill 80, Douglass 30
Circle 36, El Dorado 26
Andover Central 55, Andover 37

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	15	9	9	14-47
Rose Hill	14	12	12	17-55

Mulvane—Maddie Wise 1, Megan Turner 7, Katie Ybarra 1, Melinda McKee 1, Laura Buchanan 12, Kristi Parker 2, Josey Gosch 14, Tara Roberts 9. FG 17 (1), FT 12-24.

Rose Hill—Kristy Herman 3, Dava Logsdon 14, Bekah Sooter 2, Erica Herman 2, Kristen Ozburn 16, Joy Hathaway 4, Emily Jones 2, Madison Lucas 12. FG 25 (0), FT 5-13.

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	10	7	13	12-42
Rose Hill	4	10	14	21-49

Mulvane—Amanda Hagerman 13, Stephanie Boal 2, Melinda McKee 2, Emily Stahl 2, Kristen Lervik 2, Caitlin Wise 11, Jordan Martin 4, Jessica Greinacher 6. FG 19 (1), FT 3-10.

Rose Hill—Kristy Herman 17, Ashley Vickers 5, Michelle O'Dell 10, Mattie Lewis 4, Courtney Campbell 7, Audra Pfannenstiel 4, Lindsey Dewey 2. FG 16 (4), FT 13-20.

plan. We tried to get it all back at once. Even though this wasn't our best effort, I told the girls after the game to not let this one result affect how they felt about the season they had. We had our first winning season in a decade, and I don't think a lot of people outside of Mulvane thought we would do that well. They proved a lot of people wrong."

In their regular-season finale at Rose Hill

Thursday night, Feb. 23, the Wildcats gave the AVCTL Division III champions all they could handle before losing, 55-47. It was Mulvane's third loss to Rose Hill on the season.

The Wildcats started off well at Rose Hill, taking a 15-14 lead after one quarter of play. Like the first quarter, the second period saw several lead changes, with Rose Hill breaking a tie late in the half and taking a 26-24 lead by halftime. Mulvane's inside combination of Laura Buchanan and Josey Gosch kept Mulvane close in the second half, and Tara Roberts hit the Wildcats' only three-pointer of the game to cut the deficit to three points late in the fourth quarter. Mulvane got within three again about a minute later, but that was as close as they got.

Gosch led Mulvane with 14 points while Buchanan added 12. The Wildcats also got nine points from Roberts, seven from Megan Turner, two from Kristi Parker, and one each from Maddie Wise, Katie Ybarra, and Melinda McKee. Neither team shot well from the free-throw line. Mulvane shot just 50% (12-for-24) while Rose Hill was only 5-for-13

Mulvane finished 6-4 in AVCTL III, tied for third place with Augusta. Rose Hill won this year's league title with a 9-1 mark while Buhler was second at 7-3. The Wildcats' 11-10 overall record was their first winning season since 1997 (12-10) and a four-game improvement over last year's 7-14 mark.

The Mulvane junior varsity ended its season with a 49-42 loss at Rose Hill. The Wildcats led 10-4 after one quarter but were outscored 21-12 in the fourth period. The Wildcats got 13 points from Amanda Hagerman, 11 from Caitlin Wise, six from Jessica Greinacher, and four from Jordan Martin.



Wildcat senior Megan Turner (11) snaps up a rebound in crowded quarters against the Rockets in the last regular season game