

Indians Rush Cats

The Mulvane High School girls' basketball team opened with a tough opponent at Andale Tuesday night, Dec. 5, for the first round of the Rose Hill Early-Season Tournament.

The Wildcats fell behind early and did not get their offense going until it was too late. The Indians led 30-8 at halftime on their way to a 50-29 win in Mulvane's season opener.

"We knew Andale would come out and play quick and physical," said Wildcat head coach Dale Landes. "We didn't respond well to their style of play. We also didn't take very good care of the ball. We wanted to compete with them for 32 minutes of play, but we really only did that in spots for this game. We're still searching for an identity on the court right now. It's going to take a little time."

The Wildcats outscored the Indians 21-20 in the second half, but the halftime deficit was simply too much to overcome. Mulvane hit just 10 shots from the floor, including two three-pointers, and were 7-for-17 from the free-throw line.

Seven different players scored for Mulvane, none in double figures. The Wildcats got eight points from senior Whitney Sullivan, six from Katie Ybarra, four each from Maddie Wise and Courtney Becker, three from Melinda McKee, and two each from Amanda Burrell and freshman Taylor Parsons.

The Wildcat junior varsity also lost its tourney opener at Andale, 47-25. Andale outscored Mulvane 13-2 in the second quarter to take an 18-8 lead by halftime. The Wildcats hit just nine shots from the

but were 7-for-8 from the line. Mulvane was led by Amanda Burrell with 11 points and Stephanie Wilson with six.

The Wildcats' scheduled season opener at home against Winfield Friday, Dec. 1, was postponed due to bad weather conditions. The games will be made up Tuesday night, Jan. 30, in the MHS gym with the same start time for the varsity and junior varsity contests.

The tournament finishes up at Rose Hill for the remaining games in the Early-

Season Tournament. The Wildcats will face host Rockets Friday night, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m. After that, Mulvane will play Douglass at Rose Hill Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2:30 p.m.

Despite now having two top-notch gyms at Rose Hill, the teams involved decided to play the first round games at Andale so that the opening games wouldn't last late into the night on a school night. Andale was the site selected since the other three schools are located within 15 miles of each other.

Early-Season Tournament

Varsity—At Andale

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane	4	4	9	12—29
Andale	11	19	7	13—30

Mulvane—Maddie Wise 4, Whitney Sullivan 8, Courtney Becker 4, Katie Ybarra 4, Taylor Parsons 2, Melinda McKee 3, Amanda Burrell 2. FG 10 (2), FT 7-17.

Andale—Bogner 11, Gegen 6, Mobley 5, Fox 2, Watts 10, Martin 8, Stevens 8. FG 21 (9), FT 8-17.

Rose Hill 73, Douglass 49

JV—At Andale

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane	6	2	10	7—25
Andale	5	13	16	13—47

Mulvane—Stephanie Wilson 6, Lindsey Ring 2, Kenda Bussner 2, Kelsey Shapp 2, Kristin Lanzrath 2, Amanda Burrell 11. FG 9 (9), FT 7-8.

Andale—Engels 4, Eshel 6, Rowland 4, Martin 7, Fox 14, Reichenberger 8, Foster 4. FG 19 (9), FT 9-16.

Rose Hill Early-Season Tournament Schedules

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

Varsity—Main Gym

- 3:30 p.m.—Andale girls vs. Douglass
- 5—Andale boys vs. Douglass
- 4:30—Mulvane girls vs. Rose Hill
- 5—Mulvane boys vs. Rose Hill

JV—Auxiliary Gym

- 3:30—Andale boys vs. Douglass
- 5—Andale girls vs. Douglass
- 4:30—Mulvane boys vs. Rose Hill
- 5—Mulvane girls vs. Rose Hill

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

Varsity—Main Gym

- 2:30 p.m.—Mulvane girls vs. Douglass
- 4:15—Mulvane boys vs. Douglass
- 6—Rose Hill girls vs. Andale
- 7:45—Rose Hill boys vs. Andale

JV—Auxiliary Gym

- 2:30—Mulvane boys vs. Douglass
- 4:15—Mulvane girls vs. Douglass
- 6—Rose Hill boys vs. Andale
- 7:45—Rose Hill girls vs. Andale