

1-2 In Tournament

MHS Girls Struggle With Consistency, Injuries

Being consistent is something the Mulvane High School basketball girls have struggled with for years.

And that struggle continued last week in the Mulvane Early Season Tournament. The MHS girls were at their inconsistent best as they went 1-2 in the tournament.

The Wildcats gals played a strong game against Andale Tuesday night, Dec. 4, in the opening round but had to settle for a 55-46 loss. Playing Rose Hill in the second round on Friday night, the Cats were out, were in and were finally out in a 63-44 loss to the Rockets.

Saturday night, playing Douglass, the Cats had two players on the sidelines and were inconsistent in a 31-28 victory, their first of the season.

"Consistency is something that we struggled with this past week in all three games," admitted Coach Dale Landes. "We played good enough to win against Andale but we gave up too many offensive rebounds. We fell behind big against Rose Hill before coming back to make a game of it in the 4th quarter and we were up and down against Douglass."

The Wildcats played the last two games of the tourney without experienced junior Taylor Parsons and they played much of the RH game and all of the Douglass game without Stephanie Wilson.

"Against Douglass, we had some players step up in key moments," said Landes. "Haylee Smith was a last-minute starter and gave us 11 points and five rebounds in her first varsity start. And Melinda McKee scored nine points and had 10 rebounds and she hit some key free throws down the stretch."

The only thing that kept the Cats from being consistent and pulling away was free throwing. MHS hit only seven of 21 against the Bulldogs.

The Rose Hill game looked all but over as RH held a 20-point lead through the third quarter but the Wildcats played their most inspired ball and cut the lead to seven behind McKee, who managed a career-high 23 points and 13 rebounds.

"We had to expend so much energy getting back in the game," said Landes. "I thought we played well but inconsistency got back in the game."

"I thought we played well but inconsistently. We should have never been behind by 20. We just weren't prepared to play."

Behind McKee's 23, Courtney Becker scored 10 points, Katie Ybarra had 8 and Smith scored six.

In the first round, Parsons scored 12 points, Ybarra scored 10 and both Wilson and McKee had eight points.

"We weren't very good at blocking out, they out-boarded us, 38-20, and that just killed us, especially when 20 of those rebounds were offensive boards," stressed Landes. "We got within four points but couldn't cut it to two because we couldn't rebound."



Seniors Melinda McKee and Courtney Becker control the boards this time against RH

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THIRD ROUND

Douglass 7 2 11 8-28

Mulvane 12 5 3 31-31

Douglass—Lauren Green 6, Britney Bracher

13, Angie Doughman 3, Cara Barnes 6, Anne

Guthrie 4, FG 10 (2), FT 6-12, F 20

Mulvane—Haylee Smith 11, Kayla Maron 2,

Courtney Becker 2, Katie Ybarra 2, Melinda McKee

8, Kristina Lovik 2, FG 12 (6), FT 7-21, F 12

Rose Hill 5 1, Andale 42

SECOND ROUND

Rose Hill 17 19 19 8-63

Mulvane 12 6 14 22-54

Rose Hill—Kelsey Webber 7, Kelli Horbel 11,

Audra Plamenietz 14, Keelyn Boser 2, Kristy

Herman 16, Whitney Bares 11, Randi Lucas 2, FG

26 (2), FT 9-15, F 22

Mulvane—Kristina Lovik 2, Courtney Becker

10, Melinda McKee 23, Stephanie Wilson 3,

Maddie Wier 2, Haylee Smith 6, Katie Ybarra 5, FG

18 (3), FT 15-23, F 15

Andale 73, Douglass 47

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 10 12 10 14-46

Andale 12 15 12 18-55

Mulvane—Stephanie Wilson 8, Melinda

McKee 8, Taylor Parsons 12, Katie Ybarra 10,

Courtney Becker 2, Maddie Wier 4, Kristina Lovik

2, FG 21 (1), FT 3-8, F 23

Andale—Shelli Martin 7, Ann Rogers 6,

Adrienne Fox 7, Erin Carney 2, Melissa Easter 4,

Jesse Bruchtemeyer 10, Kaitlin Martin 11, Sara

Elsorb 6, Baylei Hall 2, FG 19 (6), FT 17-27, F 14

Rose Hill 58, Douglass 38

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THIRD ROUND

Douglass 7 8 2 6-23

Mulvane 14 8 19 5-46

Douglass—Bergley 9, Webster 2, Bughan 2,

Young 2, Strawn 2, Ingham 2, McDaniell 4, FG 11

(1), FT 0-0, F 9

Mulvane—Kayla Maron 11, Taylor Bell 2,

Courtney Malukowski 1, Meredith McKee 3, Taylor

Becker 2, Tami Pullison 2, Sydney Locke 14,

Kelsey Miller 2, Kyleen Conner 2, John Couch 4,

FG 19 (3), FT 5-8, F 5

SECOND ROUND

Rose Hill 2 13 9 18-

Mulvane 23 10 9 9-51

Rose Hill—Kathel Chukabana 16, Kelsey

Webster 12, Courtney Rahn 4, Tanya Engle 6,

Keelyn Boser 2, FG 20 (6), FT 5-6, F 17

Mulvane—Kelsey Miller 15, Haylee Smith 2,

Sydney Locke 7, John Couch 4, Kayla Maron 8,

Taylor Bell 4, Courtney Malukowski 3, Meredith

McKee 2, Taylor Becker 4, FG 22 (1), FT 6-11, F 13

FIRST ROUND

Andale 6 8 10 13-35

Mulvane 10 13 4 10-37

Andale—Denise Blasi 4, Jessica Jones 8, Ann

Rogers 9, Rachel Maroni 2, Gail Martin 4, Erin

Carney 6, Madeline May 2, FG 18 (1), FT 4-8, F 14

Mulvane—Taylor Bell 3, Haylee Smith 6,

Meredith McKee 1, Taylor Becker 8, Sydney Locke

2, Kelsey Miller 4, Stephanie Wilson 6, Kayla

Maron 2, FG 15 (6), FT 1-11, F 13