

# 'Threes' Alter Cats Game Plan

It didn't take long for the Mulvane High School girls' game plan to fall apart Friday night, Dec. 14, at El Dorado.

Two three-pointers later, the El Dorado Wildcats were on their way to a 54-36 decision over Mulvane in the first league game of this season.

"We went into the game wanting to collapse on their 6-3 post player but after their little guard hit three three-pointers early, we had to change our direction," said Mulvane Coach Dale Landes. "We knew their 6-3 girl (Brittany Brown) would give us trouble inside. We just don't have that kind of size. Our original thought was to collapse inside to make it difficult for her to get the ball. Their outside shooter (Shelby McCallister) started hitting threes and that put us in a tight spot.

"We had to go with our man-to-man and just did a poor job rotating help-side to stop their inside player. Obviously, that kind of a situation and that kind of size is going to hurt us this season. It's tough to pressure outside and also keep the ball away from the interior people."

El Dorado started pulling away in the opening frame, then took charge in the 2nd quarter by out-scoring Mulvane, 17-8, to take a 34-20 lead by intermission.

"We had a scouting report on El Dorado and earlier this year, they hadn't shown much from beyond the three-point line," stressed Landes. "We knew the potential was there but we just hadn't seen it this year."

Once the host Wildcats marched out to a good lead, the Cat offense started pressing—and bogging down. "Offensively, when you're down by 20, you try hard to create offense and sometimes, you try to hard and the execution is very poor," said Landes. "That's what happened to us. We tried to create offense individually and not as a team and it hurt. We almost have to play a perfect game every single night with the size we have, especially when we get down early. We tend to lose our intensity and that's not how you need to play to be successful."

And it didn't help to have one of Mulvane's tallest and most talented players, Taylor Parsons, on the sidelines in street clothes again. She injured her leg a week ago and has missed Mulvane's last two games. According to Landes, she'll be out for about four more weeks.

The Mulvane coach also wasn't too pleased with the offensive showing by his Wildcats. The Cats scored under 40 points in the last two games and have scored less than 40 in three of their five games this season.

"Offensively, we didn't play well," admitted Landes. "It's hard to look back and say we did this or that well because at times, we had a good possession or created a turnover with our pressure but then we'd give it right back to them or

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### Varsity Girls

Mulvane	12	8	4	12-36
El Dorado	17	17	7	13-34
Mulvane	-Kayla Morton 4, Melinda McKee 14, Katie Yharra 4, Stephanie Wilson 6, Haylee Smith 2, Courtney Becker 4, Maddie West 2. FG 14 (2), FT 6-14, F 17.			

El Dorado - Jessica Carrier 5, Kellie Fagg 7, Brittany Brown 19, Shelby McCallister 12, Alexa Cusickly 9, Megan Flesher 1, Paige Clayton 1. FG 27 (5), FT 5-14, F 44.

### Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	8	14	9	18-49
El Dorado	19	12	13	17-41
Mulvane	-Kayla Morton 19, Stephanie Wilson 3, Kelsey Miller 11, Sydney Lacke 2, Tasha Pulliam 2, Taylor Becker 4, Courtney Matkowski 2, Taylor Bell 1. FG 22 (1), FT 4-5, F 13.			

El Dorado - Janner House 6, Katie Byard 4, Ashley Lackner 7, Hyley Fellers 2, Megan Flesher 10, Rachael West 4, Brea Rice 12, Paige Clayton 16. FG 29 (1), FT 2-4, F 22.

take an ill-advised shot. It's just one of those games where you have to watch the game film, learn from it, then forget it and go on to the next game."

Senior Melinda McKee continued to pace the MHS scoring. She had 14 points but she was the only player in double figures. Stephanie Wilson scored six points and reserve Kayla Morton, Katie Yharra and Courtney Becker had four points apiece.

The MHS girls will play their final game of 2007 tonight (Dec. 20), when Rose Hill comes to town for a make-up game. The game was postponed from Tuesday, Dec. 11, because of an ice storm.