

'Two-Minute Drill'

Comeback Keys Cat Girls' Win

It may have looked ugly out there to the spectators, but to Mulvane High School girls basketball coach Jayson Miller and his MHS Cats, the comeback victory Friday night, Dec. 20, was as pretty as it gets.

After all, it was a victory.

"We played a notch or two below what we can play but I felt like we stepped it up with our defensive pressure, got some steals and did what we had to do to win it. It could be used by the girls as a big turning point in our season."

The Wildcats and Augusta's girls battled in Augusta the night before the holiday break and Mulvane came from five points behind with less than two minutes to play to clip the Orioles, 41-37, to improve their record to 2-4 for the year.

"Everything fell right for us," said Miller. "We got some steals, we hit some free throws and our pressure defense did a great job of disrupting their pose."

The Orioles went up, 37-32, in front of the home crowd but melted under the full-court pressure by the Cats. Abby Sorensen got a steal and was fouled. She got fouled on a three-point shot on the next position and put all three free throws down. And veteran senior Melissa Doerfer dropped in a 2-for-2 effort at the line in the last period as Mulvane out-scored Augusta, 9-0, to win it. Mulvane finished the game with a 7-for-9

mark at the free throw stripe—a critical factor as usual.

"There was a lot of irony in that game," said Miller. "We have been in every game other than the Andale game. The rest of them, we've been right there but at the end, we fall apart. It was just the other way around at Augusta. They collapsed under our pressure and I find that a really positive step."

Miller was still concerned about the lack of consistency offensively, though. Senior Kayla Linnebur had a career-high 12 points and Doerfer finished with eight points. Junior insider Shayna Duncan scored seven points, freshman Tara Roberts scored six and Sorensen netted five.

"That was Kayla Linnebur's best game ever and she helped us on the boards, too," stressed Miller. "It was one of those nights where she could throw it up and it would go in. Still, we need to get more consistent offensively, everybody. That includes our second tier of scorers. It could really make a difference with where this team goes."

Mulvane got off to a rocky start against the winless Orioles (0-4), slipping behind, 10-6, early, but by intermission, Mulvane had the lead and held it until an 11-2 run by Augusta to start the 4th quarter.

Mulvane will be idle until playing Maize at home Friday night, Jan. 10.

Chisholm Trail League Girls Basketball Standings

DIVISION I

Team	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Goddard	1	0	4	1
Mulvane	1	0	2	4
Buhler	1	0	1	4
Maize	0	0	3	1
Rose Hill	0	1	2	3
Augusta	0	1	0	4
Valley Center	0	1	0	5

DIVISION II

Circle	1	0	4	1
Kingman	1	0	4	1
Clearwater	1	0	4	2
Andale	0	0	4	0
Wellington	0	1	3	3
Andover	0	1	0	5
Andover Central	0	1	3	2

Games Saturday, Jan. 4

Collegiate at Andover

Games Tuesday, Jan. 7

Valley Center at Rose Hill

Augusta at Buhler

Goddard at Maize

Kingman at Circle

Andale at Clearwater

Wellington at Andover Central

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	6	12	12	11	41
Augusta	10	10	6	11	37

Mulvane—Kayla Linnebur 12, Melissa Doerfer 8, Tara Roberts 6, Shayna Duncan 7, Abby Sorensen 5, Kayla Oblinger 2. FG 17 (0), FT 7-9, F 7.

Augusta—Heather Rinkenbaugh 8, Natalie Critchfield 2, Aubrie Schwemmer 13, Toni Usher 10, Alyssa Ledgerwood 2, Heidi Dreiling 2. FG 18 (0), FT 1-2, F 11.

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	10	11	8	12	31
Augusta	9	0	4	5	18

Mulvane—Stephanie Tatum 2, Whitney Becker 10, Brock 3, Julie Miner 2, Laura Buchanan 8, Tara Roberts 2, Kayla Oblinger 4. FG 15 (0), FT 1-5, F 10.

Augusta—Mai-My Ta 6, Malorie Crawford 2, Laura Garcia 1, Abby Nordman 4, Heather Rinkenbaugh 5. FG 7 (0), FT 3-6, F 14.