

Santa Should Have Checked List Twice

The Mulvane High School basketball girls didn't get what they needed in their socks when Santa Claus made his Christmastime visit last week. Deep in their socks, there wasn't any offense.

That's what's hurting Coach Ron McMahon's girls these days, lack of offense. That fact was underscored Tuesday night, Jan. 3, at Rose Hill. The host Rockets held Mulvane to a season low output in a 49-19 thrashing in a Chisholm Trail League game.

The loss dropped the Cat girls to 1-6 overall and 0-4 in CTL Division II action.

"We have to have somebody step up and basically that's not happening," stressed McMahon. "There hasn't been any offensive threat. As a team, our shooting percentage is way down. We shot 22% against Rose Hill and they shot 49%. It hurts when you can't put the ball in the basket. Then, you get frustrated out there and it makes it even worse. We're not getting any production from the people who need to be doing it for us."

Rose Hill wasted little time pounding out to a nice margin. The Rockets, now 2-4 overall, rolled to a 12-4 lead, then pressed Mulvane, causing a few turnovers what led to a 26-8 halftime margin.

"We started having difficulty against pressure," admitted McMahon. "We're making turnovers off the press and when you can't put it in the basket, that just emphasizes the mistakes because it gives them easy baskets. Unfortunately, we're not getting any production out of anybody. The shooting is hurting us. The girls are doing the best they can under the circumstances but unfortunately when you can't put the ball in the hole, you can't win."

Junior center Janelle Wenke led the team after returning to the starting lineup. She scored eight points. Danielle Hughes, a sophomore playing inside, had four points. Guards Carrie Burkhardt and Crissy Carpenter and Valeri Larson had two points each.

"What happens when you're not shooting good is once they start pressing, you tend to force shots in an effort to get back in the game and when those shots don't go down, you fall even farther behind," said McMahon. "That's what we're dealing with now."

"We're doing the best we can but until we find someone to step up and take the lead, scoring some points, it's going to be difficult. Our youth and inexperience is showing against juniors and seniors." Mulvane doesn't have any seniors on the team.

The Wildcats had a much better game in the junior varsity contest at RH. Mulvane took the game into overtime before the Rockets prevailed, 25-21.



Varsity Girls

Mulvane	4	4	6	5	19
Rose Hill	12	14	9	14	49

Mulvane—Carrie Burkhardt 2, Nichelle Bruce 1, Crissy Carpenter 2, Danielle Hughes 4, Janelle Wenke 8, Valeri Larson 2. FG 8 (0) FT 3-8 F 14.

Rose Hill—Brandi Erdman 2, Allison Cox 6, Stephanie Kendall 4, Heather Savoy 8, Cassidy Richards, Tammy Zuhars 7, Erica Schoenherr 12, Sarah Anthis 4. FG 22 (0) FT 5-10 F 15.

Jayvee Girls

Mulvane	8	4	4	3	(2) 21
Rose Hill	4	4	6	6	(6) 25

Mulvane—Nichelle Bruce 7, Jennifer McCoskey 2, Crissy Carpenter 1, Angela Clapper 2, Lee Cates 1, Janelle Wenke 4, Heidi Parker 2, Valeri Larson 2. FG 9 (0) FT 3-9 F 17.

Rose Hill—Brandi Erdman 5, Denise Webster 4, Mandy Standridge 1, Melissa Massey 1, Wendi Howard 2, Michelle Swenson 7, Caroline Karlslake 1, Lisa Brockmeier 5. FG 10 (0) FT 6-17 F 11.

Varsity Girls

Andale	16	10	7	13	46
Mulvane	6	0	6	10	22

Andale—Katie Eck 14, Janet Eck 5, Kara Spexarth 10, Shannon Hermes 9, Angela Spexarth 4, Gorges 2, Simon 1, Shayna Lane 1. FG 17 (0), FT 12-22, F 18.

Mulvane—Courtney Renfro 8, Crissy Carpenter 4, Anna Wenke 2, Heidi Parker 2, Lee Cates 4, Danielle Hughes 2. FG 11 (0), FT 0-7, F 25.

Junior Varsity Girls

Andale	7	7	12	10	36
Mulvane	12	6	10	9	37

Andale—Christine Gorges 15, Rachel Orth 6, Cheryl Kraus 4, Gwen Saver 6, Stacey Eck 2. FG 15 (0), FT 4-13, F 11.

Mulvane—Anna Wenke 8, Carrie Burkhardt 2, Nichelle Bruce 7, Jennifer McCoskey 2, Crissy Carpenter 6, Lee Cates 2, Danielle Hughes 4, Heidi Parker 2, Heather Held 4. FG 18 (0), FT 1-7, F 15.

Nichelle Bruce led the Wildcats in the scoring column with seven points. Janelle Wenke finished with four points while Jennifer McCoskey, Angela Clapper, Heidi Parker and Valeri Larson scored two points apiece.

The Wildcat girls ended 1994 with an offensive nightmare—22 points in a 46-22 setback in front of the home folks Tuesday night, Dec. 20.

The loss was the third in a row for Coach McMahon's Cats in Chisholm Trail League Division II and continued a trend of low scoring for Mulvane. The Mulvane girls have averaged only 32.3 points a game so far this season.

In the junior varsity bout, Mulvane held on for a 37-36 triumph against the Indian jayvees.

"Our shooting percentage has been down this year, we really don't have anybody putting the ball in the hole for us," said

McMahon, explaining the offensive shortcomings. "It's hitting iron but it's not going down. And, we're not getting rebounds. Andale got two or three shots to our one. That's part of the problem because you usually shoot a higher percentage when your right under the basket, shooting for two points after a rebound. We're just not getting any rebounds on offense and that's hurting us."

On the boards, Andale picked up 17 offensive rebounds while the Wildcats had only eight. "That gives the other team an awful lot more shots and they're making them."

One of the problems was having top scorer, Janelle Wenke, out with a nose injury. She's also the ringleader inside on the boards, which explains the shortfall in rebounding. "That hurt us against Andale," admitted the Cat coach.

"Basically, we're also making too many turnovers, which has been happening all year long, and that's caused by inexperience," added McMahon. "We're fouling too much, too. When you put the other team to the line not much good can happen."

With no seniors on the team, there isn't any "senior leadership." Junior Courtney Renfro had a team high eight points to lead the offense. Sophomore Crissy Carpenter and junior Lee Cates had four points apiece against the Indians, who won their first game of the year after five starts.

The Indians ran out to a 16-6 lead after one period, then put the game away by holding Mulvane without a point in the second quarter, running the margin to 26-6 by intermission.

In the junior varsity game, the Wildcats made a good first quarter stand up. Andale out-scored the Cat jayvees every other quarter.

Coach Marlene Mangus' girls got eight points from frontliner Anna Wenke, guard Nichelle Bruce scored seven points and Carpenter scored six.

The girls will be back in action Tuesday, Jan. 10, when they entertain Clearwater in another CTL contest.