

# 1st Half Push

# *Spurts Power Cat*

# *Girls Past Indians*

In a game of spurts, the Mulvane High School girls had the most and longest.

The Wildcats entertained Clearwater Tuesday night, Jan. 4, as both teams returned to the basketball court after two weeks off because of the Christmas break.

Mulvane put together a nice spurt in each of the first two quarters, then had one late in the game to roll to a 54-45 triumph over the Indians, giving Coach Jayson Miller's young team a 2-4 record this year.

In the junior varsity battle, the Cats put together outstanding balance in the scoring department (all 10 players scored) to soak Clearwater, 43-22.

"I think both teams tried to do a lot of things defensively and were throwing different looks at each other but we had the best runs in the first half and that set us up in the second half," said Miller. "They made another run at us in the fourth quarter but we got back-to-back buckets from Kim Mangus and Kris Lazar to put us back in control. The girls just responded when they needed to."

The varsity girls also had 10 players score, which proved to be more balance than Clearwater could overcome. Guard Natalie Turner had her best game with 11 points. LaShelle Parker, Kris Lazar and Arin Leonard had eight points apiece and Kari Leonard scored seven.

The Wildcats put together some solid guard play which helped make the difference. Over the holidays, veteran senior

## Varsity Girls

Clearwater	7	12	13	13--45
Mulvane	11	17	8	18--54

Clearwater--Darist Love 2, Robyn Gerlach 10, Jamie Berntsen 7, Jennifer Burch 10, Erin Loger 9, Carina Richardson 7. FG 14 (2), FT 15-32, F 28.

Mulvane--Natalie Turner 11, Kari Leonard 7, Arin Leonard 8, Kris Lazar 8, LaShelle Parker 8, Melissa Doerfer 2, Kim Mangus 4, Andrea Valerio 2, Sami Booth 1, Carisa Ward 2. FG 19 (0), FT 16-33, F 24.

## Junior Varsity Girls

Clearwater	4	5	4	9--22
Mulvane	12	8	13	10--43

Clearwater--McMillen 3, Love 2, Dodson 3, C. Richardson 3, L. Richardson 1, Shaver 6, Widler 4. FG 8 (0), FT 6-15, F 13.

Mulvane--Melissa Doerfer 6, Michelle Dinkel 3, Andrea Valerio 5, Jackie Burkhart 4, Sami Booth 8, LaShelle Parker 5, Kris Lazar 4, Kim Mangus 4, Natalie Turner 2. FG 17 (0), FT 9-11, F 16.

guard Jackie McColpin quit the team, but Miller said a group of players took up the slack, like Turner, Jackie Burkhart, Kari Leonard and freshman Melissa Doerfer.

"We always seem to have some ballhandling problems, but I thought the girls came though and handled most of the situations," said Miller. "And Turner had her best game ever for us."

Miller said he felt the Cats took over the game by getting the ball inside to the scorers and that even opened up return passes to his breaking guards.

In the junior varsity game, the Cats jumped ahead, 12-4, then put the Indians out of their misery by out-scoring Clearwater, 13-4, in the 3rd quarter. Sami Booth topped the scoring column for the Cats with eight points. Doerfer hit for six points and Parker and Andrea Valerio had five points each.