

# 'Warm Up' Time Missing As Augusta Cooks Cats

The Mulvane High School girls' offense sputtered in the second half as Augusta pulled away in a 55-24 conquest in a Chisholm Trail League game at Augusta.

After playing on even turns in the first quarter, the Coach Gregg Wolgast's Wildcats started sliding and that turned into a full-scale free-fall in the last half as the Orioles out-scored Mulvane, 35-11 in the final half.

"There were a couple reasons for the loss and one of them was that we had to come out cold in the second half," said Wolgast, whose teams slipped to 2-5 overall and 0-2 in CTL play. "We were sent to a different dressing room at halftime and nobody came down to tell us when there were three minutes left in the half, so we didn't get to go out and warm up. In fact, they didn't even get the officials out either. We had no time to warm up, so we just went out there cold. That didn't help matters any and they jumped right on us."

The second reason was playing without two starters, standout senior Sheila Mills, the only solid offensive threat for Mulvane, and sophomore Cody Watson. Both were serving a one and one-half game suspension and missed the game.

"We started out playing good ball," pointed out Wolgast. "We slowed the game down. We didn't let them run up and down the floor like they like to do. And we played good defense. The killer, though, was at the start of the third quarter when they started running, we started being impatient and started throwing the ball away."

Augusta standout Megan Little also popped in a couple of three-pointers, which sparked the Oriole push. "We did a really good job on her early because everybody recognized where she was on the perimeter and got out to defense her, but we didn't get quite the effort in the second half, especially after their early run in the third quarter."

With Mills out, scoring was a struggle

for the MHS girls. Guard Kristi McDowell was the No. 1 scorer with seven points. Robin Smith came through with six points and guard Anna Turner had five points.

The junior varsity game was shortened because of the lack of quarters available for several players, but Augusta made the most of it by downing the Wildcat jayvees, 21-11.

For Mulvane, Shannon Reed scored four points and McDowell scored three points, and Stephanie Schultz and Lee Banzet shared four points to round out the scoring.

Andale grabbed the momentum in the second quarter and pulled away from the Mulvane gals in the final game of 1992 Tuesday, Dec. 22, in the MHS gym. The visiting Indians out-scored the Cats, 16-6, in that quarter and pulled out to a 58-42 decision.

The loss dropped the Wildcats to 2-4 for the season.

"We started out playing pretty good ball but about midway in the second quarter we got a 'T' and that changed the momentum in the game," said Wolgast. "Sheila was complaining about Andale going over her back. They got things rolling after that and we never could get back on top. We got it to two points once and to three a couple times but never could get over the hump. Andale hit its free throws down the stretch to pull away."

The visitors went 14-for-25 from the stripe and Mulvane had only five attempts, making two, and it turned out to be big since the Cats had 20 field goals and the Indians 22.

Mulvane appeared on the way to breaking away in the first quarter, rolling out to a 11-6 lead before Andale benefited from the 'T' call. "Other than that one swing right after the call," said Wolgast. "We played a pretty decent game. They took advantage of Sheila being out and got the offensive boards and put the shots back in. Too, we forced some shots during that period. The girls got in a hurry and forced some things instead of being patient. Looking back at it,

we probably should have slowed it down during that stretch."

Instead, the Indians out-scored Mulvane, 16-6 in the second quarter after Mulvane had waltzed out to a 17-9 lead, scoring 10 unanswered points. The Indians then hit their free throws down the stretch to out-score Mulvane, 16-9, in the last quarter to pull away.

The senior Mills finished with a big game, hitting for 21 points despite sitting out part of the second period. Kristi McDowell, Stephanie Schultz and Marcy Arnold each scored four points for the Cat girls.

In the junior varsity contest, Mulvane sputtered in the third quarter to catch the visiting Indians on their way to victory. Mulvane won it, 39-36.

The MHS girls out-gunned Andale, 15-6, in the third quarter to get back in the game. Shannon Reed was top gun for Mulvane's jayvees with eight points. Gayle Samuelson scored six points as did Arnold and Lee Banzet while Heather Taylor scored four points.

The girls will be at home Friday, Jan. 8, trying to get back into the winner's circle against Valley Center in a Chisholm Trail League game.

Varsity Girls				
Mulvane	8	5	6	5-24
Augusta	9	11	18	17-55
Mulvane--Anna Turner 5, Kristi McDowell 7, Lee Banzet 2, Robin Smith 6, Deva Lewis 2, Gayle Samuelson 2. FG 11 (0), FT 2-8, F 16.				
Augusta--Elizabeth Canon 8, Jaime Hudson 4, Jayme Pocock 6, Jalyann Firkins 2, Megan Little 25, Amie Shelton 4, Ashlee Alley 2, Beth Burlington 4. FG 21 (5), FT 8-15, F 16.				

Junior Varsity Girls				
Mulvane	2	3	4	2-11
Augusta	9	6	4	2-21
Mulvane--Kristi McDowell 3, Stephanie Schultz 2, Lee Banzet 2, Shannon Reed 4, Melanie Dall 0. FG 4 (0), FT 3-4, F 12.				
Augusta--Ferkins 2, Ball 10, Ashlee Alley 2, G. Mason 5, Amy Alley 2. FG 10 (0), FT 1-4, F 10.				

Varsity Girls				
Andale	6	16	18	16-58
Mulvane	11	6	16	9-42
Andale--Kara Spexarth 21, Becky Wetta 10, Chris Nilles 7, Melinda Rau 9, Brenda Ernst 6, Kari Thome 4. FG 22-54 (0), FT 14-25, F 7.				
Mulvane--Sheila Mills 21, Kristi McDowell 4, Lee Banzet 2, Stephanie Schultz 4, Marcy Arnold 4, Robin Smith 2. FG 20-37 (0), FT 2-5, F 22.				

Junior Varsity Girls				
Andale	12	10	6	8-36
Mulvane	6	11	15	7-39
Andale--Sandra Kraus 10, Liz Mies 10, Joni Strunk 8, Kari Thome 4, Christie Martin 2, Tricia Gegan 2. FG 17-31 (0), FT 2-8, F 23.				
Mulvane--Shannon Reed 8, Gayle Samuelson 6, Marcy Arnold 6, Lee Banzet 6, Heather Taylor 4, Laura Butler 3, Jamie Hardison 2, Stephanie Schultz 2, Cody Watson 2. FG 16-49 (1), FT 6-10, F 17.				