

Improve Effort

MHS Girls Stopped Twice

A strong Augusta team spoiled the "best effort game of the season" for the Mulvane High School girls Tuesday night, Jan. 7, in a Chisholm Trail League contest in Mulvane.

The visiting Orioles withstood a late charge by Coach Gregg Wolgast's club and held on for a 57-52 victory. That loss left Wolgast's club reeling at 1-6 overall and 0-2 in the CTL, but the Mulvane boss was generally pleased.

"We had our best game, especially from an effort standpoint," stressed Wolgast. "Everybody played hard. We got the shots and made them. If we would have had this kind of

effort against Rose Hill and Andale, we would have won both games. Now, we just have to keep it up and the wins will come."

Augusta went up by 12 points but baskets by Sheila Mills, Tricia Turner and Dawn Hicks cut the lead to five but Mulvane couldn't get it any closer down the stretch.

"I feel a lot better about the season after last night," said Wolgast. "And we had a complete effort. Stephanie Schultz and Lee Banzet, two sophomores who were getting their first starts, really played well, and their intensity rubbed off on the rest of the group."

The Cat inside game finally got going,

with senior Denise Wilson having one of her top games, scoring 16 points. Mills finished with 10 points and both guards, Tammy Withrow and Turner, scored six points.

In the junior varsity outing, the Wildcats couldn't shake off a poor first half and their rally fell short in a 29-21 setback to Augusta.

Mulvane's No. 1 scorer was Marcy Arnold with four points. Kendra Mow scored three points for Marlene Mangus' jayvees.

The MHS girls started 1992 with a tough one, losing a 51-29 contest at Andale Friday night, Jan. 3. The Cats played without top guard Turner.

"That hurt us quite a bit," admitted Wolgast, whose troopers committed 25 turnovers to only 16 for the Indians. "That was a big factor. Ballhandling hurt and they were able to feed on that. We had quite a few turnovers off their press. We had to press Tammy (Withrow) into that position and she hadn't played there before. I suspected we would have a problem there and we did."

The Wildcats, who slipped to 1-5 on the season, couldn't get the ball down the floor without struggling, and that is where Turner's ballhandling and leadership would have proved valuable. She is recuperating from pneumonia.

Mulvane fell behind quickly in the second quarter when the Andale team turned up the heat after battling to a virtual stand-off in the first quarter. The Indians outscored Mulvane, 15-5, in the 2nd quarter.

"We had the size advantage but weren't able to make it count for us," added the Cat coach. "We were able to get the ball inside and we did a good job of scoring early, but we started missing a few inside shots and I think the girls' confidence started to fade. We had 16 offensive rebounds and only one put-back."

The Wildcats, with the 5-10 Wilson, 5-9 junior Mills and 5-7 Hicks taking charge inside, were able to grab 16 rebounds on the offensive boards but had difficulty putting them back in. Overall, Mulvane had 31 rebounds to 24 for Andale.

"That's one we could have won," admitted Wolgast. "I have felt like the last two should have been winners. I keep telling the girls they have to stay positive and we'll get our wins. Right now, we're struggling with our shooting. We're getting what we want out of our half-court offense. Now, it's a matter of getting those shots to fall."

Mills led all scorers with a 20-point effort. Wilson and Withrow finished with three points apiece.

The Cat junior varsity also took it on the chin at Andale, the host Indians romping to a 62-26 verdict. Schultz and Banzet scored eight points each for Mulvane.

Varsity Girls

Augusta	10	19	13	15-57
Mulvane	14	10	14	14-52
Augusta—Megan Little 17, Amie Shelton 8, Jenny Kerns 16, Mia Tovar 8, Bonni Jackson 8. FG 26 (3), FT 2-2, F 7.				
Mulvane—Tricia Turner 6, Stephanie Schultz 2, Tammy Withrow 6, Kendra Mow 4, Lee Banzet 4, Sheila Mills 10, Denise Wilson 16, Dawn Hicks 4. FG 26 (0), FT 0-0, F 11.				

Junior Varsity Girls

Augusta	9	10	7	2-28
Mulvane	4	2	6	9-21
Augusta—Amber Markley 4, Jaymie Pooock 6, Jennifer Monahan 2, Becky Burleson 1, Brandy Price 5, Angie Smeltzer 1, Amy Alley 2, Tera Watkins 1, Robyn Watkins 4, Janelle Roberts 2. FG 10 (0), FT 8-22, F 22.				
Mulvane—Anna Turner 2, Kristi McDowell 2, Kendra Mow 3, Lee Banzet 1, Marianne Smysor 1, Marcy Arnold 4, Stacy Strack 2, Heather Pearman 1, Silke Wendt 2, Kandie Strong 2, Deva Lewis 1. FG 7 (0), FT 7-24, F 19.				

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	9	5	8	6-29
Andale	10	15	8	18-51
Mulvane—Sheila Mills 20, Denise Wilson 3, Tammy Withrow 3, Dawn Hicks 1, Lee Banzet 2. FG 10-38 (0), FT 9-20, F 16.				
Andale—Becky Wetts 10, Rhonda Focke 14, Amy Struck 9, Gina Martin 4, Brenda Ernst 2, Melinda Rau 2, Shannon Simon 4, Chris Nilles 4, Kelly Harp 2. FG 23-48 (0), FT 5-15, F 19.				

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	6	2	6	12-26
Andale	14	19	12	17-62
Mulvane—Stephanie Schultz 8, Lee Banzet 8, Kristi McDowell 2, Kendra Mow 2, Marianne Smysor 2, Heather Pearman 2, Sarah Ryland 2. FG 13-46 (0), FT 0-5, F 25.				
Andale—Kristin Hulchon 15, Melinda Rau 14, Kelly Harp 13, Brenda Ernst 10, Connie Woodard 6, Joy Pritchard 4. FG 25-35 (0), FT 12-30, F 18.				