

Girls' Game Off

Buhler Revolt

Drops Wildcats

Okay. Gregg Wolgast might start it this way: "Girls, THIS is a basketball."

The Mulvane High School girls cage coach had reason to shake a finger at his troops following Tuesday night's bloody revolt by a visiting band of Crusaders from Buhler.

After being thrashed in both games last year, Buhler took revenge Tuesday night, Jan. 8, by bombing the highly-regarded Wildcats, 77-50, in a no contest in the MHS gym.

The home loss dealt a serious blow to the Cats' hopes of repeating as Chisholm Trail League tilists since they now are now 2-1 in the league and 4-2 overall.

In the junior varsity game, Buhler again wore the nets out as the visitors blistered Mulvane, 39-25.

After the loss, Wolgast was anything but tongue-tied. "I was very, very disappointed," said Wolgast. "This was by far our worst game of the year, maybe of the last two years. Now we just have to come back and get on a streak like we were on after our opening loss. We were up at halftime but came out and didn't play well in the third quarter. They made a couple baskets and we missed a couple we normally would have put in, and then we got a little frustrated and feeling sorry for ourselves. It went downhill from there."

Downhill isn't the word. After leading, 20-13, Mulvane started crumbling in the second quarter as Buhler out-scored the Cats, 16-12, to make it close at intermission. After halftime, the Mulvane game went south for the winter as Buhler carved out a 27-8 edge in the third quarter, finishing things off in the final period, 21-10.

"Buhler did play well," admitted Wolgast, who was looking for his third in a row against Buhler. "They played a very good ball game but we didn't react to what they did. They did the same things in the third quarter as in the first half. Our effort was really sorry. I was very disappointed in the third quarter. The girls didn't go to the basket and they started putting pressure on our wings. All the while, they were gaining confidence and we started playing worse and worse."

Shooting comparisons show the Crusaders hitting 64% from the field and the Wildcats managing only 45%.

By the final frame, it was downright ugly. "We got into foul trouble with (Kendra) Banzet and she had to sit out half

Varsity Girls

Buhler	13	16	27	21-77
Mulvane	20	12	8	10-50
Buhler—Melanie Old 16, Lori Stout 2, Angie Rose 3, Lisa Buller 14, Erin Howerton 16, Leanne Korinek 6, Kim Fry 8, Lynette Newborn 12. FG 32-50 (0), FT 13-20, F 16.				

Mulvane—Tricia Turner 5, Kendra Banzet 12, Karri Taylor 4, Ticia Nicholson 10, Sheila Mills 5, Lisa Heersche 14. FG 23-52 (0), FT 4-15, F 17.

Junior Varsity Girls

Buhler	14	12	9	4-39
Mulvane	14	6	5	0-25
Buhler—Geodert 1, Premier 2, Myers 4, McComas 2, Knes 3, Jays 4, Hedrick 2, Barnes 3, Frissen 2, Fenwick 4, Shea 2, Shank 10. FG 18 (0), FT 3-8, F 12.				

Mulvane—Deva Lewis 2, Robin Smith 8, Sheila Mills 13, Anna Turner 0, Dawn Hicks 2. FG 12 (0), FT 1-10, F 7.

of the third quarter and (Ticia) Nicholson was sick, so with those two on the bench it didn't help matters any," added Wolgast. "I could see this if this was a couple years ago and everybody was a sophomore, but not as veteran seniors. The girls should have been able to handle some adversity but we sure didn't tonight."

The Wildcat girls will on back-to-back nights next week. Coach Wolgast's club will go to Augusta for a key Chisholm Trail League encounter Monday night, Jan. 14, to make-up a game that was originally scheduled for Friday, Jan. 4. A bad ice storm that day forced the game to be postponed.

At Augusta, there will not be a junior varsity girls game because of a shortage of players on the Augusta team.

Then, the Wildcats gals will travel to Rose Hill Tuesday night, Jan. 15, to tangle with the highly-regarded Rocket girls in an inter-divisional contest. Because only the girls will be playing that night, the jayvee game will begin at 6:15 followed at around 8 by the varsity battle.

The senior guard Lisa Heersche took scoring honors for the varsity Cats, hitting for 14 points. Banzet finished with an off-night and 12 points

Nicholson also was in double figures with 10 points and both Tricia Turner and sophomore Sheila Mills scored five points.

The Mulvane junior varsity stayed with Buhler in the first quarter but the Crusaders pulled away for the easy winner by out-scoring Mulvane in each of the other three periods.

Mills dumped in a game-high 13 points for Mulvane. Robins Smith scored eight points and Dawn Hicks and Deva Lewis had a pair of points each.