

Girls Fall At Home

Lions Tarnish 'Shiny' Record

The Mulvane High School girls found out it takes more than just a shiny record to win in the Chisholm Trail League.

Goddard came to town Tuesday night, Jan. 8, and drove that point home with an easy 55-31 victory over the host Cats, whose record dropped to 6-2 for the season.

"We played about as badly as we could play," said MHS Coach Jayson Miller. "We turned the ball over like crazy. We had no offensive movement at all. It was a nightmare."

What it was was a bad game. The Cats started off poorly, falling behind with a four-point 1st quarter, their worst quarter of the season until the 3rd quarter when they only scored three points. The Lions out-scored Mulvane, 26-7, in those two quarters alone.

"We just got sloppy with the ball and they put it on us," said Miller. "We just had one of those games where everybody played poorly." And a 11-for-29 night at the free throw line didn't help, either.

Senior LaShelle Parker was the only player in double figures. She scored 11 points. Kris Lazar finished with seven points and Shayna Duncan scored six.

The MHS girls had a dominant performance Friday, Jan. 4, when they returned to the basketball court after the two-week Christmas layoff. Playing on the road, the Wildcats trounced Andover's Trojans, 66-37, in a Chisholm Trail League outing.

The victory gave Coach Miller's Cats a 2-1 record in the CTL and a 6-1 overall mark, and it came with relative ease after Mulvane jumped ahead by 20 by intermission.

"We had a good first half again," said Miller. "We seem to be playing pretty solid basketball in the first half, then we have kind of a bad 3rd quarter. That's been our worst quarter in several games. I think what happened is that we come out strong because we're thinking about being offensive and then in the third quarter, we quit thinking offense."

Andover made a small run at the Cats in the 3rd quarter and out-scored them overall, 10-8, but Mulvane smacked the Trojans in the last quarter by a 19-8 count to pull away again.

"We started out hitting some outside shots and I think that opened things up for our inside game," pointed out Miller. "Kari Leonard, Shayna Duncan and Sami Booth all hit outside jumpers early and we kind of worked backwards from there. Andover started to come out to guard the perimeter and the girls then started feeding it inside and our inside people were getting good looks. When we get a chance to get a four-footer rather than a 16-footer, we're going to take it. Once our outside shooters hit those shots, I knew the inside would open up."

And making their shots, too. "Our inside game really took charge," said Miller. "Andover had a couple big girls and we wanted to attack them early, so we went right at them and did a good job of it."

Seniors Lazar and Parker shook loose for easy buckets inside to fuel the early scoring for the Cats along with Booth. All three finished in double figures. Lazar scored 20 points, Parker hit for 16 and Booth scored 13. Leonard scored five points and both Duncan and Sara McKnight, who was seeing her first varsity action, scored four points.

"Kris kind of took over the game inside for us," said the Mulvane coach. "She has really had a strong season so far, kind of like the last half of last year."

Mulvane also controlled the boards, gaining a 36-20 edge with Parker pulling down nine rebounds and Lazar grabbing eight. "Consistency is what we need," said Miller. "When they play good at the same time, we can be pretty tough."

Being 6-1 broke new territory for the Wildcats, who went 5-1 a year ago, then

proceeded to drop seven of their next eight games. Miller doesn't look for a similar swoon this year, though. "We're about where I expected us to be," said Miller. "Andover was a good win for us but now we start looking at those 'big four.' If we can remain consistent, get the consistent shooting outside and the consistent play inside, we'll be okay."

The MHS girls will be at home Friday, Jan. 11, to play Andover Central for the first time ever. Andover Central is the new school in Andover which was established when Andover-High split into two schools following the last school year.

Varsity Girls

Goddard	12	10	14	21-55
Mulvane	4	12	3	12-31
Goddard--Bunton 12, Welch 15, Gourley 8, Phillips 6, Powers 2, Finili 8, Morgan 4. FG 23 (1), FT 8-12, F 18.				
Mulvane--Melissa Doerfer 4, Shayna Duncan 6, Sami Booth 1, Kris Lazar 7, LaShelle Parker 11, Kim Mangus 1, Kari Leonard 1. FG 10 (0), FT 11-29, F 15.				
Mulvane	19	20	8	19-66
Andover	10	9	10	8-37
Mulvane--Melissa Doerfer 1, Shayna Duncan 4, Sami Booth 13, Kris Lazar 20, LaShelle Parker 16, Kari Leonard 5, Abby Sorensen 3, Sara McKnight 4. FG 27 (0), FT 12-25, F 19.				
Andover--Tristan Smades 6, Jessica Wadsworth 2, Kelly Quinn 3, Britney Pennington 2, Jessica Hamilton 14, Kim Wadsworth 4, Eileen Weimer 2, Ashley Rigby 4. FG 15 (0), FT 7-15, F 23.				

Chisholm Trail League Girls Basketball Standings

DIVISION I

Team	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Buhler	4	0	5	2
Valley Center	3	0	5	1
Goddard	2	1	4	3
Mulvane	2	2	6	2
Maize	0	2	2	5
Andover	0	2	1	3
Augusta	0	4	0	8

DIVISION II

Andale	4	0	7	1
Circle	3	1	7	1
Clearwater	3	1	6	3
Wellington	2	1	3	2
Andover Central	1	4	2	7
Kingman	0	2	2	5
Rose Hill	0	4	3	5

Games Friday, Jan. 11

- Andover Central at Mulvane
- Andover at Goddard
- Augusta at Maize
- Valley Center at Buhler
- Rose Hill at Kingman
- Circle at Wellington

Games Saturday, Jan. 12

- Kingman at Wichita Collegiate
- Hillsboro at Wellington