

Girls Rip Buhler

No Fun To Win Big?

The Mulvane High School took the fun out of being close—and the worry, too—Tuesday night, Jan. 9, as they picked apart the Buhler Crusaders, 50-36, in a Chisholm Trail League outing at Buhler.

The victory shoved Coach Gregg Wolgast's Cats into a tie for first place in the loop with a 3-1 mark. Both Augusta and Valley Center also have one loss.

After four one-point nail-biters, the Cats pulled away in the final stanza to take this one handily. "It's a good win," said Wolgast. "We were ahead most of the way and built up a nice lead in the third quarter. We had to get it back together in the 4th quarter when they got it back to within six,

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	10	12	10	18	50
Buhler	10	8	8	10	36

Mulvane Tammy Withrow 2, Kendra Banzet 21, Jenny Ray 4, Ticia Nicholson 15, Lisa Heersche 8 FG 22-37 (0), FT 6-11, F 11

Buhler Melanie Old 12, Colleen Darow 2, Lisa Buller 4, Lynn Howerton 4, Tonya Gaedden 2, Jody Ropp 12 FG 16-49 (0), FT 4-7, F 15

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	8	7	4	9	28
Buhler	5	14	10	9	38

Mulvane Kerri Taylor 8, Kim Rodriguez 2, Kristen Kuntz 4, Dawn Hicks 3, Denise Wilson 11 FG 11-30 (0), FT 6-13, F 10

Buhler Anderson 6, Casper 10, Fry 11, Konnek 2, Buller 4 FG 18-28 (0), FT 2-6, F 14

Varsity Girls

Augusta	11	12	13	11	47
Mulvane	11	14	8	15	48

Augusta Megan Little 5, Sharron Shryock 10, Kerne Bennett 4, Michelle Maddy 2, Samantha Restivo 1, Rikki Rogers 11, Paula Rodriguez 14 FG 17-57 (0), FT 12-24, F 20

Mulvane Tammy Withrow 7, Kendra Banzet 17, Jenny Ray 2, Ticia Nicholson 15, Nicole Infinger 5, Denise Wilson 2 FG 18-43 (0), FT 12-25, F 18

Junior Varsity Girls

Augusta	7	8	4	16	35
Mulvane	15	8	10	18	51

Augusta Heather Lyton 5, Enka Wakefield 7, Dalias Usher 2, Bonnie Jackson 10, Tami Box 5, Jennifer Manahan 2, Heather McCalla 4 FG 14-57 (0), FT 6-16, F 31

Mulvane Ticia Turner 4, Kerri Taylor 5, Kim Rodriguez 14, Lisa Heersche 3, Kristen Kuntz 3, Dawn Hicks 9, Irene Baca 2, Denise Wilson 10, Tammy Withrow 1 FG 17-32 (0), FT 17-43, F 14

then we made our free throws down the stretch. Banzet had a couple and Nicholson had one."

Key to the victory was scoring. The Cats had a season-best 60% shooting mark from the field. "We shot very well but we also played outstanding defense," said Wolgast, whose club is 5-2 overall. "They only shot 33% against our man-to-man defense. We're finally getting to where we can play good man defense."

Top gun for the Wildcats was junior center Kendra Banzet, who dumped in 21 points and had seven assists and nine rebounds. "They tried to collapse on her and she just dished it off for an easy shot," said Wolgast.

Junior Ticia Nicholson had 15 points, guard Lisa Heersche had eight points and Jenny Ray scored four.

The Mulvane junior varsity started quickly but came apart in the second and third periods as Buhler claimed a 38-28 victory.

Top scorers for Mulvane's jayvees were pivot Denise Wilson, who scored 11 points and had five rebounds, Kerri Taylor, who scored eight points and had five boards, and Kristen Kuntz, who scored four and had five rebounds.

Why break up a winning tradition with something like a "start-the-bus" romp? The Wildcat girls buttoned up their fourth last-second victory of the year Friday night, Jan. 5, when they edged Augusta, 48-47, on a last-second shot by junior Kendra Banzet.

Banzet joined the "honor roll" when she rebounded a missed shot by Lisa Heersche from the side and put it back in to rescue victory from defeat as the buzzer sounded. Others on the "winning shot honor roll" are Heersche (Chaparral game), Kim Rodriguez (Goddard) and Ticia Nicholson (Wellington). Tammy Withrow gets an honorable mention as she sent the Goddard game into overtime with a last-second shot.

"Every time we win one of those, we get more confident for the next one," said Wolgast. "It's nice to win by 20 but these close games are giving the girls a pretty good feeling, too. They are feeling more and more confident when we get into those situations. In the huddle Friday night, there was no panic. Everybody felt we were going to win it."

The Cats nearly didn't, however. Behind, 47-46, after scrapping from a six-point deficit earlier in the period, Mulvane got a chance for another dramatic win after a time out. The throw-in came to Heersche but Augusta jammed inside to try and stop a pass to the 6-foot, 3-inch Banzet, so Heersche dribbled into the 12 foot range before popping a shot. It was slightly blocked but hit the front of the rim and bounced to Banzet underneath. She put it back in as the horn sounded.

The Cats' "Twin Towers," Banzet and Nicholson, put Mulvane in shape to win it when they rallied the team in the last few minutes. Mulvane took advantage of two missed free throws by the Orioles late in the contest. Banzet hit a bucket to make it a four-point game and Nicholson made a bucket and was fouled and made the free throw to cut the gap to one point.

Banzet finished with 17 points and Nicholson had 15. Guard Tammy Withrow scored seven points and Nicole Infinger added five points.

Nicholson with 10 rebounds and Banzet with nine also controlled the backboards, the Cats notching a 34-27 edge there.

In the junior varsity outing, Coach Steve Swaney's Wildcats dismantled the Orioles, 51-35, to post their first victory.

Guard Kim Rodriguez led the scoring with 14 points, center Denise Wilson scored 10, Dawn Hicks hit for nine points and Kerri Taylor scored five.