

Indian Ambush

Stumps Wildcats

New girls basketball coach Kelly Dennis is running out of patience. "The girls all talk about wanting to win but they don't do what it takes to win," said Dennis following a disappointing 44-35 setback Tuesday night, Jan. 9, at Clearwater.

"Clearwater is a team that we should be beating," said Dennis, "so to explain the game in a couple words, it was pretty disappointing. That's the first thing that comes to mind. We just didn't execute. They wanted the game for than our girls wanted it."

Mulvane's offense disappeared in the second half as the Indians pulled away. Mulvane scored only 12 points in the second half, six in each quarter. "The only bright spot was the play of Valerie Larson," said Dennis. "She played her best game of the year."

She also led the Cats in the scoring column with eight points. Guard Lee Cates also had eight points while Crissy Carpenter finished with six points.

"We played pretty decent in the first half but after that, we didn't shoot the ball well and we didn't handle their press," added the coach. "Their press was something that we should have been able to handle."

Don't blame a pressure defense. It was poor shooting this time.

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	11	12	6	6-35
Clearwater	9	16	8	11-44

Mulvane--Carrie Burkhardt 2, Crissy Carpenter 6, Lindsay Kendrick 3, Lee Cates 8, Anna Wenke 3, Dannelle Hughes 3, Janelle Wenke 2, Valerie Larson 8. FG 13 (0), FT 9-17, F 19.

Clearwater--Pauly 6, Katie Gruesing 2, Tara Strothers 13, Sara Strothers 5, Campbell 4, Baumann 2, Kelly Engel 12. FG 19 (0), FT 6-15, F 20.

Andale	15	15	18	12-60
Mulvane	4	8	8	9-25

Andale--Katie Eck 14, Missi Eck 8, Janet Eck 1, Maggie Eck 9, Christine Gorges 11, Shannon Hermes 10, Diane Blasi 2, Adina Spexarth 2, Annette Simon 3. FG 25 (2), FT 8-18, F 12.

Mulvane--Dannelle Hughes 6, Janelle Wenke 6, Lee Cates 4, Valerie Larson 2, Michelle Fowler 2. FG 11 (1), FT 2-4, F 17.

Junior Varsity Girls

Andale	10	5	6	8-29
Mulvane	6	8	2	3-19

Andale--Emmy Horsch 7, Maggie Eck 5, Stacey Eck 4, Nickole Bess 1, Missi Eck 4, Julie Eck 6, Liz Brownfield 2. FG 11 (0), FT 7-16, F 16.

Mulvane--Ashley McCoskey 6, Tara Leonard 2, Michelle Fowler 2, Aimee Sargeant 2, Melissa Buchanan 7. FG 8 (0), FT 3-16, F 15.

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That's the tale of woe from the Mulvane girls' 60-25 shelling Friday night, Jan. 5, at the hands of Andale in a Chisholm Trail League game in Mulvane.

The game originally was to have been played Dec. 19th but was postponed by bad weather. This time, the Cat game was postponed by bad shooting.

"Actually, we didn't turn the ball over as much as we have in the past, but we did miss a lot of shots," said Dennis. "Those misses came on shots that could have been made to help keep us in the ball game. They were good shots. Another factor is that their guards shot so well. We didn't expect that. Andale was just a lot more physical than we were."

Coming off the first victory of the season, the aggressiveness that was featured in that game just wasn't there Friday night against Andale. The Indians plodded out to a 15-4 lead after one quarter and by intermission, it was 30-12.

Still, Dennis felt the poor shooting was deadly. Mulvane hit only 18% (4-for-22) in the first half. "We should be making shots inside that we're missing," said Dennis. "When we play a good team like Andale, we have to get every break, make every play, but we aren't doing it. They were getting all the breaks. Any team is good enough to bury us if we're not playing good basketball."

Frontliners Janelle Wenke and Dannelle Hughes paced the scoring game for the 1-6 Cats. They scored six points each. Guard Lee Cates scored four points.

Andale also won the junior varsity contest, 29-19, holding the Wildcat jayvees to only five points in the last half. Top scorer for Mulvane was Melissa Buchanan with seven points. Ashley McCoskey scored six points.

The girls will be at Chaparral Friday night, Jan. 12, for another CTL test.