

MHS Girls At Their Best

Other than a minor swoon in the third quarter, the Mulvane High School girls gave Clearwater all it wanted Tuesday, Jan. 10, in a Chisholm Trail League game in Mulvane. But the results were familiar: The Indians handed Wildcat girls a 60-44 setback.

"I would have to say it was our best game played all year as a whole," confessed MHS Coach Ron McMahon. "The first half was especially good. We finally got the offense going, the outside shooting was good and we got a lot of movement out of our offense. We made some key baskets in the first half and played well."

The visiting Indians went on a 21-8 tear in the third quarter to wrestle control of the game from Mulvane. The Cats were right on Clearwater's tail at 27-26 at halftime.

"The third quarter really hurt us," explained McMahon. "We actually shot the

ball better in the second half but it was their free throwing that was the big difference in the game. They had a tremendous percentage (21 of 27) at the line. That was the story. They converted at the line and we didn't." Mulvane made only 12 of 27 free throws.

Overall, though, McMahon was pleased as his Wildcat gals scored their most points of the season, although they slipped to 0-4 in the Chisholm Trail and 1-7 overall. "We came out and played aggressive basketball, which is what I've been wanting," said McMahon. "We have had a couple good practices in a row where the girls really have been aggressive and hit helped. Plus, we made some chemistry changes, had some different mixes out there and they worked pretty good together."

The Indians put the clamps on in the third quarter, using pressure to throw off the Cat game, and it worked until the MHS girls re-grouped. "They hit us in the third quarter with a press and it got them some good baskets and a couple five-second counts before we got back into our game. This whole game, though, goes back to the free throw line. That's where they won it."

McMahon said he felt guard Carrie Burkhart did a fine job handling the ball and Courtney Renfro had her best game of the sea-

son. Heidi Parker came off the bench to spark Mulvane late and NiChelle Bruce had her moments breaking the press. Another good hustling job came from Crissy Carpenter.

"I can't say enough about the improvement we showed handling the ball," said McMahon. "We did a much better job of it. And that led to some good passes to the wings. We also got a good job on the boards from Janelle Wenke, Danielle Hughes and Crissy got in there a little bit, too."

Renfro had a season-best 15 points to pace the Mulvane offense. Wenke and Carpenter scored six points each and Burkhart, guard Lee Cates and Hughes had four points apiece.

The Wildcats trounced Clearwater, 41-28, in the junior varsity contest as Cates pumped in 10 points.

The Wildcats play again Friday, Jan. 13, when Chaparral comes to town.

Varsity Girls

Clearwater	10	17	21	15-60
Mulvane	14	12	8	10-44

Clearwater--Sara Hostetler 20, Kelly Engel 20, Angela Loger 4, Kaue Grusing 2, Sara Struthers 6, Angie Pauly 7, Emilee Moore 1. FG 20 (1), FT 21-27, F 25

Mulvane--Courtney Renfro 15, Janelle Wenke 6, Danielle Hughes 4, Carrie Burkhart 4, Crissy Carpenter 6, NiChelle Bruce 2, Lee Cates 4, Valerie Larson 3, Heidi Parker 1. FG 16 (0), FT 12-27, F 24

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane 41, Clearwater 28