

Mulvane Girls Tasting Sweetness Of Winning

Try it, you'll like it.

Well, the Mulvane High School girls are trying it...and they're liking it. "The girls are getting a taste of winning, and they like it," said Coach Ron McMahon. "I think they now want to win. They like the taste."

The MHS girls continued on their hot streak Tuesday, Jan. 11, as they peppered Wellington, 67-37, in a Chisholm Trail League home game.

It was the third consecutive victory for McMahon's gals after an 0-6 start. "I'm really happy with the performance," said McMahon. "The team is playing great team ball and that's one of the keys. Cody (Watson) is giving the ball up and when she does, things happen. (Lee) Banzet lit it up offensively and her defensive hustle and desire are really helping. The girls are understanding the new defensive philosophy and the change to a trapping defense has turned this team around."

The Wildcats, now 3-6, ripped through the Crusaders in the first half, taking a 30-21 lead, then put the game away with a 25-9 spurt in the third quarter.

The Cat girls are on a roll, racking up their second consecutive victory by skirting the Hornets at Valley Center, 58-52, Friday night, Jan 7, in a Chisholm Trail League game.

There was no junior varsity game played because Valley Center didn't have enough players.

The win improved Mulvane's CTL record to 2-1 and was forged by a former "foe," free throw shooting. The Cats made 22 of 32 at the stripe. VC made only eight free throws.

Varsity Girls

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| Wellington | 6 | 15 | 9 | 7-37 |
| Mulvane | 12 | 18 | 25 | 12-67 |
| Wellington—Jennifer Heersche 2, Amy Keltch 18, Misty Stallbaumer 3, Kristy Tencleve 3, Marsee Russell 3, Kristy Durant 1, Kecheia Griffith 2, Christina Reyes 4, Amy Nance 1. FG 6 (4), FT 13-24, F 23. | | | | |
| Mulvane—Lee Banzet 24, Cody Watson 4, Lee Cates 10, Janelle Wenke 10, Courtney Renfro 6, Kristi McDowell 9, Marcy Arnold 4, Jamie Martin 2. FG 27 (0), FT 13-25, F 20. | | | | |

Varsity Girls

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| Mulvane | 10 | 16 | 12 | 20-58 |
| Valley Center | 17 | 6 | 17 | 12-52 |
| Mulvane—Lee Banzet 11, Janelle Wenke 18, Courtney Renfro 16, Cody Watson 8, Gemi Spatz 2, Lee Cates 3. FG 18 (0), FT 22-32, F 19. | | | | |
| Valley Center—Heather Barbosa 9, Christine Fowler 8, Sarah Hanes 15, Andrea Barbosa 4, Katie Talbot 2, Laura Pavylak 7, LeeAnne Sitts 2, Diane Long 5. FG 22 (0), FT 8-17, F 28. | | | | |

Junior Varsity Girls

No junior varsity game played

Senior Lee Banzet came through in the last quarter, making seven of nine in the stretch run. In all, Mulvane was clutch at the line, making making 10 of 15 in the last quarter to keep the Hornets at bay.

"It also was a quality night from the field," admitted McMahon. "Renfro hit 88% from the field. She had a super night. Everything she put up went in. Wenke hit 86% and Watson hit 60%. And Cody made a lot of good passes. One thing I've noticed is the unselfishness I've tried to promote is starting to come around. Everybody's looking for everybody else and that leads to a lot of good, quality shots."

The two sophomores—Wenke and Renfro—were one-two on the scoring chart. Wenke had 18 points and Renfro scored 16.