

Second Half Blues

Cat Girls' Problem

Mulvane High School girls started like the hare but ended up like the tortoise Tuesday night, Jan. 12, in a Chisholm Trail League encounter at home against Goddard.

The Wildcat gals led most of the first half, then crumbled in the second half as the Lions made adjustments to come away with a 68-56 CTL victory.

Mulvane also was beaten in the junior varsity game, 23-19. "We didn't come out in the second half and play very aggressively," said MHS first-year coach Gregg Wolgast. "They made some adjustments at half, too, and our girls didn't recognize what they should be doing. They packed things pretty tightly in their zone defense in the first half but came out in the second half and started playing the passing lanes and we didn't recognize that and make the extra two or three steps to get open."

That led to numerous turnovers, which enabled Goddard, who fell behind, 23-16, after the first quarter, to blow open a tight game, out-scoring Mulvane, 20-6, in the third quarter. It also spoiled the best half (first half) of basketball Mulvane's gals have played this season.

Senior Kathy Saxton scored 17 points to head up Mulvane's offense. Sophomore guard Amy Arnold finished with 13 points, Nancy Farber scored 11 and Kim Kysar had nine.

For the Cat junior varsity, Holly Donaldson and Arnold led the way with six points each and guard Angie Wheeler scored four points.

Who says turnabout is fair play? It's not, but that didn't keep the Mulvane girls from stumbling Friday night, Jan. 8, at Wellington in a Chisholm Trail League outing. The host Crusaders rallied late in the game for a 52-51 victory.

It marked the second time this year that the game between these two squads was decided by only a point. In December, a last-second bucket by Nancy Farber gave the Wildcats a 50-49 triumph.

Mulvane did have some good news at Wellington, though. The Cat jayvees held on for their first victory of the year, a 28-22 winner against Wellington.

Mulvane's varsity appeared to be in position for another last-shot thriller with 10 seconds left but after a time out, the Wildcats couldn't get the ball inbounds and turned it over to the hosts, killing any final-shot hopes.

"It was one of those things," said Wolgast. "We couldn't get the ball in and Wellington took over and ran off the last 10 seconds. That was my fault as much as anything. We just hadn't worked on that play much and we weren't prepared. We were trying to set up a couple of picks for Amy (Arnold) to get open with Kathy (Saxton) under the basket for the rebound but we never got

Girls Varsity

Goddard	16	15	20	17-68
Mulvane	23	11	6	16-56
Goddard--Nikki Reams 18, April Jatzlau 6, Angie Sissell 8, Nancy Summers 20, Julie Elder 18. FG 29 (0), FT 10-18, F 12.				
Mulvane--Kim Kysar 9, Kim Prickett 6, Amy Arnold 13, Nancy Farber 11, Kathy Saxton 17. FG 23 (2), FT 4-8, F 15.				

Girls Junior Varsity

Goddard	8	2	5	10-23
Mulvane	6	1	4	8-19
Goddard--Annette Henley 2, Amber Bloss 11, Shelli Moriarty 2, Tina Padley 6, Cheryl Singletary 2. FG 9 (0), FT 5-7, F 10.				
Mulvane--Holly Donaldson 6, Deslee Smithhisler 1, Angie Wheeler 4, Bridget Horton 2, Amy Arnold 6. FG 9 (0), FT 1-7, F 17.				

Girls Varsity

Mulvane	11	16	12	12-51
Wellington	10	13	11	18-52
Mulvane--Kathy Saxton 16, Amy Arnold 12, Nancy Farber 11, Kim Kysar 6, Kim Prickett 4, Bridget Horton 2. FG 21-53 (1), FT 8-12, F 18.				
Wellington--Kristin Scheuffer 18, Lynne Hamburg 16, Janet Stringer 10, Marti Stayton 3, Marci Brecheisen 3, Heather Hamilton 2. FG 19-48 (0), FT 14-21, F 14.				

Girls Junior Varsity

Mulvane	9	7	6	6-28
Wellington	8	4	6	4-22
Mulvane--Holly Donaldson 10, Nicole Infinger 6, Amy Arnold 5, Bridget Horton 2, Angie Wheeler 2, Desiree Smithhisler 1. FG 11-38 (0), FT 4-5, F 12.				
Wellington--Cassie Goff 7, Tracy Schenk 6, Allana Pettigrew 4, Marci Brecheisen 2, Tricia Dewberry 2, Annette Geifer 1. FG 9-39 (0), FT 4-6, F 8.				

that opportunity. We weren't prepared for that type of situation and I take the total blame for it.

"Hopefully, we've learned from that situation now. I learned from it, too, and hopefully so did the girls."

Mulvane squirted to a 47-37 lead with seven minutes left on three consecutive buckets by Saxton and Kim Kysar and a steal by Kim Prickett. The Crusaders came back, however, to take a lead. The Crusaders made only one of two free throws but got the rebound twice in the final minute of action while ahead to keep Mulvane alive.

Two buckets by Farber and one by Bridget Horton put the Cats into position to win on a last-second shot but the in-bounds turnover killed things.

Mulvane led much of the game after jumping out quickly to take a 12-2 lead. "We let them back in the game after we had them down," said Wolgast. "We didn't play well down the stretch. We stopped executing some of the things offensively that had gotten us there, like getting the ball inside for good shots and moving the ball around. Defensively, we relaxed a little instead of keeping the pressure on. We didn't take them out of their offense and that allowed them to get into a groove in the last quarter."

The senior Saxton dumped in 16 points, Arnold scored 12 and Farber finished with 11 to pace the Wildcat girls. Kysar and Prickett scored six and four points, respectively.

The Wildcat jayvees posted victory No. 1 as Holly Donaldson scored 10 points, Nicole Infinger added six and Arnold had five.

Andover is next for the MHS girls. They will travel to Andover Friday night, Jan. 15, for another CTL game.