

Mulvane Storm Strikes Crusaders

Mulvane came alive in the second half, wiped out a Wellington lead, then stormed to victory Tuesday night, Jan. 12, in a Chisholm Trail League girls basketball game in Wellington.

Mulvane out-scored the Crusaders, 29-14, in the second half to escape with a 39-31 winner, improving their record to 3-6 and 1-3 in the loop.

"For the most part we played well except for the second quarter," said MHS coach Gregg Wolgast. "Defensively, we did a good job of shutting them down and not allowing them to get into their offense by switching from a man to a zone defense and that seemed to confuse them. We also shut off the paint and that forced them to shoot from the outside."

The Cats trailed after a two-point second quarter but got it together in the third period, out-scoring Wellington, 11-3, to take the

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	8	2	11	18-39
Wellington	8	9	3	11-31

Mulvane—Lee Banzet 10, Robin Smith 9, Cody Watson 2, Deva Lewis 2, Sheila Mills 16. FG 16-33 (0), FT 7-15, F 11.

Wellington—Stallbaumer 8, Keltch 7, Russell 4, Nance 4, Griffin 6, Subera 2, Bertrand 2. FG 12-37 (2), FT 5-7, F 16.

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	4	4	9	7-24
Wellington	10	8	11	3-32

Mulvane—Melanie Dall 2, Kristi McDowell 8, Heather Taylor 2, Marcy Arnold 2, Shannon Reed 7, Gayle Samuelson 3, Jaime Hardison 2. FG 10-32 (0), FT 4-16, F 19.

Wellington—Misak 1, Stallbaumer 2, M. Russell 4, Goodman 4, Subera 14, J. Russell 4, Durant 3. FG 11-34 (0), FT 10-15, F 22.

Varsity Girls

Valley Center	15	13	3	13-44
Mulvane	13	7	10	4-34

Valley Center—Brenda Riopel 9, Amber Mounday 9, Heather Barbosa 3, Jill Morrison 5, Christy Wetzler 8, Carol Long 2, Katie Talbot 2, Staci Tallent 2. FG 17-47 (0), FT 10-19, F 16.

Mulvane—Lee Banzet 10, Kristi McDowell 9, Sheila Mills 8, Deva Lewis 3, Gayle Samuelson 2, Anna Turner 2. FG 16-48 (0), FT 2-9, F 22.

Junior Varsity Girls

Valley Center	14	10	10	8-42
Mulvane	2	5	8	23-38

Valley Center—Christine Fowler 14, Katie Talbot 12, Andrea Barbosa 6, Lee Ann Sitts 6, Karen Blanton 4. FG 20-46 (0), FT 2-7, F 17.

Mulvane—Kristi McDowell 11, Shannon Reed 10, Cody Watson 8, Heather Taylor 4, Lee Banzet 3, Stephanie Schultz 2. FG 18-49 (0), FT 2-7, F 18.

lead into the last quarter.

Senior Sheila Mills led the way with 16 points and Lee Banzet had her best game, scoring 10 points. Robin Smith scored nine points as Mulvane hit 16-of-33 fielders.

In the junior varsity contest, the host Crusaders tagged the Wildcats with a 32-24 loss. Top scorers for Mulvane were Kristi McDowell with eight points, Shannon Reed with seven and Gayle Samuelson with three.

The Mulvane girls ran out of points in the fourth quarter against Valley Center Friday night, Jan. 8, and the Hornets pulled away to a 44-34 triumph in a Chisholm Trail League game.

Mulvane had battled well in the opening half, trailing by only two points at the first quarter mark, but VC extended that to eight, 28-20, by intermission. Mulvane came back in the third quarter to out-score Valley, 10-3, but ran out of steam in the last quarter and the visitors pulled away.

"What I was disappointed in mostly was the fact that we had played well in the first three quarters because we ran our offense," stressed Wolgast. "That's what got us into the lead, but we started forgetting what made us successful. We stopped moving the ball around and making their defense adjust."

Wolgast said that has been the biggest problem for Mulvane all season long. "The girls started forcing things and trying to rush things," said Wolgast. "They tried to force it inside to Sheila and their defense just shut us down."

Junior Lee Banzet topped the scoring for the MHS girls with 10 points. Kristi McDowell scored nine points, center Sheila Mills had eight and Deva Lewis scored three.

In the junior varsity battle, Mulvane's jayvees put on quite a run at the end but it came up short in a 42-38 game. Mulvane out-gunned the Hornets, 23-8, in the last period to make it close.

McDowell led the Wildcat scoring with 11 points and Shannon Reed scored 10. Cody Watson had eight points and Heather Taylor scored four.

The girls will be going to Maize Friday night, Jan. 15, trying for their first CTL victory.