

Reekie Boosts Girls

But Cats Still Tumble

A sputtering offense got a spark of life but it wasn't enough to keep the patient from dying. Senior Arlene Reekie turned in her best game this season but it wasn't enough to keep Valley Center from claiming a 48-29 victory Thursday night, Jan. 8, over Mulvane.

A second-quarter swoon saw the visiting Hornets outscore Mulvane, 17-4, to take charge. After that, it was catch-up and the Wildcats never caught up.

The loss was the sixth in a row for coach Bill Brown's winless gals.

"The second quarter did it," complained Brown. "The other three quarters, we did a good job but in that second quarter, our shot selection wasn't very good and they made a couple of layups."

If there was anything to be satisfied with it was the revival of senior Arlene Reekie, who has been held under wraps most of the season. She came into the year as Brown's No. 1 scoring threat but she hasn't been too effective offensively.

"We're kind of enthused about Arlene's scoring," admitted Brown. "This is what we expected she could do but it just hasn't happened. And I think it hasn't because most of the opponents have been thinking about the same thing. They work a little harder on defense against her."

Reekie, a three-year starter, scored a season-high 15 points and Carol Baker added five. April Bales and Vicki Powell each scored four points.

"Vicki hasn't had a good ball game at

Girls Varsity

Valley Center 17 12 11--48
Mulvane 8 4 9 8--29

Valley Center--Pam Harpster 8, Lynn Edmundson 6, Cheryl Arnold 2, Sandra Kennedy 6, Brenda Weber 12, Peggy Daniels 6, Martha Rall 8 FG 18-48, FT 12-22, F 12.

Mulvane--Lori Melick 1, Vicki Powell 4, Arlene Reekie 15, April Bales 4, Carol Baker 5 FG 13-30, FT 3-11, F 16

Girls Junior Varsity

Valley Center 6 4 6 4--20
Mulvane 8 6 8 6--28

Valley Center--Cheryl Arnold 5, Susan Dunn 4, Kelee Harpster 4, Tina Still 4, Jonna Hotline 3. FG 9-36, FT 2-10, F 12

Mulvane--Susan Heatley 2, Stacy Shoemaker 6, Nancy Gehring 14, Lori Melick 6, Mary Cole 0. FG 13-38, FT 2-9, F 10.

home yet," said Brown. "All of hers have been on the road. Everybody asks me about it but they don't see her road games. We need to get our offense going and that requires both Reekie and Powell getting theirs (points).

"Right now, we're working on April Bales' shots," added Brown. "She's got a deadly shot but she won't take it. I'll bet she hasn't shot 12 times this year."

Brown started out in his delay offense but ran into trouble in the 2nd period. "We forgot to be patient. We need to get four quarters together."

Coach Kim Frank's B-team posted a 28-20 victory over Valley Center behind the play of sophomore Nancy Gehring. Gehring scored a game-high 14 points and came away with 13 rebounds. Stacy Shoemaker finished with six points, as did Lori Melick.

The girls play again tonight (Jan. 15) at home against Goddard, then take on Augusta here Friday night, Jan. 16.