

'Fight' Returns To Cat Resume

By the time the 4th quarter came around, the handwriting was on the wall. The Mulvane High School girls were basically running on empty in their first game following the Christmas break Friday night Jan. 9 against Maize.

"Maize just had too many people for us, too many big bodies that started taking their toll," said MHS Coach Jayson Miller. "We ran out of gas in the second half and they pulled away."

The Eagles broke away from a tight game by holding the Wildcats to only 10 points in the final 16 minutes and won a 39-28 Chisholm Trail League game in the Mulvane gym.

The loss snapped a string of back-to-back victories by the Wildcat girls and knocked the Cats to 3-4 overall and 1-1 in the Chisholm Trail League.

In the first half, we were right there matching baskets with Maize," said Miller. "I was really proud of the girls because they started playing their style and pace in the game. It's a slower, more deliberate pace but it's a pace that will give us a chance to become more successful. That doesn't mean we're going to win more games, but we'll be staying in more of them with a chance to win."

The Cats trailed by only two, 20-18, at intermission and it was still a battle going

Chisholm Trail League Girls Basketball Standings

(Standings as of Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004)

DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Goddard	3	0	6	1
Buhler	2	0	4	2
Valley Center	2	1	3	4
Mulvane	1	2	3	5
Maize	1	2	3	5
Rose Hill	1	3	5	3
Augusta	0	3	0	6

DIVISION II

Kingman	4	0	8	0
Circle	3	1	6	2
Andover Central	2	1	5	2
Andale	2	1	4	3
Clearwater	1	2	2	6
Andover	0	3	1	7
Wellington	0	4	1	6

Games Scheduled Friday, Jan. 16

- Goddard at Mulvane, Winter Homecoming
- Valley Center at Augusta
- Andover Central at Kingman
- Rose Hill at Independence
- Buhler at Maize
- Circle at Andale
- Clearwater at Andover

Games Scheduled Saturday, Jan. 17

- Goddard at Andale

Girls Varsity

Maize	17	15	14	39
Mulvane	12	22	5	28

Maize: Arzella Oubrey 6, Amanda Appel 3, Betsy Martin 12, Amanda Lessenden 6, Nicole Vogt 4, Madison Petrich 2, Abby Meints 6, TG 14, 10, 11, 5, 15, 15
 Mulvane: Whitney Becker 3, Josey Gosch 10, Stephanie Larson 2, Abby Sorensen 3, Stefana Duncan 8, TG 9, 10, 11, 10, 15, 11, 11

Junior Varsity Girls

Maize	17	21	18	42
Mulvane	8	18	10	26

Maize: Krystal Wilman 10, Andrea Schreiberberg 6, Amanda Appel 6, Kelly Larson 10, Rachel Kramer 3, Erica Brooks 4, Kelsey Hancock 3, TG 15, 11, 11, 5, 6, 11
 Mulvane: Tara Roberts 13, Amy Phillips 2, Kristen Wiley 3, Jessica Martin 2, Laura Buchanan 2, Kristi Parker 4, TG 7, 11, 11, 9, 11, 19

into the last four minutes of the game. That's when Maize got separation. "They started getting to the boards more and got more offensive rebounds," said Miller. "They just had more people and kind of wore us down finally. We didn't box them out on about three or four straight possessions and it went from a three-point game to about nine. We didn't have the gas to make another run at them."

Whitney Becker and Josey Gosch came off the bench to pace Mulvane's scoring. Becker scored nine points and Gosch hit for eight, as did senior Shayna Duncan.

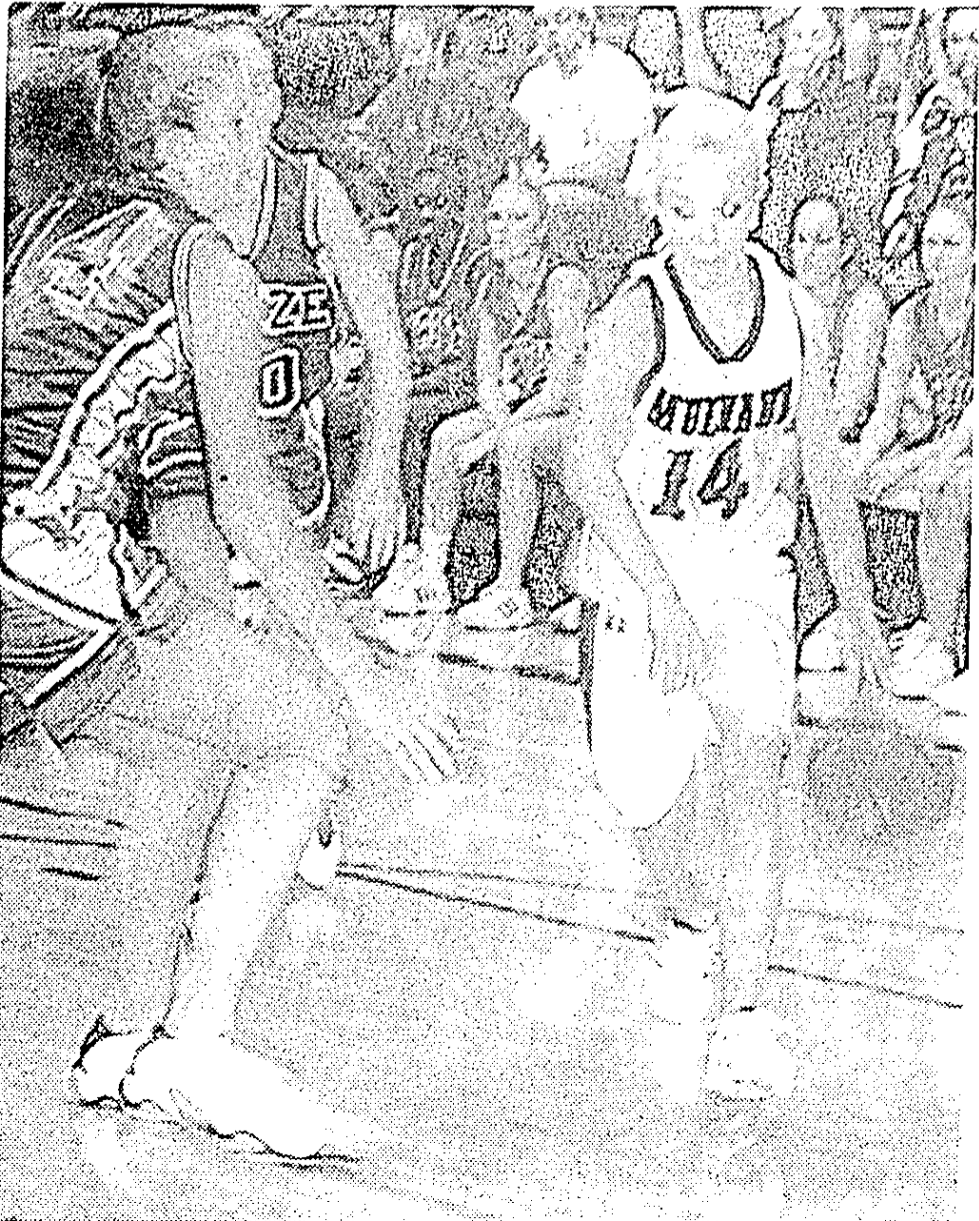
"We tried to turn the game into a low-scoring affair," said Miller. "Everything favored them if we didn't. And that plan worked for much of the game. I think it was about 25-21, going into the last quarter but we just hit 'the wall.' They had more people off the bench to give their starters a chance to catch their breath and we didn't have enough players to do that."

It also didn't help that the Wildcats had 18 turnovers, although Maize finished with only two less.

"Late in the game, the different was rebounding," pointed out Miller. "Two straight possessions, they crashed the boards and got an offensive put-back plus we fouled them. That turned into six points at the right time for them. Again, that just points to us tiring out."

In the junior varsity game, the Eagles pulled away after a quick Mulvane start by out-scoring the Cat jayvees, 24-20, in the 2nd and 3rd quarters on their way to a 42-26 verdict.

Tara Roberts led all scorers with 13 points. Kristi Parker scored four points and Kristen Wiley had three.



Junior Abby Sorensen drives for the basket around a Maize defender