

**Wildcats 4-3**

# Girls Offense Ineffective, Buhler Snaps Mulvane String

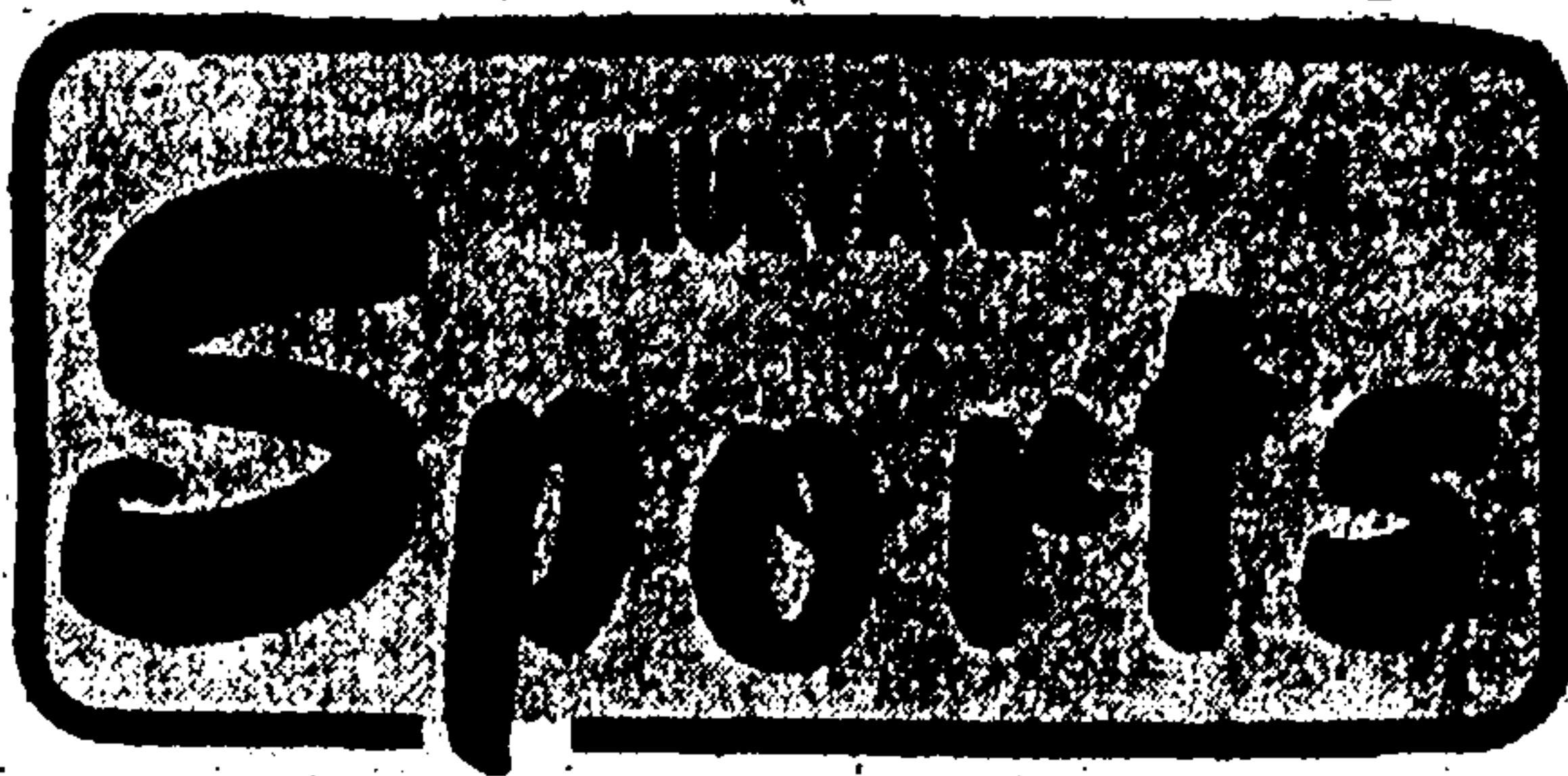
When you line up against Buhler's girls basketball team, be prepared to go full throttle on offense. If not, prepare for a long trip home.

The bus ride from Buhler Friday night, Jan. 10, was long for the Mulvane High School girls cagers and it was all because their offense came up a little short. The host Crusaders ripped the Wildcats, 54-28, in a Chisholm Trail League Division I game between the two loop leaders. Buhler quickly made it into a one-team show, rolling out to a 14-4 lead in the first quarter.

"Our weakness was that we couldn't run our offense," said MHS girls chief Bill Stinson, whose Cats went into the contest at Buhler with a four-game winning streak and a 1-0 conference record. "We worked hard on defense and I was happy with our defense. They just disrupted our offense and when we did get the shots, they wouldn't go down. We ended up shooting pretty poorly."

In the showdown game, the Cats, who had been hitting more than 40% from the field this season, made only 31%, 14 of 44. Meanwhile, Buhler went on a 46% tear.

"We got some shots inside but our inside game with Lori Cox was shut down," added Stinson. "She went 0-for-5 or 0-for-6 in the first half, missing shots she had been making all year, but they just wouldn't go down for



her. And we set Rhonda (Davis) in the corner against the zone knowing she'd get her shots but they didn't go down either." The entire second half, Mulvane's frontliners only scored two points.

"The defense looked good," added Stinson. "Our match-up zone we worked on during the holidays looked real good. I didn't want to run it against Buhler but we had nothing to lose and we went to it in the second half and they scored only 20 points; so I think we may have found something in the loss."

"The score says we got beat bad but they only scored 54 points and they've got a real fine team. We didn't shoot like we're capable of shooting. I don't know that we have a team that is capable of beating Buhler but we should be able to compete with them."

The MHS coach also was pleased his club forced Buhler out of his pressing tactics in the second quarter. "I still feel good about things," said Stinson. "I don't think we have any big problem. It was the first game after the Christmas break and other than our offense, we handled the situation pretty well. If we can come out and play better against Wellington Friday night, and beat them, then we're back on track."

The senior Cox, Mulvane's leading scorer, finished with no points, probably a career first for the three-year starter. Guard Tiane Dossey, Mulvane's No. 2 scorer, finished with six points, and junior Rhonda Davis also had six points. The No. 1 scorer for the Cats was sophomore frontliner Kathy Saxton, who gunned in 12 points, 10 coming before intermission as the Wildcats fell behind, 34-18.

There was no girls junior varsity game. It was cancelled because the Wildcats could not field a team. According to Tony Gourlay, jayvee coach, the team has been injuries, illnesses and ineligibility. The MHS girls started the year with 12 members.

Gourlay said there would be no junior varsity game this week Friday, Jan. 17, when Wellington comes to Mulvane's homecoming.

#### Varsity Girls

Buhler 14 20 4 16-54  
Mulvane 4 14 4 8-28  
Buhler—Diana Miller 24, Valery Roberts 12, Robin Baker 14, Holly Vondrohe 0, Kim Borgen 4. FG 24-52, FT 6-8, F 4.

Mulvane—Lori Cox 0, Tiane Dossey 6, Tammy Haas 2, Rhonda Davis 6, Kathy Saxton 12, Shella Mahlandt 2. FG 14-44, FT 0-0, F 6.