

Wellington, Valley Handle Cat Girls

Offensive punch continued to be a problem for the Mulvane High School girls Tuesday night, Jan. 14, as they stumbled in a 45-26 home loss to Wellington.

The defeat dropped Coach Gregg Wolgast's team to 0-4 in the Chisholm Trail and 1-8 overall as the Cats were held to their lowest scoring game of the campaign.

"We just didn't handle their pressure very well," said Wolgast. "You don't realize how important ball handling is until you don't have enough of it. We didn't get enough opportunities to score because of the turnovers."

Junior Sheila Mills led the Mulvane scoring with nine points. Denise Wilson scored seven points and Tricia Turner added five.

In the junior varsity game, Wellington held the Cats to only two points in the first half of a 20-16 winner. High for Mulvane were Lee Banzet and Stephanie Schultz with five points apiece.

In a "game of runs," Valley Center had the longest and biggest. The Hornets stung the Cats with a run early in the 4th quarter and held up against a last-ditch surge by Mulvane for a 52-44 victory in a Chisholm Trail League game Friday night, Jan. 10.

The loss sent the Mulvane record to 0-3 in the CTL and 1-7 overall. Who would have "thunk" it two months ago?

"We're a better ball club than 1-7," agreed Wolgast. "We seem to have a concentration lapse for a couple minutes in each game and it has hurt us. We can't have it. We just have to keep working. Right now, we need a confidence boost. We're playing better but we need to have tangible results of that and that can only come with a victory."

The Hornets improved their record to 3-4 overall by stretching a two-point lead to nearly 20 in the early phase of the 4th quarter before Mulvane clawed back to get within six points. It was 33-30 at the three-quarter break. Valley made its free throws down the stretch to keep the Cats at the back door.

"We're starting to do a lot of things better each time out," said Wolgast. "Now, we need a win to get the confidence back in our game. It's easy to say we're doing things better but if the kids can't see the results, it's hard to convince them. It's hard to show that progress."

Center Denise Wilson led the Wildcats with 17 points and guard Tammy Withrow had her biggest offensive game, scoring 12 points. Guard Tricia Turner, back in the line-up after being ill, scored eight points and senior Dawn Hicks scored four.

"We're running our zone offense much, much better but Valley got too many points off turnovers," said Wolgast. "We had 21 turnovers and their pressure was responsible for the majority of them. We get into bad habits of doing the same thing each time down the floor instead of doing what the

defense will give us. Making bad decisions here and there cost us."

Wilson finished with seven of her 17 in the 4th quarter. Wilson also led Mulvane to a 27-24 edge in rebounding. She grabbed nine boards with Hicks and Turner each getting six rebounds.

In the junior varsity game, Valley held off a determined bid by the Cats to register a 35-34 victory. The Hornets took a 22-11 lead in the first half but Mulvane rallied to out-score VC, 23-13, in the second half.

Lee Banzet was the No. 1 scorer for Mulvane with 10 points. Kendra Mow dumped in eight points inside and Kandie Strong scored seven.

Varsity Girls

Wellington	14	11	10	10-45
Mulvane	9	5	3	9-26

Wellington—Cancilla Griffin 10, Kelly Silcott 20, Leneva Tuttle 7, Heather McAlister 8, Sam Bertrand 0. FG 20 (0), FT 5-16, F 10.

Mulvane—Tricia Turner 5, Tammy Withrow 1, Lee Banzet 2, Sheila Mills 9, Denise Wilson 7, Dawn Hicks 2. FG 11 (0), FT 4-8, F 17.

Junior Varsity Girls

Wellington	2	6	8	4-20
Mulvane	0	2	6	8-16

Wellington—Stephanie Lockhart 4, Freeman 2, Cancilla Griffin 4, Sam Bertrand 4, Hom 2, Nance 4. FG 8 (0), FT 4-4, F 10.

Mulvane—Stephanie Schultz 5, Kendra Mow 2, Lee Banzet 5, Marcy Arnold 2, Heather Pearman 2. FG 7 (0), FT 2-7, F 15.

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	6	8	16	14-44
Valley Center	8	16	9	19-52

Mulvane—Denise Wilson 17, Tammy Withrow 12, Tricia Turner 8, Sheila Mills 1, Dawn Hicks 4, Lee Banzet 2. FG 20-45 (0), FT 4-6, F 14.

Valley Center—Teri Gordon 18, Amber Mounday 6, Brenda Riopel 18, Kario Williams 5, Carol Long 3, Dawnelle Bennett 2. FG 22-43 (0), FT 8-14, F 13.

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	4	7	14	9-34
Valley Center	12	10	8	5-35

Mulvane—Stephanie Schultz 3, Kendra Mow 8, Marianne Smyser 4, Lee Banzet 10, Deva Lewis 2, Kandie Strong 7. FG 14 (0), FT 6-15, F 18.

Valley Center—Nowa Parks 2, Brandi Grimes 6, Stacey Jones 3, Kim Banick 1, Jill Morrison 2, Heather Barbosa 9, Kori Jones 3, Carol Long 4, Gretchen Miles 5. FG 14 (0), FT 7-15, F 15.