

# Girls Hit Familiar Note With Unfamiliar Faces

In the fourth quarter against Valley Center Thursday night, Jan. 10, the Mulvane girls basketball team looked more like, well, who knows. Where were the familiar faces, the familiar names.

Instead, four new faces combined with one old one to bring the gal Wildcats back from the brink of defeat for a 38-37 overtime victory over the visiting Crusaders in a Chisholm Trail League game.

The victory raised Mulvane's record to 6-2 and 3-1 in CTL play and established Bill Brown's Cats as definite threats for Division I honors.

Setting the scene. Mulvane trailed most of the second half and was losing starting players right and left. First it was Shelley Gerlach in the third quarter, then Denise Standerfer on the opening jump of the last quarter, then Cindi Lawless and finally Arlene Reekie, all gone with five fouls. That left only senior guard Sandy Whetstone and four reserves, but they did a bang-up job as Whetstone, who scored a game-high 23 points, took charge.

"The reserves really came through," praised Brown. "Nelson scored and played most of the game and the rest of the reserves were great. They played good defense and followed instructions. They couldn't play any offense because they were scared to death so we told them to get the ball to Whetstone."

A Whetstone bucket broke a 34-34 tie and started the overtime scoring. A free throw and a bucket by Fran Rowley gave Valley a 37-36 advantage and the ball before Mulvane fouled with

10 seconds left.

"We called a time to set up a screen for Sandy just in case they missed," said Brown. "They did and we made the good pass, Kristi Lawless made the good screen and Sandy made the good shot with about two seconds left."

It marked the third time this season that Mulvane's girls won a game by two points or less.

"We really didn't play that good so it's nice to win when you don't play well," said Brown. "When you play bad and win with four non-starters out there, you've got to be thankful."

Standerfer again led Mulvane on the board to a 39-37 edge as she pulled down 12 rebounds. Nelson finished with seven and scored five points, as did Gerlach.

Mulvane's B-team, coached by Kim Frank, wrapped up its second victory of the year, 27-24, against Valley. Kristi Lawless scored 14 points and Celia Rogers scored six.

## Girls A-Team

Valley Center	9 11 8 6 (3) -- 37
Mulvane	9 3 13 9 (4) -- 38

Valley Center--Tarenda Wilbur 4, Lynn Edmundson 11, Fran Rowley 13, Tammy Scjedemann 1, Pam Harpster 4, Martha Rall 4. FG 11-49, FT 14-32, F 27.

Mulvane--Cindy Nelson 5, Arlene Reekie 1, Shelley Gerlach 5, Cindi Lawless 1, Denise Standerfer 3, Sandy Whetstone 23. FG 13-37, FT 12-23, F 29.

## Girls B-Team

Valley Center	9 9 4 2 -- 24
Mulvane	3 5 6 13 -- 27

Valley Center--Kelli Ashpole 2, Jane Brand 6, Dena Benton 2, Peggy Daniels 2, Pam Harpster 5, Jonna Hoffine 1, Martha Rall 5, Yvette Schippers 1. FG 7-38, FT 10-17, F 23.

Mulvane--Vickie Powell 4, Celia Rogers 6, April Bales 3, Kristi Lawless 14, Susan Heatly 0. FG 8-48, FT 11-29, F 18.