

Cox, Dossey Free Throws Preserve Mulvane Victory

With high-scoring teammate Melody Carey in foul trouble and Wellington poised for its first victory of the year, Tiane Dossey took charge and engineered a "hang on" victory Friday night, Jan. 11, at Wellington.

The Wildcats marked up a Chisholm Trail League Division I triumph by holding off determined Wellington down the stretch for a 53-51 victory. Dossey, a junior guard, and Lori Cox, a junior frontliner, both sank the first of two free throws in the final minute of play to give Coach Bill Stinson's Cats a four-point lead and they needed every inch of that four points.

"I was kind of disappointed because I felt we would play better but their coach said that was the best game of the season for them," said Stinson. "After I looked at the film, I was just happy to get out of there with a win. Winning on the road is important for us. Even though we didn't play our best game, the mistakes will give us something to work on in practice."

The victory checked in Mulvane with a .500 record at 4-4 overall and 2-1 in Chisholm Trail play heading into a pivotal game at Goddard Friday night, Jan. 18.

Stinson said he had anticipated pressuring Wellington in the second half but once the Wildcats got into foul trouble--Carey and Dossey both were hampered by fouls--that strategy went out the window. "We had wanted to

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	13 12 18 10-53
Wellington	16 13 8 14-51

Mulvane--Melody Carey 4, Lisa Jones 11, Darla Reekie 8, Lori Cox 9, Tiane Dossey 21. FG 23-63, FT 7-19, F 18.
Wellington--Lynch 7, Glick 16, Markie Russell 12, Lisa Cochran 4, Moore 1, Hedrick 9, Goodrum 2. FG 22-51, FT 7-23, F 15.

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	8 6 6 14 (12)-46
Wellington	4 5 5 20 (6)-40

Mulvane--Rhonda Davis 12, Terri Plotts 15, Tammy Haas 4, Shella Mahlandt 4, Sara Jones 2, Susie Quigley 6, Tanya Gerdes 3. FG 17-90, FT 12-28, F 21.
Wellington--Lusk 2, Hedrick 10, Stone 9, Glick 5, Etter 6, Goodrum 4, Cochran 4. FG 11-40, FT 18-35, F 22.

save the pressure for the second half so they wouldn't have time to talk about it, but I guess it was a learning experience for everybody because when we wanted to press, we couldn't because we were in foul trouble," admitted Stinson. "Going into the game, we felt like we could pressure them but we'll have to hold that for the next game."

Stinson praised Dossey for her finest game of the season, scoring a career-high 21 points to take game scoring honors. "They were giving her the shot and she was hitting them," said Stinson. "Wellington was spreading out, trying to stop the wings and Tiane just penetrated and got the good shots."

Dossey's backcourt mate, senior Lisa Jones, was the only other Wildcat in double figures, hitting 11 points. Cox canned nine points and Darla Reekie had eight. The club's No. 1 scorer,

Carey, was held to four points.

A third-quarter surge put Mulvane on top after the Crusaders had played inspired ball in the first half to take a 29-25 lead. In the third period, Mulvane out-scored Wellington, 18-8, then hung on. With a two-point lead and under a minute to play, Cox made the first throw of a bonus situation to give Mulvane a three-point lead, then in the final moments, Dossey made one of two to cinch the win.

Poor free throwing overall was one of the items on Stinson's worksheet as was defensive rebounding. "We only made seven of 19 from the line and we want to hit a lot better," said the Cat coach. "Poor free throwing is hurting us. We could have lost the game at the line. Our defensive boards need work, too. That has plagued us the last couple of games. What we have tried to do is to send our guards so we can get the good break on the fastbreak but that has led to the opponents having some success with their guards sneaking in there for the rebound where we should have been checking out."

The Mulvane junior varsity girls took overtime to whip the Crusaders, 46-40. In overtime, Rhonda Davis scored eight points, including three buckets, and Terri Plotts added three of four from the stripe, as Mulvane prevailed.

Overall, Coach Tony Gourlay's gals had Plotts with 15 points, Davis with 12 and Susie Quigley with six.