

# To Roadrunners

# Wildcats Stumble Late

The horn sounded the end of another frustrating night for Mulvane High School girls basketball coach Kelly Dennis.

Frustrating because she felt her Wildcats had out-played the host Roadrunners at Chaparral most of the way. Frustrating because a luck-shot three-pointer goes in just as the buzzer sounded to end the third quarter. Frustrating because her Cats finally played a well-rounded game—but for three quarters.

Chaparral owned the last half and rallied at home to beat the Cats, 47-42, in a Chisholm Trail League contest. The loss left the Wildcats at 1-8 overall and 1-5 in the loop heading into the Wildcat Girls Classic

## Mulvane Wildcat Girls Basketball Classic Pairings

### MONDAY, JAN. 22

Game 1 — Arkansas City (7-2) vs. Clearwater (4-4), 6 p.m.

Game 2 — Garden Plain (9-0) vs. Wellington (2-7), 8:30

### TUESDAY, JAN. 23

Game 3 — Andale (10-3) vs. Campus (3-7), 6 p.m.

Game 4 — Andover (9-0) vs. Mulvane (1-8), 7:45

### THURSDAY, JAN. 25

Game 5 — losers of games 1 and 2, 3 p.m.

Game 6 — losers of games 3 and 4, 5:15

Game 7 — winners of games 1 and 2, 7

Game 8 — winners of games 3 and 4, 8:45

### SATURDAY, JAN. 27

Game 9 (Seventh Place)—losers of games 5 and 6, 2 p.m.

Game 10 (Fifth Place)—winners of games 5 and 6, 3:45

Game 11 (Third Place)—losers of games 7 and 8, 5:30

Game 12 (First Place)—winners of games 7 and 8, 7:30

next week in the MHS gym.

Mulvane is seeded 8th in the eight-team tournament which starts Monday, Jan. 22, with the Arkansas City-Clearwater game at 6 p.m. The Wildcats play at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday against No. 1 seeded and undefeated Andover (9-0).

The tournament promises to be a showcase of top talent with both Andover and Garden Plain sporting perfect records (9-0) and Ark City (7-2) and Andale (10-3) also having top-flight teams.

But Dennis was only concerned about the Chaparral game. "We out-played them, we created more turnovers, we owned the rebounds until the last quarter," stressed Dennis. "We missed four free throws in the last stretch of the 4th quarter and that really hurt. Plus, they got that wild three-pointer at the horn at the end of the third quarter. It's kind of discouraging because we played well. It was one of our better overall efforts."

The "wild three-pointer" finished erasing a nice Mulvane lead held through the first two periods. Mulvane out-scored Chappy, 22-15, to take the lead at halftime but the Roadrunners came back, including a 9-3 run in the third quarter to take charge. Down the stretch, Mulvane missed four free throws that kept the girls from gaining ground.

"We went 1-for-6 and scored only one field goal in the last quarter and that really hurt," said Dennis. "Free throw shooting was critical for us in the first half and we hit them. Lee Cates went 6-for-6 and Lindsay

Kendrick was 5-for-8. Dannelle Hughes came off the bench in that half and really sparked us with her rebounds and inside play.

"We just didn't execute in the last five or six minutes," added Dennis. "We'd get one shot at the basket. Until we get better position on our rebounding, it's going to be tough."

Cates finished with a season-best 12 points. Hughes scored eight points, Kendrick had seven and Crissy Carpenter had six more.

In the junior varsity game, Mulvane smoked the Roadrunners with a string of points in the last quarter on the way to a 46-34 victory. Mulvane out-gunned Chappy, 22-7, to wipe out a nine-point lead. Melissa Buchanan had 12 points to pace the Cat jayvees. Shelley Richards finished with nine points and Michelle Fowler scored eight.

#### Varsity Girls

Mulvane	7	22	3	10-42
Chaparral	13	15	9	10-47

Mulvane—Lee Cates 12, Crissy Carpenter 6, Janelle Wenke 1, Dannelle Hughes 8, Lindsay Kendrick 7, Valerie Larson 1, Anna Wenke 1. FG 14 (0), FT 14-28, F 21.

Chaparral—Wendy Scott 14, Kendra Carothers 5, Lindsay Greve 4, Kim Mathos 18, Leigh Barrett 5, Kim Schmidt 1. FG 14 (2), FT 13-22, F 23.

#### Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	12	6	6	22-46
Chaparral	8	14	11	7-34

Mulvane—Ashley McConkey 2, Renee Herpolshemer 4, Shelley Richards 9, Michelle Fowler 8, Aimee Sargeant 2, Melissa Buchanan 12, Rachel Rose 4. FG 16 (1), FT 8-28, F 26.

Chaparral—Tynoe Prouse 14, Julie Befort 2, Summer Lewis 9, Kim Adams 2, Kim Schmidt 7. FG 15 (0), FT 4-23, F 25.