

## Host Tournament

# MHS Girls Flip Over Trojans

It's nice to be on the other side of the coin every once in a while. Mulvane High School's girls got that coin flipped Friday night, Jan. 13, as they blasted past hapless Andover, 54-25, in a Chisholm Trail League game in Mulvane.

The victory was the first in the CTL for Coach Gregg Wolgast's gals and upped the Wildcats' record to 2-8. Andover hasn't won a game.

There was no junior varsity game because several injuries to Andover players left the Trojans with too few players.

"I think it was important for us to get a victory and get some confidence," stressed Wolgast, who has felt his Cats have played good basketball for the last several games. "From an execution standpoint, we have been playing good basketball. We haven't been winning those games but we've been playing good ball, moving the ball on offense and getting the good shots. I guess I don't care who we beat, a win is a win."

It didn't take long for the Wildcats to establish a pattern for the game. Mulvane raced out to a 13-3 lead after one quarter and the Cats ahead, 36-7, after two periods.

"Hopefully, picking up the victory will give us the confidence to march on and get some more wins. We knew they were down and had some injuries, so we stressed to the girls to go out and do the things we had been working on in practice. We have been executing on offense, getting the ball to the right spots for the good shots but they haven't been falling. We came out Friday night and shot the ball well, shot it with confidence. We made our first few shots and I think everybody relaxed after the first few fell, and I think that led to a good shooting night."

Sophomore Kendra Banzet scored 13 points to pace the Cat offense, but she had plenty of help in that department. Guard Lisa Heersche had her best scoring night, hitting 11 points. Ticia Nicholson scored nine points, Nancy

Farber had eight and Bridget Horton scored seven. Heersche, Nicholson and Banzet are sophomores.

Wolgast is hoping the Andover game will act as a catalyst, leading to more victories. "Both teams went into that game thinking they could get the victory but when we got off to a good start, I think that gave us a boost of confidence and it hurt their confidence," said Wolgast. "They were never able to get going. Usually in a game like that, the first team that establishes itself gets the upper hand."

The MHS girls boss said that was the difference in the last three games. "We have played well the last two or three games but it's just a matter of concentration for an entire ball game," said Wolgast. "We put the ball in the hole early and got our confidence up."

The girls are idle until the first round of the annual Mulvane Girls Classic, which opens next week. Other schools entered in the seven-team tournament are: Garden Plain, Clearwater, Circle, Wellington, Winfield and Andover.

### MULVANE GIRLS BASKETBALL CLASSIC PAIRINGS

Monday, Jan. 23

- Game 1 -- Clearwater vs. bye
- Game 2 -- Mulvane vs. Wellington, 4:30 p.m.
- Game 3 -- Garden Plain vs. Andover, 6:15
- Game 4 -- Winfield vs. Circle, 8

Tuesday, Jan. 24

- Game 5 -- winners of games 1 and 2, 6:15 p.m.
- Game 6 -- loser of game 2 vs. loser of game 3, 8

Thursday, Jan. 25

- Game 7 -- loser of game 3 vs. loser of game 4, 6:15 p.m.

- Game 8 -- winners of games 3 and 4, 8

Saturday, Jan. 26

- Game 9 (Consolation Round-Robin) -- loser of game 2 vs. loser of game 4, 3:30 p.m.

- Game 10 (Third Place) -- losers of games 5 and 8, 5:15

- Game 11 (Championship) -- winners of games 5 and 8, 8

#### Varsity Girls

Andover 3 4 8 10--25

Mulvane 13 23 14 5--54

Andover--Connie Smith 6, Janna Miller 6, Karen Peckham 4, Nikki Rome 3, Kitchel Stephenson 2, Holly McMullin 2, Teresa Adams 2 FG 10-44 (0), FT 5-16, F 18

Mulvane--Lisa Heersche 11, Bridget Horton 7, Nancy Farber 8, Kendra Banzet 13, Ticia Nicholson 9, Missi Mathews 4, Kristin Kuntz 2 FG 23-50 (0), FT 8-19, F 16

#### Junior Varsity Girls

Game cancelled because of injuries on the Andover team