

It's An 8.0, Baby; Eye On Tourney

On the scale of 1-10, Mulvane High School girls basketball coach Ron McMahon was thinking it was along the line of an 8.0.

The Wildcat girls may have taken it on the chin Friday night, Jan. 13, when Chaparral came a-calling for a Chisholm Trail League tiff, but it was more than just another loss to McMahon. The Roadrunners posted a 57-45 triumph.

"I was very happy, very pleased," stressed McMahon. "It seems we're coming back around to the type of basketball we want to play. It was nice to see the girls step up and score. And we also out-boarded them. Crissy Carpenter did a great job, Lee Cates stepped in there with a great job and handled the ball as well as scored and Carrie Burkhart also did a fine job."

Although the Cats slipped to 1-8 and 0-6 in the CTL, McMahon could see jumbo improvement showing through.

"I was totally happy with our guards' performance," added McMahon. "Crissy did a good job out there on the wing, not only putting in some points but she came in on the weak side. These girls are gaining more experience and getting for confident. The pressure is still hurting us, but not as much as in earlier games. This is because we're gaining experience and confidence, which is improving our ball-handling."

Chappy took a walk against Mulvane in the opening quarter, rolling out to a 17-7 lead before Mulvane got things back together. "The first quarter of the game was the game," said McMahon. "We were playing well but the ball wouldn't go down for us. The rest of the way, we played right along with them but that first quarter hurt us badly."

McMahon was pleased with his shooting and rebounding, too. The Wildcats hit 32% from the field while the Roadrunners hit 40%. Mulvane controlled the boards by a 36-23 count. "Janelle Wenke did a good job, put a couple back in," said the Mulvane field general. "Crissy did a super job rebounding, too, and so did Danielle Hughes. Heidi Parker came in and picked up a couple boards and so did Valerie Larson. I was real happy with our rebounding because everybody was lending a hand."

McMahon feels the Wildcat girls are only a step or two from being able to win consistently. "When you look at it, we're getting there, but we still have a long ways

15th Annual Mulvane Girls Classic Pairings

MONDAY, JAN. 23

Game 1 - Andale (5-5) vs. Arkansas City (3-6), 6 p.m.

Game 2 - Andover (9-1) vs. Mulvane (1-8), 7:45

TUESDAY, JAN. 24

Game 3 - Campus (6-5) vs. Clearwater (3-5), 6 p.m.

Game 4 - Garden Plain (8-1) vs. Wellington (0-9), 7:45

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

Game 5 - losers of games 3 and 4, 3:30 p.m.

Game 6 - losers of games 1 and 2, 5:15

Game 7 - winners of games 3 and 4, 7

Game 8 - winners of games 1 and 2, 8:85

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

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 (Championship)—winners of games 7 and 8, 7:30

to go," said McMahon. "The experience is the big thing and we're playing a lot of people in both the varsity and jayvee games to get that experience. We're also trying to play tougher in practice so they get accustomed to playing tougher in games and I think it has made a difference."

Counting the Clearwater game last Tuesday, Friday's showing marked the second straight good performance for the Cats. "We got 44 points last game and 45 against Chaparral, but those are two of our better games," said McMahon. "I'm going to be glad to get another crack at the teams that have beaten us. We're starting to handle the press a lot better and that's big progress for us. And getting some production out of our outside people is the first step to getting our offense going. In order for us to have any kind of inside game, we have to have our guards shooting better and putting some points on the boards."

That's what happened against Chappy. Point guard Lee Cates paced the scoring with 11 points, her season high. Burkhart chipped in four points from her backcourt post, guard NiChelle Bruce scored two and Courtney Renfro and Carpenter scored four and six, respectively, from just about everywhere.

The Cat inside game was headed by Janelle Wenke scored 10 points and sophomore Danielle Hughes had five.

Mulvane rallied in the second half to capture the junior varsity game against the Roadrunners, 51-40. Mulvane put the hit on Chappy, 19-9, in the third quarter to take control.

Twelve Mulvane cagers scored in the game with Renfro scoring eight points, Heidi Parker scoring seven points and Cates also hitting seven. Janelle Wenke finished with six while Larson, Carpenter and Anna Wenke having four points apiece.

The Mulvane girls will be playing again Friday night, Jan. 20, when they entertain Augusta. The girls will play the featured game at around 8 p.m. since the MHS boys are in tournament play at Chaparral.

Next week, McMahon's forces will be entertaining seven other teams in the annual Mulvane Girls Classic, which opens at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, in the MHS gym. Mulvane is scheduled to play Monday at 7:45 p.m. against No. 1 seeded Andover (9-1).

Varsity Girls

Chaparral	17	9	13	18-57
Mulvane	7	11	12	15-45

Chaparral—Karen Banks 18, Jennifer Longbine 10, Erica Bellesine 9, Spears 5, Ashley Query 4, Kim Mathes 8, Lindsay Greve 2, Emily Diecker 1. FG 23 (0), FT 11-18, F 11.

Mulvane—Lee Cates 11, Danielle Hughes 5, Janelle Wenke 10, Valerie Larson 1, Heidi Parker 1, Crissy Carpenter 6, NiChelle Bruce 2, Carrie Burkhart 4, Courtney Renfro 4. FG 23 (0), FT 11-18, F 11.

Junior Varsity Girls

Chaparral	12	7	9	12-40
Mulvane	8	9	19	15-51

Chaparral—Lindsay Greve 5, Wanda Matthews 10, Kim Adams 2, Wendy Scott 12, Leigh Barrett 8, Cami Drouhard 3. FG 11 (1), FT 17-45, F 21.

Mulvane—Aimee Goers 2, NiChelle Bruce 3, Jennifer McCoskey 2, Crissy Carpenter 4, Lee Cates 7, Anna Wenke 4, Courtney Renfro 8, Danielle Hughes 2, Heidi Parker 7, Heather Held 2, Valerie Larson 4, Janelle Wenke 6. FG 24 (0), FT 3-10, F 36.