

# MHS Girls Intensify Effort

The intensity needed to win ball games is often a slippery intangible but the Mulvane High School girls grabbed ahold of it Friday night, Jan. 15, at Andover.

Coach Gregg Wolgast's Wildcat girls broke out of a five-game slump in a big way as they scrambled past Andover, 59-32, in a Chisholm Trail league game. The Mulvane girls will be idle now until hosting the Mulvane Girls Tournament, which will open Monday, Jan. 25, at MHS.

The Wildcats are 2-4 in the CTL and 4-6 overall.

"We played a pretty good ball game, about our best complete game," said Wolgast. "It was good for us from a team-standpoint to pick up another win. Hopefully, we can get some momentum going into the tournament. The intensity was there (Friday night). Everybody played hard and were going after it. And we were able to get a lot of people in the game."

The key, though, was intensity for four quarters--or three and one-half, anyway. "We came out flat, which is not unusual for a team when things aren't going good," added Wolgast, "We were down by one when I called timeout to get things going. We went on to score 10 straight points after I got onto them and we never looked back. The girls started playing hard."

By the end of the first quarter, the Wildcat gals had marched out to a nine-point lead and expanded it to 18 by intermission. "Hopefully, this will give the girls the opportunity to see what

kind of intensity it takes to win ball games," said Wolgast. "Two things were really important, though. The first is that we really executed our offense the whole game for about the first time. The girls did what we're trying to get them to do. We got the ball to Kathy (Saxton) and she went to the hoop. When they collapsed back on her, she was able to get the ball to others for the score. When we couldn't get it into Kathy, the girls reversed the ball to the other side like they're supposed to."

Wolgast said the second key to victory was going to the boards hard. Mulvane registered 17 offensive rebounds and 42 total. Andover was held to only 14 rebounds, including only five offensive caroms.

"We dominated the boards," pointed out the first-year Mulvane coach. "Sometimes players don't realize how important rebounding is, but you can't give the opposition four or five shots each time down the floor."

"It comes after that tough loss to Goddard when we didn't go to the boards, so that's encouraging. The girls worked harder and blocked out better on the defensive end, and at the other end, they found the seams to get to the boards. We worked hard all week trying to improve our board play and not just stand around. You can't just stand around and wait for it to come to you."

Wolgast also was more than pleased with his bench play. For the first time this season, the bench contributed in a big way and also gave the starting five the rest needed to compete down the stretch. "Amy Arnold came off the bench and did a lot better job on offense and had six rebounds," said Wolgast. "And both Holly Donaldson and Nicole Infinger came in and played well. They are getting more and more experience and now appear ready to help out. They showed they deserved more playing time."

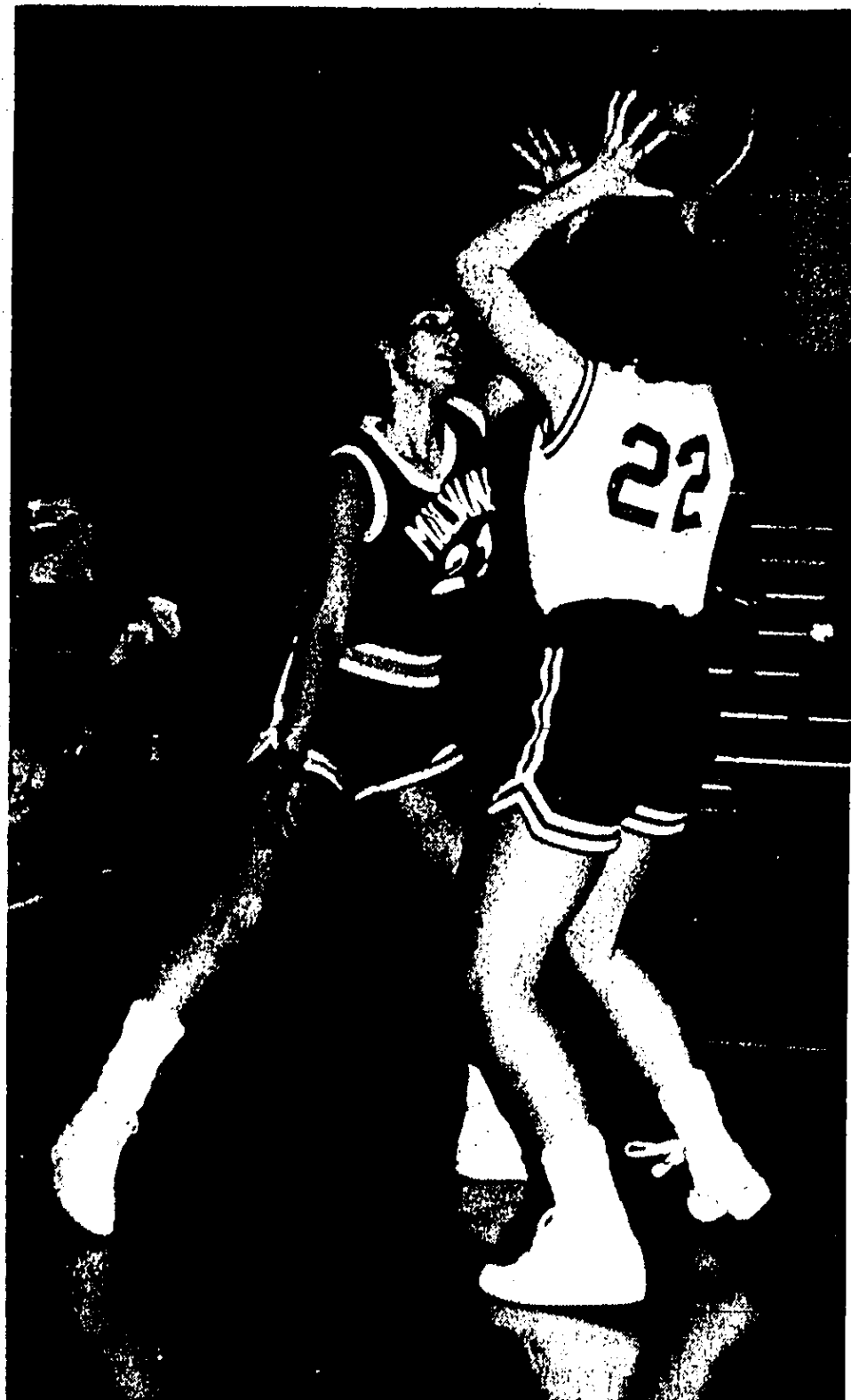
And the rest helped the Wildcats stay fresh down the stretch, something they haven't been able to accomplish in most previous games. In fact, the last two Mulvane blew leads in the second half.

The senior Saxton again paced the club with 26 points. Arnold added 12 off the bench and guard Kim Prickett gunned in eight points. Bridget Horton and

Nancy Farber scored six and five points, respectively.

There was no junior varsity girls game

played at Andover. The Trojans didn't have enough players for the game and it was cancelled.



MHS's Kim Kysar pressures in the back court against Andover



#### Girls Varsity

Mulvane 19 19 11 8-59  
Andover 10 10 6 6-32  
Mulvane--Nancy Farber 5, Kim Prickett 8, Bridget Horton 6, Kathy Saxton 26, Amy Arnold 12, Nicole Infinger 2 FG 25-54 (0), FT 9-15, F 15.

Andover--Melissa Ewing 9, Barb Sater 12, Nikki Rome 2, Kitchel Stephenson 5, Kristi Wiggins 4 FG 13-32 (0), FT 5-10, F 17

#### Girls Junior Varsity

No junior varsity game played