

Maize Ambushes MHS Early; First Quarter Woes Tell Tale

Gregg Wolgast likes a good mystery, but what happened in the second half Friday night, Jan. 15, at Maize certainly wasn't a mystery.

Cat Girls Classic To Open Monday

The Mulvane High School girls will be hosting seven other teams starting Monday, Jan. 25, in the Wildcat Girls Basketball Classic at the MHS gym.

The girls' teams entered include No. 1 seeded Garden Plain, Andover, Circle, Winfield, Clearwater, Wellington, Wichita South and the Wildcats.

The first game will pit the No. 1 seeded Bulldogs against winless Winfield at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Coach Gregg Wolgast's Wildcats will be in action at 7 p.m. that evening against the No. 4 seeded Circle Thunderbirds.

The championship game will be played at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. A special pom pon team competition will start at 6:30 p.m. Saturday prior to the championship game.

Wildcat Girls Classic Pairings

Monday, Jan. 25

Game 1 -- Garden Plain (7-1) vs. Winfield (0-8), 5:30 p.m.

Game 2 -- Circle (5-4) vs. Mulvane (3-7), 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Game 3 -- Andover (5-3) vs. Wellington (1-9), 5:30 p.m.

Game 4 -- Wichita South (6-4) vs. Clearwater (1-8), 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 28

Game 5 -- losers of games 1 and 2, 3:30 p.m.

Game 6 -- losers of games 3 and 4, 5:15 p.m.

Game 7 -- winners of games 3 and 4, 7 p.m.

Game 8 -- winners of games 1 and 2, 8:45 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 30

Game 9 (Seventh Place)--losers of games 5 and 6, 1 p.m.

Game 10 (Fifth Place)--winners of games 5 and 6, 2:45 p.m.

Game 11 (Third Place)--losers of games 7 and 8, 4:30 p.m.

Game 12 (First Place)--winners of games 7 and 8, 8 p.m.

For a most of the first half, the Mulvane High School girls had Maize on its heels but the Eagles put things together in the last half to outlast the Wildcats, 53-39, in a Chisholm Trail League basketball game.

"It's no mystery," chimed in Wolgast. "They came out and shot a lot better after intermission and we lost our confidence and started doing the things that get us into trouble."

Mulvane nursed a 22-16 lead through the first half at Maize but it was all Eagles in the last half as the hosts out-scored Mulvane, 37-16, to win going away. The loss dropped the Cat record to 3-7 overall and 1-4 in the CTL as they head into another league game Friday night, Jan. 22, at home against Goddard. There will only be a varsity game, and game time is 7 p.m.

"In the first half, we really did a fine job against a good Maize team," pointed out Wolgast. Mulvane scored the last four points of the half with guard Kristi McDowell driving to the baseline for a jumper to seemingly give Mulvane the momentum but Maize came out, scored a couple buckets and took charge. "They hit a couple and a three-pointer and that gave them a lot of momentum we couldn't turn around. Then, we lost our confidence and started doing the things we've been doing unsuccessfully all season long. We started rushing things, started shooting the ball too quickly and started forcing the ball inside."

The Wildcat coach singled out the confidence swing as the biggest factor of the game. "They didn't do anything differently in the second half," said Wolgast. "They were a lot more aggressive on defense and took more chances but we didn't take advantage of them. We had a couple good opportunities right at the start of the second half but the shots barely rolled off or the

passes barely went off the fingertips.

"Confidence is such a big part of the game, especially when you have a team that is struggling a little like we are. We get the feeling 'here we go again' and it starts slipping away. The girls tend to get down on themselves when things aren't going right."

Lee Banzet paced the Wildcat offense with 10 points. Center Sheila Mills finished with nine points and McDowell also scored nine. Robin Smith had four for Mulvane. Mills also was the game's top rebounder with eight boards. Banzet finished with seven boards and McDowell had six.

The Wildcat junior varsity had its troubles against Maize, although the Cat jayvees had fewer turnovers (14-to-17) and more rebounds (22-20). The hosts still landed a 45-29 triumph.

The second and third quarters were big for Maize as the hosts out-scored Mulvane, 26-13, during the middle periods.

McDowell led the Cat jayvee scoring. She had nine points. Stephanie Schultz scored five points and both Banzet and Shannon Reed scored four points.

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	11	11	6	10-38
Maize	11	5	20	17-53

Mulvane--Leo Banzet 10, Sheila Mills 9, Kristi McDowell 9, Anna Turner 2, Marcy Arnold 2, Robin Smith 4, Cody Watson 1. FG 16-50 (1), FT 3-5, F 18.

Maize--Shawn Pivonka 8, Jill Myrick 13, Julie Myrick 2, Michelle Bruce 10, Hope Dent 12. FG 17-51 (4), FT 13-21, F 14.

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	8	7	6	8-29
Maize	9	11	15	10-45

Mulvane--Laura Butler 2, Kristi McDowell 9, Stephanie Schultz 5, Leo Banzet 4, Marcy Arnold 2, Heather Taylor 2, Cody Watson 3, Shannon Reed 4, Jaime Hardison 2. FG 12-42 (0), FT 5-9, F 14.

Maize--Opennickle 11, Norris 16, Voge 6, McClellan 4, Hopp 2, Leonard 2, Dugy 4. FG 19 (3), FT 4-7, F 17.