

# Diamonds Not 'Best Friend'

Diamonds may be a girl's best friend but a diamond press didn't receive a lot of smiles from the Mulvane High School girls Friday night, Jan. 16.

It was Winter Homecoming and Goddard was in Mulvane for the occasion. Using a diamond press that the Wildcat gals couldn't solve, the Lions roared out to a huge lead and coasted to an 58-42 triumph in a Chisholm Trail League game.

The game ended "Endurance Week" for the Cat girls. They played the best two teams in the CTL back-to-back. Buhler manhandled the Wildcat girls, 56-25, Tuesday night, Jan. 13, in Buhler.

"They are definitely the top two teams in our league," emphasized Mulvane Coach Jayson Miller. "It was a good week for us as far as playing hard and seeing where we're at but we definitely faced two good teams. Goddard used its diamond press (a 1-2-1-1) and they are very aggressive with their front four. They got off 13 shots before we even took one. That tells the story right there."

The Lions bolted to a 21-5 lead after one quarter and expanded the margin before the Wildcats started finding their way. Ironically, that 16-point margin built up early is what Goddard beat the Cats by.

"We have looked at that press in practices but the speed is one of those things you can't get in practice," added Miller. "You can't simulate that same speed. I don't think we got the ball across half-court for the first three minutes of the game. After that, we settled down and played even with them but by that time, the game was basically decided. They got a lot of deflections that disrupted our offense."

The Wildcats came out of the halftime dressing room and made a small dent in the lead by scoring three consecutive buckets but couldn't get much closer the rest of the way. "I was really proud of the girls just hanging in there after that early spurt," said Miller. "We still have to find a way to get better against their pressure. Once the initial shock was over, and especially in the second half, we did that."

"We wanted to play at our pace and our pace is a lot slower than theirs but when you get to going out there, it's hard to stop and go back to being deliberate. That's one of the purposes of the pressure defense."

Miller also was happy with Mulvane's play after intermission. One of the Cat problems this year has been a third quarter swoon. "We actually made up some ground when we came out of the locker room," said the MHS coach. "We had good energy and the girls started working the ball but I think Goddard didn't mind trading baskets since they were ahead."

Seniors Abby Sorensen and Shayna Duncan highlighted the offensive punch for the Wildcats. Each scored 12 points. Josey Gosch finished with nine points and Stephanie Tatum scored three.

## 24th Annual Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic

MONDAY, JAN. 26

Game 1 -- No. 3 Mulvane (3-6) vs. No. 6 Campus (2-8), 6 p.m.

Game 2 -- No. 2 Andale (5-4) vs. No. 7 Andover (1-8), 7:45

TUESDAY, JAN. 27

Game 3 -- No. 4 Clearwater (3-6) vs. No. 5 Wellington (2-7), 6 p.m.

Game 4 -- No. 1 Garden Plain (7-2) vs. No. 8 Arkansas City (0-8), 7:45

THURSDAY, JAN. 29

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

Game 6 -- losers of games 1 and 2, 6 p.m., auxiliary gym

Game 7 -- winners of games 3 and 4, 6 p.m., main gym

Game 8 -- winners of games 1 and 2, 7:45

SATURDAY, JAN. 31

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

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"Overall, though, it was a fun night with three of our girls up for homecoming queen and Jackie Stiles here," continued Williams. "It's just too bad we couldn't have handled the press a little better."

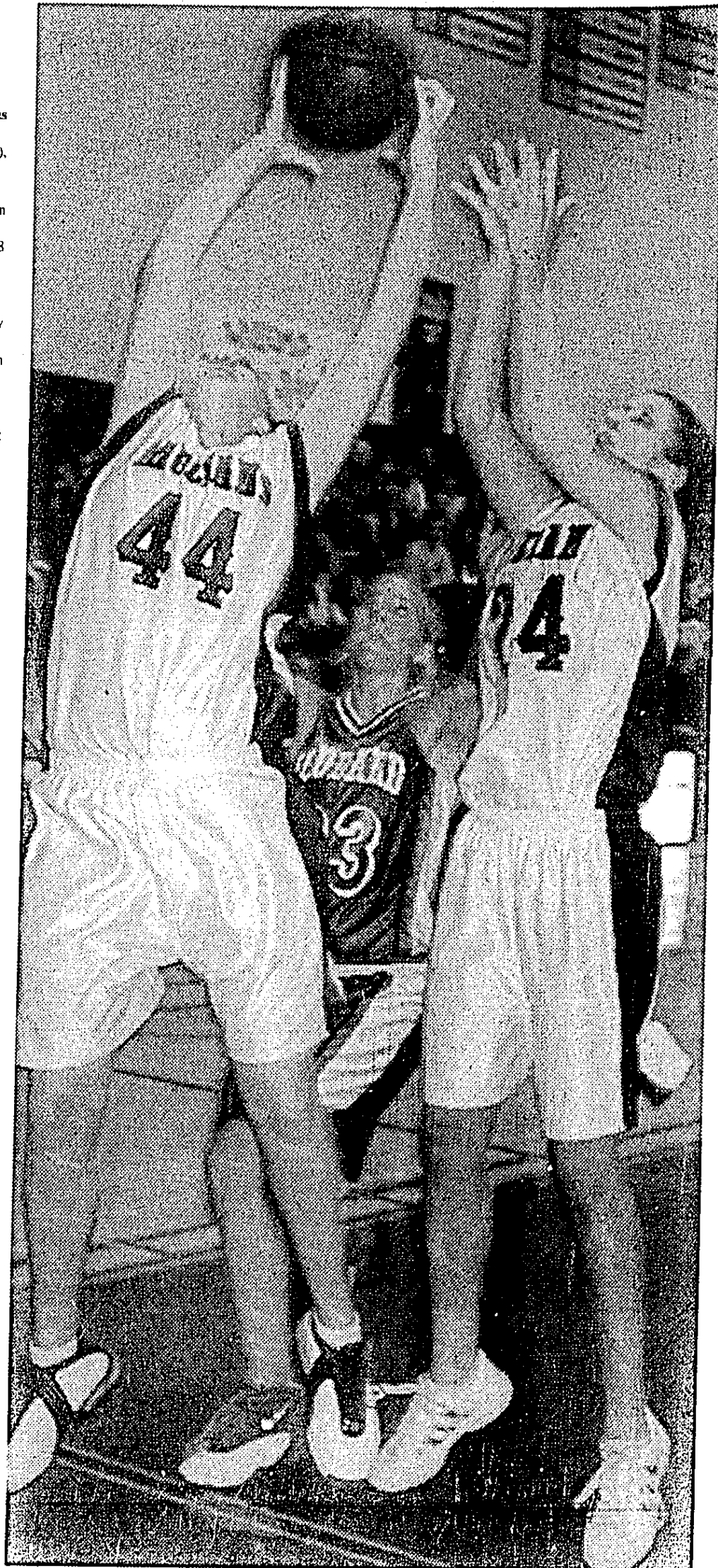
A similar story unfolded Tuesday night at Buhler. The Crusaders raced out to the early lead, then pulled away with a strong second half. After one quarter, Buhler had a 12-4 lead but things went downhill in the second half as the Crusaders out-gunned the Wildcats, 31-11, after intermission to remain unbeaten in the CTL.

"It was pretty much ditto at Buhler," said Miller. "I wouldn't mind watching that game when Buhler and Goddard play. We came out and bang, it was 6-0 before we could blink an eye. Buhler ran up and down the floor. They have a lot of speed. Their transition game really hurt us."

The Wildcats were hurt by no balance on offense. Only four players scored with Duncan leading the charge with 10 points. Sorensen finished with seven points, Whitney Becker scored six and Gosch had two.

"We hung around most of the first half even, after that 6-0 start," said Miller. "We were down by 11 at halftime but in the 3rd quarter, they came out and just put a 'whupping' on us. They were up and down the floor and we had quite a bit of trouble stopping that."

Next stop for Miller's Wildcat girls is Rose Hill. The Cats go Rose Hill for a CTL game Friday night, Jan. 23. It will be their final tune-up before the Mulvane Wildcat Classic which is set to open Monday night, Jan. 26, at the MHS gym.



Josey Gosch (44) snags a rebound and Shayna Duncan (24) makes sure

### Girls Varsity

Goddard 21 13 10 14-58

Mulvane 5 11 12 14-42

Goddard Shelly Van Horn 11, Meghan Welch 16,

Kelly Zoglman 2, Maygan Clausen 3, Alex Bunton 10,

Alyson Snell 16, FG 22 (4), FT 10 (19), F 16

Mulvane Abby Sorensen 12, Josey Gosch 9, Tara

Roberts 2, Shayna Duncan 12, Natasha Parman 2,

Stephanie Tatum 3, Megan Turner 2, FG 16 (2), FT 8 (13),

F 15

Mulvane 4 10 4 7-25

Buhler 12 13 19 12-56

Mulvane Shayna Duncan 10, Josey Gosch 2, Abby

Sorensen 7, Stephanie Tatum 0, Whitney Becker 6, FG

12 (1), FT 0 (2), F 18

Buhler Brittany Hines 8, Caitlin Pankratz 2, Renae

Cikank 3, Tahnee Baferio 13, Jenna East 13, Sara

Unruh 2, Brooke Cameron 1, Kris Richman 8, Stephanie

Beardslee 2, Whitney Jones 4, FG 19 (4), FT 14 (19), F 7

### Junior Varsity Girls

Goddard 6 7 5 9-27

Mulvane 7 5 15 4-31

Goddard Danielle Mellington 10, Jennifer Lekaava 3,

Jessica McElroy 4, Elizabeth Friesen 4, Stacie Hinkel 6,

FG 11 (1), FT 4 (1), F 19

Mulvane Jessica Martin 4, Laura Buchanan 8, Kristi

Parker 2, Josey Gosch 3, Tara Roberts 10, Megan Turner

3, Natasha Parman 1, FG 12 (1), FT 6 (20), F 13