

Girls Bounced In Meet Opener, Gunning For Consolation Title

And now, they have. Mulvane girls basketball coach Bill Stinson termed an overtime loss to Clearwater Monday night, Jan. 21, in the opening round of the Mulvane Girls Invitational Tournament the "most disappointing" defeat of the year.

The Indians tied the tourney game in the final seven seconds, then won it in overtime by a 59-58 count. In the other opening-night game, No. 1 seeded Derby shellacked Augusta, 67-38.

"It's our most disappointing loss this season because we haven't lost to anyone we probably shouldn't have lost to," said Stinson. "And now, maybe we have."

Mulvane fell 11 points off the pace early, then rallied behind a pressure

defense, finally taking the lead. Mulvane was ahead by two near the end of regulation only to have the Indians tie it up, then win it in overtime as the Cats missed three critical free throws in six attempts. Overall, the Wildcats were done in by poor free throwing, hitting only 10 of 23 from the stripe.

"We missed three or four layups early that could have spelled the difference late in the game," added Stinson. "They also played a real sagging defense, packed it inside and we couldn't find the range outside."

Another critical factor was that two starters fouled out for the Cats in the final stages of the game as Clearwater (6-3) got revenge for an earlier three-point loss to Mulvane.

Stinson also blamed the loss on a Clearwater player, who scored only four points in that first meeting but got 17 against the Cats Monday.

For Mulvane, guard Tiane Dossey continued her splendid spree, scoring a game-high 20 points, 14 coming in the second half before fouling out. Dossey paced a four-player showing by Mulvane in double figures. Seniors Melody Carey and Lisa Jones scored 10 and 11 points, respectively, and junior front-liner Lori Cox finished with 12 points.

The loss dropped Mulvane into the loser's bracket, where they'll home in on winless Augusta in a 6 p.m. game Friday, Jan. 25. Derby and Clearwater will battle at 6 p.m. tonight (Jan. 24) with the Andover-Bishop Carroll match-up at 7:30. Rose Hill and Wellington will meet in the other consolation semifinal at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The MHS girls tuned up for the tournament opener by cracking Goddard, 46-36, Friday night, Jan. 18, in a Chisholm Trail League game, their second victory over the Lions this

MULVANE GIRLS INVITATIONAL TONIGHT (Jan. 24)

Game 5 -- Derby vs. Clearwater, 8 p.m.
Game 6 -- Andover vs. Bishop Carroll, 7:45

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

Game 7 -- Augusta vs. Mulvane, 8 p.m.
Game 8 -- Rose Hill vs. Wellington, 7:45

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

Game 9 (Consolation Third)--Losers of games 7 and 8, 2 p.m.

Game 10 (Consolation First)--Winners of games 7 and 8, 3:45

Game 11 (Third Place)--Losers of games 5 and 6, 5:45

Game 12 (Championship First)--Winners of games 5 and 6, 8

season. The victory improved Mulvane's CTL record to 3-1.

"Darla Reekie did a super job on their top scorer," said Stinson. "She was all over the girl and that caused her to become frustrated and she finally fouled out. That was one of the keys, holding Gaylord to only four points."

Stinson also singled out Cox, who had five steals inside when the Lions tried to force open the passing lanes once they couldn't get the ball to Gaylord.

"Tiane did a great job again," added Stinson, "and we controlled the backboards."

Stinson also pointed to the free throwing by his club in the final quarter. As Goddard went 0-for-6 from the stripe in the fourth quarter, Mulvane was making five free throws to pull away. Dossey was a key figure in the quarter, scoring nine of her 17 points in the last period. Carey finished with 16 points and Dossey's backcourt mate, Jones, finished with eight.

In the junior varsity game, Goddard hung on for a 33-29 verdict as Coach Tony Gourlay's Cats suffered through a two-point first quarter and a three-point third period.

Guard Rhonda Davis scored seven points to head a balanced scoring show for the Cat jayvees. Terri Plotts and Shella Mahlandt each added six points and Sara Jones finished with five.

MULVANE GIRLS INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 10 11 17 17 (3)-58
Clearwater 10 16 11 18 (4)-59

Mulvane--Melody Carey 10, Lisa Jones 11, Darla Reekie 3, Lori Cox 12, Tiane Dossey 20, Terri Plotts 2. FG 24, FT 10-23, F 17.

Clearwater--Melody Brobst 5, Patty Stewart 6, Dana Blumenshine 17, Robyn Wright 18, Janay Vulgamore 9, Sandy Vogel 4. FG 25, FT 9-20, F 18.

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Derby 67, Augusta 38

Andover 49, Rose Hill 43

Bishop Carroll 70, Wellington 45

Girls Varsity

Mulvane 10 14 11 11-46
Goddard 12 8 10 6-36

Mulvane--Melody Carey 16, Lisa Jones 8, Darla Reekie 1, Lori Cox 4, Tiane Dossey 17. FG 18-53, FT 10-19, F 10.

Goddard--Christa Gaylord 4, Tammy Wyant 20, Sandy Payne 4, Susan Ludiveck 2, Tonya Williams 2, Lisa McVey 4, Katrina Bauer 2. FG 17-52, FT 2-9, F 19.

Girls Junior Varsity

Mulvane 2 10 3 14-29
Goddard 8 7 14 6-38

Mulvane--Rhonda Davis 7, Terri Plotts 6, Tammy Heas 2, Shella Mahlandt 6, Sara Jones 5, Susie Quigley 1, Janyla Gerdes 2. FG 11-44, FT 7-21, F 18.

Goddard--Lisa McVey 6, Katrina Bauer 6, Michelle McLeland 2, Heather Armbrister 6, Tonya Williams 5, Susan Ludiveck 6, Tammy Wyant 2. FG 15-37, FT 3-10, F 21.