

Mulvane Tourney

Girls Stopped

In First Round

One quarter made the difference, but so did a pressing defense.

Mulvane High School's girls opened their run in the 15th annual Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic Monday night, Jan. 23, and the run lasted just over a quarter against Andover's No. 1 seeded Trojans.

Andover threw on a suffocating full-court press in the second quarter to take charge on the way to a 75-46 victory. The Trojans out-scored the Cats, 30-10, in the second quarter.

The loss dropped Mulvane into the loser's bracket and MHS will meet Arkansas City at 5:15 p.m. today (Jan. 26).

Other results from the first round found Andale toppling Ark City, 43-32, and Garden Plain shattering the tournament scoring record with a 101-65 win over Wellington and Campus trouncing Clearwater, 74-56, in two games Tuesday night, Jan. 24.

"Basically, we were out-boarded pretty good, which really hurt us," suggested MHS coach Ron McMahon, "but the trap really is what killed us. It was 14-10 and all of a sudden, they jumped into the trap and the next thing I knew it was 28-10. It kept us off-balance. We made too many turnovers to win the game. We didn't play at the level we needed to to win the game."

The 11-1 Trojans and Mulvane battled into the second quarter before Andover's trapping full-court press went to work. It was 43-18 at halftime. Game over.

The Wildcats finished with 31 turnovers and coupled with the Trojan's dominance on the boards, it was an easy game for Andover.

"The pressure hurt," admitted McMahon. "That's been something we've had difficulty with all year. It's awfully upsetting because you can't run your offense with the pressure on. Carrie (Burkhart) did a good job running the offense when we got the ball in front court. She did a good job when they didn't jump us in the corner. We're going to keep on working on it. We're going to get better against pressure."

Andover also handled Mulvane on the boards, especially once foul trouble gave sophomore Danielle Hughes a seat on the bench. "It especially hurt at the offensive end, we didn't get too many second shots and that hurts your shooting percentage," said McMahon. "We got into foul trouble and had to set a couple people out. We're just not doing a good enough job on the offensive end. We're not getting good enough position and going after it."

There were some positives, though. "Courtney Renfro came in there and did a good job," said McMahon. "And Hughes looked good when she was in there."

Hughes finished with a team-high 13 points and Renfro scored 11. Junior Janelle Wenke had nine points and guard Lee Cates scored eight.

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FIRST ROUND

Mulvane	8	10	14	15-46
Andover	13	30	14	16-75
Mulvane—Courtney Renfro 11, Danielle Hughes 13, Lee Cates 8, Janelle Wenke 9, Valerie Larson 2, Carrie Burkhart 2. FG 17 (0), FT 13-17, F 20.				
Andover—Susan Wolf 31, Trisha Kincaid 8, Cody Knott 10, Kelly Watson 9, Jill Stanyer 1, Misty Minton 3, Jana Lee 5, Beth Woodman 2, Abi Dethloff 2, Fogo 2. FG 28 (5), FT 12-20, F 21.				
Andale 43, Arkansas City 32				

Varsity Girls

Augusta	12	25	19	23-79
Mulvane	26	16	17	18-77
Augusta—Smeltzer 20, Tran 1, Brooks 9, Thomas 20, Dixon 15, Van Meter 3, Iseman 4, Valkenaar 5. FG 31 (1), FT 14-21, F 19.				
Mulvane—Danielle Hughes 24, Janelle Wenke 16, Courtney Renfro 2, Carrie Burkhart 16, Lee Cates 13, Crissy Carpenter 6. FG 24 (0), FT 9-11, F 23				

15th Annual Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic Pairings

Today (Jan. 26)

- Game 5 -- Wellington vs. Clearwater, 3:30 p.m.
- Game 6 -- Mulvane vs. Arkansas City, 5:15
- Game 7 -- Garden Plain vs. Campus, 7
- Game 8 -- Andover vs. Andale, 8:45

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

The Wildcats were coming off their best game of the season, too. They had scored a season-high 77 points three nights earlier when they entertained Augusta Friday, Jan. 20. The Orioles, however, scored a tad more to nose Mulvane, 79-77, in a non-league thriller in Mulvane.

"It was one of our better games," admitted McMahon. "Obviously, when you score 77 points, you expect to win but we had a couple turnovers late in the game and made a couple of mistakes. Mistakes lose close basketball games and that's what happened."

The Wildcats used a full-court press of their own in the opening quarter and caught the Orioles off-guard. That led to a 26-12 lead for Mulvane after one quarter of play.

"That was exciting to see," said McMahon. "It's the first time we've pressed full court this year and it caught them by surprise. But we just couldn't hang on at the end."

The 77 points is the most scored by the MHS girls in the last 18 years. The Mulvane girls scored 77 points one other time during that period.

"We got some quality play out of most of our players," said McMahon. "Cates did an outstanding job and so did (Crissy) Carpenter. Burkhart came along with 16 points and so did Janelle. That 77 points may be a record, I don't know."

Hughes had a career game, scoring a game-high 24 points on the low post. Wenke and Burkhart finished with 16 points apiece and Cates scored 13. Crissy Carpenter finished with six points.