Stinson Hopes For Better Finale In Tourney

The walk down "memory lane" won't be too satisfying for departing Mulvane girls basketball coach Bill Stinson but his Wildcats still have two games to do something about that.

Stinson, who will be leaving for Denver at the end of this week for a tryout with the Denver entry in the United States Football League, watched his gals drop their fifth straight contest Tuesday night, Jan. 25, in the opening round of the Mulvane Girls Invitational Basketball Tournament. Bishop Carroll clipped the Cats, 43-35, in the first round.

In other first-round games, No. 1 seeded Peabody trampled Wellington, 46-27, and No. 2 seeded Derby ripped Clearwater, 73-23.

The Wildcats will play Clearwater at 6:15 tonight (Jan. 27) and a victory would put them in the game for third place at 6:15 Saturday, Jan. 29.

"You just can't win ball games making three points in a quarter," said Stinson, whose team fell to 2-8 on the year. "We only made 11 of 50 shots and our shots weren't that bad. In the first quarter, we took seven shots inside the lane and didn't make one."

A look at the shot chart showed the Wildcat gals hitting only five of 33 shots in the game inside the lane. "You should be making 50% of those shots," said Stinson.

"The girls have to learn to play under pressure. They have to be able to run

MULVANE GIRLS INVITATIONAL First Round

Mulvane

Bishop Carroll

Mulvane-Mary Cole 8, Jay Klipatrick 10, Lori Melick 2, Stacy Shoemaker 1, Tawnya infinger 4, Traci Lawless 8, Dlane Mohney 2, Melody Carey 2. FG 13-53, FT 9-22, F 14.

Bishop Carroll--Monica Mavec 14, Sharon Schulte 2, Cynthia Ornelas 4, Laura Cannon 15, Connie Czarneski 4, Val Kastens 4, FG 17-50, FT 9-15, F 21.

Peabody 46, Wellington 27 Derby 73, Clearwater 23

MHS GIRLS INVITATIONAL PAIRINGS Thursday, Jan. 27

Game 4--Clearwater vs. Mulvane, 6.15 p.m. Game 5--Derby vs. Bishop Carroll, 8 Saturday, Jan. 29

Game 6 (Consolation Championship)--Wellington vs. loser of game 4, 4:30 p.m.

Game 7 (Third Ptace)--Winner of Game 4 vs. loser of game 5, 6:15

Game 8 (First Place)--Peabody vs. winner of game 5, 8:30

The Wildcats fell behind, 12-3, after one quarter and also were out-gunned, 11-5, in the third quarter. Those two quarters spelled defeat.

And it didn't help that senior Nancy Gehring, the club's No. 2 scorer and rebounder, wasn't in the line-up. "She's in the hospital with pink-eye and we're expecting she will be there all week," said Stinson. "Not having her in there really hurt because of Carroll's size. Nancy gives us more size inside. Her replacement, Traci Lawless, came in and did an outstanding job. She gave us some offense and did a fine job on defense."

Stinson also lauded guard Jay Kilpatrick, whose 10-point effort was high for the Wildcats. "The last couple of games, Jay has been shooting the ball a lot better," said Stinson, who will be giving way to Tony Gourlay when he leaves for Denver. "We need her offense. (Tawnya) Infinger's, too.

their offense. They have to learn to take the shots when they're there and don't take the shots when they're not there. I guess one of the reasons we didn't shoot the ball inside the lane is because of the big hand in the face."

Senior Mary Cole, the club's top scorer, had an off-night and finished with eight points. Infinger, a junior, scored four points and Lawless had six.

"We're competitive, nobody's blowing us completely away," added Stinson. "But we're not getting over the hump. We'll cause a mistake, a turnover, but we're not capitalizing on it. We don't go down and score off it. When we do, we'll win some ball games."

Stinson is hoping being "over the hump" will start with Clearwater so he can go out with a better feeling.