

MHS Girls 1st Round Casualty

MULVANE GIRLS INVITATIONAL FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 6 15 8 16-45
Clearwater 16 10 15 11-52
Mulvane--Debbie McIntyre 6, Mary Cole 23, April Bales 2, Nancy Gehring 13, Tawnya Infinger 1. FG 20-53, FT 5-13, F 11.
Clearwater--Caroline Stump 24, Colleen Gorges 4, Veronica Peissig 14, Barbara Williamson 4, Valeri Hufford 2, Janelle Gorges 2. FG 24-51, FT 2-8, F 15.
Derby 52, Andover 34
Belle Plaine 42, Wellington 38

MULVANE GIRLS INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

Tonight (Jan. 28)

Game 4 -- Wellington vs. Mulvane, 5 p.m.

Game 5 -- Wichita West vs. Derby, 6:45

Game 6 -- Belle Plaine vs. Clearwater, 8:30

Saturday, Jan. 30

Game 7 (Consolation First) -- Andover vs. winner of game 4, 5 p.m.

Game 8 (Third Place) -- Losers of games 5 and 6, 6:45

Game 9 (Championship First) -- Winners of games 5 and 6, 8:30

Unforced turnovers and Clearwater's size played a big role in Mulvane's opening loss Tuesday night, Jan. 26, in the Mulvane Girls Basketball Invitational at the MHS gym.

Coach Bill Brown's Wildcats tumbled into the loser's bracket as Clearwater clipped the Cats, 52-45, in the opening round. The loss dropped Mulvane into a 5 p.m. game today (Jan. 28) against Wellington.

"We started slowly and never could get back even," said Brown, whose team fell to 1-9 for the season. "We came out a little cold and it effected us all night. We've been trying to get the girls to play emotionally every game and they came out with some excitement but turnovers and their size proved to be the difference."

The Wildcats had 34 turnovers, many of them unforced. "That's just too many," complained Brown. "Twenty is just about average. And the bad thing about it is many were just bad passes made while an opponent was right there on our girls. They weren't the kind you get from a lot of pressure."

The turnovers soiled a fine performance by junior Mary Cole, who finished the game with 23 points and seven rebounds. "Mary had a super game, she came out ready to play," said Brown.

The Indians' 6-footer Caroline Stump, who scored 24 points, posed a problem,

too. "We're so darn small we couldn't keep them from getting the ball inside," said Brown. "We wanted to keep our forwards in and front her with Cole but they were able to get it in. She scored 12 points in the first quarter and that killed us. We had a couple breakdowns inside and when you break down inside, that girl'll take it to you."

The Indians hurt Mulvane on the boards, taking 30 rebounds to 23 for Mulvane. Junior Nancy Gehring had nine rebounds and Jay Kilpatrick had six.

Gehring also helped on the offensive end, scoring 13 points, many of them coming in the second quarter.