Cat Gals Shelled In Tournament

The thrill of victory was shortlived for Mulvane High School's girls basketball team, thanks to Wichita West.

The Wildcat girls, coached by Bill Brown, edged past Douglass, 31-25. Friday night, Jan. 23, but had little time to enjoy the club's first win before Wichita West took the Cats by storm. 49-25, Tuesday evening, Jan. 27, in the opening round of the 1st annual Wildcat Girls Basketball Tournament.

The opening loss dropped Brown's forces in the loser's bracket for a 6:30 p.m. date with Cheney Friday, Jan. 30.

WILDCAT GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Tonight [Jan. 29]

Game 5--Wichita West vs. Derby, 6.30 p.m. Game 6--Clearwater vs. Belle Plaine, 8 Friday, Jan. 30

Game 7--Mulvane vs. Cheney, 6:30 p.m Game 8--Wellington vs. Conway Springs, 8 Saturday, Jan. 31

Game 9 (7th place)--losers of games 7 and 8, 3,30 Game, 10 (consolation first place)--winners of games 7 and 8, 5

Game 11 (third place)--losers of games 5 and 6. 6:30

Game 12 (first place)--winners of games 5 and 6, 8

First Round Results

Mulvane 1 4 3 17--25
Wichita West 12 20 9 8--49
Mulvane--Lori Melick 2, Vicki Powell 0, Arlene
Reekie 9, April Bales 9, Nancy Gehring 5, FG 9-46.

Wichita West--Nina Andrews 9, Alexia Newhouse 4, Barbara Burdick 1, Noel Wyatt 11, Dana Geier 6. Yolanda Vann 6, Valerie Hill 6, Yolanda Lefford 4 Amy Fox 2, FG 21-53, FT 7-15, F 13.

Derby 40, Cheney 37 Clearwater 40, Wellington 25 Belle Plaine 49, Conway Springs 45

FT 7-12, F 15.

Other first-round results found Derby nipping Cheney, 40-37, Clearwater destroying Wellington, 40-25, and Belle Plaine tipped Conway Springs, 49-45.

Against West, the Wildcars, who slid to 4-10 on the year, were simply out-manned. The Wichita club, seeded No. 1 in the tourney, jumped ahead, 12-1, in the first period and held a 32-5 halfrime edge.

"We didn't shoot very good and kept falling farther and farther behind," said Brown, "When you're only two-of-12 in the first half, you're not going to win many ball games. We finally started taking more shots in the last quarter but you can't score unless you shoot the ball."

Mulvane finally got its offense going in the final period against West but by that time the game was decided. "We really didn't have a chance," said Brown. "They were quicker, they shot better and even when we had rebound position, they got the rebound because they were quicker jumpers."

Senior Arlene Reckie headed the Mulvane scoring effort along with guard April Bales. Both had nine points. Sophomore Nancy Gehring added five points for the Wildcars.

At Douglass, Mulvane played much better, surging in the second half to break a halftime tie of 13-13. The key came at the free throw stripe as Mulvane dropped in 15 of 24 tosses. Douglass made only nine.

"Arlene had another super ball-game." said the Wildean coach. "We were able to run the offense and it produced."

Reckie, a three-year starter, dropped in a game-high 16 points but she had plenty of help as five other Cats scored. The No. 2 scorer for MHS was Vicki Powell, who scored five points.

Girls Varsity

Mutyane 8 5 9 9-31 Douglast 8 5 4 8-25

Mulvane-Vicki Powell 5 Arlene Reekie 16 April Baies 2 Mary Cole 3 Carol Baker 2 Nancy Gehring 3 FG 8-29, FT 15-24 F 17

Douglass-Carmen Meyer 2, Valarie Seal 12, Kim Seal 2, Debbie Berotey 2, Jeni Cockrell 5, J.P., Macy 2, FG 8,36, FT 9-15, F, 22

Girls Junior Varsity

Mulvane 2 11 0 9-22 Dougtass 4 7 6 12-29

Mulvane--Susan Heatley 2 Stady Shoemaker 3 Nancy Gehring 3 Lori Melick 8 Dee Dee Rather 4 Celia Rogers 2 FG 5-37, FT 12-26 F 25

Douglass-Terri Simon 12, Brenda Roupe 1, Diann Bergley 6, Mary Wright 4, Teresa Hewlett 4, Mary Wells 2, FG 9-35, FT 11-23, F 23