

No Tournament Magic

At halftime, Mulvane High School girls basketball coach Rod Cole put the game into perspective. His 2-6 Wildcats were in over their heads Monday night, Jan. 26, in the first round of the Wildcat Girls Classic against undefeated Rose Hill.

The Rockets were holding a 50-12 lead. "I figured out that if we would have hit every single shot, we still would have been down by 20," said Cole. The Rockets came out in the second half and finished the job to the tune of 85-26.

In the other first round game Monday, Bishop Carroll tripped up Clearwater, 61-49.

"We tried to slow them down but we didn't move," said Cole. "They had the ball in the basket before we got turned around. Rose Hill is eight deep and they're tough."

Cole was most concerned about his club's shaky ball handling and its shot-taking. "You can't win ball games shooting the ball as few times as we are shooting it," emphasized Cole. "One of the problems there is, that we've got a ball handling problem. We couldn't handle the ball against Rose Hill, and that's not to put all the blame on the guards. We're not helping the guards like we should. Our team

MULVANE GIRLS WILDCAT CLASSIC FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 5 7 5 9--26
Rose Hill 20 30 23 12--85

Mulvane--Kathy Saxton 15, Angela Cox 1, Nancy Farber 3, Rhonda Reekie 2, Kimberly Millerskow 2, Tammy Kissinger 2, Helen Christian 1. FG 9-41, FT 8-15, F 26.

Rose Hill--Tracy Ames 10, Kim Coppage 17, Suzanne Carselowey 6, Michelle Lance 14, Shannon Armstrong 10, Christy Armstrong 10, Audrey Harlman 2, Krissy Madden 4, Krista Farber 2, Kelly Dennis 2, Tracie Coffel 8. FG 35-72, FT 14-30, F 14.

Bishop Carroll 61, Clearwater 49

Varsity Girls

Mulvane 2 6 14 10--32
Goddard 4 10 6 5--25

Mulvane--Kathy Saxton 10, Kim Prickett 6, Angela Cox 4, Kandi Miller 4, Rhonda Reekie 8. FG 12-32, FT 8-17, F 18.

Goddard--Heather Armbrister 6, Stacy Schmidt 9, Kelli Garrison 2, Julie Elder 4, Angie Sissell 4. FG 10, FT 5-21, F 16.

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane 7 0 4 3--14
Goddard 4 10 6 5--28

Mulvane--Toni Wayman 7, Heather Donaldson 3, Helen Christian 2, Bridget Horton 0, Angela Cox 2. FG 7, FT 4-11, F 16.

Goddard--Marcie Cunningham 4, Marcie Slucky 3, Jennifer Vosper 3, Tammy Ambrister 4, Angie Sissel 5, Julie Elder 1, Nikki Reams 5, Jenny Dodge 2, Kelli Garrison 1. FG 9, FT 10-23, F 16

MULVANE GIRLS TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

THURSDAY, JAN. 29

Game 5--Rose Hill vs. Andover, 6:15 p.m.

Game 6--Clearwater vs. Wellington, 8

SATURDAY, JAN. 31

Game 7--teams with two worst records, 3:30 p.m.

Game 8--teams with 1-1 records, 5:15

7 p.m.--Pom Pon Exhibition

Game 9 (Championship)--teams with 2-0 records, 8

movement is bad."

The Rockets, one of the top two rated 4A teams in the state, wasted no time in putting the Wildcats away. It was 20-5 after one quarter and by intermission, the game was totally out of hand, 50-13.

The Wildcats racked up their second victory of the season Friday night, Jan. 23, in a Chisholm Trail League bout at Goddard, whipping the Lions, 32-35. It was the second win for Mulvane over Goddard this season.

"We played much better in the second half when we went to full court pressure," said Cole. "We were just standing around in the first half and I decided to force things. I felt like we could pressure their guards into mistakes."

That's what happened as the Wildcats

quickly wiped out memories of an eight-point half (the Lions were ahead, 14-8, at intermission) by out-pointing the hosts, 14-6, in the third quarter. They won it in the final quarter as Rhonda Reekie dropped in four consecutive free throws to go with buckets by Kathy Saxton, Kim Prickett and Kandi Miller. "These free throws were really big ones," admitted Cole.

Saxton finished with a 10-point game after scoring only two in the first half. Reekie scored eight points, Prickett had six and Angela Cox and Miller closed out the Cat scoring with four points apiece.

The Mulvane junior varsity had its troubles, as Goddard ran up 10 unanswered points in the second quarter on the way to a 28-14 victory.

Toni Wayman led Mulvane's scorers with seven points and Heather Donaldson chipped in with a three-point game.

The next game in the tourney for Mulvane will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, when the girls will play Wellington for fifth place in the six-team tourney.