

MHS Girls March Into Win Bracket

The Colts were young and scrappy, but they were no match for the deadly shooting of Mulvane High School guard Abby Sorensen.

Sorensen's foul shooting kept the Campus Colts at bay Monday night, Jan. 26, in the opening game of the 24th annual Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic at the MHS gym. With the junior Sorensen sinking 9 of 11 from the stripe in the last minutes of the game, the Wildcats held on to a precarious lead and advanced to the semifinal round with a 43-36 triumph.

Andale trounced Andover, 79-44, in the other opening night action and moved into the bracket against Mulvane at 6 p.m. tonight (Jan. 29). In first round games Tuesday, Jan. 27, Wellington pounded Clearwater, 62-43, and Garden Plain had an easy one over Arkansas City, 53-30.

"It was a win, that's all I can say," emphasized MHS Coach Jayson Miller. "It was a sloppy game by both teams. We had success early in the game when we started getting the ball worked inside, then we kind of got away from that and Campus got back into the ball game. That was our game plan because we felt we had an experience advantage inside plus they didn't have a lot of height. When we did work it in, we got a lot of good scoring opportunities."

After a slow start, the Wildcats pulled to the lead for good by shutting the Colt offense down entirely in the 2nd quarter. Mulvane out-scored Campus, 8-0, and went into the dressing room with a 16-9 lead.

"Even at halftime, I didn't feel real comfortable," said Miller. "When you shut the other team down, you have to get more than eight points."

The Colts made two runs at the Wildcats before Sorensen's free throwing shut the door. Once in the 3rd quarter, the Colts, who pressed the entire game in an attempt to dictate tempo to the more deliberate Wildcats, pulled to within one point only to have the MHS girls pull away again.

Then in the 4th quarter, Campus narrowed the game to a four-point spread with about two minutes left, and Sorensen went to work. She finished with a game-best 17 points. Sophomore Josey Gosch scored 11 points, Shayna Duncan had six and both Tara Roberts and Kayla Oblinger scored four points.

Junior Whitney Becker missed her third straight game after an injury in the Buhler game. She's likely to miss another four games.

"We just were not focused like we should have been," said Miller. "We played a pretty good game on Friday night and I think everybody was caught up in that. We weren't nearly as focused Monday night against Campus. We have to be totally focused every game or it's going to be tough."

The Colts, who played a line-up of mostly freshmen and sophomores, nearly pulled it off. "They were scrappy, but I'm kind of

24th Annual Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic

FIRST ROUND

Campus	9	0	9	18	36
Mulvane	8	8	11	16	43
Campus—Angelica Ortiz 15, Britni Charles 6, Krystal Darbyshire 3, Kendra Ruede 2, Ashley Echerman 2, Chelsey Hudcins 2, Jenna Schuelke 6. FG 11-11, FT 13-20, F 22					
Mulvane—Kayla Oblinger 4, Abby Sorensen 17, Josey Gosch 11, Tara Roberts 4, Shayna Duncan 4, Tasha Parman 1. FG 12-21, FT 17-31, F 15					
Andale 79, Andover 44					
Wellington 62, Clearwater 43					
Garden Plain 53, Arkansas City 30					

Wildcat Classic Pairings

THURSDAY, JAN. 29

Game 5—Clearwater vs. Arkansas City 4 p.m.
Game 6—Campus vs. Andover, 6 p.m., auxiliary gym
Game 7—Mulvane vs. Andale 6 p.m., main gym
Game 8—Wellington vs. Garden Plain 7:45

SATURDAY, JAN. 31

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 (First Place)—winners of games 7 and 8, 7:30

Girls Varsity

Mulvane	19	7	9	9—44
Rose Hill	15	10	3	9—37
Mulvane—Abby Sorensen 11, Kayla Oblinger 5, Stephanie Tatum 4, Shayna Duncan 18, Josey Gosch 4, Natasha Parman 2. FG 17-31, FT 7-11, F 13				
Rose Hill—Katie Hoyt 4, Kristen Ozbun 8, Erica Rothweiler 12, Jenny Barnes 2, Tristan Smades 2, Lacy Barnes 5, Dava Logsdon 2, Leslie Parrish 2. FG 14-23, FT 7-11, F 13				

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	11	8	8	10 (7)—44
Rose Hill	7	5	15	10 (5)—42
Mulvane—Natasha Parman 8, Laura Buchanan 14, Kristi Parker 7, Tara Roberts 11, Whitney Sullivan 4. FG 17-23, FT 8-13, F 20				
Rose Hill—Erica Herman 19, Rebekah Scoter 6, Mattie Lewis 1, Tara Glaser 5, Dava Logsdon 7, Madison Lucas 4. FG 14-33, FT 11-21, F 14				

proud of our girls for stepping up there at the end and winning it at the line after we let Campus back in the game.

At Rose Hill Friday night, Jan. 23, in a Chisholm Trail League battle, the Wildcats wrapped up a tidy 44-37 victory to avenge an earlier defeat at the hands of the Rocket girls.

"We played well all four quarters," said Miller. "That first game, we were ahead at halftime but we had a miserable 3rd quarter that killed us. Kayla hit a big three-pointer just as the 2nd quarter ended and that really gave us the momentum coming out of the dressing room."

It also put the Cats ahead by one, 26-25. The Wildcats stretched that lead by out-scoring the Rockets, 9-3, in the 3rd quarter, scoring most of those points in a late quarter surge.

"It got a little exciting at the end because we missed the front ends of three one-and-ones but Abby knocked one free throw down and Tasha (Parman) hit two to keep us in charge."

Duncan had a big game, scoring 19 points and Sorensen finished with 11. Oblinger scored five and both senior Stephanie Tatum and Gosch tallied four.