

# 'Half A Loaf' No Good As Girls Drop Opener

A half a game isn't good enough when you're playing one of the top teams in the state.

The Mulvane High School girls found that out Monday night, Jan. 27, in the opening round of the 12th annual Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic. The Cats were washed away in a second half push by Garden Plain's undefeated Owls, 46-33.

In the other first-round game Monday, Circle vaulted to victory with a 4th quarter rally, winning by a 61-44 count.

The Wildcats and Owls are headed opposite directions this season, the Owls improving to 10-0 while the Cats tumbled to 1-11. Mulvane will meet Wellington at 3:30 p.m. today (Jan. 30) in a consolation semifinal.

"We played well the first half but they shot so much better in the second half, they pulled away," said Gregg Wolgast, the MHS coach. "We did a good job defensively and also on the boards in the first half. They are a lot bigger than we are size-wise but the girls did a fine job."

You can't argue with good shooting, and the Owls got it going in the second half after the MHS girls had held their own in the first half. Mulvane was down by only six, 21-15, at intermission, but the Owls turned it on in the second half. "They only missed four shots in the second half when the game was still up in the air," pointed out Wolgast. "They started hitting the outside shots, so we had to put more pressure on the outside. That really opened things up inside for them and their bigger girls started scoring. In the first half, we were able to pack it in on their inside game."

Wolgast felt his club did a good job running its offense, but for the second game in a row, only four players were able to put points on the board. "We did a real good job running our half-court offense," said Wolgast. "Sometimes we weren't as patient as we should have been, and we had a bunch of shots that rolled around and didn't go in."

## 12th Annual Wildcat Girls Classic Results

### FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 7 8 8 10-33  
Garden Plain 11 10 14 11-46  
Mulvane—Denise Wilson 10, Lee Banzet 8, Sheila Mills 9, Tricia Turner 6, Stephanie Schultz 0. FG 15-32 (0), FT 3-5, F 13.

Garden Plain—Lena Panek 11, Katie Panek 10, Rachele Panek 1, Carmen Lafferty 15, Karen Schauf 6, Rhonda Jiakra 3. FG 20-39 (0), FT 6-14, F 11.

Circle 61, Wellington 44  
Wichita South 76, Clearwater 52  
Winfield 60, Andover 55

## 12th Annual Wildcat Girls Classic Pairings

### Today (Jan. 30)

Game 5 — Wellington vs. Mulvane, 3:30 p.m.

Game 6 — Clearwater vs. Andover, 5:15

Game 7 — Wichita South vs. Winfield, 7

Game 8 — Circle vs. Garden Plain, 8:45

### Saturday, Feb. 1

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

Senior center Denise Wilson scored 10 points and was the only Wildcat in double figures. Sheila Mills scored nine points and sophomore Lee Banzet scored eight. The other six points were scored by guard Tricia Turner. "Sheila and Lee played well," said the Mulvane coach. "Lee probably had one of her best games. And Denise did a good job defensively on their big girl."

"The last three or four games, we have played well," added Wolgast. "We have played good enough to win, but we can't quite get over the hump for a win. The girls just have to keep their confidence up and we'll get one."

In a Chisholm Trail League outing Friday night, Jan. 24, at Goddard, the Wildcats found out why the Lions were leading the league in a 54-33 thrashing.

That loss kept the Cats winless in the

CTL, falling to 0-6 and 1-10 overall. Goddard is 5-1 in the league and 9-2 overall.

"I thought we played really well in the first half," said Wolgast. "We did a good job not letting them get the ball inside to their big girls, but we kind of ran out of gas. Our depth has been depleted pretty much. We had to go with a lot of younger girls, and Goddard started breaking inside."

Mulvane was in the game after the first quarter and at half, trailing only 28-21, but the doors blew off in the final half as the Lions out-scored Mulvane, 26-12, for the convincing victory.

"We forced them outside in the first half," said Wolgast. "We jammed up the middle and they were taking outside shots against our zone. We also did a good job in the first half on the boards and didn't give them any put-backs. That changed in the second half once we started getting tired."

The Cats got a 17-point performance from the junior Mills. Wilson had 12 points, giving Mulvane a dandy one-two punch, but the other three positions chipped in with only four points—two each by Turner and Banzet.

In the junior varsity contest, Mulvane freshman Melissa Maxey, seeing her first high school action, poured in 20 points and her frosh running mate, Cody Watson had six, but it wasn't enough to overcome Goddard's jayvee in a 43-38 loss.

Mulvane also had four points each from Marcy Arnold and Deva Lewis.

### Varsity Girls

Mulvane 12 9 6 6-33  
Goddard 17 11 14 12-54

Mulvane—Sheila Mills 17, Denise Wilson 12, Tricia Turner 2, Lee Banzet 2, Stephanie Schultz 0. FG 16 (0), FT 1-5, F 13.

Goddard—Lori Cunningham 17, Marni Harrison 8, Amy Brown 8, Bobbi Lochner 8, Ann Arnold 3, Kristin Hawks 10. FG 24 (0), FT 6-12, F 16.

### Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane 11 4 11 10-38  
Goddard 12 4 15 12-43

Mulvane—Kristi McDowell 2, Marcy Arnold 4, Jamie Mundell 2, Deva Lewis 4, Cody Watson 6, Melissa Maxey 20. FG 15 (0), FT 8-17, F 14.

Goddard—Scholl 7, Lochner 10, Bowden 8, Brown 6, Nevil 5, Enright 2, Johnson 5. FG 17 (0), FT 9-18, F 14.