

Girls Bottom Out At Valley

Being perched on the edge of respectability bothers Bill Stinson, Mulvane High School's girls basketball coach. "Every time we get to the point where it looks like we've got a shot at being one of the top teams, we play a poor game," said Stinson.

At Valley Center Tuesday night, Jan. 29, one of those "poor games" jumped up and bit the Wildcats, allowing Valley Center's young club to take a 35-30 triumph. The loss saw Mulvane's record dip to 6-7 and to 3-2 in the Chisholm Trail League.

"It was an important game for us," said Stinson, "because we could have been right there second in the league with a shot at Buhler. Instead, we didn't prepare for the game and shot poorly (13 of 51 from the field). It was the worst shooting we've had all year. We had good shots but didn't get the job done. They also ran a 1-3-1 half-court trap and we turned it over too many times."

And in the end, it boiled down to another lousy free throw shooting game, as the Cat gals made only four of 14 from the stripe. "It was a frustrating loss, one that we could have won," stressed Stinson. "We should be able to hit free throws. Probably six or seven that we missed were at the front of a one-and-one, so we missed an opportunity to get six or seven more points. You're not going to win the big games if you don't learn to hit free throws. It's that simple."

Stinson started the game hoping to put the defensive crimps on VC and the Wildcats did that. However, Mulvane's 30-point effort was the worst of the season for a team averaging 48 points a game.

The Cats were led by senior Melody Carey, who scored nine points. Lori Cox and Lisa Jones added six points apiece. Hot-shooting guard Tiane Dossey was held to only four points after having a string of double-figure games.

The Mulvane junior varsity had its own way against the Hornet jayvees, rolling to a 42-22 victory.

Rhonda Davis was the only player in double figures but three other players--Terri Plotts, Tanya Gerdes and Susie Quigley--had good games with eight points each.

Stinson's guard tandem of Dossey and Jones continued to sparkle but a mystery at the free throw line did the Wildcats in the annual Mulvane Girls Invitational Tournament which ended Saturday, Jan. 26, in the Mulvane High School gym.

The Wildcats wound up 6th in their own eight-team meet as Rose Hill muscled past them, 50-46, in the consolation championship game, using a 6-for-15 game at the free throw lane to cash in the victory.

In an earlier game, the Wildcats survived a stubborn Augusta, 55-46, Friday night, Jan. 25.

"We played good basketball but lost it on the free throw line again," complained Stinson. "I'm not so disappointed with the loss because Rose Hill has a very good team. We rebounded and played well after playing poorly against Augusta the night before."

The outstanding offensive display by the guard duo of Dossey and Jones continued to light up the boards. Jones scored 12 points and Dossey had 11 against the Rockets. They had ample help as senior Melody Carey scored seven and Darla Reekie finished with six.

Cox also led the team in rebounds with nine and Carey had eight.

Against the winless Orioles from

Augusta, the Wildcat gals couldn't shake away until late in the game as Jones dumped in 12 of her 16 points in the second half. "You try to come right out and put a team like that down early, get on top, but we really didn't play well and that enabled them to stay in the ball game against us," said Stinson.

Dossey led the team against Augusta, pouring through 17 points. Jones finished with 16 points, six coming in the final quarter when she hit 4-for-5 from the free throw stripe to help keep Augusta behind. Mulvane's No. 3 scorer was Carey, who tossed in nine points.

Girls Varsity

Mulvane	6	8	10	6-30
Valley Center	2	17	8	8-35
Mulvane--Melody Carey 9, Lisa Jones 6, Darla Reekie 4, Lori Cox 6, Tiane Dossey 4, Tammy Haas 1. FG 13-51, FT 4-14, F 21.				
Valley Center--Kim Barnes 8, Cathy Smith 8, Patty Sanders 9, Staci Kennedy 6, Alic Jewell 2, Monica Coultis 2. FG 14-40, FT 7-17, F 17.				

Girls Junior Varsity

Mulvane	10	6	14	12-42
Valley Center	4	9	0	9-22
Mulvane--Rhonda Davis 10, Terri Plotts 8, Tammy Haas 6, Shella Mahlandt 2, Susie Quigley 8, Tanya Gerdes 8. FG 19, FT 4-12, F 14.				
Valley Center--Monica Coultis 2, Stephanie Gibson 3, Tammy Wilkerson 1, Denise Smith 4, Staci Kennedy 8, Kelley Newell 2, Kristy Parker 2. FG 8, FT 6-12, F 8.				

MULVANE GIRLS INVITATIONAL CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIP

Rose Hill	8	14	12	16-50
Mulvane	13	12	9	12-48
Rose Hill--Damona Walton 4, Michelle Lance 10, Shannon Armstrong 12, Angela Barber 14, Kathy Moeder 2, Christy Armstrong 8. FG 24-57, FT 2-2, F 17.				

Mulvane	Melody Carey 7, Lisa Jones 12, Darla Reekie 6, Lori Cox 4, Tiane Dossey 11, Rhonda Davis 4, Tammy Haas 2. FG 20-57, FT 6-15, F 7.
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CHAMPIONSHIP

Derby 47, Bishop Carroll 29

THIRD PLACE

Andover 69, Clearwater 46

CONSOLATION THIRD

Augusta 51, Wellington 39

SEMIFINALS

Mulvane	15	18	12	15-55
Augusta	15	11	11	9-46

Mulvane	Melody Carey 9, Lisa Jones 16, Darla Reekie 2, Lori Cox 6, Tiane Dossey 17, Terri Plotts 2, Rhonda Davis 3. FG 24-53, FT 7-16, F 15.
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Augusta	Stacy All 10, Tamara Smith 12, Kara Jackson 15, Angie Rodrigues 5, Shelly Williams 4. FG 21-60, FT 4-11, F 19.
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Derby 53, Clearwater 32

Bishop Carroll 53, Andover 42

Rose Hill 63, Wellington 45



Junior Tiane Dossey [20] flips a pass inside in Cat victory over Orioles