

First Time In Championship Wildcats' Run Falls Short

It was uncharted territory for the Mulvane High School girls and it showed. Playing for the "gold" hasn't been in the plans in previous years, but there are new plans this year.

Coach Gregg Wolgast's gals were brought down to earth in the finals of the 1990 Wildcat Girls Classic Saturday night, Jan. 27, as Garden Plain came alive in the second half to pop Mulvane's dreams of a championship. The Owls pulled away at the end for a 43-31 victory and the tourney championship.

It marked Mulvane's first trip into the championship game of its own tournament, and for a half, the Wildcats looked like they were ready to avenge an earlier defeat to Garden Plain. However, a series of turnovers in the third quarter kept the Cats without a field goal in the third quarter for more than five minutes before Ticia Nicholson's drive with 2:41 left, the only

points of the quarter until Nicole Infinger's two free throws with 42 seconds left in the period.

"That little dry spell really hurt us," admitted Wolgast. "It's something we seem to have a problem with all season long. Frankly, I'm not sure why. The girls just seem to have a hard time getting back into the flow of the game in the third quarter."

By the end of the third period, the damage was done. The Owls had stretched out to a 29-23 lead and enlarged it early in the fourth quarter before putting the game away behind a flurry of free throws, making 10 of 15 tosses in the 4th quarter.

"In the first half, we played well, both teams did," said Wolgast. "We worked hard at getting shots off the offense and they were good shots. On the defensive end, the girls worked hard at keeping them from getting shots. In the second half, we came out and it was like we were trying too hard to not have a bad quarter. We tried to force the ball inside instead of rotating the ball like we did in the first half. As a result, we weren't able to get the good shots like we were getting early."

The Owls built up a 33-23 lead but Mulvane made a run behind a couple of

Two Wildcats Named To Meet's Select 1st Team

The champion Garden Plain Owls, Mulvane's second place Wildcats and Winfield dominated the all-tournament team named Saturday night, Jan. 27, following the conclusion of the 1990 Lady Wildcat Classic held at the Mulvane High School gym.

The Owls won the team title in impressive fashion against the host Wildcats and three members of that team were named to the all-tournament top 10. Guards Amy Jaax and Kathy Walden, both juniors, were selected as was top gun Michelle Lix, a senior. Representing the Wildcats were "Twin Towers" Kendra Banzet and Ticia Nicholson, both juniors. Winfield, which won the consolation championship, placed senior Gretchen Wells and junior Alexia Giblin on the select team

Joining the seven above girls were senior Kristin Johnson of Circle, Donna Biby of Clearwater and Marci Brecheisen of Wellington.

The Wellington crowd and cheerleading squad won the tournament's "Sportsmanship Trophy."

Wildcat Girls Basketball Classic

Championship

Mulvane	12	7	4	8	31
Garden Plain	10	9	10	14	43

Mulvane—Ticia Turner 5, Kendra Banzet 16, Ticia Nicholson 4, Lisa Heersche 4, Nicole Infinger 2. FG 14-36 (0), FT 3-5, F 14.

Garden Plain—Amy Jaax 8, Michelle Lix 16, Kathy Walden 7, Jenny Barton 3, Rhonda Jiskra 2, Lena Panek 7. FG 16-42 (0), FT 9-12, F 9.

Third Place

Winfield 63, Circle 57

Fifth Place

Wellington 38, Clearwater 23

Seventh Place

Andover 54, Derby JV 46

Second Round

Mulvane	16	13	6	12	47
Circle	8	8	8	20	44

Mulvane—Ticia Turner 1, Tammy Withrow 4, Kendra Banzet 14, Ticia Nicholson 14, Lisa Heersche 10, Nicole Infinger 4. FG 21-40 (0), FT 5-12, F 20

Circle—Shanna Carter 10, Carol Egan 3, Penny Wellner 6, Julie Cooper 8, Melanie Schaker 1. FG 17-47 (1), FT 9-21, F 13

Garden Plain 48, Winfield 34

Clearwater 45, Derby JV 42

Wellington 53, Andover 42

First Round (In Last's Week's News)

Mulvane 43, Andover 32

Circle 51, Wellington 48

Garden Plain 59, Derby JV 50

Winfield 64, Clearwater 38