

# Wildcats Wilt With Press; Lose Three In Cat Classic

The 15th annual Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic was "cold sweat time" for the host Mulvane High School girls.

Wellington presses. Mulvane wilts. Arkansas City presses. The Wildcats wilt.

That was pretty much the story of the final two rounds of the Wildcat Classic for the MHS girls. Wellington drilled the Cats in the first three quarters Saturday after-

noon, Jan. 28, making the most of a pressure defense as the Crusaders got revenge for defeat Mulvane gave them back in December, romping to a 55-35 triumph to take seventh place.

Two nights earlier, Arkansas City used the same formula to sprint to a 27-7 lead after one quarter on the way to a 69-33 victory in the semifinals.

Garden Plain held on for a 70-69 thriller Saturday night to take the first place trophy over defending champion Andover. Third place went to Campus, a 60-52 winner over Andale and Ark City had no trouble in the consolation championship, dumping Clearwater, 48-30.

"Going into the tournament, I felt we could have picked up a couple wins," said Ron McMahon. "I felt real positive going in, but the pressure which has been giving us trouble all year long haunted us again. Like against Wellington. We beat them the first time out, but when you have 23 turnovers in the first half alone, you can't run your offense. You can't get anything set up. The press really is bothering us."

It doesn't take opposing coaches long to find an opening. Full and half-court pressure has simply been the doom of the MHS girl's offense. Wellington rang up a 11-7 lead in the first quarter and extended the gap to 12 by intermission.

"The problem is when you have that kind of problem, it gets into every other aspect of your game," added McMahon.

"It's disheartening because you can't run your offense. Girls get disheartened when they can't get the ball inside and then your defense suffers because you're falling farther behind."

McMahon said the Wildcat gals needed to continue to work on their press break, keep hustling, pick up the intensity defensively and go to the boards harder.

"Our defense isn't what it should be and we have to get more rebounds," said McMahon. "I think it will all come together once we get our press break down and figure out a better passing scheme. We're so small out front, the girls try to go over the top and you can't do it. You have to go with the bounce pass to get inside. I keep looking for it to come together. We can still win some games. You might say we're learning by our mistakes but as we get more experienced, the girls will be able to work the pressure better."

Against the Crusaders, it didn't help to go cold at the free throw stripe, either. Mulvane

made only three of 11 tosses at the line.

Junior center Janelle Wenke paced the Cat scoring with 10 points and was the only player in double figures. Reserve guard NiChelle Bruce finished with six points and both junior Courtney Renfro and Heidi Parker had five points each. Lee Cates had four.

"We need to get more than just one player in double figures, we need at least two more," said McMahon. "But when you're not getting the ball inside, when you're not able to run the offense, you don't get any scoring."

In the semifinals against Ark City, most of the second half was anti-climactic since the Bulldogs sprinted out to a 42-15 half-time margin. Wenke had another 10-point game and both Renfro and guard Carrie Burkhardt shot in six points. Crissy Carpenter and Danielle Hughes, two sophomores, finished with four points each.

The losses dropped the Wildcats to 1-11 for the year heading into a game Friday night, Feb. 3, at Kingman. It's a Chisholm Trail League contest.



## Top Scorers Named To All-Tourney

Three seniors, two sophomores and a freshman highlighted the 1995 All-Tournament First Team named following the 15th annual Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic Saturday night, Jan. 28.

But it was junior Susan Woolf of Andover who led the scoring on her way to a third consecutive first-team selection in the Wildcat Classic.

Woolf, who scored a meet-high 87 points, guided the Trojans to second place. That total gave Woolf the career scoring record with 282 points. The old scoring leader, Janay Vulgamore of Clearwater, had scored 215 points.

Garden Plain, which took the team title away from 1994 tournament winner Andover, had three girls named all-tourney—senior Amy Puetz, junior Jelayne Gerber and sophomore Jodi Rausch.

Others named to the first team included freshman Sara Hostetler of Clearwater, Andale junior Katie Eck, sophomore Kristy Tabor and senior Heather Henning of Campus, junior Deanna Linder of Arkansas City and Kelly Watson, an Andover senior.

Woolf was selected the first annual C.V. Hartung Award winner, which was named in honor of former fan C. V. Hartung of Mulvane, who died in 1994.

The sportsmanship award was given to Clearwater and Rusty Whitting of Campus was named to the Outstanding Coach Award.

### 15th Annual Wildcat Girls Classic Results

#### SEVENTH PLACE

Mulvane	7	7	13	8-35
Wellington	11	15	20	9-55

Mulvane—Janelle Wenke 10, Courtney Renfro 5, Danielle Hughes 3, Heidi Parker 5, Carrie Burkhardt 2, NiChelle Bruce 6, Lee Cates 4. FG 16 (0), FT 3-11, F 21.

Wellington—Marsee Russell 19, Tracy Bertrand 6, Jessica Russell 4, Misty Stallbaumer 15, Tara Strothman 6, Kecheia Griffin 4, Stacy Hamilton 2. FG 22 (4), FT 7-12, F 17.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

Garden Plain 70, Andover 69

#### THIRD PLACE

Campus 60, Andale 52

#### FIFTH PLACE

Arkansas City 48, Clearwater 30

#### SEMIFINALS

Arkansas City	27	15	16	11-69
Mulvane	7	8	14	4-33

Arkansas City—Amy Spencer 4, Tori Gann 3, Deanna Linder 29, April Demaree 4, Katie Hutchinson 8, Brook Casto 10, Tiffany Davidson 1, Amanda Crouse 5, Valerie Ware 3, Sonya Vargas 2. FG 20 (4), FT 17-31, F 15.

Mulvane—Crissy Carpenter 4, Janelle Wenke 10, Courtney Renfro 6, Danielle Hughes 4, Carrie Burkhardt 6, Lee Cates 3. FG 15 (0), FT 3-8, F 24.

Clearwater 59, Wellington 48  
Garden Plain 80, Campus 64  
Andover 65, Andale 52