

# South Size

# Hurts MHS

Wichita South parlayed a pressure defense and inside size into a deadly combination against the Mulvane High School girls Saturday afternoon, Jan. 29, in the fifth place game in the 14th annual Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic.

South pressured Mulvane's guards and went over the top on the offensive end on their way to an easy 64-40 victory for fifth place.

Andover won the tournament championship in a thrilling 72-69 title tilt that evening behind the record-setting scoring by sophomore guard Susan Woolf. Circle nabbed third place with a 45-37 game against Winfield, and seventh place went to Clearwater by a 44-42 count over Wellington.

South, taking advantage of a size advantage, wasted little time exploiting the Cats, rumbling out to a 17-6 lead after one quarter. By halftime, South's Titans were indeed titans, holding onto a 35-22 edge.

"We had some good competition in the tournament and at times, we played well," said Ron McMahon, the MHS girls coach. "At other times, we didn't. We tried to go with a bigger team against south to combat their size and for a while, it worked, but they had some good shooters inside.

"They also pressured our guards and our guard play wasn't nearly as good as it needed to be. They presses us and that kept us from getting into our offense. We had difficulty getting the ball down the court and that hurt. The truth of the matter is that they also had the big girl (6-foot, 1-inch Dawn Horn) inside and she was too big for us to handle. We tried to do a few things but none of them worked."

Horn scored 16 points in the first half and didn't score in the last quarter but still finished with a game-high 23 points.

"We might have been able to overcome that, but we couldn't overcome their edge out front," added McMahon. "They hurt us early in the first quarter. We had too many turnovers and they'd just get the ball to their big girl and she was hitting them. They had a couple other girls who hadn't done much in the tournament but they turned it up a notch against us. Going into the game, I didn't think they were that good of shooters."

McMahon, however, wasn't discouraged, although his girls slipped to 5-9 on the year as they prepare for a home game Friday night, Feb. 4, with Buhler coming to town. The Wildcats are still in the hunt in the CTL, sporting a 4-2 record, so the Buhler contest is a big one from that standpoint.

"Our girls battled all the way," said McMahon. "The girls never gave up.

Senior Lee Banzet had 14 points to power the MHS offense. Cody Watson scored nine points, Janelle Wenke had six before fouling out and both Heather Taylor and Courtney Renfro scored four points.

Mulvane moved into the consolation championship game by getting it together in the second half on the way to a 50-36 shellacking of Clearwater Thursday evening, Jan. 27.

It was Mulvane's best outing of the tournament. "The girls played at both ends of the floor against Clearwater," nodded McMahon. "It was our best game. We went to a zone defense so we could shut down their best shooters and we also slowed the game down to get them out of their style. That seemed to hurt."

McMahon also said the Wildcats took Clearwater's main ballhandler out of the game with some defensive adjustments, but it took a half before Mulvane gained the upper hand. The Indians jumped ahead, 14-9, in the first quarter but Mulvane outscored Clearwater, 29-17, in the last half to pull away.

Banzet had another brilliant game, scoring 19 points. Watson had 14 points and Wenke gave the Cats three in twin figures with 10 points. Kristi McDowell scored the team's other seven points.

## Two Wildcats All-Tourney Selections

Two Mulvane High School players joined record-breaking Andover guard, Susan Woolf, on the all-tournament team selected at the conclusion of the 14th annual Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic Saturday, Jan. 29.

The two Wildcats selected to the top team were senior Lee Banzet and junior Cody Watson, two sparkplugs who led the Cats into the game for fifth place. Banzet was the No. 1 Mulvane scorer with 45 points while Watson averaged 11 points a game, topped the team in rebounding and had a fine passing series.

They were joined by Woolf, who shattered both the tournament and single game scoring records. She finished with 102 points, including 41 in the finale which saw her Trojans prevail over Garden Plain for the title.

The No. 2 tournament scorer, Dawn Horn of Wichita South, was also selected, as was teammate Christy Gragg.

Others picked for honors were Rachelle Panek and Jodi Rausch of runner-up Garden Plain, Jacque Jenkins and Kristi Cooper of Circle and Angie Leith of Winfield.

Banzet's selection gives the Mulvane girls' tournament its fourth set of sisters to make the all-star team. Her sister, Kendra Banzet, was a three-time selection a few years back. Panek had two sisters previously on the all-tournament team, Katie and Lena Panek. The others were the Armstrong girls from Rose Hill (Shannon and Christy) and the Cooper sisters from Circle (Kristi and Julie).

The all-tournament team also provided a complete cover of the classes—freshman Rausch, Woolf, who is a sophomore, and Gragg and Watson, who are juniors. The rest are seniors. Four girls repeated—Woolf, the 6-foot, 1-inch Horn, Leith and Cooper.

### Wildcat Girls Classic Results

#### FIFTH PLACE

Mulvane	6	16	12	6-40
Wichita South	17	18	14	15-64

Mulvane—Kristi McDowell 3, Lee Banzet 14, Heather Taylor 4, Courtney Renfro 4, Cody Watson 9, Janelle Wenke 6 FG 19 (0), FT 2-6, F 22

Wichita South—Dawn Horn 23, Kelly Nelson 2, Poetry Foster 3, Christy Gragg 10, Danielle Jackson 4, Angela Wiard 4, Rachel White 14, Dawn Haivala 2, Dawn Mardock 2 FG 26 (1), FT 11-24, F 13

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

Andover 72, Garden Plain 69

#### THIRD PLACE

Circle 45, Winfield 37

#### SEVENTH PLACE

Clearwater 44, Wellington 42

#### SEMIFINALS

Clearwater	14	5	9	8	36
Mulvane	9	12	14	15	50

Clearwater—Carmen Doramus 12, Rachel Lucas 4, Jamie Walker 10, Angie Pauly 6, Katie Grusing 3, Emilee Moore 1 FG 14 (1), FT 7-13, F 18

Mulvane—Cody Watson 14, Lee Banzet 19, Janelle Wenke 10, Kristi McDowell 7, Heather Taylor 0 FG 19 (0), FT 12-19, F 15

Wichita South 40, Wellington 26

Andover 55, Winfield 41

Garden Plain 64, Circle 59 (2 OT)