

# Wildcat Girls Can't Lose 'Bad Penny'

## Mills Selected All-Tourney; Top Scorers Make Team

One quarter. It's like a "bad penny" the Mulvane High School girls can't seem to lose.

The Wildcat girls couldn't shake the "one quarter trance" they have been finding themselves in this season and consequently had to settle for last place Saturday, Jan. 30, in the 13th annual Wildcat Girls Classic at the MHS gym.

The Cats were ahead but lost the final two games of the tourney on fourth-quarter comebacks. Wellington out-scored the Wildcats, 20-8, in the 4th in the seventh place game and edged Mulvane, 48-46. In a consolation semifinal Thursday, Jan. 28, Winfield screamed from behind with a 21-10 showing in the last frame to take a 50-41 game from Mulvane.

Wichita South pulled away from Andover to take the team championship Saturday night in a 60-49 game.

"Same old song, same verse," said MHS Coach Gregg Wolgast, shaking his head. "We played good for three quarters, then we had a stretch when it looked like we had five different girls out there in the last quarter. We're missing somebody who will really take charge on the floor and take us to where we should be when it's crunch time, somebody who is willing to step in there and get us going back in the right direction."

Wolgast, who saw his club's mark slip to 3-11, has seen the fourth quarter swoon several times already this season but still feels the MHS girls are making progress. "We're showing improvement everywhere except the fourth quarter," said Wolgast. "I can't be real discouraged because we're playing well for three quarters of the game, but at the same time, we're having those little breakdowns that cost us. Against Wellington, we missed some free throws. They were behind so they were fouling us to get back in the game and we missed three front ends. Earlier in the game, we were making those."

The Crusaders charged past the Cats late in the game. With Wellington ahead, 47-46, Mulvane had several opportunities to pull ahead but failed. A long pass inside to ace scorer Sheila Mills barely missed the mark and Mulvane failed to take advantage of two missed free throws by Wellington.

Mills finished with 13 points. Senior Robin Smith scored 10 points, Lee Banzet had seven and Kristi McDowell scored five for MHS.

### 13th Annual Wildcat Girls Classic Results

#### SEVENTH PLACE

Wellington	12	7	9	20-48
Mulvane	16	8	14	8-46

Wellington—Marsee Russell 5, Misty Stallbaumer 2, Stephanie Lockhart 8, Concilla Griffin 19, Jan Nance 7, Sam Bertrand 4, Amy Ketch 3. FG 19 (3), FT 7-16, F 18.

Mulvane—Robin Smith 10, Deva Lewis 4, Anna Turner 2, Alayna Arnold 2, Sheila Mills 13, Lee Banzet 7, Kristi McDowell 5, Cody Watson 1, Shannon Reed 2. FG 19 (1), FT 7-19, F 19.

#### FIRST PLACE

Wichita South 60, Andover 49

#### THIRD PLACE

Circle 57, Garden Plain 50

#### FIFTH PLACE

Winfield 47, Clearwater 25

#### SEMIFINALS

Mulvane	10	14	7	10-41
Winfield	6	13	10	21-50

Mulvane—Cody Watson 12, Kristi McDowell 8, Sheila Mills 12, Deva Lewis 1, Lee Banzet 3, Robin Smith 1. FG 15 (0), FT 11-25, F 26.

Winfield—Ferra Cabell 4, Angie Leith 17, Lindsay Brinkley 5, Sora Grander 8, Sheila Walker 8, Jenny Peterson 4, Shalon Simpson 2. FG 13 (1), FT 23-32, F 27.

Clearwater 30, Wellington 28

Wichita South 50, Circle 46

Andover 73, Garden Plain 61

#### FIRST ROUND

Wichita South 52, Clearwater 50

Circle 48, Wellington 34

Ten top players, including Mulvane senior Sheila Mills, were named to the Wildcat Girls Classic all-tournament team Saturday, Jan. 30, at the conclusion of the 13th annual Classic.

Mills was one of the top scorers in the eight-team field, as she scored a team-high 48 points in guiding Coach Gregg Wolgast's Cats in the tourney.

Freshman guard Susan Woolf of Andover, who dominated the scoring chart and set a tournament scoring record (93 points), headlined the stellar all-star team along with Carman Lafferty of Garden Plain, who was named to the first team for the third year in a row.

Mulvane started to fade a bit in the third quarter against the Vikings and fell into a full-fledged retreat in the last frame when Winfield out-gunned the Cats, 21-10.

Mills and Cody Watson topped the scoring for Mulvane with 12 points apiece. McDowell added eight points and Banzet scored seven.

"Hopefully, on down the line, it's going to pay off that we have been in these situations and lost a couple close games," said Wolgast. "We're getting plenty of experience in tight games and we just hope it helps in the long run."

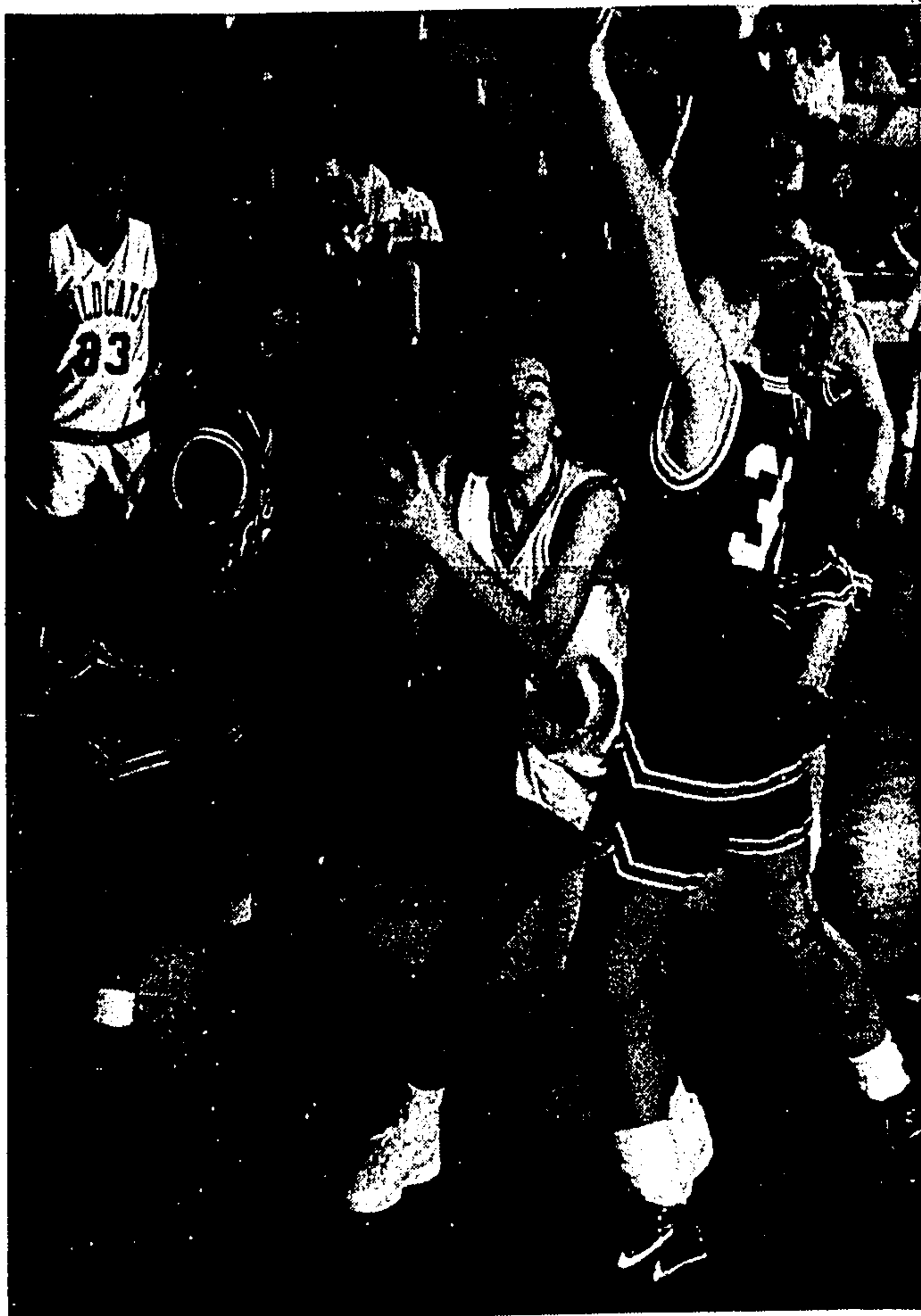
Wichita South, the 1993 tournament champion, placed two players on the all-star team, Amy Mote and Dawn Horn.

Others named to the team were Katie Panek of Garden Plain, junior Angie Leith of Winfield, Keri Barrow of Clearwater, junior Kristi Cooper of Circle and Concilla Griffin of Wellington.

Another award given for the first time this year was the "Outstanding Coach Award," given to the coach who has contributed to athletics over the years. That award went to veteran coach Dic Tatro of Andover, who has more than 100 wins in two different sports and has coached more than 25 years.

The Winfield semifinal game was nearly a carbon copy...the lead, the stall, the loss. Mulvane was ahead by as many as eight points but couldn't find the right answers down the stretch.

"We led the whole way until the last quarter, then missed a bunch of front ends of one-and-ones and that allowed them to get back in the game," said Wolgast. "Each game, we're doing some things better. We're finding the open person. We're playing better defense. It's just a matter of putting it all together now and playing a complete ball game."



Mulvane's Lee Banzet (21) gets ready to go up against Wellington