

Offense Sputters Early, Buhler Trounces Wildcats

A sputtering start doomed Mulvane's girls basketballers to a long ride home from Buhler Tuesday night, Feb. 3, as the Crusaders smothered the Wildcats, 53-25, in a Chisholm Trail League game.

The loss dropped coach Bill Brown's club to 2-12 for the year and 0-6 in the CTL and, in fact, was almost identical to the lickin' the Crusaders gave Mulvane back in January by a 53-22 count.

Balance keyed the Mulvane scoring as junior Carol Baker scored nine points, senior Arlene Reekie added six and another senior, Vicki Powell, hit for five. April Bales had three points.

The Wildcat B-team also found Buhler difficult to handle and came away with a 57-17 beating.

Heading up the scoring for coach Kim Frank's B-teamers were Mary Cole, Gwen Reekie and Dee Dee Rather. Each scored four points.

Brown's troopers posted their second victory of the year in the game for seventh place Saturday afternoon, Jan. 31, in their own tournament. The Cats held on to notch a 26-24 win against Conway Springs.

"We played some good basketball, especially in the first half," said Brown. "We built up a nine-point lead, then stalled the last four minutes of the game. We felt like that was the way to go."

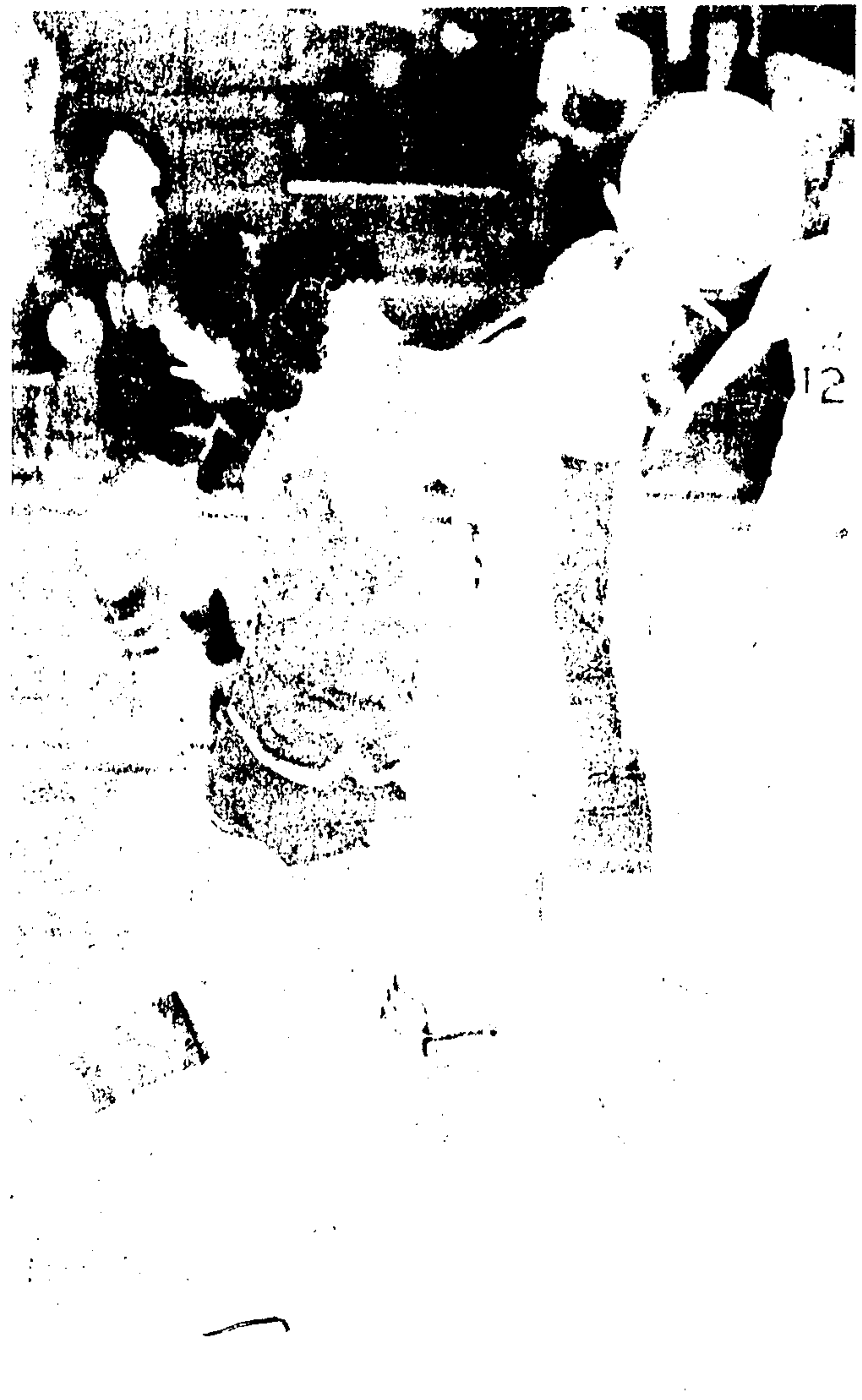
Brown's strategy proved successful even though the Wildcats shot only 30 times in winning 7th over a team which gunned up 76 shots. "I don't know what their trouble was," said Brown. "Usually, they are a good-shooting club but they made only 11 percent. It just didn't go in for them. I like to see us shoot 55-60 times but we didn't need to holding the ball."

Senior Arlene Reekie paced the MHS scoring with 12 points and Vicki Powell added 11.

Mulvane had advanced a night earlier by losing to Cheney, 46-27. Reekie pushed in 14 points and Powell had six. Nancy Gehring finished with three points in the game.

According to Brown, the tournament, making its maiden voyage, was a big success both financially and interest-wise, too. "It proved to be a pretty good tournament," said Brown. "It was good experience for everybody and the gate was tremendous. Saturday night, it was packed, with the pom pon competition going on in addition to the games."

MULVANE Sports



Cats' Lori Mellick [5] reaches into disrupt passing lanes in tourney

Varsity Girls				
Mulvane	5	3	8	9--25
Buhler	14	16	10	13--53

Mulvane--Vicki Powell 5, Arlene Reekie 6, April Bales 3, Kristi Lawless 2, Carol Baker 9. FG 8-37, FT 9-17, F 12.

Buhler--Missy Weigel 14, Lad Miller 2, Kerry Siefkes 15, Tamara Bowen 4, Vicky Lohrentz 8, Ann Stephens 3, Liz Wells 2, Jera Lane 2, Julie Zeller 3. FG 22-59, FT 9-16, F 15.

Girls Junior Varsity				
Mulvane	5	6	2	4--17
Buhler	17	12	13	15--57

Mulvane--Stacey Shoemaker 2, Mary Cole 4, Gwen Reekie 4, Dee Dee Rather 4, Celia Rogers 3. FG 7-45, FT 3-17, F 18.

Buhler--Angela Avery 8, Sarah Gregory 3, Julie Moore 5, Julie Zeller 10, Pam Sugden 6, Linda Kroecker 3, Dorinda Dick 4, Windy Adkins 4, Liz Wells 2, Deanna Wright 2, Chris Stephens 10. FG 24-60, FT 9-21, F 18.

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Mulvane	9	7	9	1--26
Conway Springs	4	3	9	6--24

Mulvane--Vicki Powell 11, Arlene Reekie 12, Carol Baker 2, Nancy Gehring 1, Kristi Lawless 0. FG 10-30, FT 6-11, F 9.

Conway Springs--Laurie Koester 9, Janet Martin 2, Maureen Glenn 2, Janice Martin 9, Zelda Hartman 0. FG 9-76, FT 4-9, F 15.

Championship

Wichita West 55, Clearwater 45

Third Place

Derby 35, Belle Plaine 31

Fifth Place

Cheney 45, Wellington 40

Consolation Semifinals

Cheney	13	18	8	7--46
Mulvane	8	10	5	4--27

Cheney--Stacy Bollinger 8, Amy Goldsmith 11, Debble Dewey 2, Teri Ruckle 7, Nikki Viner 4, Kim Shepherd 8, Kim Duke 6. FG 20-48, FT 6-10, F 10.

Mulvane--Vicki Powell 6, Arlene Reekie 14, April Bales 2, Carol Baker 2, Nancy Gehring 3. FG 9-38, FT 9-11, F 10.

Wellington 40, Conway Springs 34