

Wildcat Girls Perfect Hosts, Finished Last In Cage Classic

Mulvane High School girls played the perfect host last week in the annual Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic. The Wildcats finished sixth in the six-team tournament by being ambushed, 77-41, Saturday, Jan. 31, by Wellington.

The tournament championship was won by Rose Hill as the undefeated Rockets shot Bishop Carroll later Saturday, 55-39, for the title. In the game for third place, Clearwater blew away Andover, 64-27.

The Wildcats, in their first year under Rod Cole, had been beaten earlier in the tournament by Andover, 49-44, and by Rose Hill, 85-26, in first round action.

"Wellington was one of our better efforts," said Cole. "We played considerably better than the score indicates. We were down by 12 points at the half and cut it to within six points in the third quarter before they started pulling back away."

Every time the Wildcats, who are 2-9 for the year, started their march back into the middle of the game, Wellington's quickness and rebounding superiority came to the forefront and Kristin Scheufler and Markie Russell would hit a couple and the Dukes from Wellington would be on their way.

Wellington jumped out to a 13-10 lead after one quarter of play but things started to crumble in the second quarter and Wellington held a 30-18 advantage by intermission. The Dukes put the game on ice in the final quarter by



out-gunning Mulvane, 21-9, as Lori Goodrum started getting hot.

"We were forced into a full-court pressure situation to try and catch up and we just couldn't keep up the pace late in the game which allowed them to pull away," said Cole.

Guard Kim Prickett and frontliner Kathy Saxton each scored three goals in the third period as Mulvane made its only serious run for the lead. Saxton finished the contest with a team-high 19 points. Prickett scored seven points and Kimberly Millerskow, Rhonda Reekie and Kandi Miller all scored four points.

Saxton also led the Cats on the boards, gaining eight rebounds. Reekie finished

Saxton Named All-Tournament

Three seniors from the tournament champion Rose Hill team headline the all-tournament first team announced following the annual Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic Saturday, Jan. 31, at Mulvane.

The three Rockets on the elite squad are Shannon Armstrong, Kim Coppage and guard Michelle Lance, a trio who helped guide RH (13-0) to three-straight

with six caroms.

The Cats were knocked into the game for fifth place in the six-team tournament Tuesday night, Jan. 27, by a 49-44 defeat to Andover in second round action. In the other second-round game, Bishop Carroll drilled Clearwater.

"We played a pretty good ball game before going cold for a stretch at the end of the third quarter and the start of the fourth quarter," said Cole. "We shot 29% from the field in the second half after hitting 43% in the first half.

"Kandi Miller and Kim Prickett gave us an outside scoring punch that is much needed for us to be competitive," added the Cat chief. "Rhonda Reekie did a super job rebounding. She led the team with nine. And we came on strong in the last three minutes but came up just a little short."

With Prickett and Miller both shooting well, the Wildcat gals marched out to a comfortable lead in the opening two

double-figure victories.

Others making the all-tournament team include junior Kathy Saxton of Mulvane, senior Kim Girrens and sophomore Jennifer Estes of Bishop Carroll's second-place Eagles, Janay Vulgamore, a junior from Clearwater; seniors Markie Russell and Lori Goodrum, both of Wellington, and Joyce Borg of Andover.

WILDCAT GIRLS CLASSIC FIFTH PLACE

Wellington	13	17	20	21-77
Mulvane	10	8	14	9-41
Wellington—Markie Russell 17, Lisa Lusk 8, Janet Stringer 10, Lori Goodrum 19, Kristin Scheufler 20, Julie Etter 2, Lynne Hamburg 1, Jeannette Burden 2. FG 32, FT 13-20, F 18.				
Mulvane—Kathy Saxton 19, Kim Prickett 7, Angela Cox 3, Kimberly Millerskow 4, Rhonda Reekie 4, Kandi Miller 4. FG 17-51, FT 7-13, F 16.				

FIRST PLACE

Rose Hill 55, Bishop Carroll 39

THIRD PLACE

Clearwater 64, Andover 27

Rose Hill 52, Andover 35

Bishop Carroll 70, Wellington 59

Second Round

Mulvane	10	10	14	10-44
Andover	8	9	20	12-49
Mulvane—Angela Cox 2, Kim Prickett 12, Rhonda Reekie 2, Kimberly Millerskow 2, Kandi Miller 10, Kathy Saxton 16. FG 18, FT 8-14, F 18.				
Andover—Traci Boone 5, Mellasa Ewing 8, Tracey Lawrence 12, Amanda Brock 2, Joyce Borg 24. FG 22, FT 5-15, F 14.				

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periods but a 20-point burst by the Trojans in the third quarter pushed Andover ahead as their outstanding player, Joyce Borg, scored 10 third-quarter points.

That lead widened to more than 10 points before the Cats started closing the gap but could get no closer than 47-44 with just moments left.

Junior Saxton led Mulvane scorers with 16 but she had lots of help from Prickett and Miller, both with their best scoring games of the season. Prickett finished with 12 points and Miller had 10.