

Wildcats Sour In Tournament

Visions of a trophy quickly disappeared into the night Saturday, Feb. 2, as Mulvane stumbled and fell in the final two rounds of the Caldwell Girls Basketball Tournament at Caldwell High School.

After downing Cheney, 33-29, in an uninspired opening game, the Cats came back against Andover Thursday night, Feb. 1, and the Trojans throttled the Wildcats, 44-40. In the game for third place against the host school, Caldwell dominated in a 58-38 victory.

"The entire tournament was a bad one for us," complained Mulvane boss Bill Brown. "We didn't have a good tournament. Our rebounding went. It had been one of our strong points but we just didn't go to the boards like we have all season. We didn't go to the boards at all.

"I felt we had enough offense in the tournament but we didn't play our normal aggressive defense, the defense like we've been playing all season. I guess these things happen, though."

The losses forced Mulvane's log to 7-5 for the season heading into Tuesday night's game at home against Buhler.

"It's tough playing for third place," added Brown, "especially against a home team. We drive all that way and they just have to walk out the back door."

One factor which irritated Brown more than others was the officiating. "We had five baskets taken away from us," complained the mild-mannered Brown. "The big difference (against Caldwell) was at the free throw line. The momentum really changes when you try to come back and the whistles are always blowing against you."

Caldwell out-gunned the Cats at the stripe. The host school hit 22 of 36 while Mulvane made only six of 11 tries.

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Caldwell Invitational

THIRD PLACE

Caldwell 10 17 14 17--58
Mulvane 4 17 6 11--38
Caldwell--Susan Neal 15, Lana Misak 13, Kathy Appel 6, Linda Jenista 4, Susan Schmidt 2, Kathy Willey 5, Marla Dillard 11, Chris Reeser 2. FG 18-44, FT 22-36, F 18.

Mulvane--Arlene Reekie 4, Sandy Whetstone 18, Shelley Gerlach 3, Cindi Lawless 5, Denise Standerfer 8. FG 16-54, FT 6-11, F 25.

FIRST PLACE

Andover 41, Clearwater 38.

SEMIFINALS

Mulvane 10 13 6 11--40
Andover 12 9 11 12--44

Mulvane--Arlene Reekie 8, Sandy Whetstone 7, Shelley Gerlach 5, Denise Standerfer 8, Cindi Lawless 12. FG 11-44, FT 18-23, F 18.

Andover--Pam Berg 5, Lynette Gardner 4, Kerry Mendenhall 2, Tracy McEachern 7, Pam Palmer 26. FG 18-48, FT 8-17, F 17.

Clearwater 47, Caldwell 38
Wellington 67, Conway Springs 43
Cheney 50, South Barber 46

better than we did, they just got all the breaks," added Brown. "Losing that one to Andover just took all the steam

out of us. We went in thinking we could win it all and when you have to play for third, it's tough to get up."

Against Caldwell, guard Sandy Whetstone scored 18 points and pivot Denise Standerfer added eight points.

Caldwell also did something few teams have this season, beating Brown's gals on the backboards, 44-33, as Cindi Lawless and Standerfer each had seven caroms.

In the semifinal against Andover, which went on to claim the tournament championship, 41-38, against Clearwater, Lawless poured in 12 points and Arlene Reekie added eight, as did Standerfer.

"We had those people (Andover) by two points in the second half, then we didn't run our offense," said Brown.

Mulvane fell down by more than 10 points, then rallied to within two points with 21 seconds left and had the ball. Three Mulvane shots fell harmlessly off, forcing Mulvane to foul and Andover's Pam Palmer, who finished with 26 points, iced the victory with two free throws with 11 seconds left.

Wildcat Cage Stats

MULVANE BOYS [5-7]

Players	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	RB	Pts.
Mark Storey	65	146	24	35	101	165
Mark Smith	54	133	18	30	106	116
Troy Dossey	38	99	25	33	25	101
Jeff Staska	38	87	15	26	11	91
Ed Nelson	33	88	16	29	94	82
Gary Fortner	24	40	11	18	26	59
Kevin Burke	9	26	5	13	27	23
Darryl Brueggeman	6	13	9	18	18	21
Troy Phillips	7	28	7	11	11	21
Others	16	55	13	28	46	45
Totals	272	687	143	241	465	723
		(.396)	(.593)	38.8	60.3	
Opponents	290	706	231	337	339	772
		(.411)	(.685)	28.3	64.3	

MULVANE GIRLS [7-6]

Players	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	RB	Pts.
Sandy Whetstone	58	168	30	59	49	146
Denise Standerfer	45	127	16	27	116	106
Arlene Reekie	38	116	21	40	53	98
Cindi Lawless	27	97	30	47	113	84
Shelley Gerlach	24	97	15	32	75	63
Cindy Nelson	12	34	5	8	22	29
Vicki Powell	1	1	0	1	6	2
Kristi Lawless	0	1	0	1	16	0
Others	0	2	0	0	9	0
Totals	207	643	116	217	456	530
		(.322)	(.535)	35.1	40.8	
Opponents	190	620	117	218	406	510
		(.306)	(.537)	31.2	39.2	