

MHS Girls Thrash Hornets In Pay-Back

Paybacks were sweet for the Mulvane High School girls cagers Tuesday night, Feb. 6. The Cats dumped Valley Center and grabbed the Chisholm Trail League lead by a 61-51 score in Mulvane.

Earlier this year, the Hornets had romped past the Cats by 30.

"We really played well, especially in the second half," said MHS Coach Gregg Wolgast. "We did a great job against their press, which is what killed us up there."

Junior Ticia Nicholson scored a career-high 25 points, Kendra Banzet scored 19 and Lisa Heersche added seven.

The MHS jayvees weren't so lucky as VC dropped them, 53-38, despite a career night by Denise Wilson, who scored 211 points.

Rose Hill is one of the top girls teams in the state in class 4A but there was Mulvane, head-to-head down the stretch against the Rockets in a non-league thriller Friday night, Feb. 2.

Usually its a shot that makes the difference, but this time it was a shot that wasn't made. Mulvane couldn't get off a good shot in the final 10 seconds of play enabling Rose Hill to escape with a 46-45 verdict.

The loss dropped Mulvane's overall record to 9-5 while RH improved its log to 14-1.

The Wildcats played it tough on defense in the fourth quarter to wipe out an eight-point deficit, actually taking a 45-44 lead with 1:03 left in the game on two free throws by Ticia Nicholson. Rose Hill came back with a bucket off an offensive rebound with 42 seconds to tick but the Cats couldn't answer in two good scoring opportunities, the last with nine seconds left when RH's defense kept Mulvane way out front, forcing a 20-footer that missed at the gun.

"I was really pleased with how hard the girls played, especially in the third and fourth quarters," noted MHS coach Gregg Wolgast. "They got up by eight and with their reputation and the pressure of the moment, it would have been easy to fold up, but the girls came back strong and worked their way back into the game."

Indeed, it was Rose Hill that cracked, not Mulvane. Down the stretch in the final frame, Rose Hill went 0-6 at the free throw line, giving the Wildcats a chance to get back in the game. And the Mulvane defense held RH to only two fourth quarter points, a

season low and probably a 10-year low. Meanwhile, Mulvane was clicking as the Cats hit five of six free throws down the stretch and made a game of it.

"To be there against one of the top teams in the state, to play right there with them and have a chance to win it, I think that's a real compliment to the girls," said Wolgast. "We should have been the one celebrating."

Even in defeat, the game should have driven one point home: Mulvane is a team to be reckoned with. "I think this game was really important," agreed Wolgast. "The girls matured a lot in the game. Ticia (Turner) had some turnovers but she had an excellent game bringing the ball up the floor against their pressure. Everybody else contributed and I think we really gained confidence that we can play with anybody. That's going to be important on down the line this season."

The Cats even made their run with one starter out with an injury. Guard Tammy Withrow fell and injured a leg in the first quarter.

The Rockets' only good run came in the last stages of the third quarter when their pressure defense yielded several turnovers and they out-scored the Cats, 19-8, to break up a tight game.

Kendra Banzet led all scorers in the game with 18 points, all but two of those points coming in the first 16 minutes of the game. Another MHS frontliner, Nicholson, scored 16 points. Lisa Heersche scored seven points and Turner had six.

The Cat junior varsity had another good outing but Rose Hill proved to be too strong with a 52-40 victory.

Denise Wilson had a big game for the MHS jayvees, scoring 12 points. Dawn Hicks and Kim Rodriguez scored 10 points each.

Four players hit in twin figures for the MHS varsity girls Tuesday night, Jan. 30, as Mulvane rallied to beat Maize, 53-50, in a Chisholm Trail League game.

A 20-6 margin in the third quarter brought Mulvane back and into the lead. Nicholson's 16 points topped the Cat effort. Turner finished with her best scoring night of the year, 11 points, and both Withrow and Banzet scored 10 points.

In the jayvee game, the Wildcats rallied to a 15-4 spread in the final period and nosed out Maize, 35-32. Top scorers were Wilson with 14 points, Kerri Taylor with



Varsity Girls			
Valley Center	9	14	10 18-51
Mulvane	14	7	18 22-61

Valley Center—Paula Alford 5, Jenna Freed 2, Cheryl Smith 14, Kellie Talbot 11, Lisa Horning 5, Heather Jemigan 7, Joy Umholtz 2, Maggie Anderson 5. FG 16-46 (2), FT 16-25, F 22.

Mulvane—Tricia Turner 4, Kendra Banzet 19, Kern Taylor 4, Ticia Nicholson 25, Lisa Heersche 7, Nicole Infinger 2. FG 27-43 (0), FT 7-14, F 19.

Junior Varsity Girls			
Valley Center	8	14	16 15-53
Mulvane	10	9	2 17-38

Valley Center—Barbie Carroll 4, Mounday 2, Tallent 4, Teri Gordon 4, Lisa Riopel 12, Denise Long 12, Kristin Bahre 5, Maggie Anderson 8, Dawnele Bennett 2. FG 25-54 (0), FT 3-10, F 14.

Mulvane—Kern Taylor 4, Kim Rodriguez 2, Kristen Kuntz 5, Dawn Hicks 6, Denise Wilson 21. FG 16-40 (0), FT 6-12, F 7.

Varsity Girls			
Rose Hill	17	8	19 2-46
Mulvane	12	16	8 9-45

Rose Hill—Kelly Dennis 15, Barb Hartnat 12, Krista Farber 10, Lynda Gregory 7, Dawn Meyers 2. FG 21-53 (1), FT 3-11, F 12.

Mulvane—Kendra Banzet 18, Ticia Nicholson 16, Lisa Heersche 7, Ticia Turner 6, Kern Taylor 2, Denise Wilson 2. FG 18-32 (0), FT 9-10, F 15.

Maize	8	20	6 16-50
Mulvane	9	12	20 12 53

Maize—Steph Hatfield 8, Sue Stansford 4, Meredith Wittmer 15, Jody Heggs 6, Melissa Blackwell 3, Michelle Marling 12, Jenni Stiverson 2. FG 20-45 (0), FT 10-12, F 19.

Mulvane—Tammy Withrow 10, Ticia Turner 11, Ticia Nicholson 16, Lisa Heersche 5, Jenny Ray 1, Kendra Banzet 10. FG 19-48 (0), FT 17-28, F 13.

Junior Varsity Girls			
Rose Hill	12	12	10 18 52
Mulvane	6	10	8 16-40

Rose Hill—Delena Dyson 20, Shelly Swaney 10, Rochelle Pribbenow 6, Jenny Reimschiel 5, Leigha Wiley 5, Megan Wiley 4, Stephanie Thomason 2. FG 19 (0), FT 14-6, F 12.

Mulvane—Denise Wilson 12, Dawn Hicks 10, Kim Rodriguez 10, Ticia Turner 4, Kerri Taylor 2, Lisa Heersche 2. FG 19-40 (0), FT 2-6, F 16.

Maize	16	6	6 4 32
Mulvane	8	10	2 15 35

Maize—Sue Stiverson 2, Jenny Shuster 6, Kim Wischart 2, Leslie Woodard 10, Trina Holmes 12. FG 15-29 (0), FT 2-4, F 23.

Mulvane—Kern Taylor 8, Tammy Withrow 4, Jenny Ray 4, Lisa Heersche 5, Denise Wilson 14. FG 11-27 (0), FT 13-24, F 5.

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The next outing for Mulvane's girls will be Friday night, Feb. 9, when they play a key CTL game at Augusta.