

Wolgast's Wildcat Girls Tame

Andover For 2nd Time This Year

The Mulvane High School girls made it two in a row over Andover Tuesday night, Feb. 7, as the Wildcats played one of their best games of the season with a 50-41 conquest in a Chisholm Trail League game.

Playing at Andover, the Wildcats rolled out to an early lead and never were threatened. The victory was the 4th in 16 games for the Cat girls and upped their record to 2-7 in the league. It also firmly established Andover in the basement in the Chisholm Trail League Division I.

"We came out and really played a pretty neat game," said Gregg Wolgast, the MHS coach. "We started a little slowly, kind of came out tentatively, but we got with it pretty quickly. Really, from about the end of the first quarter to the end of the game, we played pretty good basketball."

Wolgast's troops waltzed out to an 18-point lead and maintained that margin most of the way until things got a little ragged in the final moments and the host Trojans were able to cut the lead back a bit.

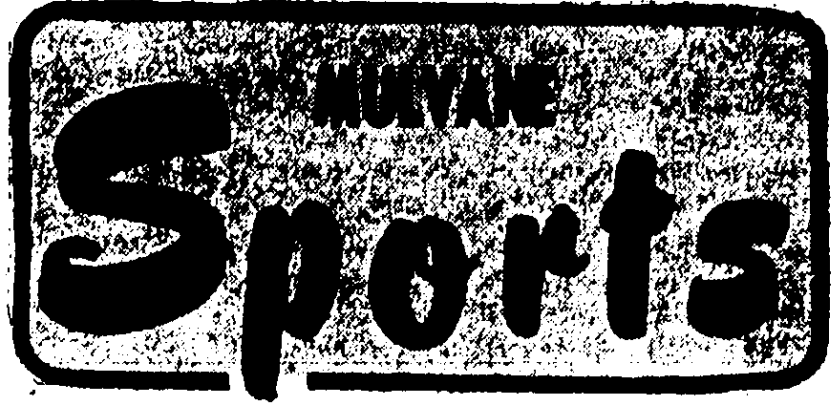
"The girls just had a very good team effort," said Wolgast. "Nancy (Farber) got some good steals, Lisa (Heersche) made some steals and it was one of our better pressing games. We forced them into some bad passes and we took advantage of the turnovers to build the nice lead."

Wolgast also was pleased with the ball movement, a problem in some games.

The lanky sophomore hit a career-high 27 points and sophomore Ticia Nicholson also had a big night, scoring 15 points. Farber finished with six points.

There was no girls junior varsity game again. This time, Mulvane had enough healthy players but Andover couldn't field a team.

The Wildcat girls will be trying to put together back-to-back wins for the first time this season Friday night, Feb. 10, at Wellington.



The Wildcat girls appeared headed for one of their best efforts of the year Friday night, Feb. 3, at Augusta but it only lasted one quarter. It was all Augusta after that and the Orioles pounded Mulvane, 63-33, in a Chisholm Trail League game.

Mulvane held a slender 12-10 lead going into the second frame but Wolgast's hopes disappeared when standout sophomore Kendra Banzet picked up her third foul. She had to take a seat and Augusta took the game, out-scoring Mulvane, 21-5, in the second half to take firm control.

"We played well in the first quarter, came out and did the things we needed

to do," said Wolgast. "The girls came out and worked hard. They did a good job of stopping Augusta's fastbreak but when Kendra picked up her third foul, it was a big blow to us. It not only took her out of the game but it was a blow to the confidence of the rest of the girls. Augusta took advantage of that and pulled away."

The Orioles also went to a man-to-man pressure defense and that made things difficult for the young Cats, especially with Banzet on the sidelines. "With Kendra in there, the girls feel like they can just throw it up there and with her size, she can go up and get it to help break the press," emphasized Wolgast. "With her out, it leaves us with little size and I think the girls just started losing their confidence."

In all, the Wildcats' bugaboo was turnovers, as it has been all season. They had 36 turnovers against Augusta and the hosts had only 14. "When we got into a half-court game, we did a good job. I don't think they got four or five baskets off their set offense, but they didn't have to because they were getting so many layups off the turnovers."

Banzet finished with a team-high 14 points and didn't foul out. Ticia Nicholson scored 12 points. Lisa Heersche scored four points and had five rebounds to tie Banzet for team honors. Missi Mathews scored two points and Kerri Taylor had the team's other point.

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	14	11	12	13-50
Andover	8	9	8	16-41

Mulvane--Kendra Banzet 27, Ticia Nicholson 15, Nancy Farber 6, Lisa Heersche 2, Jenny Ray 0. FG 21 (1), FT 7-15, F 21

Andover--Larissa Heath 7, Dawnielle Mullins 17, Holly McMillian 4, Nikki Rome 4, Janna Miller 4, Connie Smith 3, Lori Brooks 1, Becky Ward 1. FG 14 (0), FT 13-23, F 18.

Junior Varsity Girls

No game played because of injuries to Andover team

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Mulvane	12	5	2	14-33
Augusta	10	21	16	16-63

Mulvane--Missi Mathews 2, Kendra Banzet 14, Ticia Nicholson 12, Lisa Heersche 4, Kerri Taylor 1. FG 15-30 (0), FT 3-13, F 13.

Augusta--Michelle Maddy 5, Kim Sawyers 6, Samantha Restivo 7, Kaely Jackson 11, Paula Rodriguez 6, Julie Box 4, Shannon Shryock 17, Rikki Rogers 5. FG 22-52 (0), FT 14-20, F 14.

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