

Late Rally By Valley Center

Mars Coach Stinson's Return

Mulvane High School girls basketball coach Bill Stinson found out he didn't like Denver as much as he thought he would and returned to the Wildcat helm after a tryout with the Denver team in the United States Football League.

Stinson's return, while marred Tuesday night with a 48-44 loss to Valley Center, wasn't a total washout.

"We really played one of our better ball games this year," said Stinson. "We were happy with the game. The girls played really well. They came out, hit some shots, passed the ball like we should, got the open shots and knocked them down and rebounded pretty good. I thought the girls were thinking basketball better, too."

Actually, the Wildcats, slipping to 3-9 overall and 1-5 in the Chisholm Trail League, were ahead most of the game. With senior Mary Cole gunning in 14 points in the first half, the Wildcats broke out to a 31-28 halftime edge. They only scored 13 points in the final 16 minutes.

"We really should have won the ball game," admitted the Cat coach. "I'm still trying to shout instructions from the sidelines during the game and it led to a couple mistakes down at the end, mistakes that you just can't make."

The Cats nursed a two-point lead into the final minute of play but a steal by Valley led to a game-tying bucket. The Mulvane girls failed to score the next time down and the Hornets took the lead for good.

"I'd sure like to have that game back because we can beat them," said Stinson. "We'll just have to go on from here. We have games coming up and



Varsity Girls

Valley Center	16	12	10	10--48
Mulvane	17	14	7	6--44
Valley Center--Dole 11, Arnold 10, Rowley 11, Hanna 4, Rall 12 FG 21, FT 6-11, F 14				
Mulvane--Jay Kilpatrick 8, Tawnya Infinger 10, Mary Cole 16, Traci Lawless 2, Diane Mohnney 1, Nancy Gehring 6, Stacy Shoemaker 1, Melody Carey 1 FG 18, FT 8-12, F 13				

Junior Varsity Girls

Valley Center	5	9	0	2--11
Mulvane	10	12	9	19--50
Valley Center--Dick 3, Dole 3, Beaulieu 1, Jewell 2, Langhove 1 FG 3, FT 5-8, F 16				
Mulvane--Tracy Elliot 2, Melody Carey 4, Darla Reekie 2, Lisa Jones 9, Lori Meek 18, Teresa Graybeal 4, Terri Lawless 4, Tammy Mills 7 FG 24, FT 2-15, F 12				

we can play with every one of the teams. We need to put together a string of wins to get us going."

Stinson singled out seniors Stacy Shoemaker and Nancy Gehring for some fine play against Valley and said junior Tawnya Infinger led the club on the boards.

Cole, finally finding the range with regularity, finished with 16 points and Infinger scored 10. Jay Kilpatrick scored eight points and Gehring had six.

The Hornets had beaten Mulvane by 14 earlier this year, so Stinson feels the club has improved. "I hated to see us lose the game but when you play good, sound basketball, you feel a little better about it," said Stinson.

"We got down in the final minute, then we didn't foul quick enough to be able to respond with a bucket of our own," added the Cat coach. "That's just one of those experience things that we're still going through."

The Mulvane junior varsity continued to roll over opponent after opponent. The Cats mauled Valley Center, 50-11, as eight players scored.

The girls iced the game in the third quarter by holding the Hornets scoreless to take a 31-14 advantage.

Lori Meek, a sophomore, led the outburst with 18 points, a career high. Guard Lisa Jones finished with nine points and Tammy Mills scored seven, all in the second half.

The girls will be making up the snow-out game against Wellington Tuesday Feb. 15. Their next outing will be tonight at home against Augusta.