

# Cat Girls Press Ahead; Walk-Over At Augusta

Mulvane's press was like a broken record Tuesday night, Feb. 8, when the Wildcat girls went to Augusta.

We press, they crumble. The Cats took advantage of their trap press and rolled to an easy 55-41 victory in Chisholm Trail League play.

"It was a great team game, our team play versus their team play," pointed out MHS coach Ron McMahon. "That was the difference. As the season progresses, we're getting better and better. The trap press did the job for us and we converted a lot of opportunities off it, but we also had some excellent passing and the girls hit the offensive boards. Cody Watson and Janelle Wenke did very, very well on the boards. Kristi McDowell came off the bench early and got our first six points."

Mulvane was never in trouble, blasting out to a 13-7 lead after one quarter and extending that to a 14-point lead by half-time. "Offensively, we moved the ball a lot better and we're reversing the ball better."

Watson had a season-high 16 points but it was balance which helped most. Three other Cats were in double figures—McDowell with 11 points and both Lee Banzet and Wenke with 12.

Augusta trounced Mulvane in the junior varsity game by a 22-11 count. Top scorer for the Wildcats was Valerie Larson with five points and Jamie Martin with four.

Mulvane's girls hung tough against Buhler Friday night, Feb. 4, but didn't quite have enough to knock down the No. 1 rated

## Varsity Girls

Mulvane	13	14	10	18	55
Augusta	7	6	7	21	41

Mulvane—Kristi McDowell 11, Lee Banzet 12, Gayle Samuelson 2, Janelle Wenke 12, Cody Watson 16, Shannon Reed 2 FG 24 (0), FT 7-12, F 15

Augusta—Vanmeter 7, Valkenaar 9, Smeltzer 4, Dixon 2, Tran 6, Shelton 6, Burleson 2, Brooks 5 FG 19 (2), FT 1-7, F 17

## Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	0	3	2	6	11
Augusta	3	10	8	1	22

Mulvane—Jamie Martin 4, Valerie Larson 5, Shannon Reed 0, Anna Wenke 2 FG 5 (0), FT 1-4, F 13

## Varsity Girls

Buhler	10	16	9	16	53
Mulvane	6	16	11	9	42

Buhler—Kristi Kornek 14, Susan Voth 10, Jodie Fleming 3, Renee Charleston 6, Mandy McKinley 6, Amber Archer 4 FG 13 (2), FT 13-19, F 19.

Mulvane—Courtney Renfro 18, Janelle Wenke 11, Cody Watson 6, Kristi McDowell 2, Lee Banzet 3, Jamie Martin 2 FG 18 (0), FT 6-11, F 17.

team in the Chisholm Trail Division I.

Buhler held off the Wildcats, 53-42, in a CTL game in Mulvane.

Even in defeat, the game had an underlying viewpoint. In the first game of this season, the Crusaders demoralized the Wildcats, 62-24. Friday night's game only served to underscore the improvement of Coach McMahon's troops.

There was no junior varsity game played.

"When you play a team and they beat you 38 points and the second time, they have to struggle to beat you, it gives some satisfaction even in defeat," said McMahon. "It shows you now much improvement we've made because that's a big difference. We were in the game all the way. At half-time, we were down by only four but Buhler

was able to hold us off down the stretch because they hit their free throws."

Mulvane's Courtney Renfro, a sophomore, led all scorers with 18 points. Sophomore Janelle Wenke pumped in 11 points. Senior Cody Watson had six points but the team's usual scoring leader, Lee Banzet, was held to only three points.

The difference, though, was at the line. The Crusaders, who are on top in Division I, made 13 of 19 free throws, including nine in the last quarter when the game was on the line.

"It was a great performance for your girls," declared McMahon. "Wenke really played good offensively and is improving on defense. Watson made some key rebounds for us and in the last quarter kept us in there by making four of five free throws and Renfro came through with some good shooting from the field."

Although Mulvane trailed much of the game, they still were hanging around, staying close. McMahon went to the trap press and the Cats had to foul late in the game in an attempt to get the ball back. "I guess we fouled the wrong people," said McMahon, "but in that situation, you have to foul and they made their free throws. They shot nine of 12 in the last quarter and that was the ball game."