

Girls' 'Best' Is Good Enough

With perhaps their best game of the season, Mulvane High School's girls rolled like an avalanche over Andover, 62-34, Tuesday night, Feb. 9, in a Chisholm Trail League game in Mulvane.

The victory insured Coach Gregg Wolgast's Wildcats a place out of the basement in the CTL and was Mulvane's second decision over the Trojans this season. Mulvane is 2-7 in the loop and 6-10 overall.

The Wildcat junior varsity team, stung by a three-pointer in the final minute to send the game into overtime, lost a 35-34 game to the Trojans.

Girls Varsity

Andover 8 6 12 8-34
 Mulvane 20 10 14 9-62
 Andover—Wiggins 4, Ward 4, Ewing 4, Slater 4, Rome 4, Stephenson 8, Mullins 6. FG 16-48 (0), FT 2-9, F 15.
 Mulvane—Bridget Horton 8, Kathy Saxton 23, Nancy Farber 4, Kim Prickett 13, Amy Arnold 9, Kim Kysar 4, Angie Wheeler 1. FG 27-65 (1), FT 5-12, F 16.

Girls Junior Varsity

Andover 8 4 8 10 (5)-35
 Mulvane 6 9 8 8 (4)-34
 Andover—Rome 8, Ward 8, Mullins 7, Wescoat 4, Brooks 2, Kaplan 2, Smith 2. FG 12 (1), FT 6-12, F 9.
 Mulvane—Amy Arnold 14, Holly Donaldson 7, Bridget Horton 6, Angie Wheeler 5, Kim Kysar 2. FG 15-46 (0), FT 4-10, F 10.

Girls Varsity

Augusta 18 18 10 13-59
 Mulvane 11 12 8 15-48
 Augusta—Kate Gosch 18, Dawn Veeman 6, Randi Fowler 4, Kaely Jackson 16, Kim Sawyers 11, Michelle Maddy 4. FG 22-44 (0), FT 15-19, F 9.
 Mulvane—Kim Prickett 13, Amy Arnold 7, Nancy Farber 6, Bridget Horton 4, Kathy Saxton 14, Kim Kysar 2. FG 21-42 (1), FT 3-6, F 16.
 Mulvane 12 13 5 10-40
 Valley Center 13 14 19 16-62
 Mulvane—Amy Arnold 15, Bridget Horton 5, Kim Prickett 7, Kathy Saxton 11, Kim Kysar 4. FG 13 (2), FT 8-15.
 Valley Center—Nikki Epley 12, Stacy Davis 4, Roni Gordon 2, Lisa Horning 3, Kristin Ruth 6, Shell Nordstedt 6, Cindy Nordstedt 5, Kristi Nordstedt 18, Heather Jernigan 6. FG 27 (0), FT 8-18.
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Girls Junior Varsity

Mulvane-Augusta: no junior varsity game was played
 Mulvane 4 0 2 2-8
 Valley Center 8 16 13 19-58
 Mulvane—Nicole Infinger 2, Bridget Horton 2, Amy Arnold 4, Holly Donaldson 0, Desiree Smithhiser 0. FG 4-28 (0), FT 0-4, F 19.
 Valley Center—Ruth Gordon 16, Jernigan 12, Alford 9, Dillinger 6, Horning 6, Freed 4, Oliverius 2, Flores 2. FG 23-52 (0), FT 10-17, F 10.

"We really played as well as we have all year from a total game standpoint," admitted Wolgast. "The key, I felt, was that we did a really good job of moving the ball around on offense. We got the good shots. I've been preaching all year that when you move the ball well, you get the good shots off the flow and you'll get those shots to fall. They were in a 3-2 zone most of the game, trying to keep the ball away from (Kathy) Saxton in the middle but we did such a good job moving the ball, we were able to get it into her. Kathy did a good job getting open and the girls on the outside hit the shots we needed."

Saxton wasn't slowed down a bit, as she hit 23 points to take game honors. Guard Kim Prickett had another dandy day, netting 13 points, and Amy Arnold and Bridget Horton scored nine and eight points, respectively.

Mulvane marched right on out to a 20-8 lead and by halftime, the game was mostly over as Mulvane hammered out a 30-14 lead. "We also played some good defense and the girls didn't let up," stressed Wolgast. "They didn't lose their concentration."

In the junior varsity game, Mulvane got a 14-point performance from the sophomore Arnold. Holly Donaldson scored seven points, Horton had six and Angie Wheeler dropped in a season-high five points.

A few critical mistakes by the Cat girls led to a loss at home Friday night, Feb. 5, against Augusta. The Orioles posted back-to-back 18-point quarters in the first half to take a 36-23 lead that Mulvane was never able to overcome on the way to a 59-46 setback.

The loss dropped Mulvane solidly into last place in the league with a 1-7 mark and 5-10 overall.

"We talked about not making turnovers against their press and we handled it most of the time, but when we did make a mistake, they took advantage of it," pointed out Wolgast. "Against the better teams in the league, you can't make those mental lapses and expect to win the games."



Going for the ball, MHS senior Kim Prickett (24) reaches in

Wolgast also was concerned about his club's concentration level for the full 32 minutes. "We fell behind early and never could quite get back into the game," said the Wildcat boss. "It's hard for the girls to realize that you have to totally concentrate on the ball game and what you're doing. We're getting a lot better in that department. I watched a film of a previous game and we're improving there tremendously but we still have a ways to go."

The Wildcats made a run at the Orioles in the fourth quarter but everytime the lead was cut to single digits, Augusta would squirt away again. "That's just the sign of a good ball club," pointed out Wolgast. "We ran on them a couple of times but they were able to hold us off each time. I was really pleased, though, because we were running our offense and being patient for the first time. Sometimes we have trouble being patient off the break but the other night, the girls were realizing when they had a good opportunity off the break and when they didn't."

The senior Saxton again paced MHS, scoring 14 points. Guard Kim Prickett scored 13 points and Amy Arnold and Nancy Farber were next with seven and six points, respectively.

Arnold and Saxton also carried the load for the Cats Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Valley Center, scoring 15 and 11 points, respectively, as VC drummed Mulvane, 62-40, in another CTL Division I game at Valley.

Mulvane stayed surprisingly close through the first half, trailing only 27-25 at intermission, but the first-division Hornets pulled away behind a 19-5 spurt in the third quarter.

Prickett finished with seven points and Bridget Horton scored five for Mulvane.

There was no junior varsity game Friday night against Augusta but at Valley, the hosts rolled up a 56-8 victory. Mulvane's top scorers were Arnold with four points and Nicole Infinger and Horton with two apiece.

The Cats will be home for a CTL clash against Wellington Friday night, Feb. 12.