

Girls Respond To Changes

A new look brought improved play for the Mulvane High School girls Tuesday night, Feb. 9, when Augusta came to town. The Wildcats played one of their better games before being subdued, 48-40, by the Orioles.

Four consecutive possessions in the 4th quarter which ended with four turnovers cooked the Cats as Augusta pulled out to a nine-point lead.

"Those were big turnovers," admitted Gregg Wolgast, the MHS coach. "That gave them the room they needed and we didn't get it down below five again."

Wolgast moved senior standout Sheila Mills outside, went to sophomore Heather Taylor at point guard and moved Cody

Watson and Kristi McDowell inside and that seemed to make things click. "The changes seemed to help," agreed Wolgast. "We were at the point where we needed to try something different because what we were doing wasn't working. With Sheila going outside, that made Augusta cover her and opened the middle up for Cody and Kristi. It also helped because everybody was always trying to force the ball into Sheila and making bad passes. Heather also did a fine job at point guard."

Mills responded with one of her finer efforts, 23 points. Watson finished with eight points, McDowell had seven and both Taylor and Deva Lewis finished with four.

No jayvee game was played because Augusta didn't have enough healthy players.

Buhler is no place to have your "worst game of the year." The Crusaders are tough enough at home but to help them by playing poorly made it no contest Friday night, Feb. 5. Buhler spanked the Cats, 56-27, in a game that was over by halftime when Buhler held a 34-10 lead.

"We came out flat from the start, got down early and they got the momentum," said Wolgast. "We were never able to get our offense started. It was our worst game of the year."

It was simply a thorough Buhler romp.

The Crusader hosts also dominated the backboards. Buhler grabbed 14 offensive rebounds to four for Mulvane. Overall, the Crusaders had 28 rebounds to 16 for Mulvane. MHS leaders were Lee Banzet with seven boards and Kristi McDowell with five.

"The offensive boards really killed us," admitted Wolgast. "We didn't get many put-backs and they did. That was probably the biggest difference. We never were in sync the whole night as far as getting people blocked off the boards."

Buhler also was able to dominate the inside, shutting off the entrance passes to Mulvane standout Sheila Mills, who finished with a starting career low of only two points. Banzet scored 14 points to power the Mulvane game. Cody Watson finished with four points.

In the junior varsity game, Mulvane slumped to 1-8 as Buhler roundly blasted the Wildcats, 48-26.

Stephanie Schultz led the scoring for Mulvane with nine points. Banzet finished second-high with four points and Lee Cates and Melanie Dall had three apiece.

It doesn't get much easier Friday night, Feb. 12, as the Wildcats trek to Valley Center for another Chisholm Trail League game.

Varsity Girls

Augusta	15	16	14	13-58
Mulvane	13	13	14	10-50

Augusta—Megan Little 17, Jamie Hudson 8, Elizabeth Canon 4, Amie Shelton 8, Ashlee Alley 2, Beth Burleson 10, Jayme Pocock 9. FG 24 (2), FT 8-15, F 14.

Mulvane—Kristi McDowell 7, Lee Banzet 2, Heather Taylor 4, Cody Watson 8, Deva Lewis 4, Sheila Mills 23, Gayle Samuelson 2. FG 23 (0), FT 4-11, F 16.

Junior Varsity Girls

No game played

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Mulvane	6	4	6	11-27
Buhler	19	15	16	6-56

Mulvane—Lee Banzet 14, Cody Watson 4, Kristi McDowell 2, Sheila Mills 2, Shannon Reed 2, Stephanie Schultz 2. FG 10-38 (0), FT 7-9, F 13.

Buhler—Kristie Korinek 17, Sandra Bowman 10, Michelle Meyers 9, Jodie Fleming 6, Stacie Friesen 5, Cathy Lindbloom 5, Tara Smith 2, Jessica Shank 2. FG 25-50 (0), FT 6-12, F 12.

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	3	10	9	2-26
Buhler	12	15	8	12-48

Mulvane—Stephanie Schultz 9, Lee Banzet 4, Shannon Reed 2, Heather Taylor 2, Melanie Dall 3, Lee Cates 3, Gayle Samuelson 1. FG 8-24 (0), FT 10-16, F 18.

Buhler—Rita Bishop 4, Tara Smith 2, Lanette Surface 4, Susan Shea 2, Rita Archer 6, Amber Spillum 4, Jodie Fleming 4, Nancy McKinley 6, Susan Voith 7, Sarah Ratzlaff 8. FG 22-42 (1), FT 4-10, F 22.