

Finish 2nd In Classic

Girls Get Sloppy In 2nd Half

It was hard for Coach Jayson Miller to hide the disappointment.

His Mulvane High School Wildcat girls performed poorly in the second half, allowing the Rose Hill Rockets to come from behind in the second half and escape with a 43-33 victory over the Cats Tuesday night, Feb. 10, in a Chisholm Trail League game in Mulvane.

24th Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic Results

CHAMPIONSHIP

Wellington 9 10 13 9 41
Mulvane 2 13 12 13 40

Wellington—Christina Reyes 3, Stephanie Dixon 2, Stephanie White 3, Lindsey Davis 22, Alicia Dietksen 5, Christina Crow 4, Cristy Cochran 2. FG 16 (2), FT 7-15, F 19.

Mulvane—Stephanie Tatum 3, Abby Sorensen 10, Shayna Duncan 12, Tara Roberts 4, Kayla Oblinger 2, Whitney Becker 4, Tasha Parman 5. FG 14 (1), FT 11-21, F 15.

THIRD PLACE

Andale 42, Garden Plain 39.

FIFTH PLACE

Clearwater 43, Campus 36.

SEVENTH PLACE

Andover 45, Arkansas City 42.

Girls Varsity

Rose Hill 4 12 12 15 43
Mulvane 10 10 4 9 33

Rose Hill—Erica Rothweiler 4, Lacy Barnes 10, Kristen Ozburn 14, Tristan Smades 9, Katie Hoyt 6. FG 11 (3), FT 18-24, F 18.

Mulvane—Kayla Oblinger 0, Shayna Duncan 8, Abby Sorensen 18, Stephanie Tatum 2, Natasha Parman 2. FG 13 (2), FT 5-12, F 20.

Mulvane 16 6 10 6 38
Augusta 10 12 10 13 45

Mulvane—Kayla Oblinger 4, Shayna Duncan 13, Tara Roberts 7, Stephanie Tatum 4, Abby Sorensen 8, Josey Gosch 2. FG 15 (2), FT 4-6, F 20.

Augusta—Laura Garcia 7, Heather Rinckenbaugh 13, Rainey Nickel 9, Julie Stephenson 2, Natalie Critchfield 12, Sarah Waldorf 2. FG 17 (1), FT 12-21, F 8.

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane 4 12 9 11 (7) 43
Valley Center 5 11 9 11 (5) 41

Mulvane—Laura Buchanan 7, Kristi Parker 16, Jessica Martin 1, Megan Turner 6, Natasha Parman 2, Josey Gosch 2, Tara Roberts 9. FG 16 (1), FT 10-25, F 17.

Valley Center—Covey 13, Nesbit 3, Weichman 5, Keley Porter 2, Kaiser 9, Spears 2, Schmidt 1, Myers 6. FG 16 (2), FT 7-22, F 22.

Just two weeks earlier, the Cats played sharp and beat the Rockets, 44-37 in Rose Hill. But in the second half Tuesday night, it was all Rose Hill as the Mulvane offense came up with only 13 points, Rose Hill, trailing at halftime, out-scored the Cats, 27-13, in the final two periods.

"We just didn't play good basketball and we didn't play good defense," said Miller, whose Wildcats slipped into a tie with RH at 2-6 in the league. "We gave them the baseline the entire night. We just couldn't do anything to close it off. It's really kind of disappointing."

The Rockets pulled away in the last quarter by sinking their free throws. The visitors made 9 of 14 free throws in the final quarter. But it was two key three-pointers that went down for the Rockets in the 3rd quarter that enabled them to jump out to an 11-point lead.

Miller also wasn't pleased with the Mulvane offense. "Abby had 18 of our 33 points so that tells you nobody else was doing anything on offense," stressed Miller, whose Wildcats stumbled to their fourth straight loss in February.

Sorensen, a junior guard, took game honors with 18 points. Center Shayna Duncan scored eight points and the only other MHS player with more than one bucket was Tara Roberts, who scored three.

The MHS girls tried to become only the 2nd Wildcat team to champion their own tournament in a belated Mulvane Wildcat Girls Classic Saturday night, Feb. 7, but had to settle for second place as Wellington edged the Wildcats, 41-40, for the 24th annual tournament crown.

"We got off to an awful start, couldn't hit a shot to save our souls, but we actually got back in it and had a chance to win it," said Miller. "We actually went ahead on a free throw by Tara Roberts but there was just too much Lindsey Davis. She is a heck of a player and hit their last shot when they needed it most."

The tournament championship round had been postponed one week because of

poor weather on Jan. 31.

Mulvane started off digging itself a big hole. The Crusaders jumped out to a 9-2 lead and the Cats spent the rest of the game trying to catch up. "We dug ourselves a big hole early because we couldn't hit a shot," said Miller. "I don't know if we came out tight or what but it came down to Davis hitting big shot after big shot for them."

Despite finishing 2nd, Miller felt the Wildcats played hard in all three tournament games. Saturdays was no exception.

"We played hard, we gave it great effort," said Miller. "We climbed back in it after being down 10 or 12 points but we didn't get the shot we needed in the last 15 seconds when we were trailing by one. We just didn't get there on that play."

Shayna Duncan topped the Cat scoring with 12 points and guard Abby Sorensen finished with 10 points. Tasha Parman scored five and both Whitney Becker and Tara Roberts chipped in with four points. Davis took game scoring honors with 22 points as Wellington won the Wildcat Classic for the first time ever.

Andale finished 3rd by nipping Garden Plain, 42-39, and Clearwater stopped Campus with a 43-36 win in the game for 5th place. Andover eased past Arkansas City, 45-42, in the 7th place game.

Mulvane had its troubles late in a league game Friday night, Feb. 6, at Augusta. The offense sagged later and that was just enough for the improving Orioles to gain revenge for 25-point thumping back in December. Augusta won the league game, 45-38.

"We hit a team that's playing pretty great basketball right now," pointed out Miller. "We beat them earlier (47-22) but that's not the same team they had earlier. They went with some younger players and they're hot right now."

The Wildcats looked good in the first quarter, blasting out to a 16-10, but Augusta had the game tied up by intermission. The Orioles out-scored Mulvane, 13-6, in the final eight minutes to win the game.

Wildcat Classic All-Tournament Team

Player, School	Yr.
Lindsey Davis, Wellington	Jr.
Ali Steven, Andale	Sr.
Christina Crow, Wellington	Sr.
Shayna Duncan, Mulvane	Sr.
Abby Sorensen, Mulvane	Jr.
Kristi Love, Clearwater	Jr.
Jessica Martin, Andale	Jr.
Angelica Ortiz, Campus	Soph.
Kim Wadsworth, Andover	Jr.
Michelle Mitchell, Garden Plain	Soph.
Coaches Award: Justin Hill, Wellington	
C.V. Hartung Award: Shayna Duncan, Mulvane	
Sportsmanship Award: Garden Plain	

"In both the games last week, we showed up and gave it a great effort," noted Miller, whose Cats fell to 6-9 for the year.

It didn't help to have one of his top offensive threats, sophomore Josey Gosch, sidelined with an ankle sprain, but the Cats did have junior Whitney Becker back for some limited playing time.

The Wildcats won a tight one Tuesday night, Feb. 3, in a jayvee battle at Valley Center. Mulvane scored seven in overtime to win, 43-41, at Valley. Kristi Parker lifted the Cats up with 16 points. Tara Roberts scored nine points, Laura Buchanan had seven and Megan Turner finished with six.

The Wildcats are idle Friday night but will be at Maize Tuesday, Feb. 17, for a Chisholm Trail League battle.