

# Girls Show Signs Of Life

Mulvane's girls suffered a setback Tuesday night, Feb. 11, from their improving performance as Augusta handed the Cat girls a 55-40 loss at Augusta.

"We kind of got back into some bad habits," said Coach Gregg Wolgast. "In the second and third quarters, we tried to pass the ball too much and didn't shoot it. It was better in the fourth quarter but our defense didn't stop them. When you're trying to come from behind, you can't just trade baskets with somebody."

The Orioles out-scored Mulvane, 32-20, in the middle two quarters, which proved to be the difference.

Frontliners Sheila Mills and Denise Wilson led the Mulvane scoring with 12 points each. Tricia Turner scored 10 points.

In the junior varsity game, Mulvane broke away in the last quarter, out-scoring the Orioles, 23-12, to take a 58-47 victory.

Freshman Melissa Maxey scored 23 points to power the MHS jayvees. Cody Watson scored seven points, Heather Pearman had six and Lee Banzet five.

The Cat girls made it two in a row Friday night, Feb. 7, at home by hammering Buhler, 57-50, in a Chisholm Trail League

outing, and it gave the Mulvane girls another boost of confidence.

"The girls just took up where they left off against Clearwater," confessed Wolgast, trying to explain the last couple of games which showed almost a completely different team. "The girls were playing hard and doing a good job executing on offense. We were really doing what we wanted to do all along. They started out in a man-to-man defense, and we were able to get some good shots off our man offense."

And they were going through the ring, unlike the first half of the season when the Wildcats were stunned by 11 consecutive losses. Now 3-12, the Wildcats appear more poised, more confident.

"That's a key word," said Wolgast. "We're playing with a lot more confidence right now. The kids are shooting with more confidence and our passing is good. Instead of thinking about the shot not going in, they're thinking about the shot going in, and that's a good feeling."

The shot was going in for three MHS stars, seniors Turner and Wilson and the junior Mills. Turner had her second outstanding game in a row, scoring a team-high 18 points. She also dished out seven assists and had 10 boards—not bad for a guard. Wilson scored 12 points and had 10 boards and Mills added 17 points and seven rebounds.

Both Stephanie Schultz and Deva Lewis chipped in with four-point nights as the Cats had one of their best shooting nights of the year, 49% compared to a season average of 46%.

"We jumped out of the gates, and we had a good third quarter, too," said Wolgast. "Buhler came back with a run at us but rather than folding up and getting our heads down, the girls came back and played a little harder, stopped their run and started another one of our own."

Wolgast was pleased with the stronger play of Turner. "She had a real big game for us," said Wolgast. "She's shooting the ball better and a lot more times. And she had some steals. It seems when she plays a great game, we all pick it up."

Mulvane revved it up early as the two CTL teams played to stay out of the basement in the loop, breaking out to a 20-6 lead in the first quarter. Another spurt in the 3rd quarter put Mulvane ahead by 15 before the Crusaders closed the gap late in the contest.

"If we play like this every time, there's

not a team in the league we can't beat," said Wolgast. "We just need to play this type of game each game."

The Wildcats also boosted their record in the junior varsity game as the Cat jayvees pushed past Buhler, 50-47, on the strength of a 14-10 fourth-quarter bulge.

The game was tight all the way, and the Mulvane girls got it rolling in the last quarter to pull ahead for good. Freshman sensation Melissa Maxey poured in 21 points and had eight rebounds for the Cats. Guard Kristi McDowell was a good compliment outside as she scored 12 points. Marianne Smysor had four assists and four points, and 9th grader Cody Watson scored five points.

Next on the agenda for the MHS girls is Valley Center in a homecoming game in Mulvane Friday night, Feb. 14.

### Varsity Girls

Mulvane	8	8	12	12-40
Augusta	8	13	19	15-55

Mulvane—Tricia Turner 10, Lee Banzet 2, Sheila Mills 12, Cody Watson 2, Denise Wilson 12, Melissa Maxey 2. FG 19 (0), FT 2-2, F 15.

Augusta—Megan Little 15, Shelton 4, Kerns 14, Bonnie Jackson 9, Roberts 4, Pocock 2, Burleson 1, Tovar 6. FG 24 (1), FT 6-10, F 10.

### Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	13	12	9	23-58
Augusta	13	15	8	12-47

Mulvane—Stephanie Schultz 4, Kristi McDowell 4, Lee Banzet 5, Marianne Smysor 2, Marcy Arnold 2, Heather Pearman 6, Deva Lewis 2, Cody Watson 7, Jaime Hardison 2, Melissa Maxey 23. FG 24 (0), FT 10-21, F 24.

Augusta—Hudson 6, Markley 8, Pocock 17, Ashlee Alley 4, Burleson 2, Price 2, Smeltzer 2, Watkins 2, Amy Alley 4. FG 18 (0), FT 11-26, F 17.

### Varsity Girls

Buhler	6	16	16	13-51
Mulvane	20	8	18	11-57

Buhler—Michelle Meyers 5, Jessica Shank 14, Kristi Korinek 9, Kim Fry 14, Angie Rose 1, Stacie Friesen 5, Heather Barnes 2. FG 20-58 (1), FT 10-21, F 19.

Mulvane—Tricia Turner 18, Stephanie Schultz 4, Deva Lewis 4, Lee Banzet 2, Sheila Mills 17, Denise Wilson 12. FG 26-53 (0), FT 5-13, F 20.

### Junior Varsity Girls

Buhler	16	9	12	10-47
Mulvane	10	16	10	14-50

Buhler—Chanda Regier 2, Sigrid Mammings 2, Cathy Lindbloom 14, Leanne Korinek 11, Amber Spillum 4, Faye Premier 5, Heather Goeddert 5, Kristi Knox 2, Jenny Patterson 2. FG 21-40 (0), FT 5-15, F 19.

Mulvane—Kristi McDowell 12, Cody Watson 5, Lee Banzet 2, Marianne Smysor 4, Heather Pearman 2, Deva Lewis 2, Shannon Reed 2, Melissa Maxey 21. FG 24-45 (0), FT 2-11, F 17.