

# Hex Continues Over RH Rockets

What is it about Rose Hill that gets Mulvane Girls Basketball Coach Kelly Dennis' adrenaline flowing like Niagara Falls?

For the second straight year, Dennis guided the Wildcat girls to an upset victory over the highly-touted Rockets. Dennis is 2-0 at home against the school she helped put on the state-wide girls basketball map as the Cats squeezed out a 51-48 victory Tuesday night, Feb. 11, on MHS turf.

The Cats boosted their record to 9-7 overall and 5-3 in the Chisholm Trail League in toppling the league leaders from RH. The Rockets slipped to 7-1 in the league and 13-3 overall.

"The girls played huge," said Dennis with a smile. "Dannelle (Hughes) fouled out with about three minutes left and the rest of the girls responded. We had a ton of people respond. Kassie (Hargrove) stepped up and hit a couple of threes, (point guard) Lindsay Kendrick had only one turnover the whole game and Shelley Richards stepped up with some points."

But Dennis knew the real key to winning was how the Cats handled the Rose Hill pressure. "we thrive on setting it up and running a play but Rose Hill kind of gets to out of that and makes you do what you don't want to do. We didn't let that happen. We handled the ball well and our ability to break their press was big. It was big."

Another critical factor is that the Cats were perfect at the free throw stripe, hitting 8 for 8. "And we were 6-for-6 in the 4th quarter," emphasized Dennis. "The girls made the shots when they had to. We just had a ton of people who stepped up and played real well."

The Cats were nursing a slim lead into the last five minutes of the game but hit a dry spell. Rose Hill out-scored Mulvane, 6-0, to take a 44-43 lead with less than three minutes left. Kristen Buchanan's bucket in

the lane put the MHS girls back ahead, 45-44, before Kendrick hit two free throws for a three-point lead. The league-leading Rockets scored on a steal before Richards hit a "two" with 24 seconds left. The Rockets scored off on a put-back with 14 seconds to tick but Melissa Buchanan sewed things up with two free throws with 11 seconds to tick.

"I think Melissa had her best game ever," said Dennis. "She played really big down the stretch after we lost Dannelle." She finished with 12 points and six board.

Mulvane's scoring was extremely balanced with Kristen Buchanan and Kendrick each scoring nine points, Hughes finishing with seven, Richards and freshman Kassie Hargrove scoring six each.

The Wildcats had the hands full on homecoming night against Kingman. They allowed Kingman to win just its fourth game of the year with a 48-43 verdict over the Wildcats.

"We had an opportunity to win the game but didn't set up our offense or defense down the stretch," said Dennis. "Kingman did a nice job. They exposed our weaknesses for some easy buckets. It was a pretty disappointing game."

Hughes topped the Cat scoring with 12 points. Richards and Crissy Carpenter scored eight apiece.

Kingman also won the junior varsity battle, notching a 53-33 winner. Hargrove had nine points, Rachel Rose had seven and Heather Williams and Kristal LaPlant had five and four, respectively, for Mulvane's JVs.

## Chisholm Trail League Girls Basketball Standings

### DIVISION II

| Team       | League |   | Overall |    |
|------------|--------|---|---------|----|
|            | W      | L | W       | L  |
| Rose Hill  | 7      | 1 | 13      | 3  |
| Andale     | 6      | 1 | 10      | 5  |
| Mulvane    | 5      | 3 | 9       | 7  |
| Kingman    | 4      | 3 | 5       | 10 |
| Circle     | 3      | 4 | 6       | 9  |
| Clearwater | 2      | 6 | 3       | 12 |
| Chaparral  | 0      | 8 | 1       | 15 |

### DIVISION I

|               |   |   |    |    |
|---------------|---|---|----|----|
| Maize         | 6 | 1 | 13 | 2  |
| Buhler        | 6 | 2 | 12 | 3  |
| Goddard       | 6 | 2 | 12 | 4  |
| Wellington    | 4 | 4 | 8  | 8  |
| Andover       | 3 | 5 | 6  | 10 |
| Valley Center | 2 | 5 | 4  | 10 |
| Augusta       | 0 | 8 | 0  | 16 |

### Varsity Girls

|  |    |    |    |       |
|--|----|----|----|-------|
| Rose Hill  | 14 | 13 | 8  | 13-48 |
| Mulvane  | 12 | 15 | 14 | 10-51 |
| Rose Hill--Lisa Brockmeier 11, Brandi Erdman 12, Katie Woodrow 3, Summer Pearson 8, Erica Schoenherr 6, Chelsea Stancoff 8. FG 14 (3), FT 11-20, F 15. |    |    |    |       |

Mulvane--Crissy Carpenter 2, Lindsay Kendrick 9, Kassie Hargrove 6, Dannelle Hughes 7, Kristen Buchanan 9, Melissa Buchanan 12, Shelley Richards 6. FG 17 (3), FT 8-8, F 18.

### Varsity Girls

|  |    |    |    |       |
|--|----|----|----|-------|
| Kingman  | 8  | 11 | 17 | 12-48 |
| Mulvane  | 11 | 13 | 9  | 10-43 |
| Kingman--Sarah Knopic 18, Teri Ricke 2, Jodi Eslinger 2, Jessica Mark 9, Abby Young 4, Andrea Giefer 7, Dana Parsons 6. FG 16 (1), FT 15-19, F 14. |    |    |    |       |

Mulvane--Shelley Richards 8, Lindsay Kendrick 4, Crissy Carpenter 8, Melissa Buchanan 4, Dannelle Hughes 12, Michelle Fowler 3, Kassie Hargrove 2, Kristen Buchanan 2. FG 17 (3), FT 6-12, F 14.

### Junior Varsity Girls

|   |    |    |   |       |
|---|----|----|---|-------|
| Kingman   | 11 | 17 | 8 | 17-53 |
| Mulvane   | 13 | 8  | 5 | 9-33  |
| Kingman--Sherri Hageman 9, Mindie Moore 4, Jennifer McGinnis 9, Cindy Hageman 9, Krystal Vann 15, Janet Herbert 2, Jenny Vaughn 1, Julie Adelhart 4. FG 20 (0), FT 13-27, F 19. |    |    |   |       |

Mulvane--Ashley McCoskey 2, Victoria Padilla 2, Kassie Hargrove 9, Heather Williams 5, Rachel Rose 7, Shiriah Craft 2, Kristal LaPlant 4, Piper Roy 2. FG 13 (3), FT 4-13, F 25.