

Drop Augusta

Girls Snare CTL Lead

The Mulvane High School girls keep reaching one milestone after another this season, one of the best in recent memory. The Lady Cats left their tracks on another opponent Friday night, Feb. 9, at Augusta when they hustled off with a 51-43 victory over the Orioles to solidify their hold on first place in the Chisholm Trail League.

The victory hiked the MHS girls record to 7-2 in the loop and 11-5 overall, and also put another loss on the Augusta slate. The Orioles were one of the teams chasing the Cats.

"On the road and over there, this was another big one for us," admitted Gregg Wolgast. "They are one of the top teams in the standings, so it helps us out from that standpoint, too."

A technical foul on the Augusta coach was one of the most serious blows against Augusta. With Mulvane leading by three with less than three minutes left, the technical foul gave the Cats a big lift with three free throws made, two of them from the "T" and a bucket on the possession to boot.

"That was a big opening," admitted Wolgast. "We were in the driver's seat but that gave us a cushion and things opened up from there. After that, it was a matter of getting the good defense with a hand in the face on their three-point tries."

The Cats pulled away, out scoring Augusta, 21-8, in the final quarter. Juniors Kendra Banzet and Ticia Nicholson provided the firepower. Banzet poured in 18 points and Nicholson hit for 12. Sophomore guard Tricia Turner scored seven points; Kerri Taylor had her top game, six points, and Lisa Heersche added five points and had five assists.

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	12	13	5	21	51
Augusta	10	14	11	8	43

Mulvane — Kerri Taylor 6, Ticia Nicholson 12, Kendra Banzet 18, Tricia Turner 7, Lisa Heersche 5, Nicole Binger 1. FG 22-46 (0), FT 7-14, F 12

Augusta — Megan Little 8, Michelle Maddy 2, Shannon Shyrock 18, Samantha Restivo 3, Paula Rodriguez 12. FG 19-48 (2), FT 3-9, F 20

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	12	7	6	16	41
Augusta	9	19	23	10	61

Mulvane — Jenny Ray 2, Kim Rodriguez 1, Denise Wilson 18, Dawn Hicks 14, Kristen Kuntz 2, Kerri Taylor 4. FG 16-41 (0), FT 9-35, F 20

Augusta — Erika Wakefield 18, Kristi Shogren 4, Samantha Restivo 5, Heather Lytton 7, Dallas Usher 2, Lisa Box 15, Mia Tovar 10. FG 23-54 (0), FT 14-25, F 20

"We started playing much better in the second half," added Wolgast. "In the first half, it was kind of bad. The jayvee was a long drawn-out game and we had to sit through it and the girls didn't have school that day, so they were out of their routine. I'm not sure we came out to get started.

The lanky scoring star also had 11 rebounds and seven blocked shots. Nicholson finished with nine rebounds.

"I think the girls are playing with more consistency now," said Wolgast. "I guess that comes from maturing and playing time. Turner's also getting more playing time and

exposure. She did a fine job helping break their press."

The Cats be in for another test Friday night, Feb. 16, when Buhler is in town for a big CTL game. The Crusaders are a perennial league powerhouse.

In the junior varsity contest, Augusta pounced on a second-quarter opportunity to pull ahead on the way to a 61-41 shelling of the Wildcats.

The Orioles out-scored the Cats, 42-13, in the middle two periods to make it easy.

Denise Wilson and Dawn Hicks had big games for Mulvane, scoring 18 and 14 points, respectively. Taylor scored four points.



MHS junior Kendra Banzet (21) eyes bucket at Augusta