

# Mulvane Girls Get Close To Clearwater, Andale

Mulvane High School girls basketball coach Kelly Dennis is probably wondering what you have to do to win a ball game.

Her Wildcats lost their second straight hard-luck heart-breaker Tuesday night, Feb. 13, as Clearwater invaded Mulvane and it was "charity at first sight." The Indians made 22 free throws to Mulvane's two and won in overtime, 44-39.

The victory gave Clearwater a season sweep of the two games and dropped the Wildcats to 1-17 for the season overall and 1-9 in Chisholm Trail League play as they head into Friday night's encounter at home against Chaparral.

Last Friday, the Wildcats took the No. 1 team in the league, Andale, to the limit before losing a 43-42 game.

Mulvane had an opportunity to win the

#### Varsity Girls

Clearwater	10	7	7	11 (9)—44
Mulvane	4	6	11	14 (4)—39

Clearwater—Tara Pauly 1, Katie Grusing 6, Faith Struthers 16, Sara Struthers 1, Katie Campbell 5, Kelly Engel 13. FG 11 (0), FT 22-33, F 14.

Mulvane—Crissy Carpenter 12, Lindsay Kendrick 3, Lee Cates 8, Dannelle Hughes 6, Janelle Wenke 8, Valeri Larson 2. FG 18 (1), 2-10, F 23.

#### Junior Varsity Girls

Clearwater	6	4	16	13—39
Mulvane	12	10	12	11—45

Clearwater—Trisha Doll 5, Becker 1, Scheer 1, Emily Dunn 8, Brea Baumann 11, Shannon Creel 4, Adrienne Loger 5, Amy Bloomer 2, Pike 2. FG 13 (0), FT 13-26, F 23.

Mulvane—Heather Williams 7, Aimee Sargeant 4, Ashley McCoskey 6, Renee Herpolsheimer 2, Shelley Richards 8, Jennifer McCoskey 2, Nichelle Bruce 8, Anna Wenke 4, Tara Leonard 4. FG 19 (0), FT 7-23, F 26.

#### Varsity Girls

Mulvane	6	9	17	10—42
Andale	6	14	13	10—43

Mulvane—Valeri Larson 4, Danelle Hughes 8, Janelle Wenke 6, Anna Wenke 6, Carrie Burkhardt 5, Crissy Carpenter 4, Lee Cates 6, Lindsay Kendrick 3. FG 19 (1), FT 3-6, F 15.

Andale—Missy Eck 2, Janet Eck 2, Shannon Hermes 11, Christine Gorges 13, Maggie Eck 10, Annette Simon 3, Diane Blasi 2. FG 15 (2), FT 11-14, F 15.

#### Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	4	4	8	19—35
Andale	6	17	11	8—42

Mulvane—Aimee Sargeant 6, Ashley McCoskey 4, Shelley Richards 9, Melissa Buchanan 4, Jennifer McCoskey 2, Anna Wenke 4, Rachel Rose 2, Tara Leonard 2, Rachele Fitzwater 2. FG 12 (0), FT 11-30, F 31.

Andale—Stacey Eck 23, Missy Eck 2, Julie Eck 2, Emmy Horsch 11, Bonnie Wetta 2, Anne Simon 3. FG 10 (0), FT 23-43, F 24.

game against Clearwater in regulation. They held for the last shot but Crissy Carpenter, who had the hot hand in the fourth quarter uprising that got Mulvane back in the game, missed on the baseline. In overtime, Clearwater made nine of 10 free throws...and no field goals.

"In overtime, we kept fouling them and they did a heck of a job making them," said Dennis. "They didn't have any field goals in fact they made only three in the second half and overtime. They did all their scoring at the line, making 21 points in the second half. Meanwhile, we went 2-for-6 at the stripe."

Dennis wasn't happy that MHS seems to tighten up at the 15-foot line. "I thought we played all right and in the fourth quarter, we played very good because our defense was once again good," said Dennis. "But we can't make free throws and if the girls who are shooting them the most keep on missing them, we'll keep losing. They have to want to make them. If we would have hit all our free throws, we would be .500 right now."

The Cats started the game slowly, falling behind, 10-4, in the first quarter but they only trailed, by seven in halftime. "We were only down by seven at halftime but we played really poorly," said Dennis. "We felt pretty good about that. In the second half, the girls picked it up, especially Carpenter, who scored eight points in the last quarter."

Carpenter finished with 12 points. Lee Cates and Janelle Wenke tossed in eight points apiece and Dannelle Hughes scored six points.

The Wildcat girls were coming off their best effort of the season Friday night, Feb. 9, at Andale. The Cats nearly pulled off a huge upset but had to settle for a 43-42 loss to the Indians in a Chisholm Trail League game.

Still, the effort warmed up Coach Dennis. "It was our best game of the year, our execution was wonderful," said Dennis. "They ran a man defense, which helped because we run our man offense a lot better than we do our zone offense."

Just more than a month earlier, the Indians had buried the Wildcats, 60-25, although Friday night Andale was playing

without its injured all-league star, Katie Eck.

"I think it all came together Friday night," said Dennis. "Carrie (Burkhart) did an excellent job setting up the offense and running it. It was by far her best job of the year. Almost every time down the floor, we got a good look at the basket."

It could have been a dream ending for Mulvane, which had a 42-42 tie and the ball with 49 seconds left. "We called a time out to set up our stall and I was going to call another one with about 10 seconds left but we travelled. They got a shot and missed but got the offensive rebound and Anna Wenke was called for a foul with about a second and a half left. Their girl made the first one and missed the second shot."

Ironically, Dennis felt the Cats had a great night rebounding...except for the one that got away. "We did a good job on the boards, they didn't get that many offensive rebounds," said Dennis. "But they did get the one that counted. Crissy Carpenter was our leading rebounder and our other two big girls inside, Janelle Wenke and Dannelle Hughes, also did a nice job. It's too bad that an offensive rebound was what beat us."

The Cat scoring was balanced. Hughes finished with eight points. Anna Wenke, Janelle Wenke and guard Lee Cates had six points apiece and Carrie Burkhardt scored five.

In the junior varsity contest, Andale held off a late charge by the MHS jayvees to record a 42-35 victory.

Mulvane made a rush at the end, scoring 19 fourth quarter points but it wasn't enough. Shelley Richards paced the Cat JVs with nine points. Aimee Sargeant scored six points and three players, Anna Wenke, Melissa Buchanan and Ashley McCoskey, scored four points each.

Mulvane's girls have only two more regular season games before the Rose Hill Class 4A Sub-State, which starts the week of Feb. 26th. The girls will be at home against Chaparral Friday night, Feb. 16, then on the road to close the regular season at Circle Thursday, Feb. 22. Watch for Sub-State pairings in next week's News.