

Home Becomes 'Turnover City'

"Home, Sweet Home" was "Turnover City" Tuesday night, Feb. 13, for the Mulvane High School girls and boys. Goddard came to town for a defining game and the Lions defined the difference between an upper division finish and a middle-of-the-road finish for the MHS Wildcats.

Behind a flurry of turnovers, steals and Mulvane miscues, the Lions sailed to an easy 61-41 victory. The Cats missed an opportunity to make a statement at home. The game pitted the Nos. 3 and 4 teams in the CTL Division I standings and a Mulvane win could have given Coach

Jayson Miller's club a shot at finishing in the upper half of the league.

The varsity boys game was over in the first quarter against the powerful Lions. Goddard spanked the Wildcat boys, 84-30, after sprinting out to a 23-7 lead after one quarter.

"We played okay in the first half, it wasn't great but we did the kinds of things that were good for us and enabled us to stay in the ball game," said Coach Miller. "Goddard can really explode on you. They over-play the passing lanes and can really put some points on the board quick and that's what happened. We lost our compo-

sure and had a bunch of bad passes that led to Goddard scores."

The Lions took control in the 3rd quarter by out-scoring Mulvane, 21-10, to break up a tight game.

LaShelle Parker scored 20 points for Mulvane. Sami Booth finished with nine points and Melissa Doerfer had six.

The MHS boys tumbled to 1-15 on the season and were quickly out of the game after the Lions posted back-to-back 23-point quarters to take a 46-21 lead by halftime, making the most of their pressure defense and transition game.

Senior Chris Gerhardt had another fine offensive game, scoring 15 points. Luke Gunter scored five points and both Jonathan Reed and Ryan McKnight had four-point games.

January was brutal on the Wildcat girls, losers of seven of their last eight games, but the Cats won their second in a row Monday night, Feb. 12, in a weather-related make-up game at Andover. The Wildcats gained strength throughout the contest and registered a 52-41 triumph over the Trojans in a CTL game. The game was supposed to have been played Friday night, Feb. 9. The MHS boys were thumped, 82-47, by Andover.

"A victory on the road at this stage of the season is always great," said Miller. "We did a much better job in the second half and really played well as a team. I thought in the first half, everybody was like running their individual offense but in the second half, we were moving the ball, we were finding the open shooter and we were crashing the boards. I liked what I saw."

After falling behind by as many as eight points in the first six minutes, the Cats staged a mini-rally and got to within two points at intermission, but they took up the slack in the 3rd quarter, out-scoring Andover, 14-6, to gain the advantage. "We started playing a lot better defense after intermission," said Miller. "They have two good scorers and they only scored five points between them in the 2nd half. We didn't make any changes, the girls just focused more on their strengths and took away what Andover was doing best. We also started controlling the tempo in the second half."

Miller said Lazar and Booth both came alive in the 3rd period and "Dorf" did a fine job of controlling the tempo and scoring, too.

Lazar finished with 15 points. Booth scored 11 points and Doerfer had 14.

LaShelle Parker finished with eight points.

"It's nice to get back in the 50s after slumping the last few games," said Miller. "We had a good offensive game at Augusta and I think it gave the girls some confidence that they carried over into Monday night's ball game. And it's nice to get scoring from different people. Better balance can only make us better."

Gerhardt led the Cat boys in the scoring column against the Trojans, hitting for 14 points. Gunter scored six points and both Jeremy Adams and McKnight chipped in with four points apiece.

Varsity Girls

Goddard	4	17	21	20-61
Mulvane	4	13	10	14-41

Goddard—Natalie Thomas 10, Maggie Caruthers 16, Amanda Vossen 1, Rikki Hall 17, Mandy Riesgo 5, Audra Bell 5, Erica Fenili 5, Alea Burton 2. FG 25 (2), FT 9-18, F 16.

Mulvane—Sami Booth 9, LaShelle Parker 20, Melissa Doerfer 6, Nicole Hackley 2, Andrea Valerio 2, Kris Lazar 2. FG 16 (0), FT 9-19, F 20.

Mulvane	13	13	14	12-52
Andover	14	14	6	17-41

Mulvane—Melissa Doerfer 14, Kris Lazar 15, Michelle Dinkel 2, LaShelle Parker 8, Sami Booth 11, Shayna Duncan 2.

Andover—Tasha Smades 6, Trish Kirkendoll 2, Jessica Hamilton 6, Amy Biggs 5, Allyson Knight 13, Jocelyn Kennedy 4, Briann Ash 2, Melanie Fox 2, Allie Ek 1.



Guard Michelle Dinkel (10) heads for a lay-up attempt