

Inept Offense Sinks MHS Girls

There are two facets important to every basketball game. One is keeping the other team from scoring. The second is having a capable offense. The Mulvane Wildcat girls team accomplished one-half of that two-step operation. Trouble is, Valley Center proved efficient in both areas and struggled to a 36-28 verdict over the Cat girls Thursday night, Feb. 12, at Valley Center.

The loss dropped the Mulvane record to 0-8 in the Chisholm Trail League and 2-14 overall and ended the league season for coach Bill Brown's outfit.

"It was one of our better defensive games in a long time," confessed Brown. "They have a big team and beat us soundly on the boards. But in the end, it was the same old story--we can't hit the big shot, the 10 footers when we need them."

Brown's Wildcats started off as if an upset was in the making, taking an 8-4 lead after one quarter of play but it was all Hornets after that, even though Mulvane trailed only 13-12, at intermission.

"You have to score 40 points a game," declared Brown. "If you can't, you can't win."

"We couldn't make up for that lack of offense even though our defense was very good," added the Cat coach. "Valley Center didn't have a good shooting game according to their coach. He said they had been making about 50 percent of their shots but we held them to only 32 percent (14 of 44). We just didn't take advantage of it."

Brown said a defensive adjustment was partly responsible for the closeness of the game. In the first game between

Girls Varsity

Mulvane	8	4	6	10-28
Valley Center	4	9	10	13-36

Mulvane--Vicki Powell 4, Arlene Reekie 9, April Bales 4, Mary Cole 2, Kristi Lawless 3, Carol Baker 6. FG 12-45, FT 4-11, F 15.

Valley Center--Jana McKay 3, Pam Harpster 8, Lynn Edmundson 4, Sandra Kennedy 4, Brenda Weber 11, Peggy Daniels 4, Martha Rall 2. FG 14-44, FT 8-13, F 14.

Girls Junior Varsity

Mulvane	11	4	12	6-33
Valley Center	8	6	4	10-28

Mulvane--Gwen Reekie 2, Dee Dee Rather 4, Nancy Gehring 5, Lori Melick 8, Mary Cole 14. FG 16-48, FT 1-9, F 13.

Valley Center--Jana McKay 2, Renee Franklin 4, Cheryl Arnold 4, Susan Dunn 2, Kelee Harpster 4, LaDonna Bookout 4, Jonna Hoffline 8. FG 11-38, FT 6-11, F 14.

the two schools, Valley roasted the Cats, 48-29.

"Our guards are so short that we needed to pick Valley up a little farther out in an effort to move their offense away from the basket," said Brown. "I think that made a difference because it forced their offense out another two feet to places they weren't normally shooting from."

Brown also felt his No. 1 scorer's early departure (in the third quarter) with five fouls hurt. "We need to have Arlene (Reekie) in there because she's such a big part of our offense," said Brown.

As it was, Reekie still led the scoring for Mulvane with nine points. Carol Baker finished with six points and April Bales and Vicki Powell each had four.

Coach Kim Frank's B-team racked up one of its best victories of the year at Valley Center by holding off a fourth quarter surge and stinging the Hornets, 33-28.

Cole finished with 14 points in that game and guard Lori Melick had eight. Nancy Gehring finished with five and Dee Dee Rather with four for the Cats.