

Win At Clearwater

Wildcats Cut Rally Short

The free throw stripe saved the day for Coach Kelly Dennis and her Mulvane Wildcats. Mulvane sank three of four from the free throw line in the last quarter to ward off a drive by Clearwater, giving the Cats a 52-45 winner Tuesday night, Feb. 18, at Clearwater.

"Free throws are winning ball games for us," pointed out Dennis, whose club improved to 10-8 overall and 6-4 in the league. "We were seven for eight in the game. That's the biggest difference in the team from this year to last year. Our composure. The girls are finding a way to win and last year we couldn't do that."

The Wildcats gained a choke hold in the contest in the second quarter, running off to a 16-6 edge in that period but the Indians came back in the last quarter to make it close. "We had a 12-point lead at halftime by getting a lot of points off turnovers," said Dennis. "They started playing more physical in the second half and started making up ground. We came apart a little there late, but we got it back together to hold them off."

Only five Wildcats scored but four of them hit double figures. Melissa Buchanan scored 16 points, Dannelle Hughes had 12 and Lindsay Kendrick and Shelley Richards had 11 apiece.

Mulvane also did a good job on the boards. The senior standout Hughes finished with 12 rebounds and Dennis' guard trio of senior Crissy Carpenter, Kendrick and Richards wrapped up another 18 boards between them.

It may have been a long drive to Andale, but it certainly had to be a longer drive back.

The Andale Indian girls didn't want to be Valentines for the Wildcat girls as they zoomed past the Cats, 55-33, Friday night, Feb. 14, in a Chisholm Trail League game.

"It was a long drive to not play well," complained Dennis. "Offensively, we just really were timid. Nobody looked like they wanted to score. We had 21 bad passes. If we could have shot once for each of those bad passes, we could have won the ball game."

The Mulvane board game went to pot against Andale, which allowed the Indians to shoot until they made it. "They had 16 offensive rebounds," said Dennis. "We had three starters who didn't have one rebound in the entire game. These are girls who

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	10	16	14	12-52
Clearwater	8	6	15	17-45

Mulvane--Crissy Carpenter 2, Lindsay Kendrick 11, Dannelle Hughes 12, Melissa Buchanan 16, Shelley Richards 11. FG 21 (1), FT 7-8, F 13.

Clearwater--Tara Pauly 16, Faith Struthers 9, Megan Loger 2, Nikki Pike 7, Emily Dunn 11. FG 18 (2), FT 8-13, F 13.

Mulvane	4	14	2	13-33
Andale	13	10	17	15-55

Mulvane--Kristen Buchanan 5, Melissa Buchanan 4, Shelley Richards 4, Dannelle Hughes 14, Crissy Carpenter 2, Lindsay Kendrick 2, Kassie Hargrove 2. FG 13 (0), FT 7-8, F 19.

Andale--Missy Eck 14, Betsy Eck 6, Stacey Eck 2, Maggie Eck 12, Emmy Horsch 9, Christine Gorges 10, Jenny Kampling 2. FG 20 (0), FT 15-24, F 15.

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	11	17	10	14-52
Andale	8	13	6	13-40

Mulvane--Ashley McCoskey 8, Rachel Rose 4, Kassie Hargrove 5, Kristal LaPlant 7, Heather Williams 2, Victoria Padilla 14, Andrea Hufford 2, Kristin Buchanan 4, Shiriah Craft 4, Piper Roy 2. FG 21 (1), FT 9-11, F 25.

Andale--Betsy Eck 2, Jenny Kampling 11, Bonnie Wetta 6, Kim Thome 16, Abby Ungles 4, Mandy Hermes 1. FG 16 (1), FT 7-20, F 12.

Rose Hill	14	7	15	9-45
Mulvane	10	5	7	8-30

Rose Hill--Jessica Tracy 8, Jennifer Draper 12, Rachel Swenson 6, Kate Schofield 3, Regan Jacobson 4, Kaycee Raitt 6, Lori Manion 4, Kara Brockmeier 2. FG 16 (0), FT 13-31, F 18.

Mulvane--Victoria Padilla 4, Ashley McCoskey 2, Rachel Rose 6, Kassie Hargrove 11, Shiriah Craft 2, Kristal LaPlant 3, Piper Roy 2. FG 11 (4), FT 4-11, F 25.

average around six or seven a game. If we're physical, we do well. If we sit back and watch, we don't. Andale is one of the most physical teams in the league and we tend to not play well against physical teams.

"Of their 20 field goals, 17 of them came from the paint. We were there, too, but we stood there and watched them go bye."

The senior Hughes was the top scorer for Mulvane. She had 14 points but she was the one Cat in double figures. Kristen Buchanan scored five points and both Shelley Richards and Melissa Buchanan scored four points.

In the junior varsity game at Andale, the Wildcats were all over Andale, winning 52-40. Guard Victoria Padilla scored 14 points for Mulvane, Ashley McCoskey scored eight, Kristal LaPlant had seven and Kassie Hargrove popped in five for the Cats.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Rose Hill, the Wildcat jayvees found a tougher job as the Rockets notched a 45-30 victory over Mulvane. High scorer for the Cats was Hargrove with 11 points and Rachel Rose scored six.