

Wildcat Rock Rockets' World

Maybe some of that preaching is getting through. The MHS girls have struggled with their rebounding all season long. Coach Miller and his aide, Mike Heater, consequently have made rebounding a high priority item in practices.

"We have been preaching and preaching rebounding all season until we're blue in the face," said Jayson Miller following a 38-34 victory over Rose Hill Tuesday night, Feb. 11, in Rose Hill. "I guess Kayla and Shayna were listening. Kayla and Shayna really controlled the boards for us, especially in the second half when we started taking control of the game. I know Kayla had seven rebounds and Shayna ended up with nine, and in the second half, we out-rebounded them, 16-8."

The Wildcats handled the Rockets on their home turf by overcoming a quick RH start, playing good zone defense and controlling the boards in the second half. Mulvane trailed, 11-4, after the first quarter and wiped out a seven-point halftime lead by the Rockets in the 3rd quarter when they out-scored the hosts, 11-3. The Cats out-gunned Rose Hill, 28-17, in the last half.

It was the first time in three games that the Cats were able to win against Rose Hill and handed the Wildcats their 2nd Chisholm Trail League win this year.

"That's a win we definitely needed, especially after the way we performed in the game two weeks ago against them. We just took ourselves out of that game by playing out of our tempo. Tuesday night, though, we took better shots and did a better job keeping them off their offensive glass."

Miller also took a little different defensive approach, playing a zone that was packed tight inside and eliminated the Rocket inside game. "We played a zone just trying to mix things up and I thought the girls did a great job taking their inside game away and making them play perimeter-oriented. We got lucky because they didn't hit their outside shots."

Something must have jelled. The Rockets ran off 64 points in a January meeting with the Wildcats. "We just did a better job defen-

Girls Varsity

Mulvane	2	7	7	7-23
Maize	10	20	18	10-58
Mulvane--Lacie Leatherman 2, Tara Roberts 2, Shayna Duncan 8, Whitney Becker 4, Jessica Brock 2, Melissa Doerfer 5 FG 8 (0), FT 7-16, F 16				
Maize--Martling 6, Jakobov 2, Kramer 5, Brucks 6, Petrich 4, Brianna Willhite 19, Fessender 5, Fulbright 1, Marek 9, Vogt 1 FG 23 (4), FT 8-17, F 17				
Mulvane	4	6	11	17-38
Rose Hill	11	6	3	14-34
Mulvane--Melissa Doerfer 12, Kayla Linnebur 6, Abby Sorensen 2, Whitney Becker 4, Shayna Duncan 12, Laura Buchanan 2 FG 16 (1), FT 5-9, F 10				
Rose Hill--Jenny Barnes 9, Erica Rothweiler 5, Lacy Barnes 8, Brittany Scroggin 4, Tristan Smades 5, Katie Hoyt 3 FG 12 (4), FT 6-10, F 13				

sively," said Miller. "I was pleased with our ability to hold them to only one shot. That was definitely a step in the right direction."

Guard Melissa Doerfer and Duncan each had 12 points to take game scoring honors. Linnebur tossed in six points and the sophomore Whitney Becker had four.

The Cats also took a little different approach in game preparation, too. Miller was ill all day Monday, Feb. 10, so Heater and freshman coach Dale Landes took over and got the Cats prepared.

Mulvane's girls will be on the road for the final time in the regular season Friday night, Feb. 21, when they go to Buhler. The Cats will return home for games against Goddard (Feb. 25) and Valley Center (Feb. 27).

The Maize Eagles showed the Mulvane High girls why they are ranked in the top five in Class 6A in the state and it didn't take them long to make their point.

After one quarter, it was 10-2 and by intermission, Mulvane had scored only nine points and the Eagles were on their way to another lopsided victory over the Cats, 58-23, Tuesday night, Feb. 18, in Maize.

The Wildcats never got started offensively. They were held to single digits in all four quarters. Earlier this season in Mulvane, Maize pounded the Cat girls, 60-35.

The Eagles brought too much pressure and dominated the backboards against the Wildcats to control the contest.

Junior Shayna Duncan had eight points to pace the Cat offense. Melissa Doerfer scored five points and Whitney Becker had four.