

# Keep CTL Hopes Alive

## Shooting Sparks Cat Gals

Mulvane clamped on the defense in the first half to shoot past Wellington, 60-45, Tuesday, Feb. 19, in a Chisholm Trail League game in Mulvane. The victory gave Coach Gregg Wolgast's Cats a 9-3 mark in the league and left the girls one game behind Augusta heading into the Orioles' last CTL game at Goddard.

"Our defense in the first two quarters was great," noted Wolgast. "We had two girls sick and two others in foul trouble so some of the other girls stepped forward. That has to give us a little more confidence as we head down the stretch."

The Cats also shot 63% from the field (23 of 34), which is a season-best mark, as they raced out to an 18-8 lead after one quarter and held a 33-18 halftime lead.

Veteran seniors Kendra Banzet and Lisa Heersche scored 19 and 15 points, respectively, and both Tricia Turner and Kerri Taylor had eight.

Wolgast is still trying to figure his team out, or at least which team will take the floor each game.

Playing a make-up game Thursday night, Feb. 14, of an iced-out game at home against Goddard, the Wildcat looked like loveable kittens on Valentine's Day as the Lions screamed past the Cats, 70-42, in a critical Chisholm Trail game. Earlier in the year at Goddard, the Wildcats had slashed their way to a 51-43 triumph.

The girls rebounded Friday night, Feb. 15, on the road, scalping a tough Buhler squad, 63-52. Earlier this season, the Crusader girls invaded Mulvane and walked all over the Cats, 77-50.

Hey, you figure it out.

The Goddard loss was particularly serious since Augusta's CTL leaders fell Friday night and a win over Goddard would have put the Cats back into a tie for the CTL Division I championship with Augusta.

"I can't understand it," said Wolgast. "They were two completely different games. We were really flat and didn't have much intensity against Goddard, and at Buhler, that was probably our best game of the year in terms of keeping the intensity level up for the whole game."

The CTL game at Buhler was a good one but the Crusaders got into foul trouble with their big people trying to guard Mulvane's Kendra Banzet. "That allowed Kendra to get some shots off and she was hot," said Wolgast. "She hit 13 of 14 from the field. In fact, the whole team shot well. There was one stretch in the third quarter when Lisa Heersche hit buckets four straight times down the court. That forced them to come out and opened up Kendra inside.

"And the girls did another great job of getting the ball into Kendra from all over. Tricia and Kerri got the ball inside from one side and Lisa from the other."

Buhler trailed the whole game but came back in the 4th quarter, cutting the Mulvane lead to only five points, but Mulvane pulled away after that. The Cats out-scored the Crusaders, 17-9, in the final period.

Banzet finished with another banner game. She had 26 points. Nicholson scored 10 points and Heersche gunned in 16. Guard Tricia Turner finished with seven while Taylor scored four.

Against Goddard, Banzet was held under

her average, scoring only 16 points. So was Heersche, who had only three after 10 straight double-figure games. Nicholson scored 11 points for the Cats.

"I don't know what we were thinking about on Thursday," said Wolgast. "It was a rare Thursday night game. We shot poorly and there was no intensity there. I think the girls just thought all they had to do was show up. There were just a bunch of factors involved that night."

### Varsity Girls

Wellington	8	10	14	13-45
Mulvane	18	15	12	15-60
Wellington—Kelly Silcott 21, Heather McAlister 14, Anna Heimer 6, Paula Vargas 2, Lenca Tuttle 2. FG 19-44 (0), FT 7-16, F 22.				

Mulvane—Kendra Banzet 19, Lisa Heersche 15, Tricia Turner 8, Kerri Taylor 8, Dawn Hicks 4, Sheila Mills 4, Anna Turner 2. FG 23-34 (0), FT 14-24, F 18.

### Junior Varsity Girls

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Mulvane	21	12	13	17-63
Buhler	12	18	13	9-52
Mulvane—Kendra Banzet 26, Ticia Nicholson 10, Lisa Heersche 16, Kerri Taylor 4, Tricia Turner 7. FG 28-44 (0), FT 7-12, F 13.				

Buhler—Kim Barnes 6, Lynette Newborn 10, Lisa Buller 4, Leanne Korniek 10, Erin Howerton 14, Melanie Old 6. FG 22-46 (1), FT 7-13, F 14.

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Goddard	10	16	15	29-70
Mulvane	12	3	17	10-42
Goddard—Shannon Jaax 9, Becky Stevenson 10, Marri Harrison 10, Lori Cunningham 16, Kristin Hawks 10, Amy Major 6, Brandi McGinty 1, Caida Craig 7. FG 25-50 (0), FT 20-33, F 14.				

Mulvane—Ticia Nicholson 11, Kendra Banzet 16, Lisa Heersche 3, Kerri Taylor 4, Tricia Turner 6, Sheila Mills 2. FG 20-51 (0), FT 2-14, F 27.

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