

Cats Stump Indians; No. 1 Sub-State Seed

It went from "rough" to "smooth sailing" for the Mulvane High School basketball girls Friday night, Feb. 16, when Clearwater came to Mulvane.

The "rough" seas were early and didn't last long, at least not for the Mulvane girls, who rode out a rough start and started sailing after the offense smoothed out in the second half for a 35-19 triumph over the Indians in a non-league game. Ironically, the victory probably solidified the Wildcat girls' hold on a No. 1 seed in next week's Augusta Class 4A Sub-State.

The Cat girls will conclude the regular season tonight (Feb. 22) with a contest at Maize before hosting No. 8 seeded Augusta at 7 p.m. Tuesday night, Feb. 27, in the opening round of action in the Augusta Sub-State. The semifinals and finals will be at Augusta High Friday and Saturday evenings, March 2-3.

"It was a good win for us," beamed Coach Jayson Miller. "It was obvious at the start that we had played three games in the week. We looked a little groggy. Both teams started slowly, really stagnant. We couldn't hit our outside shots and our inside people didn't seem to be working hard to get open. As the game progressed, though, we started playing much better, getting people open inside and getting movement from the outside people."

The victory gave Mulvane a 9-9 mark as the Wildcats headed into a game at Maize Tuesday night, Feb. 20.

The Cats used domination on the boards to help make up for some sour shooting at the free throw stripe. Mulvane had a 39-25 edge in rebounding with LaShelle Parker having her biggest night of the season with 18 boards, Kris Lazar pulling down seven and Jackie Burkhart six.

And a couple of turnovers early in the fourth quarter gave the MHS girls the spark they needed to pull away. After that, they ended the game on an 11-0 tear.

Varsity Girls

Clearwater	4	8	3	4-19
Mulvane	4	9	8	14-35

Clearwater—April Dodson 2, Adrienne Thompson 2, Jamie Berntsen 3, Jennifer Burch 9, Erin Loger 3. FG 8 (0), FT 3-17, F 26.

Mulvane—Jackie Burkhart 3, Andrea Valerio 4, Sami Booth 9, Kris Lazar 9, LaShelle Parker 3, Melissa Doerfer 4, Michelle Dinkel 1, Shayna Duncan 2. FG 11 (0), FT 13-34, F 16.

Junior Varsity Girls

Clearwater	1	7	10	5-29
Mulvane	2	6	1	10-19

Clearwater—Traci Loger 5, Greta Tjaden 7, Amanda Shaver 2, Ashley Thome 9, Megan Mills 2, Nicole Moore 1, Matti Logan 3. FG 11 (3), FT 4-14, F 15.

Mulvane—Kayla Linnebur 3, Cristin Richards 4, Shayna Duncan 8, Nicole Hackley 3, Lacie Leatherman 1. FG 7 (0), FT 5-14, F 20.

Goddard	7	15	15	11-48
Mulvane	6	5	4	4-19

Goddard—Debra Greenwood 2, Brenna Powers 12, Tina Borchers 1, Lindsay Morgan 2, Audrey Donovan 3, Robyn Henning 2, Alicia Gourley 9, Missie Linnens 2, Linsey Bahns 4, Amy Bing 6, Alex Bunton 5. FG 19 (0), FT 10-13, F 14.

Mulvane—Janie Wilkinson 4, Nicole Hackley 0, Kayla Linnebur 0, Cristin Richards 0, Shayna Duncan 15. FG 8 (0), FT 3-8, F 12.

Augusta Class 5A Sub-State Pairings

First Round Games

MONDAY, FEB. 26

No. 8 Mulvane boys (1-18) at No. 1 Douglass boys (12-7), 7 p.m.

No. 7 Wellington boys (3-16) at No. 2 Rose Hill boys (12-8), 7

No. 6 Clearwater boys (7-12) at No. 3 Circle boys (11-9), 7

No. 5 El Dorado boys (8-11) at No. 4 Augusta boys (9-10), 7

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

No. 8 Douglass girls (1-18) at No. 1 Mulvane girls (9-10), 7 p.m.

No. 7 Augusta girls (2-17) at No. 2 Circle girls (9-11), 7

No. 6 Clearwater girls (2-16) at No. 3 Wellington girls (7-12), 7

No. 5 El Dorado girls (5-14) at No. 4 Rose Hill girls (6-14), 7

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

6 p.m.--Boys semifinals

7:30 -- Boys semifinals

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

6 p.m.--Girls semifinals

7 -- Girls semifinals

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

6 p.m.--girls championship game

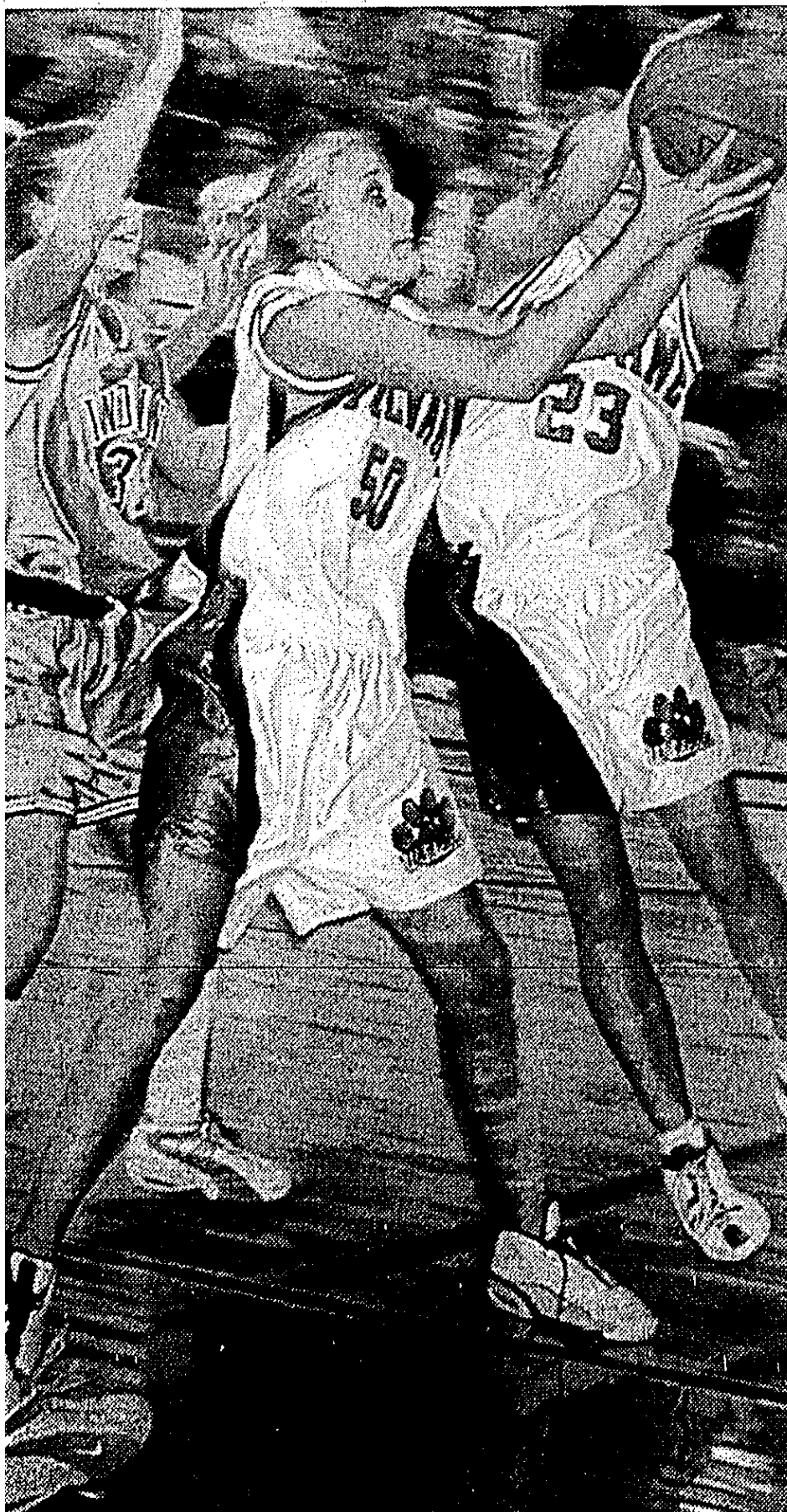
7:30 -- boys championship game

Sami Booth and Lazar were the scoring leaders for Mulvane, each with nine points. Andrea Valerio and Melissa Doerfer scored four points apiece and the club's top scorer, LaShelle Parker, scored three.

In the junior varsity game against the Indians, Mulvane couldn't overcome a two-point first quarter AND a one-point third quarter in a 29-19 setback to Clearwater.

Shayna Duncan scored eight points to light the way for Mulvane. Cristin Richards had four points and both Kayla Linnebur and Nicole Hackley scored three points.

Earlier in the week, the Cat JVs were trounced in a home game against Goddard, 48-19. Duncan scored a career-high 15 points in that one and Janie Wilkinson had the team's other four points.



Kris Lazar (50) and Jackie Burkhart (23) grab a rebound against the Indians