

# Cat Gals' Upset Bid Twarted In Overtime

Only a fluke three-point basket which followed a questionable officials call kept the Mulvane High School girls from reaching their highest point of the season.

Buhler came to town Friday night, Feb. 17, for the last Chisholm Trail League game of the season and escaped with a 64-58 overtime thriller. The loss gave the Mulvane girls a 2-10 record in the league and a 4-15 mark overall.

"It was one of our best games but really, other than the Wellington game a week ago, we haven't had a poor game for a while," said Gregg Wolgast, the MHS coach. "The concentration has improved every game and the execution on offense and our timing has been good. The girls are really starting to pick it up and get an understanding of what we're trying to accomplish. What I was pleased mostly about was that Buhler had to keep adjusting to what we were doing and when they did, the girls automatically picked it up and kept right on going without having to call a time out to make the change."

Mulvane appeared to be on the verge of winning its first game ever against Buhler's highly-touted girls. The Cats had worked a three-point lead and had the ball heading into the half minute of the game. However, Buhler picked off a bad pass when officials missed a foul call and a three-point shot at the buzzer tied the game at 57-57 at the end of regulation.

"Our girls just did a great job," admitted Wolgast. "We played well, we're getting confidence in our game, but the thing I like most was that the girls were really upset with the loss. They didn't like it. They all felt like we

should have won the game and I think that means the girls now believe they have a good team and that they can plan with just about anybody."

Earlier this season, Buhler's Crusaders battered the Cats by 20, 59-39, and Buhler but things were different Friday night as Mulvane came from behind in the final half.

"We were a lot more effective getting Kendra (Banze) the ball," said Wolgast. "We made some adjustments on offense that made it more difficult for them to cover her and when they did, that left other people with open shots. The girls were knocking them down."

Another key, according to Wolgast, was Mulvane's work against the pressure defense, a problem earlier this season. "I think the girls are much more confident in what they are doing," said the Cat coach. "We weren't very disciplined earlier but now the girls are running their press-break offense and they know where the ball has to go to break the press."

The Cats found Banze often as she finished with 29 points before fouling out in the last minutes of regulation. The 29-point burst was a career-high. Sophomore Ticia Nicholson also was in double figures with 10 points. Seniors Nancy Farber and Bridge Horton scored seven points each and guard Lisa Heersche had the team's other five points.

The MHS junior varsity also threw a scare in the Crusader jayvees before losing a 37-32 contest. Mulvane held a lead going in the last quarter, and Buhler out-scored the Cats, 13-5, to win it.

Freshman Denise Wilson led the Mulvane scoring punch with 11 points. Freshmen Tammy Withrow and Tricia Turner were next with nine and six points, respectively.

## Varsity Girls

Buhler 15 17 10 15 (7)--64  
Mulvane 16 9 14 18 (1)--58

Buhler--Michelle Old 18, Debbie Johnson 5, Jody Ropp 22, Erin Howerton 8, Tonya Gaedder 4, Colleen Darrow 7. FG 24-44 (1), FT 13-24, F 21.

Mulvane--Kendra Banze 29, Nancy Farber 7, Bridge Horton 7, Ticia Nicholson 10, Lisa Heersche 5. FG 21-46 (1), FT 13-24, F 19.

## Junior Varsity Girls

Buhler 10 4 10 13--37  
Mulvane 8 8 11 5--32

Buhler--Gretchen Franz 12, Lisa Buller 11, Lynette Newburn 6, Stacy Heikes 4, Heather Worthington 2, Christy Lane 2. FG 18-30 (0), FT 1-4, F 10.

Mulvane--Denise Wilson 11, Tammy Withrow 9, Tricia Turner 6, Kristy Erickson 4, Kristen Kuntz 2. FG 14-29 (0), FT 4-10, F 11.