

Season-Long Problems Still Hurt; Sub-State Tuesday

The season has been like a broken record for Mulvane High School girls basketball coach Ron McMahon and his Wildcats. The record keeps going back to the break.

As in so many previous games this season, the Cats had their troubles against a pressure defense in the opening half and never really made a game of it Thursday night, Feb. 16, at Chaparral. The Roadrunners put it into high gear early and left Mulvane in the dust on the way to a 58-30 victory.

That left the Wildcats at 0-10 in the Chisholm Trail and 1-17 overall and looking for their first win in more than two months tonight (Feb. 23) when they play Circle in their home finale for 1994-95. McMahon's girls also will play a make-up game Friday night, Feb. 24, at Clearwater before turning their attention to the Circle Class 4A Sub-State Tuesday night, Feb. 28. Mulvane will play No. 1 seeded Andover (18-2) at Andover in the opening game.

"It was tough from the get-go," said McMahon about the contest at Chappy. "They scored 15 on us out of the box. We got the ball pass the half-court line but had trouble from the line to the top of the key. They jumped the ball and made their offense out of our mistakes. That's what made their offense click."

By intermission, the Roadrunners were up, 29-9, and the game basically was over. "The problem is still challenging us," said McMahon. "Our inability to handle the ball and pass the ball really hurts. I just hope the girls get to camps this summer and get things changed. It's going to take some work in the off-season to help turn this thing around. The pressure hurts us. When you bring sophomores up and put them in the fire, things like this happen. It's been a battle all year long."

McMahon said it wasn't just the guard play but the entire squad which had to shoulder the responsibility. "When we run our offense, get it set up, we do fairly well," said the Cat coach. "Our problem is cutting down turnovers so we can get our offense set up. We just don't make the right plays

under pressure."

The Cats did a better job in the second half, scoring 21 of their points, but couldn't cut into the Chaparral lead.

"From a positive standpoint, we played fairly good defense but with us creating their offense, it made it easy for them" said McMahon. "When we came down and actually ran a set, we played well but unfortunately, we didn't have enough of that. We don't have the big guards who can see over things. We just need to keep working on our ball handling. It's frustrating for the girls when they can't get into the offense. It makes it tough on everybody."

Junior Courtney Renfro led the Mulvane scoring with six points. Danielle Hughes, a sophomore, scored five and Janelle Wenke, Heidi Parker and Valerie Larson scored four points each.

The Wildcat jayvee girls started quickly but couldn't hold off a second-half push by Chaparral, losing a 41-27 game. Mulvane broke on top, 14-10, after one quarter but Chappy took the lead for good behind a 13-2 surge in the third quarter.

Guard Aimee Goens led Mulvane's jayvee scorers with 10 points. Michelle Fowler scored eight points and Melissa Buchanan had four.

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	2	7	10	11-30
Chaparral	15	14	13	16-58

Mulvane—Courtney Renfro 6, Heidi Parker 4, Janelle Wenke 4, Danielle Hughes 5, Valerie Larson 4, Crissy Carpenter 2, Carrie Burkhardt 2, Lee Cates 3. FG 12 (0), FT 6-13, F 23.

Chaparral—Erica Bellesine 14, Emily Dicker 9, Karen Banks 20, Angela Query 6, Longbine 3, Ewertz 4, Leigh Barrett 2. FG 22 (1), FT 13-29, F 17.

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	14	5	2	6-27
Chaparral	10	8	13	10-41

Mulvane—Aimee Goens 10, Heather Held 3, Kim Canfield 2, Michelle Fowler 8, Melissa Buchanan 4. FG 7 (2), FT 11-24, F 19.

Chaparral—Greve 4, Matthews 8, Adams 11, Scott 3, Callin 2, Roberts 1, Barrett 6, Drouhoud 6. FG 16 (1), FT 7-18, F 27.