

Kilpatrick Finds Niche

Girls Can't Find Shooting Touch

Whoever said defense is 90% of a basketball game. Mulvane High School girls basketball coach Bill Stinson says it takes two to tango.

Scoring points continued to be a problem for Stinson's Wildcats Monday night, Feb. 21, at Andover, enabling the Trojans to spank the Cats, 46-36, in a non-league game.

Although the outcome sent the MHS girls skidding to 5-13 on the campaign, it didn't dishearten the Mulvane coach. "They've got one of the best teams in the state," said Stinson. "They're a good basketball team. Tops in the Chisholm Trail and we stayed right in there with them."

The Wildcat girls will close out their home schedule tonight (Feb. 24) by entertaining Goddard. They'll be in the Class 5A Sub-State Tournament which starts Thursday, March 5, in Arkansas City. Pairings won't be announced until Saturday, Feb. 26.

A fourth-period surge by the Cats, 14-7, helped make it close after the Trojans opened up a 17-point lead in the third quarter by out-scoring Mulvane, 21-5.

Stinson summed his club's woes up in one word. Shooting. "We're trying," said the first-year coach. "We just don't have the shooting that's needed. That's what it comes down to. Everybody (on the team) has to shoot better than they are. We hit 26% against Andover, which is our record this year, but that's not good enough. We can't shoot that and win ball games.

"Jay (Kilpatrick) has been coming around and Mary (Cole) is shooting okay but we still have to have better shooting out of everybody, including

Girls Varsity

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| Mulvane | 8 | 9 | 5 | 14--36 |
| Andover | 4 | 14 | 21 | 7--46 |
| Mulvane--Jay Kilpatrick 16, Tawnya Infinger 4, Mary Cole 10, Nancy Gehring 2, Diane Mohny 4 | | | | |
| FG 14-51, FT 8-13, F 17 | | | | |
| Andover--Hromek 12, Stuenkel 4, Wondra 19, Turner 10, Gardner 1 | | | | |
| FG 19-46, FT 8-15, F 14 | | | | |

Girls Junior Varsity

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| Mulvane | 0 | 9 | 3 | 18--32 |
| Andover | 12 | 7 | 17 | 17-53 |
| Mulvane--Tracey Elliot 4, Melody Carey 8, Darla Reekie 5, Lisa Jones 4, Jili Quigley 2, Lori Meek 6, Theresa Grayveal 2, Terri Lawless 1 | | | | |
| FG 12-62, FT 8-15, F 14 | | | | |
| Andover--Ramsey 15, Heenan 7, Amy Consolven 2, Schomachen 13, Duncan 6, Fleming 4, Martin 4, Carrie Consolven 2 | | | | |
| FG 23-54, FT 7-14, F 17 | | | | |

those two. Our shooting fundamentals aren't very good and that's where we get into trouble."

At Andover, Cole and Kilpatrick were 13 of 28 but the rest of the club went 1-23. "The girls have got to learn better technique and just knock 'em down," added Stinson.

Kilpatrick had one of her best games in her two years as a starter. She scored a career-high 16 points. Cole finished with 10, and guard Diane "Lefty" Mohny and Tawnya Infinger had four each.

"Jay kept us in there in the first half, then we came out, made a couple of mistakes and they made some buckets, then, we panicked," said Stinson. "We've got to realize we have to just battle back and not panic, but that comes from learning."

At Buhler Friday night, Feb. 18, the Cats tangled with another state-ranked team and came away with a 60-31 thrashing. It wasn't much of a game after the Crusaders bolted to a 37-13 advantage at intermission.

Senior Nancy Gehring led the Cats

Girls Varsity

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| Mulvane | 6 | 7 | 4 | 13--31 |
| Buhler | 16 | 21 | 10 | 7--60 |
| Mulvane--Jay Kilpatrick 4, Tawnya Infinger 2, Mary Cole 7, Nancy Gehring 14, Lori Melick 2 | | | | |
| FG 11, FT 9-11, F 11 | | | | |
| Buhler--Stephen 11, Lohrentz 13, Siefers 8, Moore 3, Gregory 2, Lea Wells 4, Zeller 6, Brigen 2, Lee Wells 2, Ankns 2, Jordan 7 | | | | |
| FG 27, FT 6-10, F 13 | | | | |

Girls Junior Varsity

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| Mulvane | 6 | 7 | 6 | 9--28 |
| Buhler | 10 | 10 | 22 | 8-50 |
| Mulvane--Tracy Elliot 8, Melody Carey 4, Darla Reekie 4, Lisa Jones 2, Traci Lawless 2, Lori Meek 6, Terri Lawless 1, Michelle Hively 1 | | | | |
| FG 11, FT 6-11, F 7 | | | | |
| Buhler--Jordan 4, Perry 14, Lee Wells 10, Ewing 10, Griggs 2, Prather 4, Siefkes 6 | | | | |
| FG 24, FT 2-6, F 11 | | | | |

with 14 points. The lanky Cole finished with seven points and Kilpatrick scored four.

The MHS girls junior varsity also had two bleak evenings as they bowed to Andover, 53-32, and were belted by Buhler, 50-28. The double loss left their record this year at 10-5.

The Trojans came out like a brush fire and took a 12-0 lead after one quarter, then tacked on a 17-3 advantage in the third quarter to make it a runaway. Sophomore Lori Meek dropped in six points but Melody Carey was high for MHS with eight. Darla Reekie finished with five and Tracey Elliot and Lisa Jones scored four apiece.

On the Buhler hardboards, Elliot led the jayvees with eight points with Meek chalking up six.