

Mulvane Girls In Hunt At Tourney Time

Despite a poor shooting night and a missing "ace in the hole," the Mulvane girls closed out their regular season Tuesday night, Feb. 22, by pounding Goddard, 35-23, in Mulvane.

The triumph left Coach Ron McMahon's girls at 9-11 for the season and 8-4 (third place) in the Chisholm Trail League as they gear up for their first-round game Monday night, Feb. 28, in the Bluestem Class 4A Sub-State game. Mulvane finished with the No. 4 seed and will host Valley Center Monday in the first game.

"It wasn't one of our better shooting performances," stressed McMahon. "We only hit 7-for-23 in the first half, although we did better in the second half. And our 'ace in the hole,' our free throw shooting also was

off, but we had enough to pull away from them in the second half. Now, we just need to re-focus on the sub-state. We've come a long way but there's even further to go."

Senior Lee Banzet was the scoring leader against the Lions, hitting for 13 points. Janelle Wenke finished with 10 points, Cody Watson had six and Kristi McDowell scored four.

In the junior varsity finale, Goddard outlasted the Wildcats, 19-15. Top scorer for Mulvane was Danielle Hughes with four points and Carrie Burkhart with three.

It was a mess. Put it behind you and forget about it. That's what Mulvane High School girls basketball coach Ron McMahon wanted to do following a 56-33 shelling by Maize Friday night, Feb. 18, at Maize.

The loss knocked the Wildcats out of any hopes of moving up in the Chisholm Trail. Maize stands second in the league right behind undefeated leader Buhler with only one loss. The Cats fell to 7-4 for the season in the league.

"It was one of those games," said McMahon. "The second and third quarters, we had a lot of turnovers and that hurt us. They put the ball in the hole and we didn't. That's why they won. We need to put this one behind us. We didn't play as good as we could have or should have. Some days, you have good games and others you have bad games. This was one of the bad games."

After playing the Eagles tough in the first quarter, trailing only 9-7, Maize ripped out to a 23-13 lead by halftime, then made the lead more than 20 points in the third frame by out-scoring the Cats, 22-11.

"They had the size on us and they got the ball inside to their post people," said McMahon. "They just did a good job inside against us. We just didn't do the job we needed to do on their inside players. They also were getting position on us and at times, we were just out of position. Maize just played a better game than we did."

"I think the girls are allowed that game,

coming off two well-played games where we played well and played with character, poise and good team play," said McMahon. "In the second and third quarters, Maize just played a lot better than we did. We also lost both Banzet and Wenke to fouls later in the game and that certainly didn't help our cause."

Mulvane's scoring leader was Cody Watson with 13 points. Janelle Wenke had

five points, Banzet finished with four and Shannon Reed scored three.

Maize also racked up the Cats in the junior varsity outing, 50-30, blowing the game open in the final half.

Jamie Martin had eight points and so did Valerie Larson for Mulvane's best offensive output. Marcy Arnold scored six points and Lee Cates had four points.

Varsity Girls

Goddard	4	5	8	6-23
Mulvane	7	11	4	13-35

Goddard—Christal Skach 6, Amy Brown 3, Stacie Scholl 4, Amy Jones 4, Melissa Schneider 2, Amy Poland 2, Mandy Johnson 2. FG 9 (0), FT 5-9, F 13.

Mulvane—Lee Banzet 13, Kristi McDowell 4, Janelle Wenke 10, Cody Watson 6, Courtney Renfro 2. FG 14 (1), FT 4-12, F 18.

Junior Varsity Girls

Goddard	2	5	2	10-19
Mulvane	3	0	5	9-15

Goddard—Brown 2, Pollard 1, Schneider 4, Johnson 10, Jones 2. FG 9 (0), FT 1-4, F 9.

Mulvane—Crisay Carpenter 2, Carrie Burkhart 3, NiChelle Bruce 2, Danielle Hughes 4, Valerie Larson 2, Jennifer McCoskey 2. FG 7 (1), FT 0-7, F 9.

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	7	6	11	9-33
Maize	9	14	22	11-56

Mulvane—Cody Watson 13, Kristi McDowell 2, Lee Banzet 4, Courtney Renfro 2, Janelle Wenke 5, Gayle Samuelson 2, Shannon Reed 3. FG 11 (0), FT 11-25, F.

Maize—Heather Fletcher 8, Melissa Bruce 17, Julie Myrick 13, Jill Myrick 11, Molly Norris 1, Sylvia Bribiesca 3, Randi McClellan 2, Patti Olason 1. FG 23 (2), FT 8-20, F.

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	4	12	12	2-30
Maize	12	7	23	8-50

Mulvane—Marcy Arnold 6, Jayna Basloc 2, Valerie Larson 8, NiChelle Bruce 2, Jamie Martin 8, Lee Cates 4. FG 15 (0), FT 0-2, F 14.

Maize—Kory Jacobs 6, Lesley Alexander 4, Dena Holmes 10, Patti Olason 6, Molly Norris 3, Randi McClellan 9, Heather Fletcher 12. FG 20 (4), FT 6-10, F 5.



MHS's Courtney Renfro eyes a baseline drive against Maize