

Mulvane Girls Eye Game Goals, Compete Well Against Crusaders

The records don't match up. Buhler is riding on top of the Chisholm Trail League Division I standings and Mulvane is one step removed from the basement. Those facts didn't keep the MHS girls from showing up Friday night, Feb. 19, at Buhler High School.

"In a game like this one, you just set some specific goals and try to reach them," said Mulvane coach Gregg Wolgast. "And generally, I thought we accomplished a lot of things we wanted to. Offensively we did a pretty decent job of moving the ball and getting it where we wanted to. Defensively, we wanted to try and control the Baker girl and not let her dominate the game. For the most part, we did that. The girls played hard, something I was concerned about because I didn't feel we had played hard in our last two games."

It still came out with the host Crusaders checking the Wildcats easily, 70-49, but Wolgast felt his club did its job. In their first meeting, Buhler romped by an 82-24 count in Mulvane.

"We made a couple of changes and they panned out," said Wolgast. "We were really in the ball game until the third quarter. After that, it was a matter of trying to accomplish the goals we set. We had a box-and-one on Baker with Nicole Infinger on Baker and trying to keep her from getting the ball. She got her points but most of those were off the fastbreak. I felt we controlled her from that standpoint. She didn't run the game like she did the first game."

The Crusaders' all-stater, Robin Baker, finished with a game-high 22 points, eight more than Mulvane's outstanding senior Kathy Saxton, who had 14. Guard Kim Prickett finished with 12 points for the Cats, and Amy Arnold with nine points and freshman Kendra

Girls Varsity

Mulvane	10	12	6	21-49
Buhler	16	12	20	22-70
Mulvane—Kathy Saxton 14, Kim Prickett 12, Amy Arnold 9, Kendra Banzet 6, Nicole Infinger 4, Kim Kysar 4. FG 23-48 (2), FT 0-2, F 27.				

Buhler—Robin Baker 22, Jodie Ropp 13, Jennifer Rose 12, Kristy Schwerdtfeger 10, Colleen Darrow 6, Michelle Old 4, Tiffany Wendt 2, Amy Rich 1. FG 29-52 (0), FT 10-12, F 4.				
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Girls Junior Varsity

Mulvane	9	11	2	8-30
Buhler	13	12	10	20-50
Mulvane—Amy Arnold 9, Ticia Nicholson 5, Nicole Infinger 4, Desiree Smithhiser 4, Holly Donaldson 4, Bridget Horton 2, Kim Kysar 2. FG 14-47 (0), F 1-9, F 31.				

Buhler—Erin Howerton 20, Tonya Gaeddert 8, Melanie Old 7, Shelly Martin 6, Jennifer Zeller 5, Amy Rich 4, Jody Ropp 2, Tiffany Wendt 1. FG 23-39 (0), FT 9-23, F 8.				
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Banzet with six were next for Mulvane.

Mulvane fell back in the opening quarter but were behind only 16-10 going into the second quarter. Both teams scored 12 points and at intermission, Buhler was up, 28-22. However, the Crusaders regrouped at half and came out on a 20-6 roll to take control in the third period.

"That was the turning point," admitted Wolgast. "They came out and pressed us successfully and we couldn't get going. We tried to rush things and that hurt.

"Still, our people came back in the fourth quarter and scored 21 points so that shows we never gave up. The girls hung in there and tried to win the ball game. The girls came back and still tried to accomplish the things we had set out to do in the beginning."

Wolgast started the freshman Banzet inside and moved Saxton from the middle to a wing in an effort to get Saxton some working room. "We didn't want to let Buhler sag back in the middle on Saxton," said Wolgast. "It took Kathy a while to get use to being

out there but she got more confident in the second half and seemed comfortable. A lot of people have been playing in the paint trying to stop the ball from going into Saxton."

Wolgast also was pleased with his club's shooting, 23 of 48 from the field. "It was a lot better than the first game we played with Buhler and a lot better than our last two games," noted the Cat chief.

Buhler also pounded Mulvane in the jayvee game, winning by a 50-30 count.

Top scorer for Mulvane's jayvees was Amy Arnold with nine points. Freshman Ticia Nicholson was next with five points.

The loss for the varsity saw Mulvane's record dip to 6-13 and finished the team's CTL season at 2-10, sixth in the seven-team race. The Cat girls will play Maize tonight (Feb. 25) in the final regular season game before heading into the Augusta 4A Sub-State Tournament next week.