

Offense-Shy Girls Still Bothered By Lack Of Shooting In Contests

How do you make someone shoot a basketball when she doesn't want to? That's been the big question all season long for Mulvane girls basketball coach Bill Brown and he has yet to come up with the incentive.

Shooting only seven times a quarter, the Wildcat gals went down to logical defeat Thursday night, Feb. 19, at Andover by a 67-28 count, dropping their season record to 2-15.

"You don't expect to win when you shoot the ball only 28 times," testified Brown. "I didn't realize we had only shot it 28 times until after the game was over. That's a low for the year. Somehow, the girls just don't want to put the ball up. I feel confidence and experience goes in there. That's all we've been drilling on for the last two weeks, shooting, shooting, shooting. We've tried to get some confidence in shooting going but it's difficult with the experience we have."

Girls Varsity

Mulvane	5	7	5	11--28
Andover	12	19	16	20--67

Mulvane--Vicki Powell 4, Arlene Reekie 8, April Bales 2, Mary Cole 2, Nancy Gehring 2, Carol Baker 10. FG 10-28, FT 8-28, F 16.

Andover--Beth Schoenhofer 6, Lynette Gardner 16, Pam Berg 12, Tracy Snodgrass 6, Lisa Shipley 8, Julie Hromeck 7, Tomya Wondra 11, Jan Bickhard 2. FG 27-61, FT 16-22 F 22.

Girls Junior Varsity

Mulvane	1	2	3	2-- 8
Andover	25	8	11	8--44

Mulvane--Mary Cole 3, Stacy Shoemaker 2, Nancy Gehring 2, Celia Rogers 1, Lori Melick 0. FG 3-39, FT 2-16, F 12.

Andover--Lisa Shipley 6, Julie Hromeck 15, Janet Stuemkel 4, Jan Bickhard 4, Michelle Sheets 3, Tomya Wondra 4, Becky Turner 8. FG 19-52, FT 6-16, F 16.

Sub-State Games

Both Mulvane High School boys and girls basketball teams will play on the road early next week in the quarterfinal round of the Chaparral Class 4A Sub-State Basketball Tournament.

Coach Bill Brown's Wildcat girls will play at 7:30 p.m. Monday night, March 2, at Chaparral in the opening game of

the tourney.

Coach Charlie Mason's boys will open their quest for the sub-state title at Pratt at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3.

After the opening round, the semifinals and finals will be played at Chaparral. The semifinals will be Thursday and Friday.

Against a strong Andover team, the Wildcats needed to put the ball up more, not less. "They've got a big, big team and had a hot hand the other night," added Brown. "We played an average game and got beat. They used that size by getting the ball inside and taking shots all night."

Brown's troopers were in the game for the first six minutes before "the bottom dropped completely out. It was about a three-point ball game for the first six minutes, they hit a couple and we missed a couple and they had a lead going," said Brown. "The second quarter, it kept going."

By intermission, the Trojans had a comfortable 31-12 lead that didn't get any smaller.

Brown also pointed to a big rebounding edge for the Andover squad as being another critical factor. "They killed us on the boards," said Brown. "They just dominated. We'd get position but they had two big girls who

just muscled their way in." The Trojans marked up a 41-25 advantage off the glass despite Mulvane's Kristi Lawless and sophomore Nancy Gehring each pulling away five rebounds and Vicki Powell getting four.

Junior Carol Baker led the Mulvane scoring, the only player in double figures with 10 points. Arlene Reekie added eight points and Powell had four.

The MHS B-team, coached by Kim Frank, had even worse luck at Andover as the host Trojans buried the Wildcats in a 44-8 avalanche.

Lanky sophomore Mary Cole had three points and Gehring and Stacy Shoemaker each had two for the punchless Cats.