

MHS Girls Get Ready To Roll

So they don't shoot well and they're slow. But any way you look at it, Coach Kelly Dennis' Mulvane Wildcats girls are the team nobody wants to tangle with next week when sub-state play begins.

The Cats bottled up a hapless Chaparral girls team Friday night, Feb. 20, sweeping the season series with a 43-24 thumping of the Roadrunners.

The victory bumped Mulvane's record to 6-13 and 3-8 in the Chisholm Trail League Division II. Chappy stumbled to 0-9 in the league and 1-16 overall.

At this time of year, though, everything seems tilted toward the sub-state, which starts Monday, March 2. "We played pretty good basketball," said Dennis, "but we didn't play a very good team. The good thing about it is that everybody on the team scored. It's kind of hard to tell just how good you played against a 1-16 team but I thought we looked good. We got everybody in and they all helped out. It's a good tune-up for the sub-state."

Mulvane's defense was special, chalking up the lowest points allowed this year. The previous best: two months ago at Chappy when the Cats gave up only 25 points. "Our defense has really jelled," stressed Dennis. "We're trying to make people beat us with one shot from the perimeter and the girls are starting to believe in that theory. We've been mixing up our defense, playing both a man-to-man and a zone."

Rebounding and defense came to Mulvane's rescue in the second half against Chappy. After taking only a 20-13 lead into the locker room, Dennis' gals came out in a fury, out-scoring Chaparral, 14-5, in the third quarter and mopping up in the last period.

Nine Cats scored with senior Melissa Buchanan and Lindsay Kendrick paving the way with eight points each. Guard Michelle Fowler scored six points and Kristin Buchanan had five. Heather Williams, Shelley Richards and Kassie Hargrove scored four points each.

The girls will end their regular season tonight (Feb. 26) with an unusual Thursday night game at Circle. The game won't count toward sub-state pairings because the pairing was done after games played Tuesday, Feb. 24.

The Cat junior varsity girls were edged out by Chaparral, 22-21, Friday night. Shiriah Craft and Aubrey Benjamin led the scoring with six and seven points, respectively.

The JV girls hosted Clearwater Tuesday, Feb. 17, and suffered another close loss, 32-22. In that game, Arin Leonard and Craft had four points each.

The junior varsity girls also played Saturday, Feb. 21, in the Goddard JV Tournament and came away with two losses. Goddard topped the Cats in overtime, 39-33, in the opening game and Andale closed out the Cat JVs in the third place game, 36-28.

Against Goddard, Piper Roy scored eight points, Kristal LaPlant had six and Natalie Turner had five. High scorers in the Andale game were Arin Leonard, Turner, Andrea Hufford, LaPlant, Benjamin and Roy with each with four points.

Varsity Girls

Chaparral	2	11	5	6	24
Mulvane	10	10	14	9	43

Chaparral—Emily Misak 12, Kari Troyer 0, Tabitha Cullop 9, Lauren Fallis 1, Kara Kastens 2 FG 9 (0), FT 6-17, F 22

Mulvane—Melissa Buchanan 8, Heather Williams 4, Shelley Richards 4, Kassie Hargrove 4, Michelle Fowler 6, Lindsay Kendrick 8, Ashley McCoskey 2, Jackie McColpin 2, Kristin Buchanan 5 FG 14 (1), FT 14-26, F 21.

Junior Varsity Girls

Chaparral	6	2	9	5	22
Mulvane	3	5	6	7	21

Chaparral—Kim Kerschen 2, Alisha Barker 2, Amber Schaffer 6, Tabitha Stolsworth 5, Laura Johnson 2, Kari Troyer 4, Lauren Fallis 1 FG 8 (1), FT 5-16, F 8

Mulvane—Kristal LaPlant 3, Shiriah Craft 6, Natalie Turner 0, Arin Leonard 5, Aubrey Benjamin 7 FG 9 (1), FT 2-4, F 16

Clearwater	3	11	8	10	32
Mulvane	4	8	2	8	22

Clearwater—Mary Gannaway 8, Ashli Gardner 2, Brenda Seiter 1, Bonnie Charles 7, Della Lister 4, Denise Seiter 10 FG 12 (0), FT 8-22, F 8

Mulvane—Arin Leonard 4, Andrea Hufford 2, Shiriah Craft 4, Kristal LaPlant 2, Piper Roy 2, Natalie Turner 2 FG 9 (1), FT 1-3, F 16.

Goddard Jayvee Girls Tournament

SECOND ROUND

Mulvane	6	8	8	6	28
Andale	12	5	9	10	36

Mulvane—Aubrey Benjamin 4, Arin Leonard 4, Natalie Turner 4, Andrea Hufford 4, Shiriah Craft 2, Kristal LaPlant 4, Carissa Ward 2, Piper Roy 4 FG 14 (0), FT 0-0, F 16.

Andale—Janelle Hilger 8, Laz Hilger 5, Andrie Doll 4, Kim Lies 1, Miranda Sieler 4, Kim Thome 9, Mandy Hermes 3, Katie Gafilio 2 FG 14 (1), FT 7-14, F 5.

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane	8	9	4	10	(2)—33
Goddard	6	12	7	6	(8)—39

Mulvane—Shiriah Craft 4, Piper Roy 8, Kristal LaPlant 6, Aubrey Benjamin 2, Natalie Turner 5, Arin Leonard 4, Andrea Hufford 2, Carissa Ward 2 FG 14 (1), FT 4-13, F 22.

Goddard—Maggie Caruthers 4, Mandy Ricso 14, Laura Grant 11, Sara Beyrle 1, Henri Tamier 6, Amanda Vossen 1, Natalie Thomas 2 FG 13 (0), FT 13-26, F 10.