Girls Inside Game Stalls Drive

Mulvane's girls continued their roller coaster ride this season at Clearwater Tuesday night, Feb. 25, as they battled for a first-round home berth in the upcoming Augusta Class 4A Sub-State.

Clearwater bottled up the Wildcats' potent inside game of Kathy Saxton and Lori Cox and pulled away in the second half for a 60-51 non-conference victory did not keep Coach Bill Stinson's Cats out of a home game in the first round Tuesday night, March 4.

The loss also kept the Mulvane girls in the middle of the second straight late season swoon. They have lost three of their last four games and five of their last seven after starting the season at 8-4. Last year, the girls also lost five of their last seven games.

"We played a good first half but they covered us up in the second half," said Stinson. "Saxton had 14 points in the

first half and Cox had 13 but they took it away from us in the second half and Rhonda (Davis) and Tiane (Dossey) weren't on. That just enabled them to sink back inside even more. Kathy only scored two in the second half and Lori seven."

After taking a seven-point lead early in the third quarter, things fell apart and the Indians went on to out-score the Cats, 35-22, in the second half to avenge an earlier 73-61 loss to Mulvane.

"It's disappointing from the standpoint that we're right there on the verge of being a good team but we just don't get it done," said Stinson. "We just can't seem to get over the hump. We missed a couple of free throws in the fourth quarter and we're not canning those shots when it counts."

After the quick start, Cox settled back with a 20-point game and Saxton had 16

points. Sheila Mahlandt was with six points as Mulvane slipped to 10-9 for the season.

In the junior varsity game, Tina Moeller's two free throws with 20 seconds left snapped a tie and gave the Wildcats a 41-39 victory. Kandi Miller and Rhonda Reekie each scored eight points and Angela Cox scored six for Mulvane.

The Wildcats were much more impressive four nights earlier as they slashed their way past Valley Center, 51-46, in Mulvane Friday night, Feb. 21. Valley



is second in the Chisholm Trail League standings behind leading Buhler.

"We played one of our best games," admitted Stinson. "We moved the ball real well, and our pressure defense got us started early in the game."

Against Valley, Saxton dumped in 18 points and Cox had 16. Davis finished with 10 points, including two free throws in the last minute which capped the victory when it appeared the Cats would falter behind a rash of missed free throws. Mulvane missed the front end of one-and-ones seven times in the fourth quarter and was three of 13 from the stripe in the fourth period.

In the junior varsity clash, Valley prevailed, 38-23. High for the Cats was Kim Prickett with eight points. Cox finished with six points.

Girls Varsity

Mulvane 15 14 10 12-51 Clearwater 17 8 16 19-60

Mulvane--Lori Cox 20, Tiane Dossey 5, Rhonda Davis 4, Sheila Mahlandt 8, Kathy Saxton 16, FG 21, FT 9-15, F 16.

Clearwater--Juli Duncan 6, Janay Vulgamore 25, Dana Blumenshine 7, Robyn Wright 18, Kristi York 4. FG 26, FT 7-11, F 12.

Girls Junior Varsity

Mulvane 13 5 11 12-41 Clearwater 6 11 8 14-39

Mulvane--Kim Prickett 3, Rhonda Reekle 8, Tlna Moeller 6, Kim Millerskow 1, Kandl Miller 8, Angela Cox 6, Nancy Farber 5, Shelly Patton 2, Bridget Horlon 2, FG 17, FT 7-12, F 11.

Clearwater--Gina Hoover 2, Kerri Smith 2, Terisa Bohrer 9, Jennifer Rudy 8, Kristi York 6, Rachelle Duncan 6, Christy Leibold 6, FG 18, FT 3-5, F 13.

Girls Varsity

Valley Center 12 4 12 18--46 Mulvane 16 13 9 13--51

Valley Center--Monica Coultls 6, Michelle Jost 8, Kim Barnes 8, Kristi Nordstedt 8, Melinda Jost 4, Cathy Smith 2, Patty Sanders 10, FG 23, FT 0-5, F

Mulvane--Lori Cox 16, Tiane Dossey 5, Rhonda Davis 10, Terri Plotts 2, Kathy Saxton 18, FG 22, FT 7-19, F 8.

Girls Junior Varsity

Valley Center 5 10 14 9--38

Mulvane 4 9 5 5--23

Valley Center--Stacy Davis 4, Stacy Kahlich 6,

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Mulvane--Kim Prickell 8, Rhonda Reekie 4, Toni Wayman 2, Kandi Miller 1, Angela Cox 6, Shelly Pallon 2, FG 9, FT 5-10, F 23.