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# Cats Dance In Step

Like any good dance partner, the Mulvane High School offense just followed the lead.

The Wildcat defense set the tone for the game Friday night, Feb. 21, at Chaparral, and the Mulvane offense followed that lead to dance circles around the host Roadrunners.

The score was 57-28 as the Wildcat girls bolstered their record to 7-4 in the Chisholm Trail League and a fine 11-8 overall as they move into their final game of the regular season. The Cats will tangle with a tough Circle girls squad tonight (Feb. 27) in the last home league game of the regular season as Coach Kelly Dennis prepares her troopers for a home game in the first round of the Augusta Class 4A Sub-State next week.

The Cats are seeded No. 3 and thus get to host a game Tuesday night, March 4. Clearwater (3-16) is the No. 6 seeded team and will be coming to town for Mulvane's first home sub-state game since the 1994 season. That game is scheduled for 7 p.m.

At Chaparral, the Wildcats were in step. "I thought the first quarter was very important but that's no secret," said Dennis. "Defensively, we set the tone and our offense just picked it up from there. I really felt like they let our defense set the tone for the game and that made things easy."

The visiting Cats launched their second lopsided win over Chappy (Mulvane ran up a 63-28 score back in January) by holding the Roadrunners to only two field goals in the first half, none of them coming in the first quarter as the MHS girls rolled out to a 17-4 edge. By halftime, the count was up to 33-10 and a runaway was in the makin'.

"The game was a lot like the first game," admitted Dennis. "It was almost an identical game. They scored only one field goal in the first quarter in that first game and we broke loose late in the game. This time, though, our offense was steady throughout the game. We had excellent balance, which is nice to see. Kassie Hargrove was in double figures for the first time but more importantly, we had 10 girls scoring."

Hargrove, a freshman reserve, dropped in four three-pointers to give the Cats 12 points but it was sophomore guard Lindsay Kendrick with the team-high, 13 points. Center Dannelle Hughes powered in for 11 points and Shelley Richards and Melissa Buchanan had six and four points, respectively.

Turnovers turned the game early in Mulvane's favor. "We got quite a few steals during the whole game but we got quite a

## Chisholm Trail League Girls Basketball Standings

### DIVISION II

| Team        | League |    | Overall |    |
|-------------|--------|----|---------|----|
|             | W      | L  | W       | L  |
| y-Rose Hill | 10     | 2  | 16      | 4  |
| Andale      | 9      | 2  | 13      | 6  |
| Mulvane     | 7      | 4  | 11      | 8  |
| Circle      | 6      | 5  | 9       | 10 |
| Kingman     | 5      | 6  | 7       | 12 |
| Clearwater  | 2      | 9  | 3       | 16 |
| Chaparral   | 0      | 11 | 1       | 18 |

### DIVISION I

|               |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| x-Mauze       | 10 | 1  | 17 | 2  |
| Buhler        | 8  | 3  | 14 | 5  |
| Goddard       | 8  | 3  | 14 | 5  |
| Wellington    | 5  | 6  | 9  | 10 |
| Valley Center | 4  | 7  | 6  | 13 |
| Andover       | 4  | 8  | 7  | 13 |
| Augusta       | 0  | 11 | 0  | 19 |

x-clinched CTI championship; y-clinched share of CTI championship

### Varsity Girls

|   |    |    |   |       |
|---|----|----|---|-------|
| Mulvane   | 17 | 16 | 7 | 17-57 |
| Chaparral   | 4  | 6  | 7 | 11-28 |
| Mulvane—Dannelle Hughes 11, Melissa Buchanan 4, Shelley Richards 6, Crissy Carpenter 2, Lindsay Kendrick 13, Kassie Hargrove 12, Heather Williams 2, Jennifer McCoskey 2, Victoria Padilla 3, Ashley McCoskey 2. FG 16 (4), FT 13-26, F 22. |    |    |   |       |
| Chaparral—Julie Befort 7, Kim Schmidt 3, Summer Lewis 3, Wendy Scott 13, Kara Kastens 2. FG 8 (0), FT 12-23, F 20.  |    |    |   |       |

### Junior Varsity Girls

|   |    |    |    |       |
|---|----|----|----|-------|
| Mulvane   | 15 | 18 | 16 | 11-60 |
| Chaparral   | 6  | 8  | 4  | 16-34 |
| Mulvane—Victoria Padilla 7, Ashley McCoskey 6, Rachel Rose 11, Andrea Hufford 2, Kassie Hargrove 3, Kristen Buchanan 6, Shiriah Craft 10, Kristal LaPlant 4, Heather Williams 10, Piper Roy 1. FG 19 (2), FT 10-22, F 10. |    |    |    |       |
| Chaparral—Jody Mock 9, Tamara Hall 2, Sonia Bellesine 4, Stacy McCoy 4, Lauren Fallis 4, Teresa Wiechen 9, Michelle Witters 4. FG 10 (4), FT 2-2, F 16.   |    |    |    |       |
| Mulvane   | 3  | 3  | 7  | 14-27 |
| Clearwater  | 0  | 16 | 6  | 15-37 |
| Mulvane—Shiriah Craft 9, Piper Roy 2, Victoria Padilla 2, Ashley McCoskey 3, Rachel Rose 4, Andrea Hufford 3, Kristin Buchanan 4. FG 11 (1), FT 4-12, F 32.   |    |    |    |       |
| Clearwater—Schievelbein 2, Lister 9, Ray 12, Gardner 3, McPherson 3, Chambers 8. FG 8 (0), FT 21-42, F 15.  |    |    |    |       |



few in the first quarter to get us going," pointed out Dennis. "We ended up with 17 steals and they had only six. I thought our girls came out with good intensity early in the game. We got the ball up and down the floor really well. It was tough to get a rhythm going because there were so many steals and bad passes.

Coach Dennis also had good words for guard Michelle Fowler and reserve Kristen Buchanan. "I'm amazed that Michelle didn't score the last two games, she has the best shot on the team," said Dennis. "She did a real good job on defense, though. Kristen also came in and gave us a lift by really hitting the boards hard."

Another big difference was on the boards. The Wildcats pulled down 14 offensive rebounds. Overall, the Cats had 29 rebounds to 26 for the Roadrunners. Hughes finished with eight boards and Richards had five. "We're still going to have to do a better job on the boards if we want to compete with Circle (tonight)," emphasized Dennis. "They thrive on offensive rebounds and if we don't come down and give them only one shot a time, it will really hurt us."

Coach Dale Landes' junior varsity girls ran their record to 5-8 by slashing past Chaparral's JV girls, 60-34. The Cats rolled early, holding onto a 15-6 lead and expanded it to 33-14 by intermission.

Almost everybody made the basket ring as 10 players scored for the Cats. Rachel Rose had 11 points and both Heather Williams and Shiriah Craft scored 10 points. Victoria Padilla had seven points and both Ashley McCoskey and Kristen Buchanan finished with six.

Playing at Clearwater Tuesday, Feb. 18, the Mulvane jayvees weren't quite as successful, bowing to the Indians by a 37-27 count. Craft was the leading scorer with nine points and both Rose and Kristen Buchanan had four points apiece.