

Game-Winning Shots Becoming

Trademark For Cats' Gerlach

It was slow motion at its best. Mulvane senior Shelley Gerlach gobbling up a loose ball at the head of the key, turning to the basket, looking at the clock one last time, holding on for what seemed to be an eternity. Then, finally, loosening a high arching shot which cut through the sound of the buzzer to find the bottom of the nets.

Then bedlam.

Game-winning shots are becoming something of a trademark for the veteran Gerlach. She added another one to her "collection" Thursday night, Feb. 21, against Andover, as her 22-foot shot at the buzzer propelled Mulvane to a 50-48 decision over the Trojans.

"That wasn't the play, by the way," pointed out Wildcat coach Bill Brown. "The out-of-bounds play was supposed to go to (Sandy) Whetstone and it did but they were all over her and knocked

Girls A-Team

Andover 9 12 10 17--48
Mulvane 8 17 14 11--50

Andover--Pam Berg 2, Beth Schoenhofer 4, Lynette Gardner 10, Tracy McEachern 11, Tracy Snodgrass 3, Kim Gardner 2, Pam Palmer 16. FG 19-49, FT 10-20, F 20.

Mulvane--Arlene Reekie 10, Sandy Whetstone 10, Denise Standerfer 10, Cindi Lawless 9, Shelley Gerlach 11. FG 21-46, FT 8-17, F 13.

Girls B-Team

Andover 9 9 8 6--32
Mulvane 4 6 0 12--22

Andover--Janet Stuenkel 3, Lisa Mendenhall 2, Beth Schoenhofer 15, Lisa Shipley 2, Jami Bickard 6, Julie Hromek 4. FG 14-49, FT 4-12, F 14.

Mulvane--Kriati Lawless 6, Cindi Nelson 2, April Bales 2, Celia Rogers 2, Vicki Powell 10. FG 9-42, FT 4-10, F 14.

the ball away. Sandy was able to slap the ball to the middle where Gerlach was.

"It was almost like she was methodically planning every move. Dribbled it around, then back to get set. She couldn't have had a better shot, though. Good form, too," chuckled Brown.

Three times Shelley has won games in the last second, and four of Mulvane's nine victories this season have been on last-second shots, two by Gerlach, once by Arlene Reekie and a fourth by Whetstone.

"Beating a good team like Andover tells me we're back," added Brown.

There were plenty of sideline heroes in addition to the unflappable Gerlach, who incidentally finished with a team-high 11 points. Reekie, Whetstone and Standerfer all scored 10 points and veteran Cindi Lawless finished with nine.

The Cats also pounded the boards, taking a 33-26 edge in rebounding from a team which had beaten the girls in early February at the Caldwell Tournament. Standerfer finished with 10 caroms, Reekie six.