

## Slow Start

# No Magic For Cat Girls In Sub-State Game

There wasn't any sub-state magic for the Mulvane High School girls Tuesday night, Feb. 28, in the opening match-up of the Chaparral 4A Sub-State. It was host Clearwater that was pulling all the rabbits out of the hat.

The Eagles hopped to the forefront early and held off a late challenge by the Wildcats from Mulvane to garner a 67-53 triumph to end the season for Coach Gregg Wolgast's Mulvane gals.

The girls finished the season 4-17 while Clearwater advanced to the sub-state semifinal round to be held Friday night, March 3, at Chaparral High School. The Indians will meet Andale at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Chaparral-Haven girls match-up at 8.

Other first round games found Andale bombing Kingman, 69-46, No. 1 seeded Chappy drubbing Maize, 51-30, and Haven pounding Wellington, 68-46.

"We really needed to get out to a good

start and we didn't," said Wolgast. "When you play young people, confidence is a big thing because they tend to get up or down quickly. We started off on the wrong foot and didn't find our game until the second half. We out-scored Clearwater, 38-37, in the second half but never could overcome the bad start."

The Indians rolled out to a 16-5 first quarter lead as Mulvane had sub-state jitters and couldn't get the shots to fall. It was 30-15 by intermission and the closest the Cats could get in the second half was nine points. Clearwater iced the game in the late stages by hitting 10 free throws. One of the early problems was the fact that Mulvane's top scorer, sophomore Kendra Banzet, had only three points in the first quarter and two the next.

Banzet returned to form in the second half and finished with 17 points. Senior Bridget Horton scored 10 points and sophomore Ticia Nicholson dropped in 11 more. Nancy Farber and Lisa Heersche were next with eight and seven points, respectively.

"I was really pleased with the way we came back in the second half and didn't give up," said Wolgast. "The girls kept fighting to the end. We just couldn't get the ball to fall when we needed it in the first half."

The Wildcat girls finished their regular season in an ignoble manner Thursday night, Feb. 23, at Maize. They allowed Maize to come from 14 points off the pace in the final quarter to post a 53-44 victory.

The Cats appeared headed for a winner before things turned around in the last quarter and Maize's full-court pressure became effective. And it didn't help that the Cats made numerous unforced errors.

"We had a couple chances there in the second quarter to really break it open," noted Wolgast, whose club had held the Eagles to only 11 points in the first 16 minutes. "Kendra got into foul trouble and, we

### CLASS 4A CHAPARRAL SUB-STATE PAIRINGS Tonight (March 2)

Game 9 -- Andale boys (15-6) vs. Haven boys (14-6), 6:30 p.m.

Game 10 -- Kingman boys (19-2) vs. Maize boys (14-7), 8

### Friday, March 3

Game 11 -- Clearwater girls (13-7) vs. Andale girls (16-4), 6:30 p.m.

Game 12 -- Chaparral girls (19-2) vs. Haven girls (7-14) 8

### Saturday, March 4

Game 13 (Girls Championship) -- winners of games 11 and 12, 6:30 p.m.

Game 14 (Boys Championship) -- winners of games 9 and 10, 8

made some changes, then they came out and pressed us in the third and fourth quarter and we didn't handle it well. People started doing their own thing instead of the things we had set up."

And the walls came tumbling down. The Eagles charged hard in the last half and the Wildcat girls fell apart in the face of the pressure defense. "It's the same thing that happened at Wellington," said Wolgast. "We played with a lot of intensity and played hard against the more difficult teams like Buhler and Goddard but against teams we should beat, the girls didn't handle it very well, especially their pressure defense. They started having success pressuring us and we lost our confidence. It kind of showed the rest of the game."

Sophomore Kendra Banzet was in double figures again, topping the MHS offense with 13 points. Another sophomore, guard Lisa Heersche, scored 12 points, senior Nancy Farber had 10 points and senior Bridge Horton finished with five.

Coach Scott Swaney's Mulvane junior varsity team ended the season on a high, drilling Maize, 37-29, raising the team's record to 7-7.

Tricia Turner headed the scoring column with nine points, Denise Wilson had eight and Tammy Withrow and Banzet had four apiece.

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#### First Round

Mulvane	5	10	20	18-53
Clearwater	16	14	17	20-67

Mulvane--Kendra Banzet 17, Bridget Horton 10, Ticia Nicholson 11, Nancy Farber 8, Lisa Heersche 7. FG 23 (3), FT 4-11, F 19.

Clearwater--Gina Hoover 4, Tiffany Goldston 1, Christi Leibold 5, Rachelle Duncan 17, Kristi York 32, Rachelle Rey 6, Stacey Campbell 2. FG 26 (0), FT 15-25, F 15.

Chaparral 51, Maize 30  
Andale 69, Kingman 46  
Haven 68, Wellington 46

#### Varsity Girls

Mulvane	12	11	12	9-44
Maize	6	5	18	22-53

Mulvane--Kendra Banzet 13, Lisa Heersche 12, Nancy Farber 10, Bridget Horton 5, Ticia Nicholson 3, Kristen Kuntz 1. FG 18-38 (1), FT 7-24, F 24.

Maize--Gwyn Felder 22, Angie Farber 10, Lara Paul 8, Jody Boggs 8, Melissa Blackwell 2. FG 16-39 (0), FT 19-29, F 21.

#### Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	9	16	2	10-37
Maize	8	9	4	8-29

Mulvane--Tricia Turner 9, Denise Wilson 8, Tammy Withrow 4, Kendra Banzet 4, Ticia Nicholson 3, Kristi Erickson 3, Missi Mathews 2, Lisa Heersche 2, Kerri Taylor 1, Kristen Kuntz 1. FG 14-48 (0), FT 9-26, F 15.

Maize--Jody Boggs 18, Angie Farber 6, Suzanne Standiford 5, Jennie Mitchell 0, Jenni Stiversen 0. FG 10-25 (0), FT 9-18, F 20.