

Wildcat Girls Get On A Roll

Is this what "on a roll" means?

The Mulvane High School girls posted their second straight significant victory Monday night, Feb. 28, when they disposed of Douglass, 47-24, in the opening game of the El Dorado Class 4A Sub-State.

Coach Jayson Miller's Wildcats were playing at home because they were seeded fourth and the top four seeds get to play at home. The Cats will join Chaparral (10-11), Augusta (7-14) and El Dorado (9-12) in the Sub-State field tonight (March 2) at El Dorado High School. The Cats will meet No. 1 seeded El Dorado, coached by former MHS coach Kelly Dennis, at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Augusta and Chaparral tangle in the 6 p.m. game, and the winners will meet for the tourney title and a trip to the Class 4A State Championship at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 4.

The victory for Mulvane marked the second straight win that could be put in the "big" category. The Cats held off highly-regarded Kingman, 44-39, at home Thursday night, Feb. 24, in the regular season finale. It marked the first triumph for Mulvane over a team that was "favored." It also clinched a third place finish in the Chisholm Trail League Division II with a 7-5 loop mark. Overall, Mulvane is 10-11 now.

Miller wasn't about to declare a school holiday, but he was pleased with the two wins. "At this stage of the season, any win is a good one," said the Cat coach. "We came out a little sluggish and it took us a little time to get our feet under us. In the second quarter, we went on a little run to get the lead and worked it up to 16 points

El Dorado 4A Girls Sub-State Tournament

FIRST ROUND

Douglass 4 6 11 3 24
Mulvane 6 14 12 15 47
Douglass April Cummins 3, Breann Ford 4, Crystal Seal 4, Beth Ketterman 6, Erika Patterson 1, Tessa Keith 2, Shelley Ahlerich 4, FG 7 (0), FT 10 (2), F 21
Mulvane Jackie Burkhardt 1, Kari Leonard 10, Arin Leonard 2, Sami Booth 8, LaShelle Parker 12, Kris Lazar 1, Carisa Ward 3, Natalie Turner 5, Michelle Dinkel 1, Melissa Doerfer 4, FG 18 (1), FT 10 (2), F 23
El Dorado 54, Wellington 32
Augusta 55, Circle 40
Chaparral 49, Rose Hill 41

Varsity Girls

Kingman 8 13 13 5 39
Mulvane 8 16 14 6 44
Kingman Sarah Knapic 9, Sara Ashida 4, Cindy Hageman 11, Naoma Dodge 12, Carrie Miller 3, FG 12 (2), FT 13 (2), F 24
Mulvane Kari Leonard 2, Jackie Burkhardt 2, Carisa Ward 4, Arin Leonard 1, LaShelle Parker 14, Sami Booth 7, Melissa Doerfer 5, Natalie Turner 5, Kris Lazar 3, Andrea Valerio 1, FG 13 (1), FT 17 (3), F 23

Junior Varsity Girls

Kingman 8 8 12 9 37
Mulvane 9 4 12 4 29
Kingman Crista Bergkamp 8, Hageman 7, Dudley 2, McGinnis 2, Osborn 2, FG 17 (1), FT 11 (1), F 13
Mulvane Michelle Dinkel 6, Cindy Hartley 4, Nicole Hackley 4, Kayla Linnebur 5, Melissa Doerfer 6, Kris Lazar 2, Andrea Valerio 2, FG 12 (0), FT 5 (9), F 14

Varsity Girls

Andale 8 15 11 11 48
Mulvane 6 11 6 11 34
Andale Devin Mobley 2, Kim Thome 5, Katie Gathin 10, Audrey Martin 7, Jackie Regan 7, Tracy Patsy 7, Dani Eck 5, Julie Weber 2, FG 13 (0), FT 19 (2), F 10
Mulvane A Leonard 5, Jackie Burkhardt 5, Melissa Doerfer 10, LaShelle Parker 2, Andrea Valerio 4, Natalie Turner 5, Kari Leonard 2, Kris Lazar 2, FG 15 (3), FT 4 (4), F 28

Junior Varsity Girls

Andale 5 14 9 13 41
Mulvane 9 12 7 7 35
Andale Shelly Lies 1, Heidi Hein 4, Julie Weber 10, Annie Steven 12, Emily Eck 1, Kristen Faber 2, Andrea Sigg 6, Shaula Hohensel 5, FG 15 (0), FT 11 (2), F 19
Mulvane Kayla Linnebur 4, Melissa Doerfer 5, Cindy Hartley 6, Michelle Dinkel 5, Natalie Turner 4, Andrea Valerio 4, Jackie Burkhardt 2, Kari Leonard 2, Kris Lazar 3, FG 13 (2), FT 7 (4), F 21

Augusta Class 4A Girls

Sub-State Pairings

TONIGHT (MARCH 2)

6 p.m. Chaparral girls (10-11) vs. Augusta girls (7-14)

7:30 p.m. El Dorado girls (9-12) vs. Mulvane girls (10-11)

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

6 p.m. Championship winners from Thursday night games

before they cut it to 11 just before the end of the third quarter after we got sloppy."

In the final quarter, though, the Cats got down to business, out-scoring the Bulldogs, 16-3, to pull away. Mulvane made seven free throws in the quarter as Douglass was forced to foul.

Center LaShelle Parker helped fuel that frame by scoring six of her game-high 12 points in the quarter. And once again, the Cats had outstanding balance as 10 players scored. Guard Kari Leonard had one of her best games and finished with 10 points. Sami Booth scored eight points, Natalie Turner came off the bench to chip in five and reserve guard Melissa Doerfer, a freshman, finished with four.

"We talked about coming out and being aggressive against Douglass and I think the girls took that to heart because we came out and had a lot of fouls early," said Miller. "Earlier in the year when we played at Douglass, we struggled to win by nine points. Both teams played hard Monday night but I didn't feel like either team was 'on' its game. I think to beat them by 17 shows how far we have come."

The Wildcats applied pressure full court much of the second half which created turnovers and kept Douglass' offense off-balance all night. "We took about 20 more shots and I think that is the result of the turnover ratio," said Miller. "We created a lot more opportunities to score. We got it going in the second half. In the first half, we made steals but we didn't capitalize on them by scoring at the other end. In the second half, I thought that was the difference. We did score after we made a steal or got a turnover."

Taking Kingman to task Thursday was Miller's best win at Mulvane simply because Kingman has a quality team. The Eagles finished second in the league, and ripped the Cats by 21 points earlier in February. What a turnaround!

"That was probably our biggest win since I've been here," emphasized Miller. "We not only locked up third place but we beat a team won our sub-state last year and had all five girls coming back, although one of the Knapic girls moved to Hutchinson. Still, it was a great win for us."

Miller was impressed with his club's full court defense, "especially early in the game," noted Miller. "We came out and set the tone early by putting a lot of pressure on them and forcing some turnovers. And it seemed like somebody stepped up and hit a shot when we needed it."

Parker had 14 points against the Eagles as 10 Cats scored again. Booth finished with seven, Doerfer and Turner had five each and Carisa Ward scored four points.

The junior varsity Wildcats ended their record season with a 37-29 defeat against Kingman. Doerfer and Michelle Dinkel had six points each for Mulvane and Kayla Linnebur scored five. Nicole Hackley and Cindy Hartley finished with four points apiece.