

Mulvane Girls' Upset Foiled

Two last-second free throws ended Mulvane's dramatic bid for an upset Tuesday night, March 1, in the opening round of the Augusta 4A Sub-State at Augusta.

The Mulvane High School girls saw their finest hour go up in smoke with two free throws with three seconds left. The shots gave the host Orioles a 42-40 edge over Mulvane and ended the season for the Wildcats.

Augusta (13-8) marches on with a meeting at 8 p.m. tonight (March 3) against Rose Hill (16-5) at 8 p.m. Mulvane ended its season with a 6-15 record.

"We really played well," said MHS coach Gregg Wolgast. "We did everything we had talked about wanting to do. We didn't let them get into a running game, we handled their press and made them get out of it and we ran our offense well. It just didn't come out right on the scoreboard."

The Oriole girls had thumped Mulvane twice earlier this season, 77-49 and 59-46. "We played one of our best games in terms of executing and going out and doing what had to be done," added Wolgast. "The girls did an excellent job. We had the tempo where we wanted it and everything was just right until the two free throws."

The Wildcats came out to set the tone early. They took a 10-8 lead in the first quarter and were even ahead, 31-30, going into the final stanza. The game was tied, 40-40 with two minutes left and the worried Orioles decided to sit on the ball. A couple of time outs in the final minute led to a foul by Mulvane's ace, Kathy Saxton, with three seconds left and Augusta's Kate Gosch coolly sank the two free throws for the winner. A desperation shot at the gun by Mulvane was well off.

Saxton closed out her stellar career with 21 points. Nancy Farber and Kendra Banzer scored seven and six points, respectively and guard Kim Prickett scored four points for the Cats.

The MHS girls ended their regular season by sticking close to Maize but losing a 69-46 game in Mulvane Thursday night, Feb. 25. The non-league loss gave the Wildcats a 6-14 record heading into sub-state play.

Coach Wolgast's gals went 2-10 during the Chisholm Trail League and finished in sixth place in the CTL Division I action.

"We played fairly well in the game at times and other times we didn't play so hot," said Wolgast. "Especially toward the end, we didn't play so good. They just did a better job than we did. They have a fine team and some real good athletes, while we're still trying to get to the point where we can concentrate the whole ball game."

The Wildcats were surprisingly close after one quarter, Maize taking a 14-12



Mulvane's Kathy Saxton gets there too late to stop Maize shooter

lead. However, that was as close as the Cats could get as Maize, which ran its record to 12-9, out-gunned Mulvane, 15-8, in the second quarter. Several times, Mulvane closed to within 10 points in the third quarter but could get no closer.

Wolgast said he felt the biggest difference in the game, though, was simple. It was athletics. "They have some fine athletes and a lot better depth," said Wolgast.

The Mulvane junior varsity girls edged Maize by a 35-33 count. That victory ended Mulvane's jayvee season with a 3-6 record.

Freshman Ticia Nicholson topped all scorers with 22 points. Arnold and Banzer were next with four points each for coach Scott Swaney's Wildcats.

Girls Varsity

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| Maize | 14 15 19 21--69 |
| Mulvane | 12 8 10 16--46 |
| Maize--Lara Paul 14, Diana Paul 20, Tamra Voegelé 8, Tami Van Steenburg 7, Jill Doan 6, Teri Siverson 3, Gwen Felder 1, Michelle Baker 4, Gretchen Herrman 2, Michelle Elliott 2. FG 30-75 (0). FT 8-14. F 12 | |
| Mulvane--Kendra Banzer 8, Kim Prickett 13, Bridget Horton 6, Amy Arnold 5, Nancy Farber 5, Kathy Saxton 8, Holly Donaldson 1. FG 18-48 (0). FT 9-14. F 16 | |

Girls Junior Varsity

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| Maize | 7 12 7 7--33 |
| Mulvane | 11 7 2 15--35 |
| Maize--Davidson 4, Peters 2, Farber 4, Gwen Felder 2, Gretchen Herrman 6, Michelle Baker 9, Woodward 2, Beggs 5. FG 12-36 (0). FT 9-19. F 15 | |
| Mulvane--Holly Donaldson 2, Kendra Banzer 4, Angie Wheeler 2, Nicole Infinger 1, Ticia Nicholson 22, Amy Arnold 4. FG 16-32 (0). FT 3-12. F 19 | |

AUGUSTA 4 SUB-STATE FIRST ROUND

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| Mulvane | 10 6 15 9--40 |
| Augusta | 8 12 10 12--42 |
| Mulvane--Kim Prickett 4, Nancy Farber 7, Kathy Saxton 21, Kendra Banzer 6, Bridget Horton 2. FG 18-39 (0). FT 4-8. F 11 | |
| Augusta--Kaeli Jackson 16, Kate Gosch 10, Kim Sawyers 6, Dawn Veeman 7, Randi Fowler 4. FG 19-42 (0). FT 5-7. F 10 | |
| Clearwater 47, Wellington 37 | |
| Chaparral 95, Andover 20 | |
| Rose Hill 82, Circle 54 | |