

Nickerson Knocks Out Girls

NICKERSON—The season flashed before Coach Gregg Wolgast's eyes as he watched his Mulvane High School girls eliminated from sub-state play here Tuesday night, March 2.

Nickerson's No. 1 seeded Panthers took a quarter to get warmed up, then Mulvane crashed and burned in a 56-27 game in the first round of the Chaparral Class 4A Sub-State.

The Wildcats ended their season at 3-18 and Nickerson marched on to the semifinal round match-up at Chaparral High Friday night, March 5, against Pratt. Pratt stopped Haven, 61-46, in another opener. Chaparral dropped Clearwater, 49-30, and Kingman diced up Rose Hill, 54-27, in the other two first-round games.

Final Chisholm Trail Basketball Standings

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
x-Maize	11	1	13	7
Buhler	10	2	14	5
Goddard	8	4	12	7
Valley Center	5	7	5	15
Augusta	4	8	8	12
Wellington	3	9	5	15
Mulvane	1	11	3	17
DIVISION II				
x-Circle	10	2	15	5
Chaparral	9	3	15	5
Kingman	9	3	14	5
Andover	6	6	11	8
Rose Hill	5	7	8	12
Andale	2	10	5	15
Clearwater	1	11	3	17

x—won CTL championships; Standings do not include sub-state games

"This game kind of typified our season. Nickerson is a very aggressive and physical team, and that type of game was allowed and our girls let that bother and intimidate them a little, I thought," said Wolgast. "The girls were more worried about getting fouled and less about the ball game. We just never were able to get into what we wanted to do."

The Wildcats made a game of it against the 16-3 Panthers for a quarter before the roof caved in in the second period. After eight minutes of play, Mulvane was behind only one, 10-9. "We did a good job of moving on defense and not letting them get off any good shots," said Wolgast. "And on offense, we were able to get the ball to Sheila (Mills) inside and she was able to get her shots off against their man-to-man defense, but after she scored six points in the first quarter, they started putting more pressure on the outside to make that entrance pass more difficult and started doubling up on Sheila. They just shut that off."

The team's top scorer scored only six points the rest of the game, finishing with 12 in her final game in a Wildcat uniform.

The Panthers started rolling in the second quarter, out-scoring Mulvane, 12-2, and by the end of three quarters, Nickerson had the game locked up with a 22-point lead.

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Chaparral Class 4A Sub-State Pairings

Thursday, March 4

At Chaparral High School

6 p.m.—Pratt boys (14-6) vs. Nickerson boys (16-5)
7:30 — Rose Hill boys (10-11) vs. Kingman boys (18-2)

Friday, March 5

At Chaparral High School

6 p.m.—Nickerson girls (16-3) vs. Pratt girls (12-8)
7:30 — Kingman girls (14-5) vs. Chaparral girls (16-4)

Saturday, March 6

At Chaparral High School

6 p.m.—girls championship
7:30 — boys championship

handle it real well," added the MHS coach. "Going into the game, we knew they were going to press and play us man-to-man. I went to see them play last week and have talked to a few coaches. We wanted to offset that by spreading the floor and getting some backdoor cuts. We were successful early. We also wanted to try to pressure their good scorers but it got to the point where our girls were more concerned about getting fouled. Things that you can't do anything about, you have to just go on, but we didn't."

After the Cats cut the lead to seven in the third quarter, Nickerson went on a 21-6 tear to finish off the Wildcats. "We were able to stay in the game when we were able to get them into a half-court game," said Wolgast. "It's just like our season, once they

Chaparral 4A Girls Sub-State Results

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane	9	2	10	6-27
Nickerson	10	12	21	13-56

Mulvane--Cody Watson 6, Sheila Mills 12, Gayle Samuelson 2, Kristi McDowell 3, Heather Taylor 2, Lee Banzet 2. FG 13-38 (0), FT 1-8, F 18.
Nickerson--Sutton 19, Hendershot 12, Ontjes 2, Scott 12, Webster 9, Moore 2. FG 22-48 (0), FT 12-19, F 16.

Kingman 54, Rose Hill 27
Pratt 61, Haven 46
Chaparral 49, Clearwater 30

started picking up the pace and putting more pressure on us, we weren't able to handle it and they started putting points on the board. When things have started going poorly, we don't pick up the pace and they do."

It also didn't help that Mulvane lost point guard Heather Taylor in the third quarter. She re-injured a knee she had hurt a day earlier in practice and sat out the rest of the game.

Another factor that hurt was another poor night from the field. Mulvane hit only 26% from the field (13-38) while the Panthers hit at a 46% clip (22-48). It was even more of a problem to hit from the line. The Mulvane girls made only one of eight free throw attempts. Nickerson made 12 out of 19.

The senior Mills, the team's top scorer all season, finished with 12 points. Sophomore Cody Watson had six points and Kristi McDowell finished with three.