

# Mulvane Girls Roar Into Sub-State Semifinals



## Chaparral Class 4A Sub-State Pairings

### Tonight (March 4)

6 p.m. -- Rose Hill boys (13-8) vs. Douglass boys (9-12)  
7:30 -- Augusta boys (10-11) vs. Kingman boys (13-8)

### Friday, March 5

6 p.m. -- Mulvane girls (10-11) vs. Augusta girls (10-11)  
7:30 -- Kingman girls (10-11) vs. Wellington girls (3-18)

### Saturday, March 6

6 p.m. -- girls championship game  
7:30 -- boys championship game

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"Kingman is kind of a unique team in the league," said Miller. "They aren't the best defensive team in the conference, but they have a ton of offensive firepower. They just out-score you and that's why they are so dangerous."

The Mulvane offensive perked up a bit after four games in the 30s. The Wildcats had 17 points from senior Shelley Richards, 13 from senior Lindsay Kendrick and another 10 from junior Kassie Hargrove. Kristin Buchanan added six.

But the Mulvane "explosion" couldn't match Kingman's. "They came out early and pressured us," said Miller. "We had a couple of quick turnovers and they turned them into layups and by the end of the first quarter, they were up by 10 (15-5). We came back but it was a slow process. It was pretty frustrating because every time we got the momentum going our way, we would foul or turn the ball over and they would push their lead back to six or seven."

Still, the first-year Mulvane coach was happy that the Cats were able to hang tough the last three quarters. "We'd fight back and get within three or four points and they would jump back with a couple of buckets," said Miller. "We actually had a pretty good night moving the ball. The girls have struggled with it all season but Thursday night, they showed patience and that helped us stay in the thick of the game. We just never could get that one basket that might have put us over the hump."

The Eagles, winners of five of their last six games, held on at the end by making their free throws. The Eagles hit 12 in the final quarter alone and finished with a 20-for-37 effort. "By the last quarter, we had to try and get back into the game by fouling but they made their free throws," said Miller.

Kingman also controlled things against the Wildcat junior varsity girls. The Eagles posted a 36-20 victory in the final JV game of the season.

Freshman LaShelle Parker scored seven points and Natalie Turner had six for Coach Dale Landes' Cat girls.

Mulvane's "pop-gun" offense roared Tuesday night, March 2, in the first round of the Chaparral Class 4A Sub-State.

The Wildcat girls, struggling down the stretch averaging under 35 points a game, sounded off when the MHS girls hosted Douglass' girls for a first-round sub-state game at the Mulvane High gym. The Cats trimmed the Bulldogs, 55-38, to advance to a semifinal game at 6 p.m. Friday night, March 5, against Augusta. The Orioles (10-11) clipped Clearwater, 58-52, in another first round game Tuesday evening.

The Wildcats came out hot, running out to a 14-4 lead in the first quarter and never let the Bulldogs get back in the game. "We lived to fight another day," said Mulvane Coach Jayson Miller. "We came out with a good start, which is something we haven't been getting. It was nice to get out in front quickly. They made a little run at us a time or two during the game but each time we responded and kept the lead in double figures most of the way. Offensively, it was nice to get some points on the board."

These same two teams met earlier and the Cats raced ahead in that one, too. In fact, they were ahead, 18-4, in the first quarter but then had to hold on as Douglass rallied behind 48 free throw attempts to nearly pull off the upset. The Cats eventually won, 44-41.

"I think everybody remembered that game and we didn't want to get into that situation again," said Miller. "I thought the key was our offense was running smoothly. We got it going in the first quarter by just taking care of the ball and making better passes than we have been making. That's when we are at our effective best. The girls show patience and good passing and when they do that, we can score points."

Miller also pointed to an early press which helped the Cats get their lead to double digits. "We pressed them early and got some points off the pressure," said Miller. "When we played them earlier, we used a little man-to-man press but Tuesday night, we went with a full court trap and I think it surprised them because they hadn't seen us use it. We got a couple quick buckets and it helped get us going."

Miller feels the Cats can be effective when showing patience. "What we do is we find our shooters for their shots," said Miller. "When we aren't passing the ball, we tend to try and force things and get people shots where they aren't comfortable with those shots. Against Douglass, though, we passed it around and got easier shots instead of making our shooters create shots."

By halftime, it was 25-12, and going into

## Chaparral Class 4A Girls Sub-State Results

### FIRST ROUND

Douglass 4 8 16 10-38  
Mulvane 14 11 20 10-55

Douglass--April Cummins 7, Tessa Keith 6, Stacy Nichols 6, Beth Ketterman 2, Amy McBee 1, Michelle Cummins 12, Brean Ford 4 FG 10 (5), FT 13-21, F 17

Mulvane--Lindsay Kendrick 15, Jackie McColpin 4, Kristin Buchanan 2, Arin Leonard 6, Shelley Richards 10, Kassie Hargrove 12, Kristal LaPlant 4, Shriah Craft 2 FG 21 (0), FT 13-16, F 19

Augusta 58, Clearwater 52

Wellington 57, Rose Hill 53

Kingman 71, Chaparral 26

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### Varsity Girls

Mulvane 5 16 13 16-50

Kingman 15 10 14 24-63

Mulvane--Shelley Richards 17, Kassie Hargrove 10, Kristin Buchanan 6, Jackie McColpin 2, Lindsay Kendrick 13, Shriah Craft 2 FG 17 (0), FT 16-24, F

Kingman--Carrie Miller 22, Sammy Knapic 10, Cindy Hageman 7, Dodge 5, Holly Messinger 7, Sarah Knapic 9, Jennifer Kaufman 1, Amber Stucky 2 FG 20 (3), FT 20-37, F

### Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane 4 4 4 8-20

Kingman 6 11 8 11-36

Mulvane--Natalie Turner 6, Cindy Hartley 1, Carisa Ward 2, Aubrey Benjamin 4, LaShelle Parker 7 FG 9 (0), FT 2-9, F 17

Kingman--Thimerson 5, Amber Stucky 6, Ashley Gonzalez 4, Andrea Pietz 4, Amy Hook 13, Bergkemp 2, Marie Pitman 2 FG 14 (0), FT 8-18, F 17