

MHS Girls Snowed Under

The season ended much the way it had begun three months ago and in between, the losses mounted for the Mulvane Wildcat girls basketball squad. For coach Bill Brown, there were too many losses, too few bright spots and too little progress.

The Cats closed the regular season Thursday night, Feb. 27, then ended the season Monday night in the opening round of the Class 4A Chaparral Sub-State, as Chaparral waxed the girls, 72-15.

Mulvane's girls finished the year 2-17 and 0-8 and in last place in the Chisholm Trail League Division I standings.

Brown had to be happy to see the season come to an end since it was his worst year since the first MHS girls season when they didn't win a ball game. "They (Chaparral) are just the best team in the state," complimented Brown. "They play defense. If they don't win the state, it'll be because they have a bad night, not because anyone is better."

The Wildcats were no match in the sub-state. The Roadrunners raced out to a 23-0 first quarter advantage without looking back. The half-court man-to-man pressure defense annihilated the Cats.

"We usually don't run into girls teams that play man-to-man the whole game but they do," pointed out Brown. "They swarmed all over us. They were quick, much quicker and they ran and jumped out in front and took it away from you. They don't double team, they just take it away from you."

"In the past, Chaparral always has had a pretty good offensive ball club but they always lacked that good defense. But they have the best defensive team I

MULVANE Sports

believe I've seen since I've been here," added Brown.

Junior Carol Baker led the Mulvane scoring against Chaparral with five points. Sophomore Lori Melick and

senior Vicki Powell each added four points. The team's top scorer, senior Arlene Reekie, ended her final prep career in dismal fashion, as she failed to score. "It just wasn't her night," confessed Brown.

The Cats found Circle also a tough nut to crack, losing, 43-33, despite a late surge. Reekie scored nine points in that contest and Baker had six. Melick, Vicki Powell and Mary Cole all had four points.

Coach Kim Frank's junior varsity girls also put up a fourth-quarter surge against Circle only to fall short by a 41-38 count. The B-team finished their season with a 3-12 log. Mary Cole and Nancy Gehring led a late surge with tied the game at 38-38 in the final period, the Cats wiping out an 11-point Circle lead. Cole finished with 18 points and Gehring added eight.

CLASS 4A CHAPARRAL SUB-STATE

First Round

Mulvane	0	4	4	7--15
Chaparral	23	10	20	19--72
Mulvane--Lori Melick 4, Vicki Powell 4, Mary Cole 2, Carol Baker 5, Arlene Reekie 0 FG 7-21, FT 1-3, F 19				
Chaparral--Linda Dominick 8, Cindy Livengood 24, Marilee Drouhard 8, Charlene Cink 2, Suzanne Pulliam 5, Susan Green 11, Kim Yandell 2, Linda Kastens 1, Marilyn McDaniel 3, Becky Longbine 2, Val Howie 6. FG 30-59, FT 12-22, F 9				

Girls Varsity

Mulvane	6	5	6	16--33
Circle	9	12	16	6--43
Mulvane--Lori Melick 4, Vicki Powell 4, Mary Cole 4, Arlene Reekie 9, Kristi Lawless 2, Carol Baker 6, Celia Rogers 2, Nancy Gehring 2. FG 15-39, FT 3-6, F 15.				
Circle--Teresa Lee 6, Becky Shadin 7, Teresa Chatman 8, Ann McCulluch 10, Angie King 6, Vicki Carter 2, Deb Showalter 4. FG 19-68, FT 5-17, F 12.				

Girls Junior Varsity

Mulvane	5	9	9	15--38
Circle	8	10	16	7--41
Mulvane--Susan Heatley 3, Stacy Shoemaker 2, Nancy Gehring 8, Lori Melick 2, Celia Rogers 5, Mary Cole 18. FG 15-43, FT 8-23, F 17.				
Circle--Deb Showalter 8, Hickerson 14, Carter 6, Wrens 4, Scheller 2, Johnson 7. FG 17-52, FT 7-16, F 18.				