

'Worry Wart' Stinson Pulls Out Big Win

Bill Stinson was worried. All the ingredients were there for something a whole lot less than what the Mulvane High School girls basketball coach got Tuesday night, March 4, in the opening round of the Augusta Class 4A Sub-State Tournament.

Stinson's Wildcats came on strong in the second half to subdue Wellington, 63-56, to advance into the semifinals, where Mulvane will play No. 1 seeded Circle (15-5) at 6:30 p.m. tonight (March 6) at Augusta High School.

"After our practice Monday night, I wouldn't have given us much of a chance," pointed out Stinson. "We had a real poor practice. I was worried we wouldn't play but this is a real morale booster."

Playing their final game at home this season, Mulvane's girls squeezed back into the game in the third quarter, then took charge down the stretch after Wellington's No. 4 seeded Crusaders had taken a 33-29 lead at intermission. Very instrumental in the victory was some clutch free throwing by Rhonda Davis, Sheila Mahlandt and Tiane Dossey plus better pressure on Wellington's fine scorer, Markie Russell, who had 16 points in the first half alone.

"We tried to put a lot more pressure on Russell in the second half and she only got one bucket in the third quarter and two in the fourth," said Stinson. "We wanted to make the other girls shoot. We did a much better job of it in the second half."

The 5th-seeded MHS girls, improving their record to 11-10, held off the Crusaders in the final moments at the stripe. After a Davis bucket made it 53-51 with 2:40 to play, Dossey and Davis hit two free throws each and Mahlandt made one to give the Cats breathing room at 58-51 with 1:22 left. The Crusaders scored three straight to pull within four but Dossey and Davis made three-of-four in the last 30 seconds to ice the victory.

"It certainly makes up for the losses to Clearwater and Augusta," admitted Stinson, noting this was his first time making it into the semifinal round of sub-state play. "It would have been really frustrating to end it here with a loss. Wellington has been playing about as good as anybody lately--they just beat Circle--so it was a big, big game for us."

Davis finished with a 21-point evening. Sophomore Kathy Saxton scored 16 points and senior Lori Cox was right behind with 15.

The Wildcat gals played perhaps their worst game of the season in the final regular season game Friday night, Feb. 28, in the MHS gym. Augusta mowed down the MHS girls, 54-42, in a Chisholm Trail League game.

The loss ended Mulvane's loop record at 4-6 and was Mulvane's fourth loss in the last five games.

The Cat junior varsity team ended its season with only one victory as Augusta edged Mulvane's jayvees, 43-41.

Saxton led the Cat scoring with 13 points but she was the only player in

AUGUSTA 4A GIRLS SUB-STATE FIRST ROUND

Wellington	16 17 10 13--56
Mulvane	16 13 16 18--63
Wellington--Shana Glick 14, Markie Russell 23, Traci Cochran 2, Kristin Scheuffer 2, Lori Goodrum 11, Jennifer Moore 2. FG 27-58, FT 2-6, F 18.	
Mulvane--Lori Cox 15, Tiane Dossey 6, Rhonda Davis 21, Terri Plotts 2, Kathy Saxton 16, Sheila Mahlandt 3. FG 25-57, FT 13-21, F 9.	

Caney Valley 59, Augusta 44
Circle 52, Andover 26
Rose Hill 57, Eureka 24

double figures. Guard Tiane Dossey had eight points and both Terri Plotts and Davis scored seven. Cox was held to four points.

The junior varsity for Coach Tony Gourlay finished its year at 1-5. Guard Kim Prickett scored 10 points and Angela Cox was next with nine. Nancy Farber scored seven points and both Rhonda Reekie and Kandi Miller had six apiece.

Girls Varsity

Augusta	14 14 13 13--54
Mulvane	5 13 7 17--42
Augusta--Stacy All 16, Dawn Veeman 3, Kate Gosch 13, Kara Jackson 21, Pam Spawn 1. FG 20, FT 14-29, F 18.	
Mulvane--Lori Cox 4, Tiane Dossey 8, Sheila Mahlandt 2, Terri Plotts 7, Tammy Haas 1, Rhonda Davis 7, Kathy Saxton 13. FG 18, FT 6-15, F 22.	

Girls Junior Varsity

Augusta	8 2 11 22--43
Mulvane	4 13 8 16--41
Augusta--Kathy Moss 5, Pam Spawn 17, Randi Fowler 4, Stacy Cox 2, Kim Sawyers 5, Kaely Jackson 10. FG 18, FT 7-14, F 14.	
Mulvane--Kim Prickett 10, Rhonda Reekie 6, Tina Moeller 2, Kandi Miller 6, Angela Cox 9, Toni Wayman 1, Nancy Farber 7. FG 18, FT 5-9, F 15.	