

# Mulvane Girls' Mistakes Point Way To Early Exit

The "MO" for the Mulvane High School girls all season has been the same. This time, though, it cost the Wildcat girls a shot at a trip Class 5A state tournament and cost "the freshmen" a shot at fulfilling their destiny.

Maybe, getting beaten in the first game of the sub-state WAS their destiny. At any length, the basketball season is over for the MHS girls, ending Friday night, March 1, when Goddard handled the Cats for the 3rd time this season. It just happened to come in the opening round of the Bishop Carroll Class 5A Sub-State. The Lions sent Mulvane packing with a 54-43 victory.

The Lions were beaten the next night in the sub-state championship game by Bishop Carroll, the host Crusaders blasting Goddard, 61-40, to advance to the 5A State Tournament sporting a 20-2 record.

The Wildcats ended their season at 10-11 after a marvelous 7-2 start, sliding at the end of a five-game losing streak.

"This team's 'MO' all year has been untimely turnovers and it was pretty much what decided the game Friday night," said Jayson Miller, the MHS girls coach. "Untimely turnovers and a poor free throw shooting night was the two factors against us."

The Lions hit their free throws at a quick pace, dropping in 19 of 28, while the Cats were only 15 of 30. And in the turnover department, Mulvane finished with 25 turnovers after having only eight or nine in the first half.

For most of the game, the two Chisholm Trail League teams butted heads. The Lions raced to an 8-2 early lead but Mulvane

## Bishop Carroll 5A Girls Sub-State Results

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Bishop Carroll 61, Goddard 40

### FIRST ROUND

Mulvane	10	11	9	13-43
Goddard	12	13	14	15-54

Mulvane—Sami Booth 7, Kris Lazar 8, LaShelle Parker 9, Kari Leonard 6, Melissa Doerfer 4, Shayna Duncan 7, Kim Mangus 1, Kayla Linnebur 1. FG 14 (0), FT 15-30, F 25.

Bishop Carroll—Erica Fenili 20, Meghon Welch 12, Shelly VanHorn 3, Alex Bunton 10, Andra Bell 2, Alicia Gourley 5, Megan Phillips 2. FG 17 (1), FT 19-28, F 31.

Bishop Carroll 55, Arkansas City 40

came back to trail by only two. By halftime, Goddard had a 25-21 lead after the Cats had tied the game, 21-21, with a couple minutes left. And after the Lions shot ahead by 14 (39-25) in the 3rd quarter, the Cats went to work with their best play of the game.

"We went on a 12-0 run and got back in the ball game," pointed out Miller. "I thought we had plenty of gas left at that time but we started sending them to the foul line and they hit them."

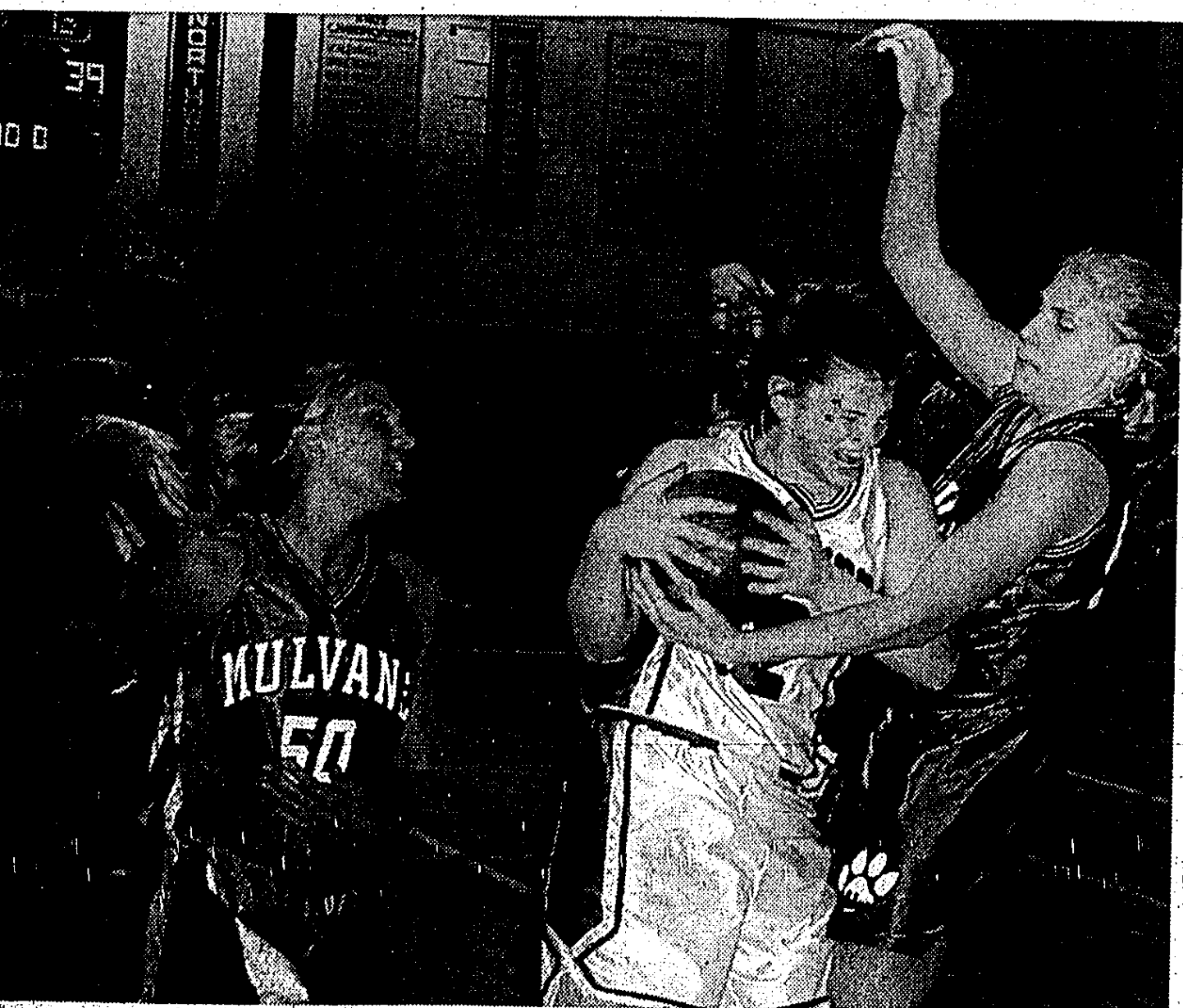
The Cats still trailed by two, 41-39, early in the last quarter before three straight turnovers kept Mulvane from getting the tie and that seemed to get the Lions steamed up and they pulled away. "That's also just about the time Sami (Booth) fouled out and that really was a big blow for us, more psy-

chologically than anything else," said Miller. "When she was in there we were playing well. She was doing a lot of good things...rebounding, passing and scoring but when she went out, I thought our offense just stalled. Everybody started looking for LaShelle (Parker) instead of looking for the open shot."

The game was still tight when Booth picked up No. 5. "The ironical thing is that we had a sub at the table waiting to go in for her but it just didn't happen fast enough," said Miller. "In the long run, we had too many turnovers. We work on pressure every week, every practice, but we don't seem to improve. It's something I've seen every year I've been here."

The Wildcats had solid balance scoring-wise and good scoring off the bench. The senior Parker closed out her career with nine points and Kris Lazar scored eight, but both were held under their season average. Booth finished with seven points and Shayna Duncan also had seven. Guard Kari Leonard scored six and guard Melissa Doerfer scored four points. Both Kim Mangus and Kayla Linnebur had a point off the bench.

"I thought another big difference in this game was their post play," said Miller. "I was really disappointed in the way we defended their post," said Miller. "When they enter the ball, they play the same game—high, low—that we do, so we knew what they were doing and still didn't defend it. Their post people really hurt us this time. In previous games, they didn't hurt us that much."



Mulvane seniors LaShelle Parker (right) and Kris Lazar try to wrestle a rebound away from Goddard player