

Cats Eliminated

Colts Tame MHS Girls

The "dream season" came to a thunderous end on a nightmare note, the memory of a single Campus girl dribbling down the court, the bank shot skipping off the backboard as the horn sounds, then finding nothing but net.

That's the way the Mulvane High School girls season came crashing down Thursday night, March 1, in the opening round of the Campus Class 5A Sub-State Tournament.

The Wildcats were the No. 1 seed and favored and could have overcome a brilliant shooting exhibition by the host Colts except for that one bank shot that found a home in the final milli-second of the game, giving Campus a 54-53 upset over the Wildcats from Mulvane.

Campus finished the game hitting 71% (20 of 28) from the floor, but it was the last shot that went in that turned Mulvane's dream season into a nightmare. "Not that we weren't playing defense, we were," said MHS Coach Gregg Wolgast, "but anytime somebody shoots 70% from the field against you, they're going to win.

"It's sure disappointing," said Wolgast. "We felt we had a good chance at Kapaun because their style was very much to our liking, but Campus played real good. They did a good job defending Kendra (Banzet) in the first three quarters and the girl just did a good job getting down the floor. We hesitated stopping her because we didn't want to foul, and she made the shot. We won a few games like that earlier, so I guess it was our turn."

The game was an uphill battle for the Wildcats from the start as the Colts galloped to the early lead. Mulvane finally caught up in the fourth quarter and took the lead. The Cats went ahead, 53-49, when junior Lisa Heersche threw in the first of two free throws with 22 ticks left, but oh, the three-point play. Campus made one with 15 seconds left to draw within one, and when Mulvane star Banzet missed the front end of a one-and-one with six seconds left, it set the stage for the bizarre ending which saw the Colts' Crystal Rinehart get the rebound, dribble the length of the court and pull the plug on Mulvane's hopes of the school's first sub-state championship and state tournament berth.

Instead, Kapaun Mt. Carmel will be representing this sub-state at the Topeka ExpoCentre this weekend in the 5A State Championship after racking Campus, 62-51, Saturday night, March 3, in the sub-state title game.

"It was one of those games," said Wolgast. "They really shot the ball well, and that is something you can't foresee. We really did a pretty good job defensively on them as far as having somebody on the ball



Campus 5A Girls Sub-State Results

Championship

Kapaun Mt. Carmel 62, Campus 51

Semifinals

Campus 8 12 20 14 54
Mulvane 11 4 20 18 53

Campus—Tiffany Poling 20, Chris Hitchman 12, Deonna Hyde 7, Crystal Rinehart 6, Stacy Schuler 3, Andrea Johnson 2, Kayla Reynolds 2, Jennifer Bryce 2
FG 20-28 (1), FT 13-20, F 20.

Mulvane—Kendra Banzet 21, Lisa Heersche 13, Ticia Turner 11, Ticia Nicholson 5, Kern Taylor 3
FG 23-40 (0), FT 7-19, F 17

Kapaun Mt. Carmel 66, El Dorado 52

and defending them but they still put the ball in."

Experience in a sub-state pressure cooker also may have played a role because Campus, a 3-16 team, played above itself, having been to the state tournament a year ago. "They've been there and I think that showed through," admitted Wolgast. "Their girls knew they didn't have any pressure, no expectations, and no pressure. I really didn't know they were shooting as good as they did, although I knew they were shooting well. You just have to give them a lot of credit.

"I told the girls afterwards that they know know what it's like to go into that kind of pressure situation and we can be better prepared for it."

The Wildcats will be back. Finishing the year at 14-7, Mulvane loses only one player from the varsity team, senior Nicole Infinger.

Campus started pulling ahead in the second quarter, out-scoring Mulvane, 12-4, to take a 20-15 halftime lead. The Colts were effective shutting down Mulvane's high-power inside game with the 6 foot, 3 inch Banzet and 5-10 Ticia Nicholson with smaller people. Only in the final quarter did the interior open up after guard Tricia Turner had scored 10 of her 11 points in the third quarter, Lisa Heersche scored six and Nicholson hit a couple of buckets. Banzet then led the Cats to the four point lead by scoring 10 4th period points.

"They played a box-and-one on Kendra in the first half and we didn't take advantage of it," said Wolgast. "One girl was on her all the time and when she was in an area of the zone, there were two, but we finally were able to force them out of that when Ticia, Lisa and Tricia hurt them in the second half and they went to a man-to-man. But it just gets down to that last six seconds. They didn't have any time outs and we didn't want to help them by calling one and letting them set anything up."

Instead, a freelance artist tossed Mulvane out of the tourney on a last second shot.

Banzet finished with 21 points after only having eight at intermission. Heersche finished with 13 points and Turner scored 11. Nicholson was held to only five.

Chisholm Trail League Final Girls Standings

DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
x-Mulvane	10	2	14	7
Goddard	9	3	15	7
Valley Center	8	4	14	7
Buhler	7	5	10	11
Augusta	5	7	11	11
Maize	2	10	3	17
Wellington	1	11	4	18

DIVISION II

y-Rose Hill	11	1	21	2
y-Andate	11	1	21	2
Circle	8	5	14	8
Chaparral	6	6	9	13
Kingman	4	8	6	15
Clearwater	2	10	6	15
Andover	0	12	0	21

x—won CTL championship, y—tied for CTL championship. Rose Hill is playing in the 4A state tournament.