

Shooting Woes Continue As Wildcat Gals Tumble

All season long, Mulvane High School girls basketball coach Bill Stinson has been bemoaning the inability of his girls to do one of the most fundamental tasks performed in the sport--shoot.

After the first round of the Arkansas City Class 5A Sub-State Friday night, March 4, Stinson was moaning even more. The Wildcats shot only 24 percent from the field and were eliminated by Coffeyville, 35-31.

"We didn't shoot the basketball very well again," confessed Stinson, whose squad, his first after taking over the head coaching post from Bill Brown this season, ended its year with a 5-15 log. "We only hit 24% (12 of 53) and that's even worse than our average for the year. You can't win ball games shooting that percentage. And we got good shots all night."

The MHS girls were never "out of the game," staying within striking range most of the night behind the 12-point effort of senior Mary Cole. But they also never took the lead.

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ARK CITY CLASS 5A SUB-STATE Semifinals

Mulvane	6	11	10	4--31
Coffeyville	10	10	12	3--35
Mulvane--Jay Kilpatrick 4, Mary Cole 12, Nancy Gehring 2, Tawnya Infinger 6, Diane Mohney 4, Traci Lawless 3. FG 12, FT 5-11, F 13.				
Coffeyville--Andi Miorandi 4, Joy Mitchell 8, Dawn Vander-Linden 3, Lisa Schulz 1, Trudy Cole 12, Laura Frihart 7. FG 16, FT 3-9, F 16.				

natural shooter," went on Stinson. "We have had people improve on their shooting but we haven't had anybody (all year) have a super-hot hand in one game. You usually have someone do that in one game or another.

"Going into the game, we didn't know a whole lot about Coffeyville but knew we wanted to play good basketball," said Stinson. "We could have won the game but we didn't execute offensively and get the ball in the basket. That's the name of the game."

The Cats slipped behind early but still trailed only 20-17 at halftime. They closed to within one point in the early part of the fourth quarter but couldn't apply the pressure offensively to make the Golden Tornadoes fold.

"We had the shots in that fourth

quarter but they slowed it down and we didn't hit our free throws," added the Cat chief. "It always seems to come down to shooting."

Coffeyville also controlled the backboards, although Cole and senior Nancy Gehring got their share. "It seemed that any loose ball, they were grabbing," said Stinson. "They were stronger in the upper body and we weren't aggressive enough."

Cole led the squad on the scoring column and had help from junior Tawnya Infinger who finished with six points. Senior Jay Kilpatrick and junior Diane Mohney had four points apiece.