

Cat Gals Unprepared For Oriole Jolt--Brown

Taking an opponent too lightly can cause a lot of things, the worst being defeat. That's a lesson Mulvane's girls basketball squad found out Tuesday night, Dec. 2, in the first game of the season.

Augusta swept Mulvane off the floor with a 40-27 decision. In junior varsity action, Mulvane again suffered from poor shooting and tumbled, 29-14.

"The 100 percent effort wasn't there," complained girls coach Bill Brown. "And I think it is because we just took Augusta too lightly going into the game. We are as good as they are, but it was a matter of lack of preparation both mentally and physically."

Shooting only 22 percent from the field, Mulvane's offense stalled inside because of Augusta's superior size and the outside shooting didn't pick up the slack. Veteran senior Arlene Reekie scored eight points and untested Carol Baker added 10 to key the Wildcat offense. Vicki Powell added six points.

A dry spell of more than 6½ minutes in the third quarter didn't help either. The Cats, down by a 19-10 halftime count, came out and scored first at the start of the third quarter but that was it for the entire period.

"We couldn't handle them inside because of their size," said Brown. "They were a lot bigger than we were and there's no way the girls could score there. When you can't shoot outside, you're not going to win."

The Cats finally got going in the final frame but it wasn't enough to pull it out. "We started playing more aggressive basketball," said Brown. "I really don't think we started playing hard until the fourth quarter. Our pressure defense was effective but we didn't take advantage of it."

"We've got to score more than 40 points, though. Our defense was pretty

Girls Varsity

Mulvane	4	6	2	15-27
Augusta	8	11	9	12-40

Mulvane--Vicki Powell 6, Arlene Reekie 8, April Bales 2, Kristi Lawless 1, Carol Baker 10 FG 10-45, FT 5-9, F 11.

Augusta--Danielle Nordman 6, Gayla Irving 6, Tearie Miller 6, Lori Matlick 8, Pam Bratton 6, Carla Phillips 2, Barb Riedmiller 6 FG 17-49, FT 6-13, F 14

Girls Junlor Varsity

Mulvane	6	4	3	1-14
Augusta	8	11	6	4-29

Mulvane--Stacy Shoemaker 4, Gwen Reekie 4, Nancy Gehring 1, Lori Melick 3, Dee Dee Rather 2 FG 6-44, FT 2-4, F 4

Augusta--Aretha Noeller 2, Barb Riedmiller 1, Gina Jacoby 4, Lori Matlick 2, Ruth Hutman 2, Linda Ray 4, Tearie Miller 8, Gayla Irving 2, Pam Bratton 4, FG 13-44, FT 3-4, F 4

good but our offense has to go. If we can score 40, we'll win some ball games."

Coach Kim Frank's junior varsity fell behind early and couldn't sustain an offensive threat. Gwen Reekie and Stacy Shoemaker each scored four points to power the Cat jayvees.

The next game for the Wildcat girls is at Kingman Friday, Dec. 5.