

Andale Wears Down Girls In Opening Setback

If it would have been an "Iron Woman" competition, we would have won. It wasn't. It was a basketball game and Coach Bill Stinson's Mulvane High School girls ran out of steam in the second half and went up in smoke.

Defending Class 4A state champion Andale pulled away in the final two quarters to subdue Mulvane's girls, 53-34, in the season lidlifter for both squads.

The Wildcat junior varsity also took it on the chin, 47-32.

"I'm not unhappy with the game," stressed Cat Coach Stinson. "They're the defending state champs and had four people coming back. We learned a lot in the game, and we're still going to be a good ball club. Last year, they (Andale) lost their first game (to Mulvane) and went on to win the state. We're not going to panic just on the basis of one or two games, or even our first five or six. We have two of the toughest starting games in the state against two defending state champs and we just want to improve each game."

Mulvane's next opponent is in the first round of the Maize Girls Invitational tonight (Dec. 6) against Class 2A state champion Canton-Galva at 6 p.m.

Friday night, Nov. 30, at Andale, Stinson's offense never got untracked. "We just weren't prepared," lamented Stinson. "We didn't have our two-guard offense in and they happened to come out with one guard up front. Last year, they didn't run that defense. What it did was enabled them to match up. Usually you try to run a two-guard offense when they play one in front or

Varsity Girls Basketball

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| Mulvane | 9 | 15 | 6 | 4--34 |
| Andale | 21 | 6 | 12 | 14--53 |

Mulvane--Melody Carey 6, Lisa Jones 10, Darla Reekie 8, Lori Cox 8, Tiane Dossey 2 FG 12-44, FT 10-19, F 11

Andale--Deanna Martin 4, Jamie Alyward 6, Rhonda Chaney 6, Beth Nilles 11, Kim Marx 20, Mona Lind 2, Steph Gorges 2, Vicki Huelskamp 2 FG 24-48, FT 5-10, F 17

Junior Varsity Girls

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| Mulvane | 6 | 4 | 10 | 12--32 |
| Andale | 14 | 10 | 23 | 0--47 |

Mulvane--Rhonda Davis 18, Terri Plotts 4, Tammy Haas 2, Tanya Gerdes 6, Sheila Mahlandt 2 FG 14-39, FT 4-12, F 8

Andale-- Rhonda Gorges 8, Rhea Winter 2, Dana Knoblach 2, Terri Merrill 2, Vicki Huelskamp 4, Steph Gorges 2, Tammy Gorges 6, Shelly Bean 10, Mary Smarsh 9, Karla Spexarth 2 FG 25-62, FT 1-8, F 11

run a one-guard offense when they play two in front."

Stinson also was concerned about some of his reserves coming to the forefront. Against Andale, Mulvane played only five players and the coach felt this helped tire his group out down the stretch.

"I just didn't think we had anybody ready to go on the varsity level," said Stinson. "We played the junior varsity game second over there and I was just concerned about putting a sophomore in there under that kind of pressure. If I had been able to see Rhonda Davis and Tammy Haas play in the jayvee game before our varsity game, I probably would have put them in. They both looked good and I think we can start counting on those two."

Matching up on offense made good shots hard to come by. The Wildcats made only 12 of 44 field attempts (27½). "That was the biggest problem, we couldn't get a good shot at all," said Stinson. "These girls take the ball to

the basket more than anybody we've had here in a while but we just didn't have the correct offense in there. These girls are good shooters but you couldn't tell it from Friday night."

The Cats trailed the entire game, falling behind, 21-9, in the first quarter but rallying to within three (27-24) at intermission. "After that, I think the girls wore out and we started falling off the pace."

Stinson singled out point guard Tiane Dossey for a good job and some fine ball handling. "We didn't have much problem with their press," said Stinson.

Guard Lisa Jones, a senior, scored 10 points to pace the MHS girls. Senior Darla Reekie and junior Lori Cox were next with eight points apiece and senior Melody Carey finished with six.

The Mulvane junior varsity also had trouble with its offense, scoring 10 points in the first half. The jayvees finally got rolling in the second half but still couldn't overtake the Indians.

Davis finished with 18 points and guard Tanya Gerdes was next with six points. Terri Plotts finished with four points.

The girls' next game following the Maize tourney will be at home Friday, Dec. 14, against Goddard in a Chisholm Trail League outing.