

Wildcat Girls Struggle In Openers

Poor shooting and an excess of fouls turned into a bad combination for the Mulvane girls basketballers Tuesday night, Dec. 7, in the club's home opener.

Coach Bill Stinson's club shot only 17 percent from the field and watched as Maize downed 17 of 26 free throws to manhandle the Wildcats, 55-30, in a non-league basketball game.

"We shot 24 more times than they did but we couldn't hit them," said Stinson. "That and all the fouls, they're driving me crazy. We were up, 14-10, in the first quarter but by the end of the period, we had four people with three fouls each. After that, we didn't have any size in there."

The loss was the second in a row for Stinson's Cats, who will get another

chance at Valley Center Friday night, Dec. 10.

The second and third quarters blew Mulvane right out of the saddle, as MHS shooters made only 1 of 15 in the second period and 1 of 13 in the 3rd quarter.

Senior Stacy Shoemaker led the Cat scoring with eight points and top gun Mary Cole was held to six. Jay Kilpatrick and Tawnya Infinger each had four points.

The Mulvane junior varsity ran its record to 2-0, though, by clipping the Eagles, 43-32, Lori Meek scoring 12 points.

Guard Diane Mohny added six. Lisa Jones scored eight points and Melody Carey scored five for Coach Leah Fairchild's club.

Stinson's Cats opened their season Thursday, Dec. 2, at Andale and the fine host squad smothered Mulvane, 64-60.

"We made some mistakes like we knew we would," said Stinson. "They pressured us and we just weren't ready for it. Our girls just didn't understand the concepts then."

Senior Nancy Gehring led the scoring for MHS with 12 points and Mary Cole had 11. Stacy Shoemaker finished with nine points and Jay Kilpatrick had five.

In the jayvee contest, Mulvane's Melody Carey scored off a deflection with two seconds left to give Mulvane a 30-29 upset. Lori Meek, a reserve, led the Cat scorers with 11 points and Carey finished with seven.