

# Mulvane Girls Perk Up In Douglass Tournament

Mulvane High School's first game in the Douglass Early Season Girls Basketball Tournament turned into a tale of two halves. Luckily for the Wildcats, the second half turned out to be a story of success.

The Wildcat girls made adjustments at intermission and turned the second half into a story with a happy ending for Mulvane as the Wildcats rallied to notch a 35-26 victory over Douglass.

By halftime, Coach Jayson Miller's Cat girls had scored only eight points but the good news is that they only trailed by three points. Halftime adjustments helped and the Cat offense came together in the second half as Mulvane out-scored the Bulldogs, 27-15, to pull away.

There wasn't any pulling away Tuesday night, Dec. 7, in the second round at Douglass. Rose Hill scored four unanswered points in overtime as the Rockets prevailed, 32-28, in one extra period.

"This was a tough loss because I thought we controlled the tempo most of the game," said Miller. "We had the lead in the 4th quarter and they went to a 1-3-1 zone against us and we didn't handle it. They tied it up in regulation and we hit only a free throw in overtime."

Kris Lazar was top gun for the Wildcats in the scoring department, hitting for eight points. Natalie Turner scored seven points, LaShelle Parker had six and Kim Mangus scored five.

"The girls did a pretty good job," added Miller. "They wanted the game and came out and played hard to win it. It was a close game the whole way. We just couldn't get the score in overtime to keep it close."

"The Douglass game was a tale of two halves," said the second-year coach Miller. "We played a pretty poor first half and went into the locker room pretty frustrated. The girls were frustrated because they knew they had played a poor first half. We decided to come out and pick things up full court and get the tempo up and that made a difference for us."

The quicker tempo didn't suit the Bulldogs, who were forced into plenty of turnovers in the second half. "I'm extremely happy with the win," said Miller. "It's nice that the girls can see a problem and correct it, then come out in the second half and play hard to get the win."

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### SECOND ROUND

Rose Hill	10	4	6	8	(5)-33
Mulvane	11	5	4	8	(1)-29

Rose Hill--Nicole Ringwall 4, Andrea Dinkel 5, Karissa Thomas 7, Breanna McRae 2, Rachaelle Hansen 1, Diedra Decker 4, Chelsea Stancoff 10. FG 7 (0), FT 19-32, F 20

Mulvane--Kris Lazar 8, Natalie Turner 7, LaShelle Parker 6, Kim Mangus 5, Jackie Burkhart 2, Jackie McColpin 1. FG 10 (1), FT 8-17, F 28

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Douglass girls 58, Oxford girls 39

### FIRST ROUND

Mulvane	2	6	15	12	35
Douglass	6	5	8	7	26

Mulvane--Natalie Turner 3, Kris Lazar 6, LaShelle Parker 4, Arin Leonard 8, Kari Leonard 9, Kim Mangus 4, Andrea Valerio 1. FG 11 (2), FT 11-17, F 30

Douglass--Shelley Ahlerich 2, April Cummins 11, Breann Ford 6, Cazzi Cales 1, Crystal Seal 4, Beth Ketterman 2. FG 5 (0), FT 16-36, F 19

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Oxford girls 58, Rose Hill girls 38

### Varsity Girls

Mulvane	0	10	4	14	28
Goddard	13	19	19	6	57

Mulvane--Kim Mangus 6, Arin Leonard 3, Kari Leonard 2, Emily Turner 3, LaShelle Parker 8. FG 11 (1), FT 5-8, F

Goddard--Rikki Hall 15, Reyes 2, Erica Fenili 10, Thomas 3, Riesgo 10, Caruthers 9, Funke 2, Bing 2, Bell 2, Fairbank 2. FG

### Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	7	8	8	9	32
Goddard	13	12	18	14	57

Mulvane--Melissa Doerfer 6, Andrea Valerio 4, Sami Booth 6, Michelle Dinkel 1, Jackie Burkhart 5, Kim Mangus 2, Kari Leonard 3, LaShelle Parker 4, Natalie Turner 1. FG 11 (0), FT 10-23, F 14.

Goddard--Natalie Thomas 2, Audra Bell 11, Lauren Hirsh 7, Jessica Reyes 14, Bailey Funke 2, Megan Phillips 4, Amanda Vossen 4, Megan Damiris 3, Brenna Powers 6, Amy Bing 4. FG 25 (0), FT 7-12, F 25.

Miller also was happy with the depth his Cats showed. "We went 11 deep and that was good," said Miller. "We didn't have anybody in double figures but we had some good balance across the board. Both

Leonard sisters had a good half for us. I still don't have a set line-up. We just tried to create an up-tempo style of game and to do that, you have to have bodies."

Kari Leonard led the MHS girls with nine points and Arin Leonard finished with eight. Lazar scored six points and both Parker and Mangus had four-point games.

"I think that's going to be our game this year," said Miller of the balanced scoring. "Last year, we primarily had three girls leading the scoring but this year, we seem to go much deeper. If we can get that kind of balance, it will be fine with me."

In the season opener at Goddard, the Wildcats were just out-classed. The Lions rolled out to a 13-0 lead after a quarter and had the game in the bag by intermission with a 32-10 lead.

"Goddard is a good, tough team," agreed Miller. "There's no doubt about that. They have a lot more than just Rikki Hall. They came out and pressured us, and once we broke it, our offense just stalled out. We couldn't handle their half-court pressure defense. The girls got frustrated and stopped moving. Once that happens, it's over. The pressure, though, that they threw at us is something you couldn't simulate in practice."

Parker came off the bench to dump in a team-high eight points. Mangus finished with six points and both Arin Leonard and Turner had three points.

Goddard also won the junior varsity outing by a 57-32 count. In that game, nine Wildcats scored with guard Melissa Doerfer and Sami Booth leading the way with six points each. Jackie Burkhart scored five points and both Parker and Andrea Valerio had four points.