

Girls In Pressing Dilemma

The Mulvane High School girls continued to show difficulty against pressure defense Tuesday night, Dec. 8, in the opening round of the Circle Thunderbird Girls Round-Robin Tournament.

The host Thunderbirds pressed their way past Mulvane, 66-40, in the six-team tournament. In the other game Tuesday night, Andover throttled Arkansas City, 62-51.

"We're having trouble getting the ball down the floor and it's hurting us," complained Gregg Wolgast, the MHS girls coach. "We had at least 30 turnovers. When you can't get the ball down the floor, it breaks down your whole offense."

The T-Birds broke to the front quickly, using a half-court press. After one period, Circle was in front, 20-8. Circle also pressured in the third quarter, which led to a 21-3 run that finished off the Wildcats, who dipped to 0-2 for the season.

"Circle also got hot from the field and that didn't help," added the Cat coach.

"Everything started falling in. They made one shot that deflected off two people."

The loss spoiled a fine game by Mulvane senior Sheila Mills, who scored a game-high 20 points. Mills came alive in the 4th quarter when Mulvane was able to get the ball inside better as she scored 12 points.

Junior guard Kristi McDowell was second-high with five points, Marcy Arnold hit four points and sophomore Cody Watson finished with three points.

The MHS girls kicked off their year with a 62-37 beating at the hands of Buhler in a Chisholm Trail League outing Friday night, Dec. 4, in Mulvane.

The Mulvane junior varsity also was welcomed to the CTL as Buhler routed the jayvee Wildcats, 43-14.

The Crusaders parlayed 14 offensive rebounds into a solid winner on the road against Coach Wolgast's revamped line-up. It also didn't hurt that the Wildcats were whistled for 42 fouls and the visiting

Crusaders had only 22.

"There were two things that really hurt," pointed out Wolgast. "We gave up too many offensive rebounds and secondly, we put them on the free throw line too many times. What was happening was we would get position but we'd let them push us under the basket out of position. When the ball came down, they were there instead of us. We're not overpowering in size but I felt we would be a good rebounding team."

At the stripe, the Crusaders pounded in 18 of 41 tosses.

"I thought we played very hard the entire ball game and gave a good effort, but sometimes that isn't enough," said Wolgast. "Offensively at times we did pretty good. One thing we noticed, though, was we need to make the shift better when we reverse the ball."

The Crusaders moved out to an early lead, then made it 29-16 by intermission. Buhler put the game away in the last half by out-scoring Mulvane, 17-10, in the third quarter.

"Right at the start of the second half, we came out and got a couple of baskets and got back into the game but toward the end of the quarter, we got tired and they were able to get some fastbreak⁷ baskets," said Wolgast. "We played quite a few girls but our conditioning isn't there where it should be yet."

For the Cats, veteran senior Sheila Mills was the only double figure scorer with 15 points. Guard Kristi McDowell, a junior, scored four points and sophomore Cody Watson had six.

In the jayvee game, it was no contest after Buhler went on a 24-4 spree in the first quarter. Top scorer for Mulvane was Jamie Dame with four points.

The Mulvane girls will be in the Thunderbird Girls Classic at Circle this week. Their next game will be tonight (Dec. 10) when the Cats go up against Independence in the second round of the Classic. Mulvane is in a pool with Circle and Independence.

The championship game will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, following the game pitting the No. 2 teams in each pool at 6:30. The No. 3 teams in each pool will play at 5 p.m. at Circle.

Circle Thunderbird Girls Round-Robin

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane	8	12	3	17	40
Circle	20	14	21	11	66
Mulvane	Anna Turner 2, Kristi McDowell 5, Lee Banzet 2, Marcy Arnold 4, Robin Smith 2, Cody Watson 3, Sheila Mills 20, Gayle Samuelson 2	FG 18 (0), FT 4-8, F 20			
Circle	Jacque Jenkins 13, Angie Damell 4, Jennifer Vosler 2, Ashton White 14, Ann Patton 7, Amy Claycamp 5, Cara Allen 5, Jennifer Pulliman 4, Angela Giles 2, Kristi Cooper 10	FG 27 (0), FT 12-22, F 15			

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Varsity Girls

Buhler	12	17	17	16	62
Mulvane	6	10	10	11	37
Buhler	Susan Shea 10, Sandra Bowman 8, Michelle Meyers 20, Kristi Komeak 10, Kristie Knox 6, Jodie Fleming 1, Stacie Friesen 6, Cathy Lindbloom 1, Amber Spillum 1	FG 22 (0), FT 18-41, F 22			

Mulvane—Sheila Mills 15, Kristi McDowell 4, Cody Watson 6, Anna Turner 2, Lee Banzet 2, Gayle Samuelson 2, Alayna Arnold 1. FG 15 (1), FT 6-14, F 42.

Junior Varsity Girls

Buhler	24	4	8	7	43
Mulvane	4	2	4	4	14
Buhler	Jodie Fleming 10, Tara Smith 8, Cathy Lindbloom 6, Maria Schumacker 4, Dawn Steel 2, Jennifer Evin 2	FG 20-56 (0), FT 3-9, F 13.			

Mulvane—Jamie Dame 4, Laura Butler 2, Heather Taylor 2, Marcy Arnold 2, Cody Watson 2, Stephanie Schultz 2. FG 7-44 (0), FT 0-0, F 18.