

# Wildcat Gals Improve But Bow

Rod Cole's pledge to improve each time on the floor was upheld at least in the second Mulvane High School girls basketball game, a 54-28 setback suffered at the hands of Maize Monday night, Dec. 8, in the first round of the Maize Girls Invitational Tournament.

The loss dropped the Cats into the loser's bracket, where they will go up against Nickerson at 3 p.m. today (Dec. 11) in a semifinal game.

"We definitely improved over our first game," said Cole, Mulvane's first-year coach noting the club's 73-30 loss in the

season opener last week at Andale. "We were in a good ball game at halftime but we came out cold in the third quarter and they ran away with it."

What happened was the Eagles out-scored Mulvane, 20-0, in the third frame to blow things out to a 44-18 game. At intermission, Maize was atop the Cats, 24-18.

"One thing we have to do is handle the ball better and get more shots," added Cole. "It's tough to win when you only take 28 shots and that's what we took.

On a positive note, though, Kathy Saxton really established herself as a leader in scoring and in hustle and effort. We just didn't help her score-wise."

Saxton, who hit 10-of-10 from the free throw stripe, rebounded from a poor first game by scoring 20 points, but she took only eight shots, making five. She also had eight rebounds. The only other Wildcat points came from guard Kim Prickett, who scored four points, Rhonda Reekie, who scored three, and Kandi Miller, who had one.

A victory over Nickerson would put the 0-2 Wildcats in the consolation championship game at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13. If Mulvane loses its semifinal, the girls will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in the consolation third place game.

Other first-round scores found Canton Galva romping Nickerson, 68-42, Valley Center drubbing Andale, 71-57, and Liberal thrashing Pratt, 58-20.

## MAIZE GIRLS TOURNAMENT

### Today [Dec. 11]

- Game 5 -- Nickerson vs. Mulvane, 3 p.m.
- Game 6 -- Andale vs. Pratt, 4:45
- Game 7 -- Canton Galva vs. Maize, 6
- Game 8 -- Valley Center vs. Liberal, 8:15

### Saturday, Dec. 13

- Game 9 -- (Consolation Third)--losers of games 5 and 6, 3 p.m.
- Game 10 (Third Place)--losers of games 7 and 8, 4:45
- Game 11 (Consolation First)--winners of games 5 and 6, 6
- Game 12 (First Place)--winners of games 7 and 8, 8:15

## MAIZE GIRLS INVITATIONAL

### FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 4 14 0 10--28  
Maize 10 14 20 10--54  
Mulvane--Kathy Saxton 20, Kim Prickett 4, Angela Cox 0, Kandi Miller 1, Rhonda Reekie 3. FG 7-28, FT 14-16, F 13.

Maize--Lara Paul 4, Tami Vansleenberg 10, Diana Paul 16, Terri Stiverson 2, Michelle Baker 2, Gretchen Herrman 6, Angie Menelson 2, Tamra Voegelé 12. FG 27, FT 0-5, F 16.