

# Wildcat Girls Strike Sour Note

A season of high aspirations started a sour note for Mulvane High School girls Friday night, Dec. 5, at Andale.

The Indians took advantage of 33 Wildcat turnovers and scalped the Cats, 53-40, in the season opener for both schools.

"It's something we've been fighting since I've been here and it doesn't seem to go away," said Coach Kelly Dennis of the turnovers. "It's disappointing because we had entirely too many. It gets old. We have

people who should be stepping up and taking care of the ball, but they aren't. We even have more guards out there which you'd think would help. The kids know that if they want to be successful this year, taking care of the ball is the No. 1 thing. We just didn't do it Friday night."

Dennis also didn't feel the Wildcats were too steady at the free throw stripe. "If we had made our free throws, we would have beaten one of the top teams in the

state, but we didn't," said Dennis. Particularly disturbing was Mulvane's 5-10 effort under pressure in the fourth quarter.

"We just didn't get it done," stressed Dennis. "They hit a couple of threes in the last quarter and that seemed to take it out of us. I guess the only area where I was super-concerned going into the game was rebounding but we out-boarded them. Then, we turn it over so many times that it off-sets that effort."

Mulvane had 34 rebounds to 29 for the Indians. Melissa Buchanan had 12 caroms and Shelley Richards had five, Lindsay Kendrick four.

The Indians pulled ahead early, out-gunning the Cats, 28-17, in the early going. The Wildcats made a run in the third quarter as Kendrick came alive by scoring six of her eight points and Kassie Hargrove hit two "threes." But Andale answered in the last quarter to hold on.

Veteran senior Melissa Buchanan was the No. 1 scorer with 13 points. Hargrove finished with 11, Kendrick had eight and senior guard Michelle Fowler scored five. Ironically, Dennis didn't get any scoring coming off the bench.

Andale also stepped out to a 48-35 victory in the junior varsity game Friday. Jana Smith paced the Cats in the scoring column with 15 points. Piper Roy scored eight points and Shiriah Craft had six.

The girls will be playing three consecutive nights starting tonight (Dec. 11) in the first Mulvane Varsity Basketball Tournament. The other teams in the tourney are Rose Hill, Oxford and Douglass, and each team will play each night in one of the two gyms at the new Mulvane High School.

## Varsity Girls

Mulvane	7	10	18	5	40
Andale	10	18	14	11	53

Mulvane—Kassie Hargrove 11, Melissa Buchanan 13, Shelley Richards 3, Fowler 5, Lindsay Kendrick 8. FG 10 (2), FT 18-32, F 21.

Andale—Maggie Eck 10, Betsy Eck 13, Missi Eck 19, Emmy Horch 7, Julie Eck 2, Jenny Kamplung 1, Sarah Horch 1. FG 17 (3), FT 16-29, F 27.

## Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	7	19	4	5	35
Andale	18	2	9	14	48

Mulvane—Jana Smith 15, Aubrey Benjamin 2, Ann Leonard 2, Piper Roy 8, Shiriah Craft 6, Andrea Hufford 2, Natalie Turner 1. FG 14 (1), FT 6-9, F 22.

Andale—Janelle Hilger 5, Mandy Hermes 6, Audrey Martin 15, Liz Hilger 2, Miranda Seiler 4, Abby Ungles 4, Kim Thome 4, Steph Lewick 3. FG 14 (0), FT 15-27, F 10.