

Andale Chills Mulvane Girls

For 31½ minutes, it looked like the Mulvane High School girls basketball team was going to have something to celebrate Friday night, Dec. 6, but that last 30 seconds was a dilly.

It also put the chill on Mulvane's hopes of opening the girls season with a victory as Andale rallied for a 48-46 verdict in a non-league opener for both teams.

The Wildcats were ahead by six points with just under three minutes left but the visiting Indians rallied to take the lead. A last-second shot by the Cats fell off.

The Mulvane junior varsity also found some tough sledding as Andale rocked the Cat jayvees, 66-22.

"We were in the game and we played good enough to win but also played good enough to lose," said MHS coach Bill Stinson. "We made some fouls, missed a couple of shots and had some turnovers and that was it. "I think when we get more game experience with five people out there, that won't happen.

"We don't feel really bad about it (the loss)," added the Cat chief. "We played some good defense, played good offense at times. We only need to cut down on the turnovers and play a little more heady basketball. They put the pressure on us late and we didn't handle it very well. We tried to rush. We didn't get that one but it comes at the first of the year. I'd be disappointed if it was one of our last games."

With junior Terrie Plotts hitting eight of the first 12 points for MHS, took the early lead, 12-8, in the first quarter, but the Indians took charge with a 14-point third quarter.

Junior guard Rhonda Davis topped the Cat scoring with 13 points and Plotts, a forward, scored 12. Guard Tiane Dossey scored nine points and sophomore Kathy Saxton finished with six points.

"I think offensively, we'll take care of ourselves," said Stinson. "We have some people out there who can score some points. Tiane and Rhonda didn't shoot the ball like they can. We haven't been working on our shooting in practice so I'm not worried about our offense. One thing we do need to do is get more of Lori Cox in the offense. She only took six shots the whole game. We need to have her shooting the ball, so we'll be looking inside to Lori more. It's important to get our two senior scorers in there (Dossey and Cox). They can make things happen."

Cox finished with only four points, two each half.

Varsity Girls

Andale	8 10 14 16--48
Mulvane	12 10 9 15--46

Andale--Rhonda Gorges 2, Vicki Haulskamp 4, Steph Gorges 6, Carol Winter 1, Mary Smarsh 5, Shelly Bean 12, Karla Spexarth 9, Tammy Gorges 8, Kim Lies 2. FG 20-49, FT 8-13, F 12.

Mulvane--Lori Cox 4, Tiane Dossey 9, Sheila Mahlandt 2, Terrie Plotts 12, Rhonda Davis 13, Kathy Saxton 6. FG 19-45, FT 8-12, F 20.

Junior Varsity Girls

Andale	20 18 9 12--66
Mulvane	7 6 7 2--22

Andale--Stacy Mohr 2, Kris Walther 2, Cheryl Strunk 4, Donna Gorges 4, Terri Merrill 4, Rhea Winter 13, Randi Hamm 4, Kim Lies 7, Roxanee Gorges 18, Sherri Moore 8. FG 29-66, FT 8-26, F 25.

Mulvane--Sara Jones 2, Kim Prickett, Rhonda Reekie 8, Kim Millerskow 6, Tina Moeller 2, Heather Donaldson 2. FG 8-33, FT 6-28, F 21.

In the jayvee game, it was over by halftime, Andale taking a 20-7 lead by the first quarter mark and leading, 36-13, at intermission. High scorer for Mulvane was Rhonda Reekie, who scored eight points. Kim Millerskow scored six points.

The Wildcat varsity girls will be in the Maize Girls Invitational, which opens today (Dec. 12) at Maize High School. The first-round foe for Stinson's club is tough Valley Center. They will play the tournament's first game at 4:15 p.m. today.