

# Indian Uprising Gets Cats In First Round At Andale

The opening game for the Mulvane High School girls in the Andale Arrowhead Shootout turned out to be anything but a shootout as the host Indians swarmed all over the Wildcats for a 69-36 beating Tuesday night, Dec. 10, in Andale's new gym.

Using full court pressure and a decided edge in size inside, the Indians roared out to an early lead and left the Cats in the dust.

The Wildcats had five turnovers in the opening period and had difficulty getting to the boards, giving Andale extra shots. After one quarter, Mulvane trailed by a 17-9 count, but the Cats were still in the game at intermission thanks to their best offensive spurt. The Cat girls kept up with the Indians in the 2nd period but never could get an offense generated after halftime.

Andale out-scored Mulvane, 36-14, in the final half to turn the game into a runaway.

Freshman Tara Roberts led the MHS scoring with nine points. Guard Abby Sorensen finished with seven and both Shayna Duncan and Stephanie Tatum hit six points.

For Mulvane senior guard Melissa Doerfer, it was a complete turnaround. After hitting a career high 26 in Mulvane's opener, she was held to only two points by Andale.

The girls will play Rose Hill at 4 p.m. Friday night, Dec. 13, then finish the tournament by playing Douglass at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Don't say it's going to be one of THOSE seasons.

If it is, neither Mulvane High School girls basketball coach Jayson Miller nor the Cat fans will have any fingernails or hair left by March.

It started out that way in Kingman Friday night, Dec. 6, in the season opener for the MHS girls. The Wildcats squandered a 12-point lead in the final three and one-half minutes and lost in overtime, 65-62, to the Eagles.

"It was a different kind of game, that's for sure," admitted Miller. "I really felt that (last 3 1/2 minutes) was the only time all night that our youth showed. I mean, we played hard. We did some nice things, but at the end, we didn't know how to finish the game. We got a little tight and played like we were trying not to lose instead of playing like we wanted to win it."

Kingman bounced back in the closing moments to tie it at the end of regulation by scoring the last 12 points of the game to

## Andale Arrowhead Shootout Pairings

Friday, Dec. 13

GYM 'A'

4 p.m.—Rose Hill girls vs. Mulvane girls

5:15 — Rose Hill boys vs. Mulvane boys

7:30 — Andale girls vs. Douglass girls

9:15 — Andale boys vs. Douglass boys

Saturday, Dec. 14

GYM 'A'

2 p.m.—Mulvane girls vs. Douglass girls

3:45 — Mulvane boys vs. Douglass boys

5:30 — Andale girls vs. Rose Hill girls

7:15 — Andale boys vs. Rose Hill boys

## Andale Arrowhead Shootout

FIRST ROUND

Mulvane girls 9 13 6 8 36  
Andale girls 17 16 17 19 69

Mulvane — Tara Roberts 9, Abby Sorensen 7, Melissa Doerfer 2, Kayla Oblinger 2, Shayna Duncan 6, Kayla Lenebur 2, Stephanie Tatum 6, Laura Buchanan 2. FG 17/24, FT 0/5, 1/11

Andale — Jessica Martin 11, Morgan Liebe 10, Leah Lee 2, Amber Hohenseel 2, Tracy Pattry 20, Jennifer Clapp 4, Paige Stump 3, Justine Prange 2, Ali Steven 2. FG 31/41, FT 4/9, 1/6

Rose Hill girls 50, Douglass girls 37

wipe out a 56-44 Mulvane lead, sending the road game into overtime.

"The difference in the game was that they just killed us on the boards, especially the offensive boards," said Miller. "That really hurt us late because they would shoot until they made it. Our inability to get the key rebounds let them back in the ball game."

The Wildcats fouled in the paint with three seconds left and a one-point lead (56-55) and Kingman's Lindi Conner missed the first but hit the second. Mulvane had one last shot and Stephanie Tatum's last shot went in but it was after the horn sounded.

In overtime, Mulvane took a two-point lead but Kingman went to work on the boards again and pulled ahead. "They had too many second shots and that is what killed us," noted Miller. "We really should have won that game but maybe we can learn a lesson from it."

Going into the game, Miller was worried about his offense, figuring the Cat defense would have to carry the load.

Guess again! "I just thrilled to death because we scored 62 points in our first game," said Miller. "We went out there and shot well from the floor for a first game. We had a lot of open looks and we knocked

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them down. Going into the first game, we talked about our consistency and our youth, so this was not what I expected. If only we would struggle offensively and play good defense, but we had kind of a flip flop of that."

Miller went with three juniors — Tatum, Shayna Duncan and Kayla Oblinger, senior guard Melissa Doerfer and sophomore guard Abby Sorensen, and they proved to be effective offensively. Doerfer finished with a career-best 26 points, and Sorensen had 14 points. Senior Leah Featherman jumped off the bench for six key points, and freshman Tara Roberts shot eight points in her very first varsity action.

The Cats out-scored Kingman, 49-41, in the 2nd period to take the lead, 26-19, and that momentum carried through the next quarter as Mulvane out-scored the Eagles, 15-9. "We were playing great ball at that time but then we started thinking about it," said Miller. "It also didn't help that we missed 11 free throws. We could have won it in regulation right there."

"I guess the real question is are we going to rebound it or just going to talk about it," declared Miller. "Rebounding is all about effort, toughness and positioning, not just height. We're small but we need to get better position. If we can start getting that, it will give us a tremendous lift. And we need to get better defensively."

In the junior varsity contest, Kingman topped the Cat jayvees, 41-37.

### Varsity Girls

Mulvane 41 19 15 11 66 67  
Kingman 18 11 9 15 49 65

Mulvane — Melissa Doerfer 26, Leah Featherman 6, Tara Roberts 8, Abby Sorensen 14, Kayla Lenebur 4, Shayna Duncan 2. FG 24/31, FT 11/22, 1/19

Kingman — Sarah Ashida 11, Moge Geist 12, Jessica Blackwell 12, Lindi Conner 15, Stacy Brittan 11, Susan Geesling 2. FG 23/35, FT 14/24, 1/8

### Junior Varsity Girls

Kingman 41, Mulvane 37