

# MHS Girls Start Recovery Road

Finally something to cheer about. The Mulvane High School girls put together their best game Tuesday night, Dec. 12, when Circle came to town. The Thunderbirds managed to take a 10-point win, 54-44, but Coach Kelly Dennis was pleased non-the-less.

"We played pretty well, we played with more confidence and we took the ball to them more, getting it inside more," pointed out Dennis. "But we still did some of the things that we can't do and win games. Those are the things we need to keep working on."

The difference was the second quarter when the T-Birds wiped out a Mulvane lead by out-scoring the Cats, 20-8, to take a 26-20 halftime lead.

Down the stretch, Circle made 10 of 15 free throws to keep the Cats from making a run.

Junior Dannelle Hughes led the Wildcats with 16 points. Crissy Carpenter scored eight points and both Lindsay Kendrick and Anna Wenke had six points.

In the junior varsity game, Mulvane won in overtime, 39-36, with Shelley Richards rolling in 17 points and Melissa Buchanan scoring seven.

Coach Dennis' girls had their troubles in last week's Circle Thunderbird Girls Classic. In the 7th place game Saturday morning, Wellington swept past the Wildcats, 51-42. Two nights earlier, El Dorado swamped Mulvane, 70-18. In the opening round Monday, Dec. 4, Mulvane was bombarded by No. 1 seeded Andover, 81-44.

"I really thought our first game against Andover was our best one, even though they handled us," said Dennis. "In that one, the things we did in the half-court offense were exciting. It was a step in the right direction. Then, we revert to the kind of play that kills us in the last two games. It's kind of tough to take."

She was most impressed with freshman guard Lindsay Kendrick, whose career-high 10 points paced the offense against Wellington's Crusaders. Crissy Carpenter had six points and so did Valerie Larson. Lee Cates scored five points and guard Carrie Burkhardt had four points.

## Varsity Girls

Circle	6	20	10	18-54
Mulvane	12	8	9	15-44

Circle—Cassie Patterson 9, Brandi Hummel 11, Kristy Hodgson 4, Keri Seidl 9, Shannon Hall 3, Dana Hall 3, Erica Collins 15. FG 14 (2), FT 23-32, F 22.

Mulvane—Crissy Carpenter 8, Lindsay Kendrick 6, Anna Wenke 6, Lee Cates 3, Dannelle Hughes 16, Melissa Buchanan 2, Valerie Larson 1, NiChelle Bruce 2. FG 13 (0), FT 15-27, F 26.

## Junior Varsity Girls

Circle	8	8	5	11 (4)—36
Mulvane	2	11	6	13 (7)—39

Circle—Sherwood 2, Shorts 5, Bishop 5, Holding 7, Hodgson 3, Warwick 12, Hall 1, Ammerman 3. FG 10 (0), FT 16-40, F 17.

Mulvane—Rachel Fitzwater 5, Renee Herpolsheimer 2, Shelley Richards 17, Jennifer McCoskey 2, NiChelle Bruce 4, Aimee Sargeant 2, Melissa Buchanan 7. FG 15 (0), FT 9-19, F 31.

## Circle Thunderbird Girls Classic Results

### SEVENTH PLACE

Wellington	17	16	10	8-51
Mulvane	8	10	13	11-42

Wellington—Kim Graves 9, Tara Strothman 10, Tracy Bertrand 1, Stacy Hamilton 13, Tracy Nance 6, Heather Elkins 8, Kechia Griffin 4. FG 19 (1), FT 12-31, F 24.

Mulvane—Dannelle Hughes 3, Anna Wenke 2, Valerie Larson 6, Carrie Burkhardt 4, Crissy Carpenter 6, Lindsay Kendrick 10, Lee Cates 5, Melissa Buchanan 2. FG 13 (2), FT 14-27, F 26.

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Andover 85, Arkansas City 54

### THIRD PLACE

Circle 50, Independence 46

### FIFTH PLACE

Chanute 66, El Dorado 64 (OT)

### SEMIFINALS

El Dorado	14	16	21	19-70
Mulvane	10	4	2	2-18

El Dorado—Dawn Schake 11, Jaimee Bohannon 14, Erica Foltz 1, Jennifer Fagg 16, Amanda Evans 5, Candy Parks 7, Mindy McElroy 4. FG 29 (0), FT 12-27, F 12.

Mulvane—Lee Cates 8, Melissa Buchanan 2, Carrie Burkhardt 2, Dannelle Hughes 6, Crissy Carpenter 0. FG 8 (0), FT 2-8, F 23.

Chanute 68, Wellington 36

Arkansas City 47, Independence 22

Andover 71, Circle 40

There wasn't much to cheer about in the El Dorado game Thursday, Dec. 7, as the El Dorado Wildcats went wild early, rolling to a 16-4 edge in the second quarter before putting the game on ice in the third frame with a 21-2 spurt. That gave El Dorado a 51-16 lead and the game.

Cates led the Cats with eight points and junior Dannelle Hughes scored six points.