

Wildcat Shooting Problems Return As Girls Go 1-2 In Maize Meet

Just when Bill Stinson thought it was safe to talk about improved shooting on his basketball team, the bottom falls out.

The Mulvane High School girls basketball team suffered through last year with poor shooting all season, but the first game this year the shooting improved and the Wildcats won. That trend was short-lived in the Wildcats' appearance in the Maize Girls Invitational Tournament last week.

Stinson's cats shot 26% overall (33 for 125) in their three games and went 1-2, finishing with a 55-32 drubbing Saturday afternoon, Dec. 10, in the consolation first place game. The foe: Andale, Mulvane's first-game victim.

In a first-round game, the Cats shot only 27% and had to settle for a 40-31 loss against Nickerson. Mulvane won the semifinal game, 20-18, when the host Eagles made only two points in the last half of play even though the MHS girls shot 14%.

"It's obvious we still need to work on our shooting," said Stinson. "We didn't shoot well. We got into a new gym and had to shoot at square backboards, but that shouldn't have bothered us. We had three games in a row and had no time to correct mistakes. Our shooting was horrible the entire tournament. We should have beaten Nickerson but didn't hit our free throws. It was just one of those games we couldn't get in control."

MAIZE GIRLS INVITATIONAL

Consolation Championship

Mulvane	6	12	3	11--32
Andale	16	12	14	13--55

Mulvane--Diane Mohny 6, Tawnya Infinger 2, Traci Lawless 1, Melody Carey 2, Lori Cox 2, Lisa Jones 12, Tiane Dossey 3, Terri Lawless 2. FG 13-38, FT 6-11, F 18.

Andale--Meyers 2, Macy 23, Willes 10, Aylward 9, Lind 2, Mohar 2, Martins 2, Chaney 2, Gorges 1. FG 25-46, FT 5-22, F 15.

Consolation Semifinal

Mulvane	3	6	6	5--20
Maize	10	6	0	2--18

Mulvane--Melody Carey 9, Tawnya Infinger 2, Darla Reekie 1, Lisa Jones 6, Tracey Elliott 2. FG 5-31, FT 10-16, F 21.

Maize--Victor 2, Brown 7, West 8, Kris Grier 1, Scott 0. FG 6-25, FT 6-19, F 18.

First Round

Nickerson	8	15	5	12--40
Mulvane	8	8	6	9--31

Nickerson--Griffith 11, Woods 12, Weed 4, Enoel 2, Willma 11. FG 16-52, FT 8-15, F 13.

Mulvane--Tawnya Infinger 12, Diane Mohny 2, Traci Lawless 3, Darla Reekie 2, Lisa Jones 5, Lori Cox 6, Tiane Dossey 1. FG 15-55, FT 3-13, F 19.

Shooting wasn't the only difference. Andale also went from a man-to-man defense to a zone in the tournament, and the Indians also controlled the rebounding war.

"Still we're 2-2 and I feel we can be competitive and win some ball games but for us to win ball games, we've got to get to work and get fundamentally better," said Stinson, who is now getting his club ready for the 'Cats' next outing at Goddard Friday night, Dec. 16. It will be the final game before the Christmas holiday, and also is a Chisholm Trail League game.

In the opening game, veteran senior Tawnya Infinger led Mulvane with 12

points. Sophomore Lori Cox had six points and Junior Lisa Jones scored five.

In the battle with Maize, which saw the Cats wipe out a 10-3 lead by Maize in the first quarter, junior Melody Carey topped the club with nine points and backcourter Jones added six points.

Against Andale, Jones finished with 12 points and Diane Mohny added six points with Tiane Dossey next with three points.