

Take 7th At Circle

Pressure Defense Checkmates Girls

For the Mulvane High School girls, a pressing defense means checkmate. The Wildcat girls were in the game Tuesday night, Dec. 13, at Circle until the Thunderbirds tightened things up with a pressure defense that quickly sealed a 46-32 decision for the host T-Birds.

It was the first Chisholm Trail League game in Division II for Coach Ron

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	7	6	4	15-32
Circle	9	10	19	8-46

Mulvane - Janelle Wenke 6, Heidi Parker 3, Anna Wenke 2, Danielle Hughes 6, Lee Cates 4, NiChelle Bruce 1, Carrie Burkhart 4, Crissy Carpenter 4, Courtney Renfro 2. FG 12 (0), FT 8-12, F 18.

Circle - Jennifer Wood 10, Erica Collins 16, Courtney Biggs 2, Beth Shaffer 2, E. Biggs 9, Kari Johnson 2, Melaney Arnold 2, Shannon Hall 1, Brandie Damell 2. FG 19 (0), FT 8-14, F 13.

Circle Thunderbird Girls Classic Results

SEVENTH PLACE

Mulvane	10	7	12	13	42
Wellington	10	6	14	6	34

Mulvane - Janelle Wenke 18, Danielle Hughes 10, Courtney Renfro 4, Valerie Larson 4, Heidi Parker 2, Lee Cates 3, Crissy Carpenter 1. FG 18 (0), FT 6-12, F 18.

Wellington - Julie Zeka 4, Tracy Bertrand 5, Stacy Hamilton 14, Kelsi Ricki 4, Kecheia Griffin 3, Tara Strothman 4. FG 10 (3), FT 5-13, F 15.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Independence 44, El Dorado 38

THIRD PLACE

Andover 56, Arkansas City 40

FIFTH PLACE

Sunrise Academy 60, Circle 42

SEMIFINALS

Mulvane	8	19	2	12	32
Sunrise Academy	13	20	21	7	61

Mulvane - Lee Cates 10, NiChelle Bruce 2, Crissy Carpenter 2, Janelle Wenke 10, Danielle Hughes 4, Courtney Renfro 4. FG 16 (0), FT 0-2, F 22.

Sunrise Academy - Christine Navarro 30, Tara Bush 22, Stacey Lent 2, Marlea Williams 4, Morgen Bush 2, Kristi Mueller 1. FG 23 (2), FT 13-21, F 12.

Circle 51, Wellington 39

Independence 57, Arkansas City 46

El Dorado 68, Andover 54

McMahon's girls and dropped the MHS record to 1-3.

"We were within reach at halftime but they put a press on us in the third quarter and we had quite a few turnovers," admitted McMahon. "That was the difference in the game. We just didn't handle the pressure at all. It's been one of our problems all season. It's one of the many things we need to work on because the third quarter really took its toll on us."

Already leading, 19-13, at intermission, the Thunderbirds took control by out-gunning the Cats, 19-4, in the third period. "We made some turnovers and it led to their scoring," said McMahon. "I saw some good play at different times from different people, but as a whole, we need to solve the problem of getting down the floor against a press."

Circle also took Mulvane's leading scorer, junior Janelle Wenke, out of the game by double-teaming on her, but the Wildcats couldn't take advantage of the open floor. "They shut down the bottom side so we had to go outside and our guards haven't developed into a scoring threat yet," added McMahon. "We're not making the shots out there and until we do, it's going to be tough."

Inside players Wenke and sophomore Danielle Hughes had six points each and that was high for MHS. Guard Lee Cates finished with four points and so did guard Carrie Burkhart and Crissy Carpenter.

Being "the tree" is a lot more fun.

The Mulvane High School girls have had to battle through the taller "trees" in earlier games, but the Cats were the "trees" Saturday morning, Dec. 10, in their seventh place game in the Circle Thunderbird Girls Classic.

The Wildcats had the taller players, which helped Mulvane dominate the boards and lifted the MHS girls to their first victory of the year, a 42-34 triumph over Wellington.

In a consolation semifinal game Friday, Dec. 9, the Cat gals couldn't contain two girls and Sunrise Academy shot past Mulvane, 61-32.

"We played an excellent game all the way around," said Ron McMahon, the second-year coach for the Mulvane girls. "We controlled the game because we weren't going against a big team. We weren't in there with the 'trees' and that made a major

difference. We weren't out-matched on the boards like we have been in our earlier games. We also got to play a lot of people and that's always good for the program."

The Wildcats controlled the rebounding game with 5-9 Janelle Wenke, a junior, and sophomore Danielle Hughes. Wenke had nine boards and Hughes had 11.

The junior Wenke had a tremendous outing. She scored 18 points in addition to her nine boards. And she was a force inside. Hughes had a nice game, scoring 10 points and both junior Courtney Renfro and Valerie Larson scored four points for Mulvane. Guard Lee Cates and Wenke paced the MHS offense against Sunrise, each scoring 10 points. Hughes and Renfro scored four points each.

The Wildcats will entertain Kingman Friday night, Dec. 16, before hosting Andale in the final game of 1994 Tuesday, Dec. 20.