

Mulvane Girls Pack Away Maize Tourney Trophy

It took Gregg Wolgast and his 1987 Wildcats two weeks to hit the same number the Mulvane High School girls hit last year and it's more than just a little satisfying.

The MHS girls chalked up two victories last week in the Maize Girls Invitational and came home with a fifth place trophy in the eight-team affair. Mulvane dumped Pratt's Greenbacks, 60-52, in the game for the consolation championship Saturday, Dec. 12. Two days earlier, Mulvane squeezed out a 53-52 verdict over Wellington on a last-second shot by junior Nancy Farber.

"It's pretty darn satisfying, that's all I can say," said Wolgast, who is in his first year as the MHS girls basketball

coach. "Once we got Andale out of the way, we played well. We didn't have a good first quarter against Wellington but we had three pretty good ones that followed it. And the girls came out and executed some good plays against Pratt. Everybody did what was needed. We shot the ball well when they tried to sink inside on Kathy and when they tried to cover outside, we got the ball inside to Kathy and she scored."

The Maize trophy was the first for the girls program in two years. The 1985-86 Cats finished 11-11 on the season and took fifth at Maize and third in their own tournament.

"I was really proud of the girls down the stretch run," added Wolgast. "Pratt made a couple of runs at us, got within four points one time and we were

able to hold them off and build our lead back up. The girls did a lot better job executing and running the offense, especially when Pratt made its runs."

The last run the Greenbacks made came in the last stages of the fourth quarter. Pratt narrowed the gap to only four points and got the ball. However, a missed shot led to a Mulvane bucket by Farber and that was followed by two free throws by guard Kim Prickett to make the eight-point difference.

The Cats fell behind Pratt in the first quarter when the Greenbacks out-scored Mulvane, 16-10, but were back in the thick of things at intermission, down only 27-26. They took charge in the third quarter by setting a nice fast break in motion as sophomore guard Amy

Arnold made several layups and Saxton and Farber added some shooting from underneath. That enabled Mulvane to build up a 10-point lead at one time, 50-40.

The Greenbacks made one last stab when they closed to within four, 54-50, with 1:50 left but Saxton hit a baseline jumper and Arnold rolled in a bucket off a drive with 1:13 left to make it 58-50.

Saxton finished with an outstanding tournament. The Wildcat three-year starter scored 22 points in the Mulvane finale which saw the team shoot a great 57% from the field, one of the best shooting percentages by the Mulvane gals in years. They hit 52% in the victory over Wellington.

Saxton finished the 18 points against Wellington and had 26 in the opening game last Tuesday. Two other Cats were in twin figures against Pratt, Arnold had 16 points and Farber dumped in 13, a career high.

It was Farber who won the Wellington game, picking up a loose ball on the baseline and watching it fall through the cords as the time expired.

Farber had only four points but two were big ones. Saxton scored 18 points against the Knights and Prickett gunned in 12. Bridget Horton scored seven points and both Kim Kysar and Arnold scored six.

MAIZE GIRLS TOURNAMENT Consolation Championship

Pratt 16 11 11 14-52
Mulvane 10 16 20 14-60
Pratt--Jenny Marlow 6, Shannon Snyder 10, Bridget Douglas 11, Rosalyn Hay 1, Tina Lear 5, Susan Manwarren 16, Kim Cline 3. FG 22-47 (0), FT 8-17, F 14.
Mulvane--Kim Kysar 5, Kim Prickett 4, Amy Arnold 16, Nancy Farber 13, Kathy Saxton 22. FG 28-49 (0), FT 4-11, F 16.

Championship

Valley Center 82, Andale 53
Third Place
Nickerson 58, Maize 41
Seventh Place
Wellington 50, Winfield 44
SEMIFINALS

Wellington 17 16 12 7-52
Mulvane 6 16 14 12-53
Wellington--Heather Hamilton 2, Heather Smith 4, Marti Stayton 6, Lynette Hamburg 9, Janet Stringer 14, Kristin Scheuffer 17. FG 24-47 (0), FT 4-11, F 11.

Mulvane--Kim Kysar 6, Amy Arnold 6, Bridget Horton 7, Nancy Farber 4, Kim Prickett 12, Kathy Saxton 18. FG 27-51 (0), FT 1-4, F 12

Pratt 52, Winfield 36
Andale 78, Nickerson 76, 2 OT
Valley Center 47, Maize 32



Mulvane's Nancy Farber [40] and Kim Prickett moved into rebound position

