

Hot Shooting Eagles

Bury Wildcat Gals

Clearwater started a hot streak in the first quarter which lasted the whole game and caught Mulvane's girls basketball team in a whirlwind. The Indians went on to claim an easy 65-25 drubbing of Mulvane Friday night, Dec. 12, in a non-league game.

The loss saw the Wildcats' record slip to 0-3.

Coach Bill Brown's Cats were in tight in the early going before Clearwater scored 12 unanswered points in the first quarter to take a 20-9 lead into the second period. After that, the Wildcats never challenged.

"We knew they were good, we knew they were quick but we didn't expect to get beat that way," said Brown of the rout. "They probably were playing better than they are capable of playing and we played worst then we should have."

Clearwater was hot, hitting 53 percent of its field shots. On the other hand, Mulvane matched the chilly evening breeze, hitting only 19 percent from the field (10 of 54).

"They got the fast break going and we didn't get anybody back for it, that contributed to some of their shooting but they were hot," noted Brown. "Their shooting was unreal, exceptionally good."

Brown blamed poor rebounding for part of the problem. "They are taller and they got the good percentage shot by getting the ball out and down the floor before we were ready to defense," said Brown. "They dominated the boards (the Indians took a 39-29 edge in rebounding) but I felt we should have been blocking out better on the defensive boards."

As the score mounted, everything went to pot. The Cat defense inside slid away. The offense bogged down.

"Our defense inside has been one of our stronger points but the other night, it didn't happen," said Brown. "I don't know why but our whole defense wasn't there the other night. We were intimidated. Our inside people got out of position and didn't challenge when they got the ball inside."

Brown said the offense spoke for itself. Senior Arlene Reekie and junior Carol Baker each scored seven points and guard April Bales added five. But scoring only 25 points isn't going to win many ball games. "We're capable of scoring 40 points a game but right now, there's just no offense," said Brown. "That's been my biggest disappointment. The offense isn't coming around like it should or like I expected. The girls aren't taking the shot when they get it. We're not getting the penetration from our guards, which is much-needed

because we don't have the muscle inside."

The Wildcat B-team, coached by Kim Frank, got off to a slow start but played well in a 34-28 loss to Clearwater. Stacy Shoemaker scored 10 points and Nancy Gehring scored eight points to pace the Cat B-teamers. Gwen Reekie added four points for the Cats.

Girls Varsity

Clearwater 20 12 8 25-65
Mulvane 9 7 7 2-25

Clearwater--Caroline Stump 22, Veronica Peissig 2, Colleen Gorges 7, Susan Hampton 18, Donna Seiter 6, Donda Hickman 2, Theresa Terhune 4, Barbara Williamson 4. FG 24-45, FT 17-30, F 21.

Mulvane--Vicki Powell 2, Arlene Reekie 7, April Bales 5, Kristi Lawless 4, Carol Baker 7. FG 10-54, FT 3-18, F 25.

Girls Junior Varsity

Clearwater 6 10 9 9-34
Mulvane 1 10 11 6-28

Clearwater--Shawn Decker 5, Valeri Hufford 8, Cindy Proctor 9, Monika Morris 5, Janelle Gorges 5, Teresa Fields 2. FG 11-35, FT 12-26, F 13.

Mulvane--Susan Heatley 2, Mary Cole 2, Gwen Reekie 4, Nancy Gehring 8, Stacy Shoemaker 10, Lori Melick 2. FG 11-52, Ft 6-15, F 21.