

Girls Grab Consolation Title

Pressure is trying to get the ball in court and up the floor against Mulvane guards Tiane Dossey and Rhonda Davis. The Wildcat duo played well on defense and senior Lori Cox and sophomore Kathy Saxton sparkled on offense as Mulvane High School's girls basketball club came alive in the Maize Girls Invitational last week.

The Wildcats trounced Pratt, 57-44, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14, to take the consolation championship for the second year in a row. Coach Bill Stinson's gals lost in the first round, but just barely, bowing to Valley Center, 44-42, then whipped past Nickerson, 61-54, in a semifinal.

Canton-Galva won the tournament title by clipping Andale, 61-55, later Saturday.

"We played pretty good basketball, that's the one thing we feel good about," said Stinson. "In fact, we feel we've played pretty good ball in all four games this year. We're happy to come out of the tournament with two wins.



It's early in the season and all we want to do is come out and play well."

Stinson singled out his defensive pressure for one of the key reasons for looking good at Maize. "That's been another pleasant surprise," said Stinson. "Tiane and Rhonda are really denying the pass in and when that happens, it opens things up for the other girls. The lob passes are there for Lori (Cox), Sheila (Mahlandt), Tammy (Haas), Terrie (Plotts) and Kathy (Saxton) and they have been picking them off. Against Valley Center, we were way down but the press brought us back, which surprised me because Valley has all five people returning."

That rally fell two points short but

Saturday with a trophy on the line, a rally wasn't needed. Mulvane, shooting at a hot pace from the floor, raced out to a 22-10 lead after one quarter and had no problems the rest of the way.

"We went 11-of-13 from the field in the first quarter and that always helps," said Stinson. "If we play a team that doesn't have very good guards, like Pratt, Rhonda and Tiane are going to really make it tough for them. We'll really hurt them with our press. We probably could have pressed all the way but we didn't need to. We played some good basketball, didn't make any of the mistakes we have made in earlier games."

Another good signal for the Cats was balanced scoring. Cox and Saxton, who were named to the tournament's all-tournament second team, scored 39 points in the tourney and Dossey scored 33. Against the Greenbacks, Saxton came off the bench to score a game-high 16 points. Dossey finished with 12 points and Cox had 10.

Stinson's gals continued their hot streak Tuesday night, Dec. 17, by nipping Maize, 52-51, in a non-conference match-up in Mulvane.

The Eagles missed the front end of a one-and-one with five seconds left and Mulvane came away with the rebound to ice the victory. It was the third two-point or less game the Cats have played in this season.

Now 3-2, Mulvane got a 16-point performance from Dossey and 12 from Cox. Terrie Plotts and Saxton each had eight points.

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Mulvane	22 14 10 11-57
Pratt	10 8 11 15-44

Mulvane—Tiane Dossey 12, Lori Cox 10, Rhonda Davis 8, Terrie Plotts 4, Tammy Haas 4, Sheila Mahlandt 2, Kathy Saxton 18, Kim Millerskow 3. FG 21-60, FT 15-18, F 8.

Pratt—Jill Daunter 16, JoDee Lanterman 11, Susan Horne 7, Jana Roberts 7, Renee Kennedy 4, Terri Payne 2. FG 19-65, FT 6-7, F 17.

Championship

Canton-Galva 61, Andale 55

Third Place

Valley Center 67, Maize 38

Semifinals

Mulvane	12 10 22 17-61
Nickerson	13 8 17 16-54

Mulvane—Lori Cox 19, Tiane Dossey 17, Sheila Mahlandt 2, Terrie Plotts 7, Rhonda Davis 12, Kathy Saxton 4. FG 24-58, FT 13-21, F 13.

Nickerson—Dyan Sneed 4, Amy Rueschoff 9, Joni Graber 8, Sheila Thomann 2, Debbie Welch 17, Deana Shultz 3, Cheri Lawson 11. FG 24-63, FT 6-13, F 21.

Canton-Galva 64, Valley Center 55
Andale 50, Maize 39

First Round

Mulvane	3 9 16 14-42
Valley Center	10 2 17 15-44

Mulvane—Lori Cox 10, Tiane Dossey 4, Terrie Plotts 5, Rhonda Davis 4, Kathy Saxton 19. FG 20-60, FT 2-6, F 17.

Valley Center—Monica Coultis 2, Michelle Jost 2, Kim Barnes 9, Kristi Norstedt 4, Kristen Ruth 2, Cathy Smith 16, Patty Sanders 8. FG 20-57, FT 4-17, F 8.

Canton-Galva 72, Nickerson 24
Maize 53, Pratt 45

Girls Varsity

Maize	10 12 11 18-51
Mulvane	8 12 16 16-52

Maize—Lara Paul 4, Sheryln Lead 2, Diana Paul 17, Tami Voegele 8, Rhonda Rothe 18, Debbie Fast 2. FG 19, FT 13-19, F 11.

Mulvane—Lori Cox 12, Tiane Dossey 16, Terrie Plotts 8, Tammy Haas 2, Rhonda Davis 6, Kathy Saxton 8. FG 23, FT 6-7, F 21.

The Cats end their December play at home Friday, Dec. 20, in a Chisholm Trail League game against Goddard.

Cox, Saxton On All-Tourney

Two Mulvane players were named to the Maize Girls Tournament all-tournament team on the second unit. Coaches on the seven teams entered in the tournament voted on the all-tournament teams.

Named to the second teams were senior Lori Cox and sophomore Kathy Saxton. Both Cox and Saxton scored 39 points to pace the Wildcats in that department. Mulvane won the consola-

tion championship after losing by two points in the first round to Valley Center, which finished second.

First five members were Diane and Debra Wedel and Dawn Unruh, all of Canton-Galva, the tournament champions, Steph Gorges of Andale and Patty Sanders of Valley Center.

Joining Cox and Saxton on the second team were Shelly Bean of Andale, Diana Paul of Maize and Jill Dauner of Pratt.