

# Line Lapse Dooms Wildcats

One statistic stands alone: 1 for 12.

Mulvane High School girls lost their shooting eye from the free throw stripe in the 4th quarter and overtime period Tuesday night, Dec. 17, allowing Rose Hill to come from behind for a 47-45 victory in Mulvane.

A three-point play in the last 20 seconds tied the game in regulation and the Wildcats missed the final shot in both regulation and overtime to fall to 1-4 for the season.

"That's the only statistic that counts," said MHS's Gregg Wolgast of the free throwing. "They made theirs and we missed down the stretch. That gave them an opportunity to get back in the game and win it. We were 7 of 10 from the line going into the last quarter but couldn't put them down when it counted."

That gave RH an opportunity to rally from a 38-30 deficit in the last three minutes of regulation.

Junior Sheila Mills led Mulvane's scoring with 16 points. Denise Wilson had

eight, Tammy Withrow, seven, and Dawn Hicks, six.

In the junior varsity game, Rose Hill prevailed, 40-32. Mulvane's top scorers were Kendra Mow with 12 points, Lee Banzet with six and Marianne Smysor with five.

After taking a first-round victory, the rest of the Circle Thunderbird Girls Classic was downhill for the Mulvane girls. They lost a 57-30 game to El Dorado for third place Saturday night, Dec. 14. Two nights earlier, Valley Center rolled over the Wildcats with a second-half push by a 50-37 score.

Independence ended up cleaning up, wrapping up the Classic championship by dumping Valley Center, 47-27, Saturday night.

"I think in both our games, our lack of experience really showed up," emphasized Wolgast. "We had a couple of times when we weren't going well, but instead of settling down and not pushing the panic button, the girls made things worse. They didn't do the things we needed to do to get the game back in control."

El Dorado, a team with all five starters returning, made relatively easy work of the Cats, blowing the game open by out-scoring Mulvane, 24-10, in the second and third quarters to nab a 39-20 advantage going into the final period.

"We didn't shoot well in either game," added the Wildcat coach. "El Dorado started in a man-to-man, then went to a zone and that really hurt us because we couldn't hit the outside shots. The girls got down on themselves after the first few wouldn't fall and things got worse."



Mulvane's Sheila Mills (34) goes up inside

Against El Dorado, junior Sheila Mills was the top scorer with nine points. Seniors Denise Wilson and Tricia Turner had eight points apiece and reserve Lee Banzet scored four off the bench.

The El Dorado Wildcats also controlled the rebound battle, registering a 28-16 edge, keeping Wilson off the offensive boards entirely.

Mulvane shot a little better against VC (hitting 41% from the field) but the Hornets hit 51% and pulled away with a second-half surge. At halftime, Mulvane was down only two, 23-21, but Valley got hot in the last quarter, out-scoring the Cats by 10.

"We got down early against Valley Center (21-11) but then started doing a much better job defensively and got back into the game," stressed Wolgast. "I think that caused us to run out of gas in the second half. We tied the game up on the first bucket of the second half but didn't have enough left to stay in the game. Defensively, we did a great job not letting Valley get into their offense in the second quarter but we couldn't maintain that after

intermission."

Mills was the top scorer for Wolgast's club, scoring 13 points. Wilson scored nine points and senior Dawn Hicks scored seven.

## Circle Thunderbird Girls Classic Results

### Third Place

El Dorado	15	12	12	18	57
Mulvane	10	4	6	8	30

El Dorado—Carlie McEachern 7, Joni Brown 2, Keri Melcher 18, Dawn Williams 8, Regie Culbertson 10, Jessica Wilson 2, Janie Smith 2, Christina Whitney 2, Sherry Forrest 4. FG 28-54 (1), FT 0-1, F 13.

Mulvane—Denise Wilson 8, Sheila Mills 9, Tricia Turner 8, Lee Banzet 4, Dawn Hicks 1. FG 14-44 (0), FT 2-7, F 8.

### Championship

Independence 47, Valley Center 27

### Fifth Place

Circle 50, Rose Hill 29

### Seventh Place

Arkansas City 53, Andover 39

### Semifinals

Mulvane	7	14	9	7	37
Valley Center	13	10	10	17	50

Mulvane—Sheila Mills 13, Dawn Hicks 7, Tricia Turner 4, Tammy Withrow 4, Denise Wilson 9. FG 17-41 (0), FT 3-11, F 14.

Valley Center—Brenda Riopel 10, Amber Mounday 12, Barbie Carroll 14, Teri Gordon 5, Karie Williams 7, Downe Bennett 2. FG 20-39 (0), FT 10-14, F 15.

Independence 60, El Dorado 53

Rose Hill 55, Andover 41

Circle 43, Arkansas City 43

### Varsity Girls

Rose Hill 12 11 7 11 (6)—47

Mulvane 12 8 16 5 (4)—45

Rose Hill—Brandi Nickell 10, Jill Jackson 4, Shelly Swaney 9, Kelli Watson 5, Delana Dyson 5, Gina Brockmeier 3, Arien Diamond 2, Jenny Reimschisel 9. FG 17 (0), FT 13-27, F 22.

Mulvane—Tricia Turner 4, Tammy Withrow 7, Lee Banzet 4, Sheila Mills 16, Denise Wilson 8, Dawn Hicks 6. FG 19 (0), FT 7-21, F 25.

### Junior Varsity Girls

Rose Hill 6 9 20 5—40

Mulvane 6 9 11 6—32

Rose Hill—Stephanie Kendall 17, Gina Brockmeier 9, Jennifer Ewen 2, Kelli Watson 7, Cheri Boettcher 3, Carrie Williams 2. FG 15 (0), FT 10-21, F 17.

Mulvane—Kendra Mow 12, Lee Banzet 4, Marianne Smysor 5, Stacy Strack 4, Stephanie Schultz 2, Deva Lewis 1, Kandie Strong 2. FG 12 (0), FT 8-13, F 22.