

Cat Girls Knife Past Lions

It wasn't much of a spurt as spurts go but it was enough. Coach Bill Stinson rode the crest of a 14-1 rally in the second quarter as his Mulvane High School girls popped Goddard, 52-44, in a Chisholm Trail League game Friday night, Dec. 14, at Mulvane.

The victory sent Coach Stinson's cats over the .500 mark at 3-2 for the first time at the Christmas break in Stinson's three-year tour of duty. It also gave Mulvane a 1-0 league mark.

"That was a big game for us," admitted Stinson. "Goddard was picked to finish second in the league by the other league coaches and by beating them, we feel like we're going to be up there, too. I'm looking forward to the rest of the league schedule."

Stinson won't get another look at it until Buhler comes to town Friday, Jan. 4, for a key league game.

After a sluggish first frame which saw the Lions leading most of the way, the Wildcats went on a binge in the next quarter, out-scoring Goddard, 14-1. "We started taking the ball to the basket more," said Stinson. "In the first quarter, we weren't moving the ball to the basket. We just stood around. We finally started making things happen by taking the ball to the basket."

It also didn't hurt to have Goddard's No. 1 player head to the bench with foul trouble. "That helped," admitted Stinson. "When she went out, we decided to step up our pressure defense and we

Girls Varsity

Goddard 14 1 15 14-44
Mulvane 10 14 14 14-52

Goddard—Tammy Wyant 25, Christa Gaylord 8, Stacie Wickman 3, Susan Ludachek 4, Sandy Payne 4. FG 21-55, FT 2-4, F 18.

Mulvane—Melody Carey 20, Lisa Jones 3, Darla Reekie 11, Tiane Dossey 2, Lori Cox 14, Rhonda Davis 2. FG 21-53, FT 10-18, F 8.

Girls Junior Varsity

Goddard 4 9 10 3-28
Mulvane 10 10 8 8-34

Goddard—Katrina Bauer 7, Tonya Williams 3, Lisa McVey 2, Stacie Wickman 6, Susan Ludachek 2, Heather Armbrister 6. FG 9-56, FT 8-18, F 19.

Mulvane—Rhonda Davis 6, Terri Plotts 6, Tammy Haas 2, Sheila Mahlandt 6, Sara Jones 4, Tanya Gerdes 10. FG 15-44, FT 4-15, F 18.

started getting the turnovers. We also started dominating the backboards at this time. She only stayed out a couple of minutes but I think we grabbed the momentum then and kept it. I felt like we out-played them all the way once we got on top. You seem to find confidence (by being ahead)."

The Lions never could get any closer than six points the rest of the game as the Wildcats continued to keep the heat on. "I thought one of the big keys was rebounding, we really dominated that side of the game," stressed Stinson. "Lori Cox finished with 16 rebounds but she got most of them after we started getting more aggressive after the first quarter. We kept them from getting that second shot most of the way, especially (Christa) Gaylord. She'll be an all-leaguer, who scored 26 points against Chaparral but she was getting only one shot against us."

Seniors Melody Carey (nine rebounds)



and Darla Reekie (six) also helped Mulvane dominate the boards.

Cox also hit seven of nine field attempts as Mulvane was successful on 40% of its field attempts while Goddard made 38%.

Carey continued her impressive play as she paced the club with 20 points. Cox ended up with 14 points and Reekie had 11, as she continued to be the surprise factor offensively. "Darla really has come on offensively and that has enabled us to have five girls who can score," said Stinson. "I felt like we have five good players who can score

and they only had two. The five we have out there on the floor are sound basketball players who know what to do with the ball when they get it."

The Cat junior varsity couldn't quite scrape up a victory against Goddard, losing, 19-18. Coach Tony Gourlay's gals missed the final shot after Goddard had scored with less than 15 seconds left in the game.

Guard Tanya Gerdes led the MHS scoring with 10 points. Sheila Mahlandt, a junior, and sophomores Terri Plotts and Rhonda Davis all scored six points.