

MHS Girls Nearly Cage 1 Of The CTL 'Big Dogs'

Mulvane's girls want to run with the "Big Dogs," but they have to catch them first.

The Wildcat gals nearly did that Friday night, Dec. 14, when Valley Center came to Wildcat country for a Chisholm Trail League game.

The Hornets rode some hot three-point shooting early and a strong effort from the free throw stripe late to hold off Mulvane's girls, 56-47. The loss was the first for Mulvane after four victories to start the year.

"We know Valley Center is one of the 'Big Dogs' in the league and knocking off a 'Big Dog' this year is one of our goals but it didn't happen Friday night," said Jayson Miller, the MHS coach. "It was a tough loss because we played pretty good ball. We made some mistakes, though, like giving them too much room outside early. Valley is an excellent outside-shooting team and they just drilled those three-pointers to get a big lead and we never could completely recover

from that."

VC went 5-for-5 from three-point range in the first half to roll out to a 30-17 half-time lead. Mulvane out-scored VC the rest of the way but the damage was done.

Guard Melissa Doerfer rattled off 14 points to pace the Wildcat offense. Inside, Kris Lazar and LaShelle Parker scored 10 and nine points, respectively, and Kari Leonard had five off the bench.

"We have the capability of playing with the top teams in the league but we have to do the job for the entire game," said Miller. "We watched the film of that game and we shot our selves in the foot a couple times, but what I liked is that we hung in there with them in the second half. This was the first time that we have played pretty much a complete game against Valley Center since I've been here."

The Wildcats closed the game to six points three times late in the game and had

the ball, but couldn't make a field goal that would have gotten the team over that six-point hump.

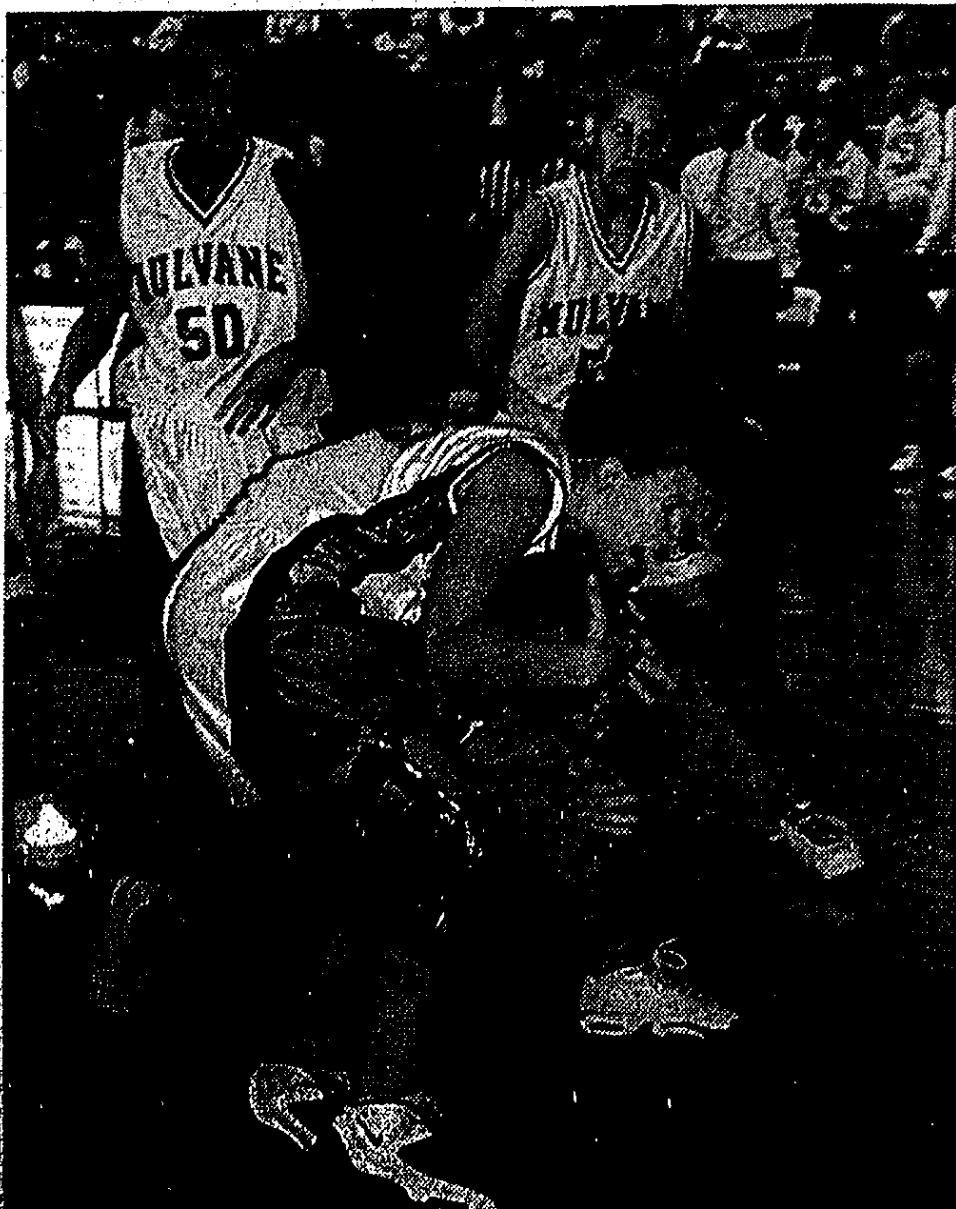
Mulvane held off a stout Clearwater rush Tuesday night, Dec. 11, to record a 62-48 victory on the road.

The Cats squirted out quickly, taking a 19-point lead by halftime only to watch the Indians whittle away until the lead was only six points. Key Statistic: at the free throw line, Mulvane hit 26 of 33 tosses, including 14 of 18 in the fateful 4th quarter.

"Clearwater is going to be a pretty decent team this year, so I was pleased to get a win on the road," said Miller. "In the first half, we were moving the ball well and getting good shots. We also had a season-long three turnovers that helped us get the big lead."

Parker and Lazar dominated inside. Parker scored 17 points and Lazar had 16. Sami Booth capped a nine-point game and both Doerfer and freshman Abby Sorensen scored five points.

The girls will play their last game of 2001 Friday night, Dec. 21, when they travel to Augusta to play the Orioles. The results will appear in the Jan. 3rd News, which will be the next paper printed.



Kari Leonard rips a rebound away from a VC player as Parker (55) & Lazar (50) move in

| Varsity Girls | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|-------|
| Valley Center | 11 | 19 | 9 | 17-56 |
| Mulvane | 6 | 11 | 11 | 19-47 |
| Valley Center—Kasey Porter 8, Jessica Tittsworth 2, Tessa Morrow 8, Kristin Welk 13, Karah Covey 10, Janelle Klein 11, Joanne Fluker 4. FG 16 (5), FT 19-32, F 17. | | | | |
| Mulvane—Melissa Doerfer 14, Shayna Duncan 2, Abby Sorensen 2, Sami Booth 3, LaShelle Parker 9, Kris Lazar 10, Kim Mangus 2, Kari Leonard 5. FG 18 (0), FT 11-18, F 27. | | | | |
| Mulvane | 17 | 17 | 10 | 18-62 |
| Clearwater | 10 | 5 | 20 | 13-48 |
| Mulvane—LaShelle Parker 17, Shayna Duncan 4, Kim Mangus 4, Sami Booth 9, Kris Lazar 16, Melissa Doerfer 5, Kari Leonard 2, Abby Sorensen 5. FG 18 (0), FT 26-33, F 14. | | | | |
| Clearwater—Tasha Gilchrist 15, Darise Love 5, Adrian Thompson 18, April Dodson 2, Ashlee Widler 1, Kristi Love 2, Greta Tjaden 3, Mattie Logan 2. FG 20 (5), FT 3-13, F 28. | | | | |

| Junior Varsity Girls | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|-------|
| Valley Center | 16 | 11 | 6 | 6-39 |
| Mulvane | 8 | 8 | 5 | 5-26 |
| Valley Center—Tamara Kern 8, Jessica Tittsworth 6, Rossie Sheshier 2, Casey McCoy 4, Adriene Lee 4, Kala Truman 2, Joanne Fluker 5. FG 17 (1), FT 4-10, F 16. | | | | |
| Mulvane—Sara McKnight 6, Nicole Hackley 5, Kayla Oblinger 2, Abby Sorensen 2, Janie Wilkinson 2, Alysha Phillips 3, Kayla Linnebur 1, Stephanie Tatum 5. FG 9 (1), FT 7-17, F 14. | | | | |
| Mulvane | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7-24 |
| Clearwater | 6 | 15 | 15 | 16-52 |
| Mulvane—Stephanie Tatum 10, Kayla Linnebur 4, Abby Sorensen 3, Rachel Edwards 3, Nicole Hackley 5, Sara McKnight 2. FG 10 (2), FT 1-6, F 15. | | | | |
| Clearwater—April Dodson 2, Nikki Bolan 2, Jessica Snyder 2, Ashley Thome 11, Kristi Love 6, Megan Mills 4, Nicole Loger 2, Mattie Logan 9, Danielle Gorges 5, Micca Peterson 6, Ashlee Widler 4. FG 23 (0), FT 7-16, F 9. | | | | |