

Girls Slip To 0-5

'Flat' Good

For Pancakes;

Bad For MHS

Flat as a pancake. Just how flat is that?

Coach Kelly Dennis and her Mulvane Wildcats found out just how flat it was Friday, Dec. 15, in their first Chisholm Trail League road game. The Cats scored two points in the first quarter. That gave the Kingman Eagles a flying start on the way to a 67-44 bombardment of the Wildcats.

"It was pretty disappointing," said Dennis of the Cats' start. "We came out really flat. We had 23 turnovers in the first half and you're not going to win a game with 23 turnovers in the first half. Lucky for us Kingman didn't shoot the ball very well in the first half or it would have been worse."

Mulvane's record sank to 0-5 and 0-2 in the CTL with the defeat. Mulvane was to have played Tuesday, Dec. 19, with Andale in Mulvane for another loop game but it was postponed by bad weather. The game was rescheduled for Friday, Jan. 5, at MHS.

Dennis, in her first year, said one of the MHS problems is that there doesn't seem to be a sense of urgency when the game starts. "These girls have got to get excited about the beginning of the game and right now, we're struggling with that," stressed Dennis.

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	2	12	17	13-44
Kingman	15	15	17	20-67

Mulvane—Melissa Buchanan 6, Dannelle Hughes 7, Valerie Larson 4, Crissy Carpenter 7, Carrie Burkhart 5, Loo Cates 2, Lindsay Kendrick 8, NiChelle Bruce 3, Michelle Fowler 2. FG 15 (0), FT 14-22, F 21.

Kingman—Sara Hurt 25, Heather Wohler 6, Stacy Luntford 6, Mindie Moore 4, Abby Young 4, Andrea Giefer 3, Sara Strothman 4, Dana Parsons 4, Mark 4, Tammy Foulk 6, Lacey Tiesmeyer 1. FG 26 (3), FT 12-19, F 23.

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	8	10	11	13-42
Kingman	5	8	24	16-53

Mulvane—Shelley Richards 18, Heather Williams 5, Michelle Fowler 3, Ashley McCoskey 4, Renee Herpolsheimer 2, Tara Leonard 2, Melissa Buchanan 2, Jennifer McCoskey 2, NiChelle Bruce 3, Aimee Sargeant 1. FG 13 FT 11-26, F 25.

Kingman—Mindie Moore 8, Nicki Vaughn 16, Kelly Conner 2, Jodi Eslinger 2, Jennifer McGinnis 4, Sarah Smarsh 3, Dana Parsons 14, Sherri Hageman 2, Lacy Tiesmeyer 2. FG 20 (0), FT 13-31, F 23.

"It's been disappointing. It's like the other team takes off when the game starts and we stand back and watch. We had played pretty good ball at Circle and I thought it was something we could build on but we didn't."

The Wildcats, trailing, 30-14, by intermission, played it tighter in the second half as Melissa Buchanan and Dannelle Hughes started getting the ball inside and scoring and Crissy Carpenter and Lindsay Kendrick started finding the range.

Buchanan finished with six points, Hughes had seven, Carpenter had seven and Kendrick scored a team-high eight.

"One thing I've noticed is that we're not getting the ball inside enough," said Dennis. "Every time we get the ball inside, we score about 50% of the time. Hughes can have a big year still, but she has to step it up. I didn't think we'd come out and go undefeated or anything like that but it sure would be nice to get headed in the right direction before Christmas. It would also be nice to start getting the ball inside and playing with more consistency but we just haven't been able to do that."

After Kingman left Mulvane in the starting blocks, there was too big of a deficit to make up. Dennis already has used some of her best halftime talks and Friday night, it seemed to help. "We played much better in the second half," noted the Wildcat field general. "We still missed too many shots, easy shots, and turned the ball over. It's unbelievable how many turnovers we had in the game."

In the junior varsity game, Mulvane came out more quickly. Coach Dan Booe got his girls to take the lead, 8-5, after a quarter and actually held a five-point lead at intermission before the Eagles started hitting their shots to take the lead. That resulted in a 53-42 Kingman win.

Freshman Shelley Richards drilled 18 points to power the Cat JV offense. Heather Williams scored five points and Ashley McCoskey finished with four points.

With the snow-out Tuesday night, that concluded the December schedule for Mulvane. Their next game will be the day school returns Tuesday, Jan. 2. Rose Hill will be in Mulvane for a CTL game.