

# MHS Girls Improve

## But Lose To Valley

Greg Wolgast doesn't have any complaints about the Mulvane High School girls' effort Friday night, Dec. 16, at Valley Center. The Cat gals lost by a 65-36 count to Valley but Wolgast is looking only at improvement.

"Valley Center is pretty stout and actually, we played our best game of the season against them," said Wolgast, whose Wildcats dipped to 1-4. "Our play was again inconsistent as it has been in about every game we've played, but I saw some improvement in both the varsity and junior varsity."

The cat jayvees, playing their second game of the season and first in about two weeks, were levelled by the Hornets, 62-17.

Valley took advantage of some early Mulvane miscues and turned those turnovers into points that led to an 18-5 lead after one quarter. By intermission, the Hornets held a 37-13 lead. The Wildcats made a mini-push to get back into the game in the third quarter, out-scoring Valley Center, 17-10, but couldn't sustain that drive in the final eight minutes.

"We gave them too many easy baskets early in the game," said Wolgast. "We put in a whole new full-court press defense and had some trouble with it. We weren't rotating back quick enough and that led to several easy buckets for them. I didn't keep track of those easy baskets but that was the key, I felt. That's something we're really going to have to work on to keep improving."

With the easy buckets, VC was able to shoot a high percentage, hitting 52% overall (26 of 50). On the other hand, Mulvane made 16 of 40 (40%) from the field. One other area of concern for the Wildcats was breaking the press and that has been an Achilles heel for Wolgast's club. "We still had trouble against the pressure," admitted Wolgast. "But I think we're getting better at it. In the third quarter, we adjusted to their pressure by recognizing it a lot

### Varsity Girls

Mulvane	5	8	17	4-36
Valley Center	18	19	10	18-65
Mulvane—Kendra Banzet 12, Ticia Nicholson 12, Nancy Farber 4, Bridget Horton 4, Lisa Heersche 2, Kandi Miller 2. FG 16-40 (0), FT 4-7, F 14.				
Valley Center—Shelly Nordstedt 15, Heather Jernigan 13, Cindy Nordstedt 8, Lisa Horning 7, Cheryl Smith 6, Kelli Talbot 6, Roni Gordon 6, Jana Freed 4. FG 28-50 (0), FT 13-18, F 9.				

### Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	0	5	3	9-17
Valley Center	17	18	15	12-62
Mulvane—Missi Mathews 7, Kerri Taylor 4, Brandi Smith 2, Kim Rodriguez 2, Lisa Heersche 2. FG 5-25 (0), FT 7-11, F 14.				
Valley Center—Denise Long 12, Maggie Anderson 10, Lisa Ripel 8, Paula Alford 6, Jana Freed 4, Kelli Talbot 4, Lisa Horning 3, Stacy Smith 2, Joy Umholtz 2, Janel Zellers 2, Amy Mendoza 2, Kerry Locke 1, Heather Wolley 1. FG 25-45 (0), FT 12-18, F 14.				

more quickly. That enabled the girls to make the proper response."

The Wildcat coach also felt several areas of improvement needed to be noted. "We adjusted to their defense in the second half and we got into our offense a lot better," said Wolgast. "We also did a lot better job blocking out on rebounds at the defensive end so they weren't able to get two or three extra shots. We moved the ball well, too, but we weren't able to get the shots down. We got the shots we wanted but they wouldn't go down."

Sophomore Kendra Banzet and another sophomore, Ticia Nicholson paced the Mulvane scorers. Both had 12 points. Nancy Farber and Bridget Horton, two seniors, scored four points each.

The Cat jayvees had trouble getting out of the chute, VC reeling off 17 straight points in the opening quarter. By intermission, it was 35-5. Top gun for the MHS jayvees was Missi Mathews with seven points. Kerri Taylor finished with four.

The girls were to have met Augusta here Tuesday evening, Dec. 20, in their final action before the Christmas break. The report will be carried in next week's News.