

# Shooting Difference In Teams; Cat Girls Rolled By Kingman

Shooting was the difference—a big difference—when the Mulvane High School girls and Kingman went at it Friday night, Dec. 16, in the home opener for the Wildcats.

And the experienced Eagles from Kingman had all the shots.

The Wildcats fell behind quickly in the first quarter and never could get back into the game as Kingman slammed the Cats, 72-42, in the first Chisholm Trail League Division II game for the MHS girls.

In junior varsity action, the visiting Eagles clobbered the Cats, 41-26. That left the Mulvane jayvees at 1-1 for the season after opening the year with a 35-28 triumph at Circle Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Kingman, voted the team to beat for the CTL Division II title in pre-season balloting by the league's coaches, showed Mulvane why they were highly regarded—in no uncertain terms. The Eagles roared out to a 23-6 lead after one quarter. By halftime, the game was history—Kingman leading by a whopping 51-20 score.

"Shooting was the only real difference," said Ron McMahon, the MHS girls field general. "They out-boarded us by eight but in the first half, they shot 60% from the floor (22 out of 37). We hit 47%, (9 of 19) in the first half, which was good, but not nearly good enough. They were tremendous. And it really hurt us to fall behind that far that early in the game."

The Eagles displayed more finesse and more power on the boards, too, although it was their ability to slip in for good shots that hurt the most. "Truthfully, that first quarter was the ball game," admitted McMahon. "They came out hot and shot so well that we couldn't get back in the game."

The loss dropped the all under-classmen Cat record to 1-4 heading into a game Tuesday, Dec. 20, at home against Andale, another CTL contender. After that,

## Varsity Girls

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|---|----|----|----|-------|
| Kingman   | 23 | 28 | 14 | 7-72  |
| Mulvane   | 6  | 14 | 8  | 14-42 |
| Kingman—Kristen Goetz 16, Sarah Hurt 13, Megan Ellithorpe 14, Heather Wohler 5, Kristi McDaniel 2, Brandy Sawyer 6, Martha Tatro 5, Megan Carrithers 11. FG 29 (2), FT 12-26, F 11. |    |    |    |       |

Mulvane—Courtney Renfro 6, Janelle Wenke 14, Valerie Larson 6, Anna Wenke 4, Crissy Carpenter 4, Lee Cates 2, Carrie Burkhardt 2, Danielle Hughes 2, Heidi Parker 2. FG 19 (0), FT 4-8, F 20.

## Junior Varsity Girls

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|---|----|---|----|-------|
| Kingman   | 16 | 9 | 12 | 7-41  |
| Mulvane   | 2  | 8 | 2  | 14-26 |
| Kingman—Jodi Estlinger 6, Sara Strothman 8, Martha Tatro 3, Jessica Mark 4, Nancy Hageman 6, Andrea Giefer 13, Lacey Tiesmeyer 1, Tammy Foulk 3. FG 18 (0), FT 9-21, F 9. |    |   |    |       |

Mulvane—Aimee Goens 4, NiChelle Bruce 4, Jennifer McCoskey 2, Courtney Renfro 10, Danielle Hughes 4, Heather Held 2. FG 13 (0), FT 0-2, F 24.

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| Mulvane | 7 | 3 | 11 | 14-35 |
| Circle  | 6 | 2 | 8  | 12-28 |

Mulvane—Anna Wenke 10, Valerie Larson 4, Lee Cates 3, Carrie Burkhardt 2, Aimee Goens 4, Jennifer McCoskey 2, Danielle Hughes 6, NiChelle Bruce 4. FG 15 (0), FT 5-24, F 23.

McMahon's squad will be idle until going to Rose Hill Tuesday, Jan. 3.

McMahon felt the pressure used successfully by the Eagles only helped the visitors shoot better. "We made too many small mistakes and they took advantage of it," said McMahon. "We're young, though, and we just need to work the kinks out, cut down on our turnovers and get more outside shooting."

That's something that would help a ton—outside shooting. Big junior Janelle Wenke, who will miss the Dec. 20th game because of a broken nose, moved smartly inside and did some damage, but until the Wildcats develop a threat or two outside, opponents can play the paint.

"Janelle came along and did a real good job inside for us. We're hoping she can really come on but it's going to take somebody from the outside shooting like Courtney (Renfro) did the other night. She made three-out-of-four from outside and that's what we need to open it up more inside for Wenke."

McMahon also was pleased with junior Valerie Larson, who scores six points and picked off some rebounds. "We still need to

work on getting and keeping position on the boards," said McMahon. "A lot of times, younger girls let them get the position instead of establishing a good position. That's what we're working toward. The girls are doing their best and that's all I can ask for."

Once Mulvane slipped behind, the game was over because Mulvane is still trying to develop its pressure defense. "Right now, our pressure defense doesn't work very good," said McMahon. "We're really pretty short as a team and people can throw over the top on us. Plus, our inexperience works against us in pressing situations and people are beating us and getting the good shots. We pressed a lot last year but I don't think we're ready for it yet this year."

Janelle Wenke finished with a team-high 14 points and both Renfro and Larson chipped in with six points. Anna Wenke and Crissy Carpenter were next with four points apiece.

In the junior varsity outing, MHS again got off to a poor start, falling behind, 16-2. After that, it was an uphill battle. Top scorers for Coach Marlene Mangus' gals were Renfro with 10 points and Danielle Hughes, NiChelle Bruce and Aimee Goens with four points each.

The Wildcat jayvees started their season by getting a 10-point burst from Anna Wenke to go along with six from Hughes and four each from Larson, Goens and Bruce to topple the host Circle Thunderbirds.