

Girls Notch 1st Victory

Press Paves

Wildcat Way

A new face and a new feeling for pressure defense. That combination was parlayed by the Mulvane High School girls basketball team into its first victory of the season at Wellington Friday night, Dec. 18. The Wildcats waxed Wellington, 58-41.

The new face was that of Celia Rogers, a senior who hadn't seen much playing time. Starting for the first time this season, Celia dumped in 14 points. And the Cat girls played their pressure defense with new vigor and confidence, keeping the Crusader gals on the run all night.

"We played a super game," said Bill Brown, Wildcat coach. "The kids were a little upset with themselves for playing like they did against Rose Hill because they felt like they were better than Rose Hill. The girls just went out there with new determination and played a fine game."

The victory improved the MHS record to 1-4 despite having some good efforts earlier.

"We felt like Wellington was comparable to Rose Hill," added Brown. "Wellington lost to Chaparral by 11 points earlier in the week and they are the defending state champs. I think our press finally is starting to come through, though. The girls got a lot of turnovers and we made four or five baskets off it."

Brown said his charts showed 31 turnovers for Wellington, a big factor in the win. Another one was the play of the senior Rogers, who scored 14 points and recovered seven rebounds. "Celia was the big difference," said Brown. "She hadn't started before because we go by what people do in practice and she hasn't been able to make a bucket in practice. We decided to give her a try and see what the experience of a senior could give us. We had tried four different people at that forward position and just decided to look at Celia. She responded."

Girls Varsity

Mulvane 13 19 14 12--58
Wellington 7 14 14 6--41

Mulvane--Debbie McIntyre 6, Diane Mohney 6, Mary Cole 8, April Bales 9, Nancy Gehring 14, Tawnya Infinger 1, Cella Rogers 14. FG 21-61, FT 16-25, F 16.

Wellington--Sharon Scheuller 10, Judy Bradley 2, Karen Frost 7, Jody Patrick 18, Lisa Lane 2, Janel Smolar 2. FG 18-38, FT 5-14, F 23.

Girls Junior Varsity

Mulvane 8 8 4 2--22
Wellington 1 3 6 2--11

Mulvane--Debbie McIntyre 2, Diane Mohney 2, Debbie Plain 2, Tracey Elliott 2, Tawnya Infinger 6, Gwen Reekie 6, Stacy Shoemaker 2. FG 10-57, FT 2-7, F 15.

Wellington--Lisa Lane 5, Shawna Martin 2, Joann Metzen 1, Janet Smolar 1, Judy Thompson 2. FG 4-27, FT 3-13, F 13.

Junior Nancy Gehring also had a fine game. She scored 14 points and also had seven rebounds. Junior Mary Cole, the club's No. 1 scorer, had an off night and scored eight points but she led the Cats to a 29-22 rebounding edge with 10 caroms.

Guard April Bales sparked the club with nine points. All the offense helped Mulvane break the school record of 56 points.

"We're going to beat some tough teams on down the line," warned Brown. "The girls are starting to understand the pressing defense and our offense is picking up."

The Wildcat B-team also had a big night, dropping the Wellington junior varsity, 22-11.

In that game, the Cats jumped out to a 16-4 halftime lead and coasted. Gwen Reekie and Tawnya Infinger each scored six points.