

Slowdown Game Suits Cat Crew

It's called adapting and Mulvane's girls basketball team nearly adapted its way to its first victory of the season Friday, Dec. 19, at Andale. A strong Andale squad belted the Wildcats 47-28, but not before the Cats made it close in the final half.

The game was a far cry from the last setback suffered by Coach Bill Brown's Cats, a 65-25 drubbing at the hands of Clearwater.

"This same (Andale) team beat Clearwater 15 points," said Brown. "We tried to do some things differently and we stayed in the game because of it. We slowed things down a lot, only took two shots in the first quarter but that's what we wanted to do.

"We ran a delay, kind of a four-corner offense, played a little one-on-one and they (Andale) got frustrated. The whole idea was to play our game and see if we could stay close. We did and the whole team left there with a real, real good feeling about the game. It was difficult because the girls had to work their tails off but they liked it.

"After the game, I told them that this was the first time that I had lost a game and felt good about it because we feel like we accomplished something. We controlled the tempo of the game. We don't know how to run that offense yet but we're going to know."

The Wildcats fell behind, 8-0, in the first quarter and 20-5 by halftime but came out in the second half to draw back to within 10 points before Andale put on another spurt to put the game away.

"Andale went cold in the fourth quarter and we got back into the game," said Brown. "It was only 10 points with four minutes to go and we had a one-and-one but missed it."

Brown praised senior Vicki Powell and junior Carol Baker for their play. "Powell had her best game--11 points and 12 rebounds," said Brown. "She had an outstanding game. And Baker did an exceptional job of handling the ball. They pressed us the whole game and she broke it all by herself."

One factor which hurt the Cats'

chances was only three of the five starters scored. Powell led the way with 11 points, Baker finished with eight and senior Arlene Reekie had nine. Another factor which hurt was Ruth Spexarth's 26 points for the Indians.

The Mulvane B-team also took its lumps. Coach Kim Frank's crew continued to suffer offensive woes and Andale cruised to a 47-12 victory.

Top scorer for Mulvane was guard Lori Melick, who scored four points. Mary Cole, Gwen Reekie and Dee Dee Rather each added one bucket.

Girls Varsity

Mulvane 0 5 8 15--28
Andale 8 12 12 15--47

Mulvane--Carol Baker 8, Arlene Reekie 9, Vicki Powell 11, Kristi Lawless 0, April Bales 0. FG 8-32, FT 12-18, F 9.

Andale--Deann Means 2, Ruth Spexarth 26, Debbie Seiler 2, Patty Stuever 6, Alice Spexarth 7, Julie Spexarth 4. FG 20-54, FT 7-8, F 18.

Girls Junior Varsity

Mulvane--Mary Cole 2, Gwen Reekie 2, Nancy Gehring 1, Lori Melick 4, Dee Dee Rather 2, Celia Rogers 1. FG 4-31, FT 4-14, F 13.

Andale--Janet Spexarth 14, Susie Brand 4, Connie Harrison 4, Deann Means 6, Dana Wenninger 6, Heather Kitt 1, Rita Focke 2, Paula Reichenberger 6, Carla Meyer 4. FG 21-63, FT 5-9, F 14.