

Lady Cats Receive A Early X-Mas Present From Goddard

It was Christmas arriving early for the Mulvane High School varsity girls basketball team and Rod Cole, as the host Wildcats stomped Goddard, 53-26, Friday, Dec. 19, in their first Chisholm Trail Division I game.

"I got just what I wanted for Christmas," said Head Coach Rod Cole. "We played team basketball and controlled the action all night long."

It was the lady Cats' first victory of the year and Coach Cole's first victory as the head coach of the Mulvane Wildcats.

Goddard was no match for the improving Wildcats as they had two starters out and had trouble handling the ball. "We felt like they could be pressured," admitted Cole. "What we tried to do is pull our pressure defense back a little to keep them from getting the ball inside, then pressure their guards. They couldn't handle the ball and that led to all sorts of good situations for us, and we took advantage of them. We got a lot of steals out front."

The lady Cats jumped out to an early 26-20 halftime lead and never looked back as junior Kathy Saxton scored 10 of her game high 21 points in the first half. Saxton also had 13 rebounds and three steals in the game.

In the third quarter, it was much of the same as the Wildcats pulled away from the Lions by out-scoring Goddard, 23-8. In that quarter, Saxton led the way with 11 points. Angela Cox, a sophomore, scored all of her 10 points in the third period.

Goddard tried to make a late run at the Cats but it fell way short as the girls went on to win their first game of the season in "queenly fashion," scoring their most points of the season.

Kimberly Millerskow, a junior, poured in 10 points and grabbed four rebounds. Sophomore Kandi Miller was next with six points and five caroms. Junior guard Kim Prickett finished with four points and six rebounds and junior Rhonda Reekie rounded it out with two points

Mulvane Girls Varsity Basketball

Goddard	4	6	6	10-26
Mulvane	10	18	23	4-53

Goddard--Lisa McVay 2, Stacey Schmidt 12, Jenny Dodge 2, Kelli Garritson 3, Mary Cunningham 3, Julie Elder 2, Nikki Reams 2. FG 12, FT 2, F 14.
 Mulvane--Kathy Saxton 21, Kim Prickett 4, Angela Cox 10, Kandi Miller 6, Kimberly Millerskow 10, Rhonda Reekie 2. FG 20-59, FT 13-19, F 17.

Junior Varsity Girls

Goddard	12	13	7	2-34
Mulvane	4	11	2	8-25

Goddard--Jenny Dodge 14, Mary Cunningham 2, Julie Elder 7, Angle Sissell 8, Marci Stucky 3. FG 13, FT 8, F 18.
 Mulvane--Bridget Horton 8, Toni Wayman 2, Heather Donaldson 8, Helen Christian 3, Karen Lewis 2, Kandi Miller 4. FG 10, FT 5, F 20.

and six rebounds.

"I hope this win gives us the confidence that a team needs to be successful," said Cole. "It was sure nice to see continued improvement throughout our Pre-Christmas schedule. I felt like we had a rocky start,

then have improved every game the last two or three weeks, and that's what we've been shooting for, steady improvement."

In the other game Friday night, the Mulvane junior varsity didn't fair so well, as they fell to the Lions, 34-25.

The Cats were paced by junior Heather Donaldson with eight points. Sophomore Bridget Horton was next with six points, Miller poured in four points and Helen Christian scored three points. Sophomores Toni Wayman and Karen Lewis were next with two points apiece.

"We still have a long way to go," said Cole, "but this game shows we're definitely headed in the right direction."

The next game up for the girls will be Friday, Jan. 9 at home against Buhler, another Chisholm Trail opponent.