

Wildcat BB Girls

Get It Rolling

Things are looking up for the Mulvane High School girls. The Wildcats stampeded past Augusta, 47-22, Friday night, Dec. 19, in their final game of this year and the victory came on the heels of one of their best performances three nights earlier in Clearwater.

The Cat girls pulled away from the host Indians in the last quarter to record a 43-33 decision Tuesday night, Dec. 16.

"We're playing a little better now," said Coach Jayson Miller. "I thought we weren't quite as crisp against Augusta. They weren't shooting the ball well and that helped make it look like we did a better job (defensively) than we did. And we have to get our rebounding figured out. We have to get that fixed before too much longer because it's something that can come back and haunt us if we don't."

The Wildcats didn't have much difficulty with Augusta, a team that is 0-4 for the season. "We didn't know what to expect going into the game against Augusta because they had lost to two really good teams. We still gave up too many offensive rebounds again.

"Offensively, our timing seemed to be off just a little the whole night," said Miller. "We'd made a cut at the right time or go back door but the ball was thrown like a second or two late. I don't know what it was. We had finals that week but I do know we weren't hitting on all cylinders like we can."

What won the game, or at least kept the the Orioles at bay was the shooting at the free throw stripe. The Wildcats had one of their best nights ever, hitting 16 of 19 tosses. Augusta, on the other hand, hit only 3 for 14.

"That's what it came down to," said Miller. "The girls did a nice job hitting their free throws. They made a couple of runs at us and got it down to eight a time or two, but we closed out the game by answering their runs by making our free throws to finish them off."

The MHS girls were never in serious trouble against Augusta, taking a 22-11 lead into the second half. The Cats pulled away in the 4th quarter by out-scoring the Orioles, 13-4, making 9 of 11 from the stripe.

Junior Abby Sorensen had another fine game offensively, scoring a team-high 13 points, all in the first three quarters. Senior Shayna Duncan hit double figures with 10 points. Kayla Oblinger scored eight points, Tasha Parman scored six and Josey Gosch hit for four points.

Mulvane played well at Clearwater in its first road test of the season Tuesday night.

"It was a very nice game for us, our best

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Varsity Girls

Augusta 5 6 7 4 22
 Mulvane 11 11 12 13 47
 Augusta - Rainey N. Felton, Veronika Critchfield 2
 Heather Rinkenbaugh 2, Katy Little 1, Abby Nordman 7
 Mysta Ledgerwood 2, Laura Carter 2, EG 9, 4, EF 3
 14, 16

Mulvane - Abby Sorensen 13, Kayla Oblinger 8
 Stephanie Lamon 7, Whitney Becker 5, Shayna Duncan 10
 Josey Gosch 4, Tara Roberts 4, Tasha Parman 6
 EG 15, 4, EF 12, 11

Mulvane 11 12 13 14 40
 Clearwater 16 17 18 19 60

Mulvane - Stephanie Lamon 8, Whitney Becker 5
 Shayna Duncan 17, Tara Roberts 4, Abby Sorensen 13
 Josey Gosch 3, EG 14, 13, EF 13, 29, 15

Clearwater - Danahie Grogan 8, Alondra P. Lopez 5
 S. Francis 3, Tara 2, Stephanie 2, Kristi 1, 4, Tara
 G. Jones 6, M. Johnson 3, EG 12, 7, 11, 13, 12

Junior Varsity Girls

Augusta 7 8 9 5 29
 Mulvane 11 12 13 8 43

Augusta - Hannah Carter 10, Rainey N. Felton 5, Marissa
 Crawford 5, Susanna C. 3, 5, Emma H. 9, 3, Tara
 Stephenson 5, Katy Little 4, Jennifer Bradley 2, EG 14
 10, EF 18, 15

Mulvane - Abby Phillips 2, Megan Lamon 3, Whitney
 Becker 5, Laura Buchanan 10, Kristi Parker 4, Tara
 Roberts 9, Josey Gosch 10, EG 20, 11, 12, 15

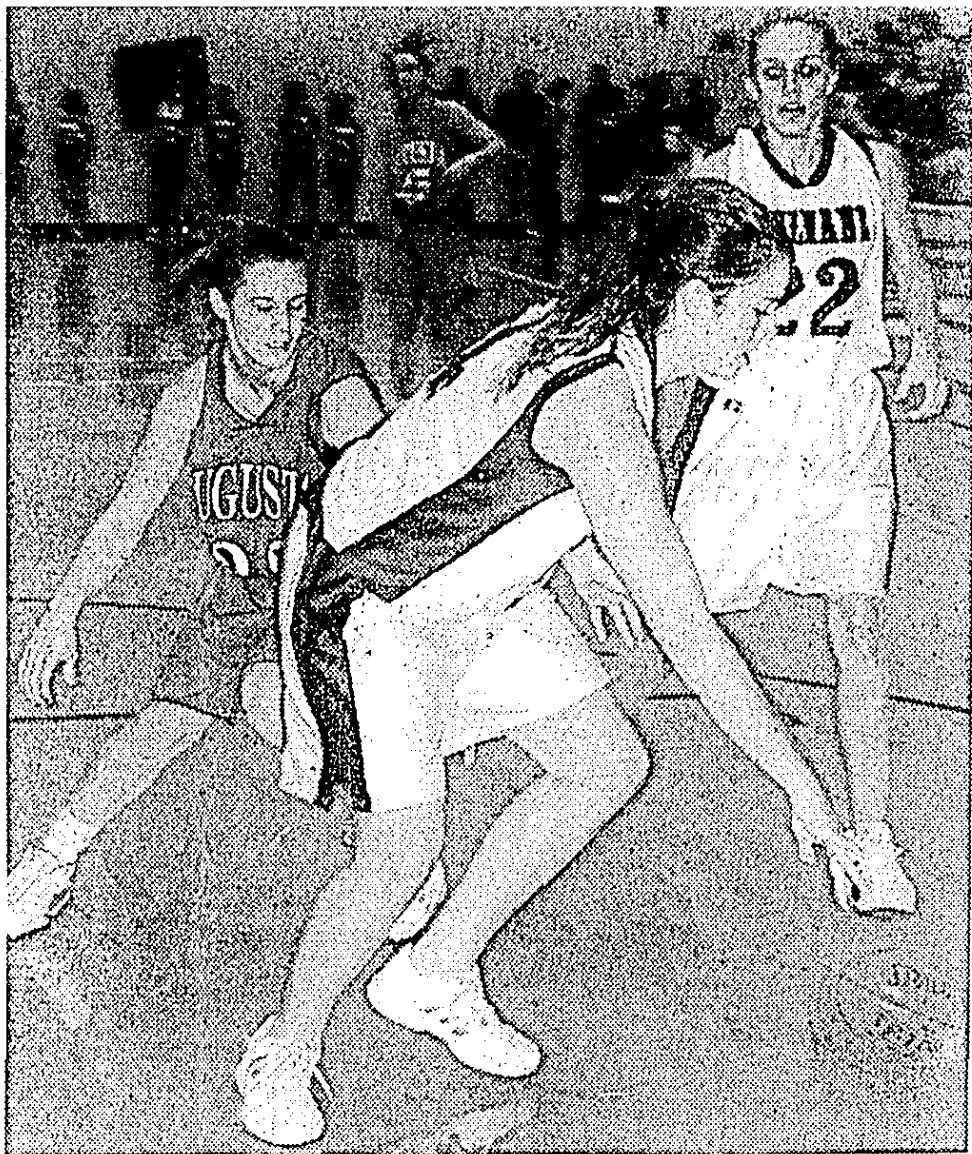
complete game," noted Miller. "We played as good against Rose Hill but that was in three of the four quarters. This one was the whole game. I was very pleased. We did a nice job taking them out of what they wanted to do."

Mulvane nursed an 11-6 lead at the quarter mark into a 22-14 halftime advantage. After the Indians closed the gap to three points in the 3rd quarter, the Cats pulled away by out-scoring the hosts, 14-9, in the final period.

And Mulvane made its free throws down the stretch as the Indians tried to rally at home. "I was really proud of the girls going down the stretch," said Miller. "They made a couple of runs at us but the girls took their punch and held them off."

Duncan had her best offensive game of the year. She had 17 points. Sorensen finished with 13 points. Oblinger scored eight points, Parman scored six, Gosch had four and Whitney Becker finished with three.

Only one junior varsity game was turned in and that one found the Wildcats getting squeezed out by Augusta, 36-33. Tara Roberts led the Mulvane jayvees with nine points, Laura Buchanan scored seven points, Becker had five and Kristi Parker scored four.



Cats' Shayna Duncan (24) dribbles away from trouble after a rebound