

Wildcat Girls Hot, Run String To 4

Who has the hottest girls basketball team around? Some might say Buhler or Valley Center or Andale. The smart ones will guess Mulvane. The Wildcats ran their winning streak to four games Friday night, Dec. 20 by racing past Goddard, 51-39, in a Chisholm Trail League contest in Mulvane.

The streak is the longest since the 1979-80 season when the Cat gals opened the year with a four-game winning string--both losses coming in two-point games. The win also improved Mulvane's record to 4-2 and 1-0 in the CTL.

"We're feeling pretty good about winning four in a row," said MHS COACH Bill Stinson. "There are things we still need to work on, those little things that enable you to be a top-calibre team. We need to continue to improve so we have some good things happening to us at the end of the year."

The Wildcats, shooting well from the field, rolled out to a 10-4 lead in the first quarter using a pressure defense, and had the game under control by intermission with a 25-15 lead. "We kind of played in streaks against Goddard," said Stinson. "We'd hit four buckets in a row and get a good lead, then they would score some. We kept making those nagging little mistakes that kept us from blowing them out."

It was 2-2 with about three minutes left in the first quarter when Stinson slammed the full-court press on. "There's something about pressure that gets our girls going," said Stinson. "We need to play a fast-paced game and it gets the other team to rushing a bit."

Stinson also likes the balanced scoring and good shooting his girls have displayed in their first six games. The girls hit 45% from the field and continued to knock down their free throws with regularity, making 13 of 21.

Senior Lori Cox and sophomore Kathy Saxton (coming off the bench) dominated inside. Cox finished with 12 points and the sophomore Saxton had 13. Guard Tiane Dossey had another

nice game, scoring 10 points. Junior Rhonda Davis finished with eight points.

"As a coach, I'm really happy to see that balance," said Stinson. "A team can't come in and concentrate on one scorer, but more importantly, I think it shows we're getting the ball to the open player."

The Mulvane junior varsity couldn't match the varsity, falling 24-20, to Goddard. Saxton, playing only the last quarter, led Mulvane with seven points. Terrie Plotts scored four points and Kim Millerskow added three.

Girls Varsity

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| Goddard | 4 11 10 14-39 |
| Mulvane | 10 15 13 13-51 |

Goddard--Stacie Wiechman 2, Sandy Payne 10, Melody Haller 8, Lisa McVey 2, Stacy Schmidt 12, Tonya Williams 5. FG 19-42, FT 1-6, F 19.
 Mulvane--Lori Cox 12, Tiane Dossey 10, Sheila Mahlandt 2, Terrie Plotts 4, Tammy Haas 1, Rhonda Davis 9, Kathy Saxton 13. FG 19-50, FT 13-21, F 11.

Junior Varsity Girls

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| Goddard | 6 4 4 10-24 |
| Mulvane | 8 2 2 8-20 |

Goddard--Debbie Oelkers 6, Renee Wiebe 0, Jenny Dodge 14, Saber Bloss 2, Heather Harrison 2. FG 12, FT 0-0, F 9.
 Mulvane--Kim Millerskow 3, Terrie Plotts 4, Rhonda Reekle 2, Tina Moeller 2, Rhonda Davis 2, Kathy Saxton 7. FG 7, FT 6-8, F 1.