

# Mulvane Girls Tickle Kingman Silly In Push To League's Top Spot

Tickle me silly! Look at where the Mulvane High School Wildcat girls are sitting in the Chisholm Trail League Division II standings. First. Imagine that.

The Wildcat made sure of their lofty perch going into the Christmas break by dumping Kingman 60-41, Friday night, Dec. 20, in their last appearance this year. The Cats are 2-0 in the CTL and 3-2 overall.

The Kingman junior varsity girls kept the night from being perfect by pulling away from the Cat jayvees, 37-29, in the preliminary game.

"We shot well," admitted Kelly Dennis, the MHS girls coach. "We shot 67% in the first half and obviously when you shoot that good, things go good. I'd have to say that was one of our better games in by two years. We got there late, about 10 minutes before warm-up, so I'm kind of surprised we shot so well. And we had Michelle Fowler who didn't make the trip because she was sick. He also had a couple starters who were sick. We had a lot of reasons not to play well and lose the game, but the girls came out and played a great ball game."

Maybe from now on, Dennis will have her Cats just run off the bus and onto the floor because Mulvane came out hot, taking a 15-8 lead in the first quarter and having things well under control by the halftime with a 13-point advantage.

Three Cats were in double figures. Senior Crissy Carpenter had another outstanding game, scoring 20 points. Guard Lindsay Kendrick came through with 17 points and veteran senior center Dannelle Hughes had 13. Both Jennifer McCoskey and Shelley Richards chipped in four points.

"I think it was important to get off to a good start," said Dennis. "It was the last day of school before the Christmas break and it would have been easy to let it slip away, but the girls didn't. I think this was a huge game for us. It ranks right up there with beating Circle a week ago. We're going into a cou-

Varsity Girls				
Mulvane	15	18	19	8-60
Kingman	8	12	13	8-41
Mulvane—Crissy Carpenter 20, Dannelle Hughes 13, Melissa Buchanan 2, Lindsay Kendrick 17, Jennifer McCoskey 4, Shelley Richards 4. FG 28 (3), FT 1-5, F 13.				
Kingman—Andrea Giefer 12, Nicki Vaughn 1, Jodi Eslinger 6, Joni Moore 4, Sarah Knapic 6, Abby Young 2, Jennifer Mark 10. FG 17 (0), FT 7-11, F 14.				

Mulvane—Victoria Padilla 2, Ashley McCoskey 5, Rachel Rose 7, Kassie Hargrove 4, Kristin Buchanan 2, Shiriah Craft 2, Crystal LaPlant 3, Heather Williams 4. FG 7 (1), FT 12-27, F 26.

Junior Varsity Girls				
Mulvane	5	11	3	10-29
Kingman	7	7	6	17-37
Kingman—Sarah Knapic 3, McGinnis 8, Adelhardt 2, C. Hageman 1, Vann 15, Sath 7, Sherri Hageman 1. FG 12 (2), FT 10-20, F 24.				

ple tough games right after Christmas against Rose Hill and Andover so we'll have some momentum going."

The Wildcat coach also was pleased with the way the girls responded on the backboards and against the pressure defense, which has been a real problem for Mulvane until now.

"We rebounded really well and took care of the ball," emphasized Dennis. "They ran a 1-3-1 halfcourt against us and after the first three possessions, I thought we passed the ball well and made good decisions with our passing. We were shaky the first three possessions but the girls started getting the ball on the baseline, where a 1-3-1 is the weakest, and Crissy made them pay. Kingman never did make the adjustment."

Dennis was especially happy to see how the Cats took care of business against the Eagle defense. "We knew they were going to run the 1-3-1 so so far, we haven't really shown that we could beat it. One thing I thought we needed to do was show teams that we could beat it and that means shooting well from outside. I think we did that Friday night. Now, I think other teams will have to sit up and take notice of our ability

## Chisholm Trail League Girls Basketball Standings

DIVISION II				
Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Mulvane	2	0	3	2
Rose Hill	1	0	3	1
Circle	1	1	3	3
Andale	0	0	4	0
Chaparral	0	1	1	4
Kingman	0	1	0	4
Clearwater	0	1	0	4

  

DIVISION I				
Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Goddard	1	0	5	0
Buhler	1	0	3	2
Valley Center	1	0	3	2
Maize	0	0	3	0
Wellington	0	1	2	2
Andover	0	1	2	3
Augusta	0	1	0	4

### Last Week's Games

Mulvane 60, Kingman 41  
 Rose Hill 61, Chaparral 37  
 Circle 61, Clearwater 46  
 Valley Center 69, Augusta 19  
 Buhler 48, Andover 33  
 Goddard 50, Wellington 36  
 Maize 68, Winfield 26

to shoot the ball outside."

Kendrick got most of her points outside, dropping through three of four from the three-point ring.

In the junior varsity outing, Kingman came on in the 4th quarter to ice Mulvane's hopes. At halftime, the Cats were ahead by two.

Guard Rachel Rose led the Mulvane scorers with seven points. Heather Williams and Kassie Hargrove finished with four points and Ashley McCoskey scored five.

"We'll take the week off of Christmas, then hit it in practice," said Dennis. "That first week and a half is going to be big for us. We need to come out and play well and get a couple more wins. I told the seniors that it's their turn to shine. There are a lot of people who didn't believe in them and they have an opportunity to go out now and show everybody they can win."