

Mulvane Girls Fade After Good Start

For a quarter, things were looking up for the Mulvane High School girls but a game lasts four quarters. The Wildcat girls hung in there for a while before Augusta stormed away to a 63-45 victory Tuesday night, Dec. 20, in the last game prior to the holiday vacation.

The home loss opener saw Mulvane's record dip to 1-5 and 0-2 in Chisholm Trail League Division I.

"We played real good the first quarter and a half," said Scott Swaney, the MHS girls assistant coach. "It was probably our best quarter of the season, but in the second quarter, things started going wrong. They started pressing us and we had about three or four times down the court where we turned the ball over and that enabled them to open a good lead on us. That was it."

The two CTL teams tangled nearly evenly through one period, the Orioles clinging to a 17-15 lead. The 15-point period was the most points in one quarter this season when the game was still on the line.

Another minus factor for the Cats was at the free throw stripe, where Mulvane made only nine of 27 tosses. Augusta was busy making 17 of 24. "If we could have converted only 50% of the time, we would have been right there at the end of the game," said Swaney. "That's just a matter of stepping up to the line and getting the job done, and that'll come with more confidence."

Sophomore Kendra Banzet topped the Mulvane offense with 16 points and sophomore Ticia Nicholson added 13 points. Senior Bridget Horton scored a career-high eight points and Lisa Heersche had four.

"Kendra played well and Bridget played on of her better games of the season, too," noted Swaney. "She (Horton) struggled early but has come

on and played with more confidence. She's given us the senior leadership we need."

The Wildcat junior varsity captured its first victory of the season by downing the Orioles, 30-26, as Nicholson pumped in 10 points. Missi Mathews scored eight and both Jenny Ray and Cari Taylor hit for four.

The Cat girls will be idle until going to Buhler Tuesday, Jan. 3, for a CTL contest.

Varsity Girls

Augusta	17	22	16	18--63
Mulvane	15	9	7	14--45

Augusta--Kaely Jackson 14, Paula Rodriguez 12, Samantha Restivo 8, Lori Shryock 4, Kim Sawyers 11, Tina Cox 2, Lisa Maddy 2, Julie Box 10. FG 23 (0), FT 17-24, F 23.

Mulvane--Nancy Farber 1, Bridget Horton 8, Kandi Miller 3, Kendra Banzet 16, Ticia Nicholson 13, Lisa Heersche 4. FG 18 (0), FT 9-27, F 17.

Junior Varsity Girls

Augusta	10	4	8	4--26
Mulvane	4	14	6	6--30

Augusta--Kerrie Bennett 2, Becky Beutow 10, Julie Evenson 4, Deann Ledgerwood 4, Stacy Feil 4, Rikki Rogers 2. FG 13 (0), FT 0-7, F 15.

Mulvane--Brandi Smith 2, Jenny Ray 4, Missi Mathews 8, Carri Taylor 4, Ticia Nicholson 10, Lisa Heersche 2. FG 13 (0), FT 4-12, F 11.