

Lady Cats Fall Behind Early, Lose 77-49

"Oh my gosh!" That's what Mulvane High School girls basketball coach is saying after his Cats were beaten, 77-49, at Augusta Tuesday, Dec. 22. Kate Gosch poured in 35 points to lead Augusta over Mulvane.

"We came out flat," said Greg Wolgast, girls basketball coach. "They pressed us and we didn't react to it. We got behind early again and they took advantage of the mistakes that we made. They used a 1-2-1-1 zone trap, and would trap us when we got rebounds, too. We panicked a bit, made some bad passes, or passes that shouldn't have been made and they were easily converted into baskets."

In the first quarter Augusta jumped out to a big lead using the Orioles' press and scored 27 points. Mulvane scored only 10 points to fall behind by 17 early and Augusta never looked back.

"They scored a bunch of baskets in the first few minutes to open up a good lead," said Wolgast. "We got all 10 of our first quarter points off their press, but we weren't consistent enough to

force them out of it. When we played Pratt, they ran the same type press and we were able to force them out of it, but we never got to that situation versus Augusta."

In the second quarter and in the second half, the Wildcats did a much better job against the press. "We did a lot better job," said Wolgast, "especially in the second half and even in the

second quarter, when we got into our half court situations. We just weren't able to get to that all the time."

The Cats were led by sophomore guard Amy Arnold, who scored 18 points. High-scoring senior center Kathy Saxton was held to just 10 points, Kim Prickett scored 12, followed by Nancy Farber with eight points and Bridget Horton had six points.

"Prickett had a good game," said Wolgast. "She did a really good job for us. She has improved each game, worked hard and gotten better. She probably has been the most consistent player on the team.

"We didn't do what we needed to do against Augusta, to get Kathy the ball. They were doing a lot of sagging with their match-up zone. We need to get her the ball and have her shoot more. She's more mobile and a lot quicker than some that she plays against inside even though she's smaller."

The Cat girls junior varsity continue to have its problems as they were pounded, 65-18. Holly Donaldson led Mulvane scorers with six points. Next was Arnold with four points followed by Angie Wheeler and Kim Kysar with three and Horton with two points.

The Wildcats will have about a week break before their next game at home against perennial Chisholm Trail power Buhler Tuesday, Jan. 5. "There are three or four minutes where we're not doing what needs to be done," said Wolgast. "Consistency is one thing that we'll be working on during the Christmas break. Especially offensively trying to become more consistent and doing it every time down the floor."

Girls Varsity

Mulvane	10	10	15	14-49
Augusta	27	14	20	16-77

Mulvane—Kathy Saxton 10, Amy Arnold 18, Kim Prickett 12, Nancy Farber 8, Bridget Horton 6, Nicole Infinger 1. FG 20-50 (0), FT 9-17, F 18.

Augusta—Kate Gosch 35, Kaely Jackson 19, Michelle Leiber 5, Dawn Veeman 4, Randl Fowler 3, Lisa Overman 3, Kim Sawyers 1, Stacy Cox 3, Kristy Slyter 2, Michelle Maddy 2. FG 32-59 (0), FT 13-26, F 15.

Girls Junior Varsity

Mulvane	7	3	2	6-18
Augusta	8	22	12	20-65

Mulvane—Holly Donaldson 6, Angie Wheeler 3, Kim Kysar 3, Bridget Horton 2, Amy Arnold 4. FG 8-32 (0), FT 2-13, F 12.

Augusta—Kristy Slyter 12, Lisa Overman 5, Stacy Cox 16, Kaely Jackson 8, Michelle Leiber 4, Kim Sawyers 3, Teddy Mason 2, Michelle Maddy 12. FG 25-53 (0), FT 6-14, F 14.