

Cat Girls Turn Tame In Loss To Valley

Whatever Mulvane High School girls basketball coach Bill Brown told his forces at halftime won't go down in history as great halftime rhetoric. In fact, Brown is sure not to use that pep talk again--ever.

At Valley Center for a Chisholm Trail League game Tuesday night, Jan. 9, Mulvane and the host Hornets were tied at halftime, 12-12, but what Valley Center did to the Cats in the second half need explaining. The Hornets outscored Mulvane, 32-12 to post a 44-24 decision.

The loss dropped Mulvane's record to 2-4 overall and 1-4 in the CTL.

"We just never got into our offense," stressed Brown. "In the first half, they didn't shoot very good but they finally got going later in the game. They started hitting, plus we made some turnovers against their press and that hurt. In the fourth quarter, they really started getting hot."

All the while Mulvane stayed cold.

"Half the reason is they held Sandy (Whetstone) to only one point," said Brown. "The other half is that they held Cindi (Lawless) to only five points." In other words, Mulvane's No. 1 & 2 scorers were limited to only six points.

"That's pretty much our offense," pointed out Brown. "Whetstone on the fast break and Lawless inside. They put a tight 2-3 zone up and packed it inside. If you don't have anybody hitting from outside, you're in trouble."

"It goes back to the same old thing, though. The defense can hold out only so long. We swarmed on defense until Daniels started hitting."

Valley's Pat Daniels scored 20 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter.

Brown was happy with the overall defense posted by his Cats. "Any time you hold Valley Center to 44 points, you've done a good job," said Brown. On offense, the leading lights were Liz Hendricks, who scored six points and Lawless with five. Sheena Martinez added four.

The job Valley did shutting Lawless off the rebounding lanes also was a factor. Lawless picked up only five rebounds. Senior Kim Elston picked up the slack with 11 rebounds, however.

"Turnovers proved to be another factor," said Brown. "We made 29 turnovers but it wasn't because their press was so strong. It wasn't one of our better ballhandling games."

The girls B-team also had little success against the Hornets, losing 50-32.

Arlene Reekie and Rene Lamm, a pair of sophomores, scored 12 points each to carry most of the offensive load for Mulvane.

Brown's quintet chalked up its second victory of the year Thursday night, Jan. 4, by racking up Circle, 56-40, in a record-shattering performance. The point total was the highest ever scored by Brown's three-year-old program. A shooting percentage of 38 from the field also was a school record.

"We got the shots we've been getting all year but this time, we hit them," said Brown. "Really, though, we played pretty aggressive basketball."

Cindi Lawless led the scorers for the Cats with 15 points and Sandy Whetstone scored 13, the only two in double figures.

The girls' B-team, paced by Teresa Van Buskirk's nine points, trimmed Circle, 26-22.



Girls A-Team

Mulvane	4	8	4	8	--	24
Valley Center	6	6	14	18	--	44

Mulvane -- Vicki Kill 2, Shelly Gerlach 4, Sandy Whetstone 1, Cindi Lawless 5, Sheena Martinez 4, Liz Hendricks 6, Kim Elston 2. FG 9-42, FT 6-12, F 16.

Valley Center -- Nancy Anderson 4, Tammy Wilbur 3, Pat Daniels 20, Brenda Weber 8, Karen Guebelle 5, Tammy Schmedemann 2, Jane Brand 2. FG 20-50, FT 4-14, F 13.

Girls B-Team

Mulvane	8	4	2	18	--	32
Valley Center	6	15	8	21	--	50

Mulvane -- Arlene Reekie 12, Rene Lamm 12, Vicki Powell 2, Teresa VanBuskirk 4, Shelly Camp 2. FG 14, FT 4-8, F 15.

Valley Center -- Pam Harpeter 2, LeAnne Barnes 1, Sandra Kennedy 9, Fran Rowley 4, Tamy Schmedemann 4, Jan Brand 12, Martha Rail 14, Kathy Duncan 2, Cindy Morris 2. FG 23, FT 4-10, F 16.

Girls A-Team

Circle	9	17	5	9	--	40
Mulvane	12	16	19	9	--	56

Circle--Joan Linot 6, Teresa Lee 6, Sharon Chappelleux 1, Maria Counterman 2, Monica Dutton 23, Becky Shadoin 2. FG 14-42, FT 12-26, F 17.

Mulvane -- Sandy Whetstone 13, Shelly Gerlach 2, Sheena Martinez 4, Vicki Kill 4, Liz Hendricks 6, Jan Dankert 4, Cindi Lawless 15, Kim Elston 6, Denise Standerfer 2. FG 25-68, FT 6-16, F 27.

Girls B-Team

Circle	6	5	1	10	--	22
Mulvane	7	3	4	12	--	26

Circle -- Janet Showalter 2, Tammy Hinckley 3, Sherry Patti 3, Terry Teague 6, Becky Shadoin 1, Denise King 4, Christ Lickteing 2, Barri King 1. FG 7-50, FT 8-24, F 24.

Mulvane -- Arlene Reekie 6, Kristi Lawless 3, Rene Lamm 6, Teresa Van Buskirk 9, Vicki Powell 2. FG 9-50, FT 8-27, F 21.