

MHS Girls Split Two Games During Past Week

When you're playing the No. 1 ranked team in the state anything can happen and it usually does. It's also usually bad.

The Mulvane girls varsity basketball team ran into Valley Center Tuesday night at Valley Center and it happened. Valley Center is the No. 1-ranked team in the state in the girls basketball poll in the Wichita Eagle-Beacon and the Wildcats found out why.

Valley Center routed the local girls, 65-28 in a Chisholm Trail League game, dropping Mulvane's record to 1-7.

"You can't tell the girls they're going to lose but we went into the game being realistic," said the Wildcats' coach Bill Brown. "We just tried to keep making progress and benefit the girls for next year. I think overall, the girls did make some progress. The Valley Center girls have been playing for seven years (the Mulvane program is just two years old).

"I thought we did as well as could be expected. The girls didn't quite, kept fighting right to the last second. They realized the competition and experience they were against but kept battling."

The Wildcats fell behind early, 18-8, after one quarter and by halftime, the Hornets held a 29-11 bulge.

Jeanne Daniels led Valley Center with 23 points. "She's got to be the best player in the state," said Brown. "She's a tremendous leaper and really makes them go. Without her they would have an average team."

Brown got another good game from Kathy Dody, who led the Wildcats with eight points, but he also was impressed with the player of sophomore Shelly Gerlach.

"She had her best varsity game by far," said Brown. "She played a super defensive game and scored seven points. That's encouraging because we have another sophomore (Jan Dankert). Shelly and Jan should make us go next year."

Vicki Kill scored five points and Dankert four for the Wildcats.

The girls' B-team also lost, Valley Center pulling out a 40-25 victory after Mulvane started very slowly.

Cindi Lawless scored seven points to pace the Mulvane B-team and Sandy Whetstone, Sheena Martinez and Shelly Gerlach each added four points.

The girls team hit a milestone Friday night, however, winning the first girls varsity basketball game in the school's history, trimming Circle, 39-37, at Circle.

"It's great, I'm real happy for the girls," said Brown, who had coached the team through an 0-18 season a year ago. "Quite a few of these girls are back from last year and they've been waiting along time."

The Wildcats were down by 11 points in the third quarter before Dody, who had been held scoreless in the first half by a sagging defense by the Thunderbirds, started breaking loose. She scored all 18 of her points in the second half.

"That had to be one of the keys," said Brown. "Of course, in the third quarter our defense really did it, too. We started using a 1-3-1 half-court trap and they had some problems getting the ball across the half-court line."

GIRLS A-TEAM

Mulvane	8	3	11	6-28
Valley Center	18	11	14	22-65

Mulvane--Jackie Smith 2, Shelly Gerlach 7, Liz Hendricks 2, Vicki Kill 5, Jan Dankert 4, Kathy Dody 8. FG 12-30, FT 4-10, F 14.

Valley Center--Tarenda Wilber 2, Nancy Anderson 10, Lori House 4, Stephanie Higgs 14, Taina Hobson 8, DeeAnna Naylor 4, Jeanne Daniels 23. FG 31, FT 5-14, F 18.

GIRLS B-TEAM

Mulvane	4	4	7	10-25
Valley Center	16	7	6	11-40

Mulvane--Sandy Whetstone 4, Sheena Martinez 4, Shelly Gerlach 4, Liz Hendricks 1, Cindi Lawless 7, Kim Elston 1, Jan Dankert 2, Denise Standerfer 2. FG 7, FT 11-29, F 14.

Valley Center--Kelly Mollohan 11, LeAnn Barns 6, Tammy Schmedemann 4, Tarenda Wilber 2, Tammy Wilber 10, Nancy Anderson 3, Fran Rowley 3, Kris Jerome 1. FG 18, FT 4-14, F 25.

Mulvane--Jackie Smith 5, Kathy Dody 18, Sandy Whetstone 1, Cindi Lawless 1, Jan Dankert 13, Shelly Gerlach 1. FG 16-65, FT 7-23, F 17.

Circle--Joan Linot 5, Teresa Lee 5, Maria Counterman 2, Nancy Carter 4, Stacey Shipley 4, Monica Dutton 10, Laurie Hiatt 4, Michelle Killingsworth 3. FG 14, FT 9-17, F 16.

GIRLS B-TEAM

Mulvane	7	7	13	10-37
Circle	0	4	2	12-18

Mulvane--Liz Hendricks 2, Denise Standerfer 11, Shelly Gerlach 3, Sheena Martinez 6, Vicki Phillips 1, Donna Hicks 4, Sandy Whetstone 4, Cindi Lawless 5, Jan Dankert 1. FG 13-65, FT 11-30, F 21.

Circle--Sharon Chippeaux 1, Becky Shadoin 2, Jennel Gulick 4, Sue Lawrence 3, Teresa Renville 2, Michelle Killingsworth 4, Teresa Lee 2. FG 8, FT 2-21, F 24.