

Cats Flat In Opening Round

No hustle, no win. That's basically what coach Bill Brown had to say Tuesday night after his Mulvane High School girls' team took a powder.

Playing in a first-round game of the Caldwell Invitational, the Wildcat girls fell apart in the second half and lost, 52-41, to Caldwell.

In the only other first-round game Tuesday night, Clearwater trimmed South Barbar, 47-32.

With the loss, Mulvane fell into the consolation bracket and will meet South Barbar at 5 p.m. Saturday for the consolation title in the six-team tournament.

"We were out-hustled basically," complained Brown, who saw his club's record fall to 1-10 for the season. "They beat us on the backboards and they're not any bigger than we are. I had thought for the first time this year that we had a team we could rebound against but we didn't.

"There was no one thing. The girls didn't seem to have any hustle. The loose ball situations, I don't think we got a one."

"There wasn't any desire against Caldwell," said Brown. "The girls were in a game they could handle but it wasn't there. There was no drive. The loose balls on the floor, we didn't dive for them. Caldwell has a scrappy little team but nothing outstanding."

While Brown was complaining about a lackluster performance, he did have words of praise about Cindi Lawless, who had a fine game and scored a team-high 12 points, more points than she's scored in the previous 10 games this season.

"Cindi had a real good ball game," said Brown. "She really hustled, she rebounded and she had 12 points. Like I said, she had life and that was the game."

Mulvane had things in hand in the first quarter, nursing out a 20-17 lead heading into the final half. But in the third quarter, Caldwell outscored the Cats, 14-8, and in the final period, the hosts scored 21 points to only 13 for Mulvane.

"The tide seemed to change in the third quarter," pointed out Brown. "We came out and picked up four or five quick fouls and it was gone. They took charge."

Fouls had a definite bearing on the game, too. The Wildcats were caught on 32 fouls, giving the host school 44 chances at the line. They cashed in on 20 and that was the difference in the

game since both teams made 16 field goals.

In addition to Lawless' 12 points, other high scorers for Mulvane were Shelly Gerlach with six points and Kathy Dody, Jackie Smith, Vicki Kill, Sandy Whetstone and Denise Standerfer with four each.

In rebounding, Caldwell registered a 48-31 edge. Lawless also led the Cats' in rebounding with 10, tying with Dody.

CALDWELL INVITATIONAL FIRST ROUND

Mulvane	10	10	8	13-41
Caldwell	7	10	14	21-52

Mulvane — Kathy Dody 4, Jackie Smith 4, Cindi Lawless 12, Shelly Gerlach 6, Vicki Kill 4, Sandy Whetstone 4, Denise Standerfer 4, Jan Dankert 3. FG 16-54, FT 9-18, F 32.

Caldwell — Teresa Houchin 4, Susan Neal 9, Teresa Buresh 13, Lynn Jenista 8, Kathy Schmidt 6, Ann Lowe 5, Jacque Sprague 7. FG 16-51, FT 20-44, F 17.

GIRLS' TEAM STATISTICS

Team	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	RB	Pts
Kathy Dody	46	179	15	44	77	99
Shelly Gerlach	18	68	12	26	26	46
Jackie Smith	14	46	14	46	16	42
Vicki Kill	11	31	14	31	34	36
Jan Dankert	14	32	7	28	49	35
Liz Hendrick	10	45	13	21	27	33
Cindi Lawless	9	27	3	7	27	23
Sandy Whetstone	5	16	5	16	11	13
Cari Johnson	6	30	1	8	10	13
Others	12	21	5	15	8	29
Totals	140	495	90	233	285	359
	(283)	(386)	25.9	32.6		
Opponents	253	587	84	196	357	590
	(431)	(429)	32.5	53.6		