

Clutch Baskets Spearhead Girls' Drive

A trophy would have been nice but the Mulvane High School girls basketball squad is just as pleased with a pair of victories achieved in the Caldwell Invitational Girls Basketball Tournament which ended Saturday night, Feb. 3, at the Caldwell High School gym.

Coached by Bill Brown, the Wildcat girls broke out of a tie at the end of the third quarter with some clutch shooting in the late stages of the final period to wrap up third place Saturday in the Caldwell Invitational, gunning down the host school, 41-37.

A 41-29 defeat at the hands of Clearwater Thursday night, Feb. 1, dropped the Cats into the third place game and they took advantage of the opportunity.

"We came in looking for two wins," said Brown, rejoicing with his team.

"We only had three all of last year and now we have four. What we're trying to do is double our number (of victories) each year, and keep doubling it."

What the Wildcat gals did was finish



Caldwell Tournament

THIRD PLACE

Mulvane 11 96 15 - 41
Caldwell 4 157 11 - 37

Mulvane - Vicki Kill 1, Shelly Gerlach 2, Sandy Whetstone 5, Jan Dankert 9, Sheena Martinez 10, Liz Hendricks 6, Kim Elston 4, Denise Standerfer 4. FG 18-56, FT 5-18, F 31.

Caldwell - Teresa Houchin 6, Susan Neal 6, Lana Misak 2, Lynn Jenista 8, Jacque Sprague 3, Kim Wiley 8, Marla Dillard 4. FG 13-52, FT 11-39, F 23.

CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIP

South Barber 39, Conway Springs 30

SEMIFINAL

Clearwater 6 10 16 9 - 41
Mulvane 0 6 12 8 - 29

Clearwater - Wendy Williamson 5, Dee Rittenhouse 12, Caroline Slump 1, Becky Williams 4, Teresa Terhune 2, Donda Hickman 2, Sheila Walker 13, Becky Williamson 2. FG 17-37, FT 7-22, F 22.

Mulvane - Sandy Whetstone 11, Shelly Gerlach 9, Sheena Martinez 1, Vicki Kill 2, Jan Dankert 6. FG 9-31, FT 11-27, F 19.

third, their best tournament showing ever and even though there didn't have to be an enlargement on the high school's trophy case--Caldwell only presented trophies to the top two finishers--the triumph still was most satisfying.

"We're all just thrilled, I'm really happy and the girls are tickled," said Brown over the screeches given off by the Wildcat players.

It didn't come easy, however. Down 36-35 with less than two minutes to play, Mulvane's Sandy Whetstone dropped a layup off a fine pass by Liz Hendricks to send Mulvane ahead. On an inbounds play with less than one minute left, Jan Dankert slipped behind Caldwell's defense and into the open for a long pass and another layup for a 40-37 advantage. Whetstone iced the verdict with one of two free tosses with 20 seconds left.

Sheena Martinez led Mulvane's scoring with 10 points and Dankert finished with nine and Hendricks six.

"I think that was the best game Jan has played overall," said Brown. "And the 10 points by Sheena were the most she's scored in a varsity game. They left her alone and she hit 'em."

Brown also had high praises for Hendricks. "I quit trying to make a guard out of her," confessed Brown.

"She's quick inside and goes to the basket. She had a lot more opportunity for offense inside."

In the semifinal against Clearwater, Whetstone scored 11 points, Shelly Gerlach nine and Dankert six but that wasn't enough against the strong Indians.

"We didn't have any rebounding and the shots weren't there," said Brown.

"They have a good defensive ball club, a lot quicker than we are, and they just defended us."

Next game for Mulvane's girls tonight at Chaparral, where the Cats will tangle with the Roadrunners in a Chisholm Trail Conference game.



Mulvane's Denise Standerfer strains in rebound battle