

Cat Gals Find Offense, Still Lose Two Games

For the Mulvane girls basketball team, the season has come full tilt. Earlier, offense was a weakness and ballhandling a strength.

It was just the opposite Tuesday night in the Cat cages' 67-39 road loss to a strong Goddard team.

"Offensively, we've made some good strides but we fouled up against the press," said Mulvane coach Bill Brown, whose team dropped to 4-8 overall and 1-7 in the Chisholm Trail League. And fouling up against the press is the wrong thing to do against the Lions because they press all the time.

Girls A-Team

Mulvane 5 14 8 12 39
Goddard 15 21 12 19 -- 67

Mulvane -- Shelly Gerlach 7, Sandy Whetstone 4, Cindi Lawless 4, Kim Elston 4, Denise Standerfer 5, Liz Hendricks 15 FG 15-52, FT 9-23, F 20

Goddard -- Kayla Williams 6, Robin Craig 8, Jill Drevro 7, Karen Biasi 10, Becky Biasi 4, Shari Morrison 4, Amy Orth 10, Tish Buerki 18 FG 27-76, FT 13-25, F 22

Girls B-Team

Mulvane 3 15 4 17 -- 39
Goddard 12 17 8 8 -- 45

Mulvane -- Rene Lamm 10, Arlene Reekie 10, Kristi Lawless 2, Cindy Nelson 1, Sandy Whetstone 1, Cindi Lawless 9, Denise Standerfer 6 FG 11-49, FT 17-36, F 19

Goddard -- Jean Quaney 2, Lisa Hedden 2, Robin Craig 2, Kayla Williams 8, Diane Perkins 6, Rhonda Ray 6, Shari Morrison 4, Terry Bachelor 2, Tami Woods 6, Sharol Forsyth 6 FG 21-72, FT 3-14, F 33.

Girls A-Team

Mulvane 10 13 8 9 -- 40
Chaparral 18 9 15 18 -- 60

Mulvane -- Vicki Kill 4, Shelly Gerlach 6, Sandy Whetstone 6, Cindi Lawless 6, Jan Dankert 6, Liz Hendricks 12 FG 17-50, FT 6-20, F 18.

Chaparral -- Carla Nottingham 4, Marg Drouhard 11, Sandy Schrant 9, Leea Scott 12, Barb Dornick 12, Cindi Livengood 12. FG 25-70, FT 10-28, F 19.

"Thirty-nine turnovers hurt," admitted Brown. "We tried to keep our turnovers to under 20 but we're having a little trouble right now against the press. We're going through a stage right now where we're having trouble handling the ball. We had 36 turnovers against Chaparral and 32 against a Caldwell team that didn't even press."

Senior Liz Hendricks has found new life inside as she had her second straight double-figure game. She led the Cats in scoring with 15 points. Shelly Gerlach scored seven points and Denise Standerfer finished with five.

Vicki Kill topped Mulvane's rebounders with eight caroms and Cindi Lawless had seven.

The loss to Goddard did represent an improvement, however. In the first meeting between the two schools earlier this season, the Lions came away with a 70-25 decision.

The Wildcat B-team put on a strong performance at Goddard before falling short by a 45-39 count. Rene Lamm and Arlene Reekie, a couple of sophomores, scored 10 points each for the Mulvane B-team.

Chaparral handed Mulvane its seventh defeat last Thursday, Feb. 8, clipping Mulvane, 60-40. In that game, Hendricks scored 12 points and Shelly Gerlach, Sandy Whetstone, Jan Dankert and Cindi Lawless each scored six points.

The Wildcat gals will swing back into action at home Friday night, Feb. 16, against Augusta. Buhler comes to Mulvane Tuesday, Feb. 20, in a rescheduled game.