

# Augusta Success Short-Lived

Mulvane High School's girls basketball team may have reached a milestone with a stunning triumph over Augusta last Friday, Feb. 16, but the Buhler Crusaders showed the Wildcats they weren't quite ready for the big time.

The Crusaders belted Mulvane, 66-27, in a varsity game Tuesday night, Feb. 20, in a make-up game in Mulvane. The contest originally had been scheduled for Jan. 23 but was snowed out.

The loss gave the Wildcats a 5-9 record and 2-8 in the Chisholm Trail League. Buhler, annually one of the strongest teams in the state, has lost only one time.

"What happened is what I was afraid would happen," confessed Mulvane coach Bill Brown. "We just stood around. We didn't get there. Twenty-seven points, that's no offense at all."

Brown had hoped the victory over Augusta might spur his girls to a challenge of Buhler but it didn't. After the first quarter, the Crusaders were ahead, 17-9, and held a commanding 40-13 lead at halftime.

"We didn't play all that bad, I guess, considering we were playing the fifth-ranked team in the state, but I felt like we didn't hustle," said Brown. "Maybe Buhler made us look slower."

Brown said he felt the Wildcats sinking in the second quarter as the pace quickened. "We started hurrying and you can't hurry against Buhler," said Brown. "We wanted to try to play our game, not theirs. We tried to run with them and that was a mistake. That's impossible."

The lack of offense is reflected in the Wildcat scoring, as guard Sandy Whetstone and Jan Dankert, both juniors, carried the load. Dankert, coming on strong in recent weeks, led the scorers with seven points and Whetstone finished with six. Next high for Brown's club was Cindi Lawless with four.

Coach Gary Lundy's B-team also had the "scoring blues," never hitting more than eight points in one quarter. That helped Buhler's B-teamers waltz to a 59-25 victory.

Arlene Reekie led the Wildcat scoring with six points and Rene Lamm added five points. Reekie also led Mulvane on the boards, along with Denise Standerfer, each pulling away six caroms.

The Cat girls celebrated their biggest triumph to date Friday, Feb. 16, with a 41-39 decision over Augusta.

"This has got to be our biggest win because he came against an established team," said Brown after the victory. "It's our first win over a team that has had a program established." Previously, Mulvane's only Chisholm Trail victories have come against Circle.

"We played well with our pressure defense, we just rattled them," added



## Girls A-Team

Buhler 17 23 12 17 66  
 Mulvane 9 4 8 6 27  
 Buhler: Lori DeGarmo 17, Debbie Weigel 14, Tara Miller 10, Pam Moore 1, Lori Conaway 4, Candi Clarke 3, Kerry Siskos 3, Candi Clarke 2, Jan Dankert 2, Cindi Lawless 2, FT 16 25, F 13  
 Mulvane: Sandy Whetstone 6, Shelly Gerlach 2, Candi Clarke 2, Kim Elston 2, Jan Dankert 2, Cindi Lawless 4, Denise Standerfer 2, FT 12 41, F 11 31

## Girls B-Team

Buhler 10 11 22 15 58  
 Mulvane 4 8 9 7 28  
 Buhler: Pam Moore 12, Conaway 4, Denise Standerfer 14, Kerry Siskos 10, Arlene Stephens 7, Candi Clarke 2, Betty Schrock 4, Jane G. Brown 10, FT 27 62, F 11 31, F 14  
 Mulvane: Pam Moore 5, Arlene Reekie 4, Kristi Lawless 2, Candi Clarke 2, Candi Clarke 2, Sandy Standerfer 4, Candi Clarke 2, Shelly Gerlach 1, FT 14 41, F 11 31

## Girls A-Team

Augusta 11 12 11 17 51  
 Mulvane 4 8 9 4 35  
 Augusta: Lisa Anderson 2, Teresa P. Howell 17, Tracy G. Gentry 10, Kim Leatherman 10, Sandy Stephens 4, Candi Clarke 2, FT 12 24, F 11 23, F 8  
 Mulvane: Sandy Whetstone 7, Shelly Gerlach 2, Candi Clarke 2, Kim Elston 2, Jan Dankert 2, FT 4 48, F 11 22, F 12

## Girls B-Team

Augusta 7 11 14 12 44  
 Mulvane 14 11 10 10 44  
 Augusta: Denise Schrage 7, Donnie Bechtold 7, Sandy Potts 2, Kim Conaway 4, Barbara P. Howell 4, Candi Clarke 4, FT 14 48, F 11 31, F 4  
 Mulvane: Pam Moore 10, Arlene Reekie 7, Kristi Lawless 11, Candi Clarke 2, Candi Clarke 2, Sandy Standerfer 4, Candi Clarke 4, Candi Clarke 4, Candi Clarke 2, FT 14 48, F 11 31, F 12

Brown. "Defense was the difference in the game. We kept them off balance the whole night."

The Wildcats also had one of their best balanced offenses, with Shelly Gerlach knocking down 12 points, Liz Hendricks scoring 11 and Jan Dankert scoring 10.

Dankert, with 10 rebounds, and Kim Elston, with nine, led the Wildcats on the boards to a 43-40 edge.

The Cat girls swing back into action against Kingman at home tonight in the second-to-last regular season home game.