

# Cat Girls Scare Hornets Before First Round Loss

For a few minutes in the third quarter Monday night, March 5, Mulvane High School girls basketball coach Bill Brown thought he'd died and gone to heaven.

There were Brown's proteges, leading Valley Center in the opening round of the Augusta Class 4A Girls Sub-State Basketball Tournament at Valley Center.

"For about two minutes, I thought we were going to spring a major upset," said Brown, "but we just went cold."

The Wildcat gals were leading, 21-20, with three minutes to go in the third

frame but the iceman "cameeth" and the lead said goodbye, as the Hornets rallied for a 41-34 triumph to advance into the semifinal round against Maize, a 57-50 victor over Augusta in another opener. The two will play at 6:30 p.m., Friday at Augusta.

The other two opening round games went like this: Andover 60, Circle 38 and Eureka 37, Clearwater 36.

The loss ended Mulvane's season with a 6-12 overall.

"We held them scoreless for the first four or five minutes of the quarter and got the lead but then went cold," said Brown, noting the Cats hit only two of 11 in the third quarter and Valley hit four of eight shots.

"Our defense was super," said Brown. "It has been super the last six or seven games. We've been holding everybody below their averages but it's still the offense. Why? I think it's determination. I think the girls go out there and if they make a mistake on defense, nobody notices, but on offense, you can see it. The defense just shut Valley Center off, they didn't get any shots inside all night."

## Augusta Class 4A Girls Sub-State

### FIRST ROUND

Mulvane 6 8 8 11 34  
 Valley Center 6 13 8 14 41  
 Mulvane - Vink, H. 4 Shelly Gerlach 9 Sandy Whetstone 3 Jan Dankert 4 Sheena Martinez 3 Liz Hendricks 5 Denise Standerfer 6 FG 12-51 FT 10-18 F 19  
 Valley Center - Tammy Wilbur 2 Nancy Anderson 15 Pat Daniels 14 Brenda Weber 2 Karen Guebelle 6 Tammy Schmiedemann 2 FG 19-40 FT 3-17 F 14

### Girls A-Team

Valley Center 14 9 15 7 45  
 Mulvane 12 4 6 12 34  
 Valley Center -- Nancy Anderson 10, Pat Daniels 17, Karen Guebelle 4, Tammy Wilbur 2, Fran Rowley 1, Brenda Weber 11 FG 19-54 FT 7-16 F 10  
 Mulvane - Jan Dankert 12, Shelly Gerlach 6, Sandy Whetstone 6, Sheena Martinez 2, Liz Hendricks 6, Kim Elston 2 FG 13-46 FT 8-10 F 17

### Girls B-Team

Valley Center 11 9 8 11 41  
 Mulvane 4 16 9 8 37  
 Valley Center - Pam Harpster 3, Tammy Fitzmaurice 2, Sandra Kennedy 4, LeAnn Barnes 6, Fran Rowley 6, Jane Brand 2, Martha Pall 18 FG 15-49 FT 11-18 F 15  
 Mulvane - Arlene Reekie 12, Rene Lamm 8, Jan Dankert 2, Sandy Whetstone 2, Denise Standerfer 13 FG 14-68 FT 9-15 F 18

Playing the Hornet girls for the second time in three days (Valley rocked the Cats, 45-34, Friday night, March 2, here in the final game of the regular season), Mulvane stopped the inside game but couldn't stop Valley Center's outside gunners, who hit 48 percent of their field attempts.

"Defensively, we had them," complained Brown. "If we would have been a little better, a little more aggressive on offense, the kids could have looked up there (at the scoreboard) and thought 'hey, we're going to take these guys'."

A second-period setback eventually spelled the difference in the contest, Valley out-scoring Mulvane, 13-8, in the quarter. "That's been our bad period all season long, it seems," stressed the Cat coach.

Mulvane was only three points back (37-34) with six seconds left, indicating a much closer game. A foul and a turnover both were converted to turn sour Mulvane's upset bid.

Junior Shelly Gerlach led the Wildcat scoring with nine points and seldom-used junior Denise Standerfer pinned in another six points with senior Liz Hendricks closing out her career with five.

Jan Dankert led the Mulvane scoring with 12 points in Friday's regular season finale. Shelly, Liz and Gerlach each added six points as the Cats ended the Chisholm Trail League with a 3-10 record, good for eighth place in the 10-team league.

The Hornet B-team struggled past the Mulvane B-team, too, edging the Cats, 41-37.

Arlene Reekie scored 12 points, showing much promise for the future, and Rene Lamm added eight points.