

Poor Shooting Fuels Wildcats' Loss

Mulvane High School girls basketball coach Bill Brown summed up the Wildcats' 70-25 defeat Friday night, Dec. 8, at home against Goddard in three short words.

"We couldn't shoot," complained Brown. "They played a strong, aggressive defense and we couldn't put the ball in the hole. We went 0-for-8 in the first quarter (while the visiting Lions were taking an 18-1 lead) and we spent the rest of the time holding on."

The loss evened the Wildcat gals' record to 1-1 and sent them into Friday night's (Dec. 15) game at Augusta, hoping to gather forces.

"I really didn't expect Goddard to be that good," said Brown, noting, however, that he figured it would be one of the better teams in the Chisholm Trail League. "The Blasi girls were just average ballplayers a year ago but, boy, have they improved." Becky Blasi scored 11 points and sister Karen added two but their overall play was instrumental.

There were two areas, however, where Brown was slightly pleased in defeat. One was rebounding and the other general aggressiveness.

The Cats, with Jan Dankert marking up 11 caroms and Cindi Lawless another nine, enjoyed a 38-32 rebounding edge. Vicki Kill added another five for Mulvane.

As far as being aggressive the Wildcat gals held their own in a tough, aggressive game. "I think these girls finally are developing," said Brown. "They really were aggressive, really tough, and that's what we like to see, somebody who will get in there and WANT to win the ball game. I thought that was our strongest aspect Friday night. The girls acted like they wanted to play."

Lawless and Dankert led the scoring, too, with 11 and six points, respectively.

WILDCAT GIRLS

A-Team

Goddard	18 15 19 18 -- 70
Mulvane	19 6 9 -- 25
Goddard -- Karen Blasi 2, Tish Buerki 16, Amy Orth 16, Becky Blasi 11, Kayla Williams 8, Jill Drevo 2, Rhonda Ray 8, Diana Perkins 4, Robin Craig 3 FG 27-57 FT 16-31, F 26	
Mulvane -- Sandy Whetstone 1, Shelly Gerlach 1, Vicki Kill 2, Liz Hendricks 2, Jan Dankert 6, Cindi Lawless 10, Denise Standerfer 3 FG 9-40, FT 7-27, F 26	

B-Team

Goddard	12 23 8 9 -- 52
Mulvane	8 4 12 5 -- 29
Goddard -- Kayla Williams 2, Julie Riggs 8, Callyn Payne 2, Robin Craig 8, Tami Woods 15, Shari Morrison 8, Jean Quaney 2, Judy Shingogle 4, Tami Markano 2, Sharol Forsyth 1 FG 23-65, FT 6-11, F 29	
Mulvane -- Kristi Lawless 6, Cindy Nelson 1, Arlene Reekie 12, Vicki Powell 2, Rene Lamm 6, Shelly Camp 2 FG 10-45, FT 9-34, F 15	

Denise Standerfer was next with three more points.

The girls B-team, with sophomore Arlene Reekie having an outstanding outing, was trimmed, 52-29.

Reekie finished with 12 points and 17 rebounds. Kristi Lawless and Rene Lamm each added six points.