



D-back Travis McGuire (17) hangs on as help from B.J. Headgepath (38) and Greg Flores (33) arrives in opener against Goddard
Mulvane Offense Fires Up

Late Score Sinks Wildcats' FB Ship

What's worse? Four fumbles in the first quarter and falling behind by a 28-0 score or fumbling once late in the game while going in for the kill and having that fumble

Goddard 0 7 7 14 28
 Mulvane 7 0 20 0 27
 Touchdowns—Goddard: Joe Rosenstiel 3 (2, 2, 6 runs), Brandon Hancock (2, run), Mulvane: Gavin Snider 3 (29, 8, 12, runs), Grant Snider (65, run)
 Points after touchdowns—Goddard: C.J. Jones 4 (kicks), Mulvane: Greg Flores (kick), Jody Shook 2 (pass from Grant Snider)

TEAM STATISTICS

	Goddard	Mulvane
First Downs	20	16
Total Yards	345	395
Yards Rushing	340	387
Yards Passing	5	8
Passes Attempted	12	6
Passes Completed	1	0
Passes Intercepted By	0	0
Punts-Average	3-36	3-51
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Yards Penalized	45	62

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Goddard—Joe Rosenstiel 30 carries, 158 yards, Derek Puthoff 9-34, Brandon Hancock 28-148, Mulvane—Grant Snider 6-152, Greg Flores 3-31, Gavin Snider 10-176, Travis McGuire 11-28

Passing

Goddard—Derek Puthoff 1 completion, 12 attempts, 5 yards, 0 interceptions, 0 TD, Mulvane—Travis McGuire 1-4, 5-5, 0-0, Grant Snider 1-1, 3-0-0

Receiving

Goddard—Sam Wood 1 reception, 5 yards, Mulvane—Zach Kimble 1-5, Jody Shook 1-3

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Chase Hansen 6 tackles, 15, Landon Branine 4-16, B.J. Headgepath 3-16, Gavin Snider 5-6, Grant Snider 2-9, Zach Kimble 3-1, Kris Stephens 2-2, Travis McGuire 2-2, Andrew Bryant 2-2, Brock Murray 1-4, Greg Flores 1-3, Kyle Womacks 1-1

start a momentum swing that sparks a team to a comeback victory?

Both ways make for an upset stomach when you're on the losing end.

Last year, the Mulvane High School football Wildcats lost four fumbles in the first quarter and lost their season opener to Goddard Friday night, Sept. 5. Mulvane had the Lions on the ropes but a ill-timed fumble in the last eight minutes turned the game around and started a Lions rally that netted a 28-27 triumph in Mulvane.

The visitors scored the final touchdown with 22 seconds left in the game and capped the 13-point swing with the winning extra point.

"An extra point being the difference in a game is tough to take," said MHS Coach Dave Fennewald. "It's tough when you feel like you out-played someone in so many ways and lose the game. There were just a couple of critical plays. Both our fumbles were critical because they scored touchdowns after each one of them."

The Wildcats were sailing right along with a 27-14 lead in the 4th quarter and were driving down the field for another score. Gavin Snider, who finished with a game-high 176 yards in only 10 carries, snapped off another long run to move the ball inside Goddard territory but on the run, he fumbled and the Lions recovered.

"The recovery was a big momentum swing," said Fennewald, "and we never could get the momentum back."

The Lions pounded down the field and

scored, then came back with another drive in the final moments to put the exclamation point on the comeback victory with 22 seconds left.

The Lions, who didn't have a fumble, pounded and pounded and pounded. Mulvane floated like a butterfly and stung like a bee. In fact, Goddard rang up 74 plays to 34 for Mulvane and that pounding finally wore down the Wildcat interior. "We played only 13 kids and by the 4th quarter, we were gassed, no doubt about it," said Fennewald. "The tank was empty. They just wore us down. You have to give them credit. They owned the last eight minutes."

So, depth ended up being the biggest factor in this Chisholm Trail League game and the Class 5A Lions had it over the 4A Wildcats.

Mulvane owned the 3rd quarter. The Cats took advantage of a four-yard punt by Goddard on their 1st possession when Gavin Snider scooted 28 yards for a touchdown with 7:51 left in the first half. After the Lions tied it in the 2nd quarter, 7-7, Mulvane took charge, scoring three times in the 3rd period. Grant Snider scored on a 65-yard run and Gavin Snider added two more scores on runs of eight and 12 yards.

The Wildcats start the season 0-1 in CTL play but Fennewald wasn't too downcast. "We had a lot of positives in the game," emphasized the 12-year veteran. "Gavin and Grant ran like men. They were as physical as I've ever seen them. They ran hard, so I was never so proud of those two as I was after this game. Travis McGuire (quarterback) took ownership of the offense and I was happy to see that. And our two sophomores who started, Jody Shook at tight end and Kyle Womacks at guard gave us 110% in their first varsity start. And B.J. Headgepath (linebacker) had a great game in his first start.

"We did a lot of good things for this being our first game. We did things that show us that we can have a good football team, but we have to get better. We have to get better on defense because we can't win giving up 75 plays."

The Wildcats actually out-gained the Lions. Mulvane's ground game chalked up 387 yards to Goddard's 340.

Defensively, the Cats didn't create any turnovers but lineman Chase Hansen had a great game with a team-best six tackles and 15 assists. Senior linebacker Landon Branine had four tackles and 16 assists and Headgepath at the other linebacker spot was 3-16.

"We started 11 seniors (on defense), that's something I didn't realize until we were getting the list ready for the game announcers," said Fennewald. "Of those 11, I would say at least eight or nine of them answered the bell. For three quarters, we bent but we didn't break. That's something we can build on for the next game."

Chisholm Trail League Football Standings

DIVISION I

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Rose Hill	1	0	1	0
Goddard	1	0	1	0
Valley Center	1	0	1	0
Maize	0	0	0	1
Mulvane	0	1	0	1
Augusta	0	1	0	1
Buhler	0	1	0	1

DIVISION II

Andover Central	1	0	1	0
Kingman	1	0	1	0
Andale	1	0	1	0
Wellington	0	0	0	1
Circle	0	1	0	1
Andover	0	1	0	1
Clearwater	0	1	0	1

Games Friday night, Sept. 12

Mulvane at Andover, 7 p.m.

Goddard at Rose Hill

Andover Central at Andale

Wellington at Kingman

Maize at Buhler

Augusta at Valley Center

Clearwater at Circle

Results Friday, Sept. 5

Goddard 28, Mulvane 27

Rose Hill 55, Augusta 0

Wichita North 26, Wellington 13

Andover Central 48, Andover 6

Valley Center 26, Buhler 13

Kingman 21, Clearwater 0

Andale 41, Circle 0