



Mulvane defenders Landon Branine (40) and Gavin Snider (32) move in for the takedown against Andover Friday night as Zach Kimble (85) holds containment outside

# 'Team' Cats Dump 'A'

That's why they call it a "team sport." The Mulvane High School football Wildcats were balanced and the team chemistry came together at the right time to propel the Cats to a 22-7 triumph over Andover High Friday night, Sept. 12, in Andover.

The victory squared Mulvane's record at 1-1 as the Cats prepared to entertain high-powered Rose Hill in a Chisholm Trail League contest Friday night, Sept. 19. The Rockets are 2-0 and have averaged more than 50 points in those two wins.

"We had some nice contributions from just about everybody on the team Friday night at Andover," said MHS Coach Dave Fennewald. "In our first game (a one-point loss to Goddard) we had our seniors who came through but at Andover, we had some great contributions from our juniors and sophomores who played. And we really needed that to give us more depth. That first week, we played about 13 players both ways."

The Wildcats did look fresher throughout the game but they were also in control of their own destiny against the 0-1 Trojans. Mixing runs by Grant Snider, Gavin Snider and fullback Landon Branine, the Cats marched their first drive of the game about 88 yards for a touchdown with under 40 seconds left in the quarter.

Quarterback Travis McGuire also went 2-for-2 in the air to help keep the Trojan secondary loose. Branine, starting at fullback in place of the injured Greg Flores, who broke his ankle in several places in practice earlier in the week, crunched the last two yards to give Mulvane a 6-0 lead. The P.A.T. kick was blocked.

Meanwhile the MHS defense was bottling up the Trojan offense and a 58-yard TD pass from McGuire to senior Zach Kimble gave Mulvane a 14-0 lead with 9:32 left in the second quarter.

"We had some underclassmen step up that we didn't have in our first game," said Fennewald, returning to the "team" viewpoint. "It was a win-win situation for us because it's something we needed. Sophomore Sage Swaney started for the first time at strong safety and had a good game. Jody Shook, another sophomore starter at tight end, came up with one of the two interceptions we had, and we threw (freshman) Johnny Knight in there to kick off for us since Greg was out. He also caught a pass for us."

"Add to that the contributions on the line by juniors like Tyler Pudden and Mason Leonard. They didn't play that first game but Tyler moved in at nose guard and really did a good job and so did Mason, who started at defensive end. They were getting off the ball and creating things that we didn't have in that first game. Hopefully, we got a boost in team chemistry, which is something I felt we were lacking in. That's what was so special about our last two teams. They both had team chemistry."

The Wildcats were all over the host

## Chisholm Trail League Football Standings

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Rose Hill	2	0	2	0
Valley Center	2	0	2	0
Maize	1	0	1	1
Goddard	1	1	1	1
Mulvane	0	1	1	1
Augusta	0	2	0	2
Buhler	0	2	0	2

  

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	W	L	W	L
Andover Central	2	0	2	0
Kingman	1	0	1	0
Wellington	1	0	1	1
Andale	1	1	1	1
Circle	1	1	1	1
Andover	0	1	1	1
Clearwater	0	2	0	2

Games Friday night, Sept. 19

Rose Hill at Mulvane, 7 p.m.  
Wellington at Andover Central  
Maize at Goddard  
Buhler at Augusta  
Valley Center at Great Bend  
Andover at Kingman  
Andale at Clearwater  
Circle at Cheney

Mulvane	6	8	0	8-22
Andover	0	0	7	0-7
Touchdowns—Mulvane: Landon Branine (2, run), Zach Kimble (58, pass from Travis McGuire), Travis McGuire (19, run) Andover: Austin Pierpoint (68, pass from Jeremy Bippert)				
Points after touchdown—Mulvane: Grant Snider 4 (pass from McGuire; run) Andover: Steven Kreyenhagen (kick)				

### TEAM STATISTICS

	Mulvane	Andover
First Downs	14	10
Total Yards	347	226
Yards Rushing	271	57
Yards Passing	76	169
Passes Attempted	5	27
Passes Completed	3	11
Passes Intercepted By	2	1
Punts/Average	3.47	6.32
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Yards Penalized	65	30

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

Mulvane—Landon Branine 12 carries-83 yards, Grant Snider 6-83, Travis McGuire 18-71, Gavin Snider 7-31, Caleb NeSmith 1-3

#### Passing

Mulvane—Travis McGuire 3 completions-5 attempts-76 yards-1 interception-1 TD Andover—Jeremy Bippert 11-27-169-2-1

#### Receiving

Mulvane—Zach Kimble 1 reception-58 yards, Johnny Knight 1-4, Gavin Snider 1-14

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Landon Branine 4 tackles-15 assists, Chase Hansen 1-11, Gavin Snider 3-4, Grant Snider 1-5, Sage Swaney 0-6, Tyler Pudden 0-5, Zach Kimble 3-0, B.J. Headgepath 1-10, Mason Leonard 1-2, Travis McGuire 1-1, Cris Stephens 1-1, Brock Murray 1-0. Interceptions: Travis McGuire, Jody Shook

Trojans in the opening half and could have put the game in the deep freeze then had it not been for several untimely penalties. McGuire cut down the Mulvane sidelines in the second quarter and skipped about 75 yards for a touchdown but it was called back for an illegal block. The Cats also lost a fumble at Andover's 20 later in the quarter.

When the Trojans came out of the locker room and scored to make it 14-7, the Mulvane sidelines started getting edgy but that didn't last long. The Cats marched into the 4th quarter, going 65 yards for their final score. McGuire went the last 19 yards and Grant Snider ran the point after in for a two-point conversion and a 22-7 lead. Shook protected that lead when he intercepted an Andover pass on the Trojan's last drive.

"On our last drive, we went back to the basics," said Fennewald. "They were shutting our jet sweep down in the 3rd quarter so we just started taking it over to our best lineman, Chase Hansen. We told him to just get it done and he did."

Even though the Trojans shut off the outside to the runs of Gavin Snider and Grant Snider in the 2nd half, the Wildcat offense still generated 347 yards with 271 coming on the ground. Branine bashed his way for 83 yards in 12 carries playing fullback for the first time since his junior high days. Grant Snider had 83 yards in six carries and Gavin Snider had another 31 yards in seven. McGuire finished with 71 yards.

Another area of improvement that Coach Fennewald liked was in the tackling department. The Trojans were able to move through the airways for 169 yards but the Cat tackling was more precise.

"We did a much better job tackling than we did in the first game," pointed out Fennewald. "We watched the film from the first game and the coaches all felt like we just didn't tackle very good, but we got it back against Andover. Our defense really put the clamps on their running game after giving up 300-plus yards on the ground in the first game. That was some big improvement."

Branine, playing at linebacker on defense, led the Wildcats with four tackles and 15 assists. Hansen came away with 12 tackles, linebacker B.J. Headgepath had 11 stops, Gavin Snider had seven and both Grant Snider and Swaney made six.