

# RH Streaks Past Cats

In a game of speed, the Rose Hill Rockets left Mulvane in the dust.

The Rockets also left the MHS Wildcats in the dust Friday night, Sept. 19, in key Chisholm Trail League action at Lyle Couch Field. Rose Hill smothered the Mulvane offense and kept the pressure on the Cat

defense with its quickness and grit and pulled away down the stretch, handing the Wildcats a 23-14 defeat.

That left the Rockets at 3-0 in the CTL and in the thick of the league chase. The Wildcats slipped to 1-2 and their goals now oriented toward the playoffs.

It was a game of big plays and mistakes. Four of the five touchdowns scored in the game were from more than 45 yards out. But the game made a wicked turn against the Wildcats when Rose Hill's James Hensley picked off a Mulvane pass at the goal line with about nine minutes left in the

game. Moments later, Hensley torched the left side of the Cat defense for a 49-yard scoring run that put the game away.

"As ineffectively as we played, it's amazing that we still had a chance to win it in the last quarter," noted Wildcat coach Dave Fennewald. "I can't see why we didn't get beat 35-6. We made way to many mistakes (two interceptions and one fumble lost) and their line just handled our kids up front. Definitely, I was very disappointed that our up front people got handled that easily. That was the biggest factor. Rose Hill controlling the line of scrimmage. They dominated us along the line."

That's where games are won and lost generally.

Both teams possess plenty of speed. Much 3 is why nearly every score was a long one. The Wildcats struck first when fullback Landon Branine burst up the middle for 60 yards and a TD on the first play of a new drive with 4:10 left. The P.A.T. kick was blocked. Rose Hill struck back right before intermission with a TD drive to take a 7-6 lead.

The second half got off to a disastrous start when quarterback-punter Travis McGuire misunderstood a punt formation and tried a 4th down fake punt inside Mulvane's own 30-yard line. That led to a 35-yard field goal. Later in the 3rd, the Rockets scored again to take a 16-6 lead but McGuire ducked into a hole in the inside and scampered 85 yards for a score with 2:04 left in the period.

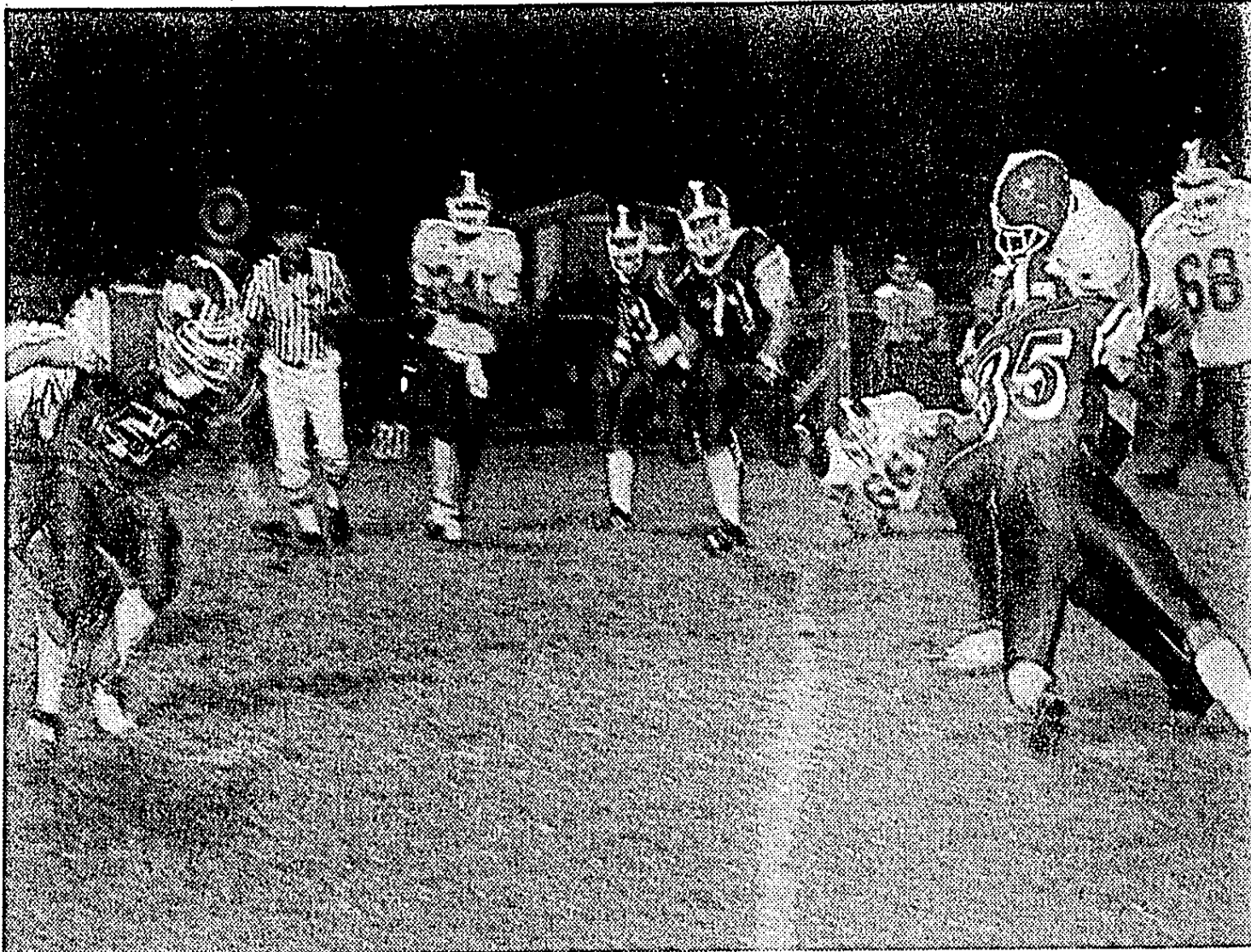
The Wildcats were still in it and were poised to strike again following an interception by Gavin Snider at the RH 44 but on a 4th and 5 pass, Hensley stepped up to make an interception and returned it to near midfield. On the next play, he went 49 yards for the clincher.

The Rockets out-gained Mulvane pretty handily. The MHS defense yielded 409, 302 of it on the ground as both teams busted long plays because of the speed. Mulvane had 201 yards rushing and 234 yards overall.

McGuire was Mulvane's leading ground-gainer with 130 yards in 14 shots. Branine had 63 yards in seven carries but the Rockets limited Mulvane's outside game, its bread and butter to under 35 yards. Gavin Snider had 34 yards but he picked up 40 yards on the first play of the game. Grant Snider was held to minus yards as the Rockets geared its defense and speed to the outside.

Branine also paced the team in tackles with 20. Linebacker B.J. Headgepath had 15 stops and senior lineman Chase Hansen finished with 11.

The Wildcats will try to get back on a winning track Friday night, Sept. 26, when they travel to Maize for another CTL Division I contest, hoping to get another shot to crack "Code Red."



Mulvane's Zach Kimble (85) puts a shoulder in a Rose Hill runner as Tyler Pudden (50) moves over to help

Rose Hill	0	7	9	7-23
Mulvane	6	0	8	0-14
Touchdowns—Rose Hill: Blake Ringwall 2 (16, 65, runs), James Hensley (49, run) Mulvane: Landon Branine (60, run), Travis McGuire (85, run)				
Points After Touchdown—Rose Hill: J.D. Benning 2 (kicks) Mulvane: Gavin Snider 2 (run)				
Field Goals—Rose Hill: Benning (35)				

### TEAM STATISTICS

	Rose Hill	Mulvane
First Downs	14	5
Total Yards	409	234
Yards Rushing	302	201
Yards Passing	107	33
Passes Attempted	20	9
Passes Completed	9	3
Passes Intercepted By	2	2
Punts/Average	2-33.5	5-44.5
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Yards Penalized	95	33

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

Rose Hill—Blake Ringwall 25 carries-219 yards, James Hensley 4-53, Jared McRae 6-0, Kyle Foster 5-16, Kyle Davis 3-4. Mulvane—Travis McGuire 14-130, Gavin Snider 6-34, Landon Branine 7-63, Grant Snider 3-minus two.

#### Passing

Rose Hill—Jared McRae 9 completions-19 attempts-107 yards-2 interceptions-0 TD. Mulvane—Travis McGuire 3-9-33-2-0.

#### Receiving

Rose Hill—James Hensley 4 catches-34 yards, Kyle Foster 4-52, Kyle Davis 1-21. Mulvane—Zach Kimble 2-27, Jody Shook 1-6.

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Landon Branine 4 tackles-16 assists, B.J. Headgepath 2-13, Chase Hansen 1-10, Gavin Snider 4-4, Grant Snider 3-3, Zach Kimble 2-4, Andrew Bryant 2-4, Mason Leonard 1-4, Tyler Pudden 1-4, Sage Swaney 0-5, Travis McGuire 1-2, Cris Stevens 0-2. Interceptions—Gavin Snider, Zach Kimble. Fumble Recovery—Grant Snider.