



Wildcat defenders Grant Snider (20) and Landon Branine (40) hammer down an Andale runner as Zach Kimble (85) and B.J. Headgepath (38) move in to help

1st Round Loss

Can't Cash Cat Chances

It was more a night for a David Copperfield performance than a first round football playoff battle, it seemed. Andale's magic was just a tad better than Mulvane's.

The Indians, playing at home, took advantage of their breaks and opportunities. The Wildcats did not.

The net result was Andale is moving on to host a game Saturday, Nov. 8, against Pratt and the Wildcats went home with a 22-14 loss Tuesday night, Nov. 4, in a 1st round game at Andale.

It was a heroic effort by the Wildcats against an Andale team with more "beef," but the Cats failed to capitalize on several opportunities early and one late. "In big games like this, you have to take advantage of your chances and we didn't. It's that simple," offered MHS Coach Dave Fennewald following the loss that ended the Wildcats' season at 5-5. "We had some great opportunities and didn't cash in. That was the difference in this game."

Fennewald was proud of the effort, though, against the Indians, who improved to 8-2 for the year. "Our kids played their hearts and their souls out," said Fennewald. "They reached down and fought tooth and nail and you can't ask for anything more than they gave. They left it all out on the field tonight."

Early in the game the Wildcats appeared on the verge of something big as the Indians came out with early mistakes. On the first play of the game, Andale fumbled and on the Indians' 4th play, quarterback Paul Eck threw an interception that Zach Kimble picked off to set up a 6-0 Mulvane lead early. Senior Gavin Snider punched the ball in from two-yards out.

Andale came back with a drive inside Mulvane's 10 and that drive was capped by a fumble that was recovered in the end zone

by Eck. Like magic touchdown.

That led to a 22-point spree by the Indians before Mulvane put together its best drive of the game in the final three minutes of the half. Quarterback Travis McGuire topped that drive off by scooting the final 11 yards to paydirt with only 21 seconds left in the first half. Grant Snider took a pitch and turned on the speed to get into the end zone on the point-after try, leaving it at 22-14 at halftime.

Neither team could sustain its offense until Mulvane mounted a drive early in the 4th quarter that gave the Cats a great chance to tie the game. It was 1st and goal inside the 10 yard line. A Landon Branine run moved the ball to the seven but the Cats lost yards on their next two attempts and on 4th down, a McGuire aerial was picked off at the goal line. It was the second Mulvane foray inside the 10 that was stopped without a point.

That came with 10:47 still left in the game, but Andale spent the next seven minutes driving down the field. It turned out to be the critical drive of the season for Mulvane as Andale converted three fourth-down and short situations to move the chains. That included a 4th and one at the Mulvane 30 when it appeared the Cats had stopped the runner for no gain.

The Cats finally got the drive stopped by stripping an Eck on a quarterback sneak but there was only 38 seconds and 95 yards of real estate to negotiate. One completion McGuire-to-Zach Kimble moved the ball out to the 25. Two incomplete passes were followed by a last-ditch heave by reserve QB Logan Sorensen that was intercepted near midfield with less than 15 seconds left.

Branine led the Cat offense with 102 yards in 13 carries and McGuire picked up another 54 yards in 17 tries.

Mulvane: 6-8-0-0-14
Andale: 0-22-0-0-22
Touchdowns: Mulvane: Gavin Snider (2 run), Travis McGuire (1 run); Andale: Paul Eck (2 fumble recoveries in end zone, 14 run, 1 angle, 4 run)
Point-After-Touchdown: Mulvane: Grant Snider (2-2); Andale: Eric (4-4), (1-1), (2-2) gain

TEAM STATISTICS

	Mulvane	Andale
Total Offense	215	284
Yards Rushed	200	248
Yards Passing	18	36
Passes Attempted	8	7
Passes Completed	7	2
Passes Intercepted	1	2
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Yards Penalized	46	8

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Mulvane: Landon Branine (5 carries, 102 yards), Gavin Snider (6-), Travis McGuire (1-54), Grant Snider (2-17)
Andale: Arlan Speerath (1-109), Paul Eck (20-), Andale Brand (3-34), Greenstein (6-28)

Passing

Mulvane: Travis McGuire (2-), completions, 7 attempts, 17 yards, 1 interception, 0 H.I., Logan Sorensen (0-0-0-0)
Andale: Paul Eck (1-8-25-1-0), Pat Ungles (1-1-11-0-0)

Receiving

Mulvane: Gavin Snider (1 catch, 6 yards), Zach Kimble (1-12), Andale: Zak Hein (1-25), Paul Eck (1-11)