

Mulvane Mistake-Prone

Big Plays

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Momentum. You love it when you have it.

Andale had it at the right times Friday night, Sept. 17, when Mulvane High School's gridders travelled to Andale. And three plays defined it as the Indians defended their home turf with a 33-7 romp past the Cats in an inter-divisional game in the Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail League.

"The big plays just killed us because they made most of them and we didn't," emphasized MHS Coach Dave Fennewald. "When they had to have a play, they got it. When we had to have one, we didn't come through. Our execution wasn't good most of the game but as poorly as we played, we were still in it except for about three or four plays."

Three big plays.

Andale scored on three plays over 60 yards and baked the Cats' hopes for a comeback by coming up with all the right answers to keep Mulvane's offense corralled.

But the game still boiled down to several critical series' late in the 2nd quarter. After falling behind, 14-0, the Wildcats' John Knight got loose around the left sideline and went 52 yards for a touchdown. After Matt Myers kicked the P.A.T., Mulvane was in the game at 14-7.

The defense looked like it was going to force a punt after an illegal blocking penalty left Andale facing a 4th down and 13 near midfield with only three minutes left before half. However, Andale completed a 31-yard pass, then took the ball in to score with just over two minutes left before intermission. That made it 21-7.

Starting at the 35 after Andale kicked it out-of-bounds, it didn't take Mulvane long to march inside the Andale 10-yard line with less than 15 seconds to tick. A couple of pass plays pushed the offense inside the five but with no time outs left, a 3rd down run was stopped around the two and time expired.

On Andale's first play from scrimmage in the second half, a reverse pass caught the Cat defensive secondary flat-footed and Andale scored on a 65-yard pass to made it a 28-7 game.

Three plays, two by the Andale offense and one by the Andale defense, defined this game.

"We're definitely inconsistent right now," said Fennewald. "That's what we need to be in search of—consistency. And with an inexperienced team, it's even harder to find. The kids played hard. I mean, they gave it everything on every play, but they also played sloppy. We had four penalties when our wide receivers lined up off-sides. We have to focus on executing better. Most of the time, what's important is not what

Mulvane	0	7	0	0-7
Andale	6	15	12	0-33
Touchdowns—Mulvane	John Knight (57, run)			
Andale	Jason Robben (63, run), Jordan Ungles (2 (65, 1, runs), Adam Simon (65, pass from Robben), Horsch (2, run)			
Points after touchdown—Mulvane	Matt Myers (kick)			
Andale	Robben (2 (run), Brand (kick)			

TEAM STATISTICS

	Mulvane	Andale
First Downs	12	13
Total Yards	279	416
Yards Rushing	192	320
Yards Passing	87	96
Passes Attempted	18	2
Passes Completed	8	2
Passes Intercepted By	0	1
Punts/Average	3-33.3	2-31
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Yards Penalized	(6)	(40)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Mulvane—John Knight 10 carries-94 yards, Sage Swaney 4-36, Logan Sorensen 20-57, Caleb NeSmith 4-5. Andale—Jason Robben 19-166, Jordan Ungles 12-104, Allaire 4-6, Schroeder 5-19, Horsch 3-5, Bruch 4-14, B. Eck 2-6, Heimerman 1-0

Passing

Mulvane—Logan Sorensen 8 completions-18 attempts-87 yards-1 interception-0 TD. Andale—Jason Robben 1-1-65-0-1, Ungles 1-1-31-0-0

Receiving

Mulvane—Matt Myers 2 receptions-28 yards, Sage Swaney 1-12, Tyler Oblinger 1-12, Caleb NeSmith 2-17, John Knight 2-18. Andale—Adam Simon 2-96

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Jason Wohlford 1 tackle 12 assists, Caleb NeSmith 5-6, J.D. Hansen 0-10, Joe Correa 1-6, Logan Sorensen 2-5, Sage Swaney 1-6, Matt Myers 2-4, Tyler Pudden 2-4, John Knight 2-4, Jody Shook 0-5, Mason Leonard 0-3, Syler Swaney 1-1, Emery Thorne 1-0, Jacob Parker 1-0, Kyle Miller 0-1

play a team runs but now they run it. How they execute. You see that at every level. It boils down to execution."

Offensively, Mulvane's execution best came forward when Knight took a pitch from quarterback Logan Sorensen 52 yards for a score early in the 2nd quarter. But the rest of the night, miscues kept the Cats off-balance. Mulvane finished with 279 yards total offense, Andale racked up 416, including 320 on the ground.

"It's like if we have a little miscue on offense, we can't rebound from it," said Fennewald. "We move the ball, something goes wrong and it blows up our drives. We're still trying to find leadership when those things happen."

Knight finished with 94 yards in 10 carries to pace the offense. Sage Swaney averaged nine yards a carry (4-for-36) and Sorensen ran it 20 times for 57 yards. He also completed eight passes for 87 yards.

The Wildcats would have liked nothing better than to hammer the Indians. After all, the eight seniors remember the final game of the 2003 season when Andale knocked the Cats out of the 4A playoffs in the first round.

Fennewald blamed Mulvane's inexperience on defensive lapses that continued during the game. "Again, execution. We didn't execute when we had to. Getting beat on a 4th and 13, that's just inexperience. Their big plays just killed us. Sometimes, we just didn't take the right pursuit angles, then we didn't get there to make the plays."

Big plays were good for Andale's Indians, though. They won their first game after two losses to start the 2004 season.

Linebacker Jason Wohlford topped the Cat tackle chart with 13 stops. Caleb NeSmith had 11 tackles, J.D. Hansen finished with 10 and lineman Joe Correa and Sorensen and Swaney in the backfield had seven apiece.

The Cats will be trying to win their first home game Friday night, Sept. 24, when Iola comes to town for a 7 p.m. contest. The Mustangs from the Southeast Kansas League are 0-3.

Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail League Standings

Division III

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Augusta	3	0	3	0
Wellington	1	0	3	0
Rose Hill	1	1	2	1
Mulvane	1	1	1	2
Buhler	1	2	1	2
El Dorado	0	3	0	3

Division IV

Andover Central	3	0	3	0
Circle	2	0	2	1
Andover	1	1	1	2
Clearwater	1	1	1	2
Andale	0	2	1	2
Kingman	0	3	0	3

Games Friday, Sept. 24

Iola at Mulvane, 7 p.m.
El Dorado at Wellington, 7
Parsons at Rose Hill, 7
Augusta at Buhler, 7
Andover at Andale, 7
Kingman at Andover Central, 7
Clearwater at Circle, 7

Results Friday, Sept. 17

Andale 33, Mulvane 7
Augusta 25, Rose Hill 20
Andover Central 35, Andover 15
Buhler 26, El Dorado 21
Circle 21, Kingman 7
Ulysses 34, Clearwater 0
Wellington 50, Arkansas City 17



Caleb NeSmith (35) and Logan Sorensen (11) smother an Andale runner