



Wildcat defenders Caleb NeSmith (35) and J.D. Hansen (50) have their eyes on bringing down El Dorado runner Friday night

Cats Blister El Dorado

Two If By Land And Air? It Works!

Let's see. It goes like this: one if by land and two if by land and air.

Oh well, it works for me and it worked Friday night, Oct. 9, during the Mulvane High School Homecoming game at Lyle Couch Field.

The MHS Wildcats started slowly but were roaring before the night was out, scoring 48 points in the last three quarters as they romped El Dorado, 48-20, in an Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail League outing in Division III.

Seniors Logan Sorensen (air) and Jason Wohlford (land) took turns waving their magic wands at quarterback. Sorensen had another super passing game, and Wohlford would replace him when tough yardage was needed on the run, but consider this: Have you ever seen somebody score a touchdown every other time he touched the ball?

John Knight, a sophomore, scored on every other play, streaking across the goal

line five times. He ran the ball eight times for 130 yards and caught two passes from Sorensen for another 87 yards to help make it a happy night for the Green and White.

"Once we got rolling, we played well," said Coach Dave Fennwald, confirming the obvious. "We came out flat, which surprised me since it was homecoming and everything, but after we got the offense going, we controlled the game."

Fennwald did it by rotating quarterbacks, and this time, it worked to perfection. "We had intended to do that every game but we kind of got away from it. We got back to it against El Dorado and the decisions those two guys are making have been great."

It was homecoming night but El Dorado was doing all the celebrating early. After Mulvane's first drive bogged down inside the El Dorado 20 and it didn't take long for ED to seize the momentum, moving down with a 12-play drive to score the first touchdown.

But after that, it was totally Mulvane. A fumble recovery by Jacob Parker early in the 2nd quarter started Mulvane's 1st drive. Wohlford came in at QB for an option inside the 15 and Knight took a pitch around the right side for a TD. Matt Myers put Mulvane ahead, 7-6, with his P.A.T. kick. Another drive moments later led to a Wohlford two-yard sneak after an El Dorado penalty helped move the ball inside the five.

But the key score of the game came with 0:00 showing on the clock before halftime. A Sorensen aerial hit Knight perfectly on a corner route as time expired.

"It might sound strange but I think kicking that extra point to go ahead really kind of got people going," said Fennwald. "Then when we scored with no time left on that pass play, it gave us a great confidence boost."

At halftime, Fennwald tried to push the point that the game was not over. "We asked each player if they had accomplished everything they set out to do that night and none of them said they had," noted Fennwald. "We wanted to come out and re-establish our offense in the second half and keep going."

That's what Mulvane did-- with one slight bump in the road. The El Dorado Wildcats returned the second half kickoff about 75 yards inside the Mulvane eight and scored three plays later. The host Wildcats answered swiftly with Knight scoring on a 73-yard run less than 1:30 later to give Mulvane a 28-14 lead.

An interception by Matt Myers set up Mulvane's next scoring drive. You really

wouldn't even call it a drive, though, because on the Cats' first play, Sorensen hit Knight on a screen pass on the left side and he dodged tacklers the rest of the way on a 75-yard scoring pass. You wonder why they weren't watching Knight more closely after the first couple of scoring plays.

Fennwald commended his offensive line--tackles Carl Jones and Mason Leonard, guards are Kyle Miller and Kyle Womacks and center Tyler Goad--for clearing the way for the offensive explosion.

The MHS defense also came up with big plays. Mulvane snapped up five El Dorado turnovers, including fumble recoveries by Parker, Sage Swaney, J.D. Hansen and Tyler Pudden. Jody Shook also had a blocked kick.

The victory improved Mulvane's record to 2-4 and 2-1 in the league. El Dorado fell to 1-5 overall and 0-5 and in last place in the AVCTL.

The "real season" starts Friday night, Oct. 15, though. The Mulvane District includes Rose Hill, Wellington, Mulvane and Belle Plaine. The Wildcats start with Belle Plaine at 7 p.m. in Belle Plaine. The top two district finishers will advance to the first round of the Class 4A football playoffs.

El Dorado	6	0	8	6-20
Mulvane	0	22	12	14-48

Touchdowns—El Dorado: Curtis Downing 2 (28, 1 runs), Ball (13, run), Mulvane: John Knight 5 (11, 73, 26, runs; 21, 67, passes from Logan Sorensen), Sorensen (26, run), Jason Wohlford (9, run)

Points After Touchdowns—El Dorado: David Riddle 2 (run), Mulvane: Matt Myers 4 (kicks), Jason Wohlford 2 (run)

TEAM STATISTICS

	El Dorado	Mulvane
First Downs	9	14
Total Yards	268	491
Yards Rushing	185	313
Yards Passing	83	178
Passes Attempted	9	16
Passes Completed	3	11
Passes Intercepted By	1	1
Punts/Average	2-34.0	2-28.5
Fumbles Lost	4	0
Yards Penalized	31	20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

El Dorado—Curtis Downing 15 carries-91 yards, Jay Smith 2-25, Ball 2-7, David Riddle 16-68, Roberts 1-3, Currier 1-minus 8, Ward 1-minus 1. Mulvane—John Knight 8-130, Sage Swaney 4-46, Caleb NeSmith 6-38, Jason Wohlford 7-34, Logan Sorensen 9-51, Dante Johns 4-14, Ken Herrig 2-0.

Passing

El Dorado—Ward 0 completions-3 attempts-0 yards-1 interception-0 TD. Currier 3-6-83-0-0. Mulvane—Logan Sorensen 11-16-178-1-2.

Receiving

El Dorado—Sanders 1 reception-38 yards, Ward 2-45. Mulvane—Matt Myers 1-3, John Knight 2-87, Caleb NeSmith 6-56, Tyler Oblinger 2-12.

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Caleb NeSmith 6 tackles-5 assists. J.D. Hansen 2-5. Jason Wohlford 0-7. Tyler Pudden 1-6. Sage Swaney 1-4. Joe Correia 2-2, Jody Shook 1-3, Matt Myers 1-3. Logan Sorensen 1-3. Emery Theme 1-3. Kyle Womacks 1-2. Mason Leonard 1-2. Andrew Myers 1-2. Ryan Herrig 1-2. Brock Kendall 1-2. Carl Jones 0-2. Jacob Parker 1-2. Matt Carden 0-1. Tyler Swaney 0-1. Chad Hansen 0-1. Fumble Recoveries—Jacob Parker, Sage Swaney, J.D. Hansen, Tyler Pudden. Interception—Matt Myers. Blocked Kick—Jody Shook.