



Cat quarterback Ryan Herrig (17) goes for the corner against Augusta

## Indian Speed Hurts

# Andale Not Forgiving; Cats Tumble

The Mulvane High School football team got away with mistakes in a win over Buhler. Going into their home game with Andale Friday night, Sept. 16, they knew they probably wouldn't get away with those same mistakes.

And they didn't.

Four turnovers, 11 penalties, and an early 19-0 deficit all proved to be too much to overcome as the Indians (3-0) steamed past the Wildcats, 41-21, to drop Mulvane to 1-2 overall on the season.

"They're definitely the best opponent we've had so far," said MHS head coach Dave Fennewald. "They're very talented and physical, and they only start three seniors. The biggest key, though, was their team speed. They have the kind of speed that you can't simulate in practice."

The 'Cats had a very rough start offensively, fumbling the ball away on two of their first four plays from scrimmage. Andale was ahead 13-0 before the game was four minutes old, and it eventually grew to 19-0 before the quarter was over.

"We have simply had way too many turnovers and penalties over the past two games," said Fennewald. "Some of our mistakes happen due to aggression, and you don't mind those as much. It's the mental errors and the lazy penalties we have to cut down. You can't make mistakes like that against a quality team like Andale and expect to win."

Mulvane finally got the offense moving late in the first quarter with a 10-play scoring drive, ending with a four-yard scoring run by running back John Knight. Brit Ericson's extra point made the score 19-7 just before the quarter ended. Andale scored again to go up 27-7, but the Wildcats came back with an 18-play drive that lasted 7:30, ending with a one-yard TD plunge by Knight just before halftime, and the 'Cats found themselves only behind 27-14 at the break.

"We moved the ball well," said Fennewald. "We actually outgained them for the game. We had three drives of at least 10 plays. Our guys never gave up, and they showed a lot of resilience. There was no second-guessing anybody's effort out there."

It only took the Indians four plays in the third quarter to score another touchdown to go up 33-14, but Mulvane fought back again with another long scoring drive. A 60-yard screen pass from Ryan Herrig to Knight set up Herrig's four-yard QB keeper for a touchdown, and the 'Cats were back within 33-21.

### 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
El Dorado	1	2	1	2
Buhler	0	3	0	3

### Division IV

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

### Results from Sept. 16

Andale 41, Mulvane 21  
Augusta 23, Rose Hill 10  
Wellington 18, Arkansas City 7  
El Dorado 21, Buhler 14  
Andover Central 21, Andover 7  
Kingman 28, Circle 27 (OT)  
Ulysses 73, Clearwater 0

### Games Friday, Sept. 23

(All games start at 7 p.m.)

Mulvane at Iola  
Rose Hill at Parsons  
Buhler at Augusta  
Wellington at El Dorado  
Andale at Andover  
Andover Central at Kingman  
Circle at Clearwater

Andale	19	8	6	8-41
Mulvane	7	7	7	10-21

### Scoring

Touchdowns—Andale: Jason Robben 5 (1, 4, 13, 41, 5, runs), Josh Heimerman (46, run). Mulvane: John Knight 2 (4, 1, runs), Ryan Herrig (4, run).

Points after touchdowns—Andale: Schneider 4 (2 passes from Toby Eck), Brand (kick). Mulvane: Brit Ericson 3 (kicks)

### TEAM STATISTICS

	Andale	Mulvane
First Downs	8	9
Rushing Yards	248	182
Passing Yards	7	123
Total Offense	255	305
Pass Completions	1	7
Pass Attempts	2	15
Passes Intercepted	0	2
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Punts/Average	3/27.5	3/33
Penalties/Yards	5/20	11/78

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

Andale—Jason Robben 17 carries-130 yards, Josh Heimerman 6-90, Schroeder 5-23, Toby Eck 5-3, Brent Fisher 1-2. Mulvane—Ryan Herrig 25-90, Sage Swaney 11-44, John Knight 8-26, Caleb NeSmith 7-22.

#### Passing

Andale—Toby Eck 1 completion-2 attempts-7 yards-0 INT-0 TD. Mulvane—Ryan Herrig 7-15-123-2-0.

#### Receiving

Andale—Schneider 1 reception-7 yards. Mulvane—John Knight 4-100, Sage Swaney 1-11, Tyler Oblinger 1-10, Caleb NeSmith 1-2.

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Caleb NeSmith 2 tackles-13 assists, Huldson Tharp 2-9, Brit Ericson 2-8, Syler Swaney 4-4, Sage Swaney 1-7, John Knight 1-4, Andrew Myers 2-3, Kyle Womacks 1-2, Chad Blackwell 0-2, Ryan Herrig 1-0, Matt Carden 0-1, Tyler Oblinger 1-1.

Fumble recovery—Syler Swaney.

The biggest sequence of the game came later in the third. Andale muffed a punt, and Syler Swaney recovered for the Wildcats inside the Andale 30. After two sacks and a penalty, though, Mulvane's possession ended at the Andale 42 with no points. "That's what hurt the most," said Fennewald. "We were given a chance to get back within one score, and we couldn't capitalize."

Andale would tack on one more touchdown early in the fourth quarter after intercepting a Herrig pass and returning it to the Mulvane 5. "When you play our style of offense, you're going to put the ball on the ground once in a while," said Fennewald. "That's the risk of an option-style offense. All we can do is try to cut down the number of times that happens. Andale scored 21 points off of our turnovers, and none of those drives was longer than 40 yards. We have to give ourselves the chance to win games."

Herrig ran for 90 yards while Sage Swaney added 44 yards on 11 carries. Knight had four receptions for 100 yards to go with 26 rushing yards. Herrig was 7-for-15 passing for 123 yards with two interceptions. Fennewald cited the play of the offensive line, particularly Tyler Goad and Chase Hansen. On defense, Caleb NeSmith was in on 15 tackles, freshman linebacker Huldson Tharp had 11, Ericson had 10, and Sage and Syler Swaney each had eight. Syler Swaney also had his third takeaway in as many games. He previously had interceptions against Augusta and Buhler.

The 'Cats will try to get back to .500 Friday night, Sept. 23, when they travel to southeast Kansas to take on Iola. The Mustangs knocked off the Wildcats in Mulvane last year, 22-21. The opening kickoff is set for 7 p.m.