

Shutout Matches 8-Season Total

The next four weeks are going to be tough for the Mulvane High School football team. That made the Wildcats' game at Buhler Friday night, Sept. 15, very important.

Mulvane got through the game with their second shutout in three games, a 21-0 win at Buhler to improve to 3-0 overall on the season, 2-0 in AVCTL Division III. In three games, Mulvane's first-string defense has not allowed a touchdown. The Wildcats shut out El Dorado and Buhler. Valley Center scored two touchdowns, but one was on defense, and the other came late in the game against Mulvane's reserves.

"It was another great defensive effort," said MHS head coach Dave Fennewald. "I think our guys are starting to realize how good they can be. They're trying to establish an identity, and they're showing a lot of pride on the field. Among the advantages they have are that they've been playing together a long time now, plus they're just flying to the ball right now."

Buhler never got inside the Mulvane 20-yard line. The Wildcats held the Crusaders to 75 yards rushing and 205 total yards. Mulvane also forced two turnovers.

The shutout was the second of this season for Coach Scott Swaney's defensive Cats in three games. That matches the number of shutouts MHS has posted in the last eight seasons. The Wildcats' last shutout prior to this season was in the 2003 season

AVCTL III-IV Football Standings

DIVISION III

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Mulvane	2	0	3	0
Rose Hill	1	0	3	0
Angus	1	0	1	2
Andover	0	0	2	1
Buhler	0	2	1	2
El Dorado	0	2	0	3

DIVISION IV

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

Last Week's Results

Mulvane 21, Buhler 0
 Rose Hill 58, Haven 0
 Augusta 35, El Dorado 7
 Andover 38, Clearwater 13
 Andale 41, Andover Central 6
 Garden Plain 48, Kingman 13
 Wellington 7, Circle 3

Games Friday, Sept. 22

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



and it was the only one. Mulvane also had only one shutout in the 2002 season.

With two in the first three games, the Cats have a chance to surpass the 1995 season when the team had two shutouts. That year, the Wildcats blanked Chaparral, 7-0, and Circle, 19-0, on the way to a 7-2 season and an undefeated Chisholm Trail League title.

The Wildcats had a solid game offensively, but Mulvane did have 11 penalties for 81 yards, as well as two turnovers of their own. "We moved the ball very well for most of the game, but mistakes really hurt us," said Fennewald. "We played a cleaner game against Valley Center. Most of our penalties were holding calls, which we simply cannot do against our next few opponents. Eleven penalties is way too many."

Mulvane's opening drive of the game saw the Wildcats run 13 plays, but they eventually turned the ball over on downs. On Buhler's first play, though, the Crusaders fumbled, and Matt Carden recovered for the 'Cats. On the next play, Huldton Tharp's five-yard touchdowns run gave the Wildcats an early lead. Kyle Ericson's extra point made the score 7-0.

In the second quarter, Mulvane had another long drive, and they finished this one, with quarterback Ryan Herrig keeping it himself for a six-yard touchdown run, and Ericson's PAT made the score 14-0. That score was set up by a 17-yard completion from Herrig to Albert Hixson on 4th-down-and-14. Mulvane's final score came late in the third quarter on a 15-yard run by Tharp.

"We felt it was important to get ahead by a couple of scores," said Fennewald. "Buhler was coming off a big win against Wellington, so we knew we had to jump on them early and get them down. Albert's catch was a really big play. He had a great game on both sides of the ball."

Mulvane finished with 251 yards on the ground and over 300 yards of total offense. Herrig finished with 109 yards rushing on 19 carries and was 5-for-10 passing for 50 yards. Tharp added 108 rushing yards on 23 carries. John Knight had two receptions while Hixson, Tyler Oblinger, and Tyler

Springer each had one.

On defense, Tharp and Tyler Swaney were each in on 11 tackles. Hixson had nine stops, Jesse Pierce and Levi Hein seven each, and Andrew Myers six. Myers also had Mulvane's only quarterback sack. Along with Carden's fumble recovery, Swaney had an interception to end Buhler's last offensive possession.

The Wildcats will get their toughest test to date when they host AVCTL III rival Andover Friday night, Sept. 22. The game will kick off at 7 p.m.

Mulvane	7	7	7	0-21
Buhler	0	0	0	0-0

Scoring

Touchdowns—Mulvane: Huldton Tharp 2 (5, 15 runs), Ryan Herrig (6, run).

Points after touchdowns—Mulvane: Kyle Ericson 3 (kicks).

TEAM STATISTICS

	Mulvane	Buhler
First Downs	14	5
Rushing Yards	251	75
Passing Yards	50	130
Total Offense	301	205
Pen Completions	5	7
Pan Attempts	10	27
Passes Intercepted	0	1
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Penalties/Yards	11/81	8/65
Points/Average	5/21	5/36

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Mulvane—Ryan Herrig 19 carries-109 yards, Huldton Tharp 23-108, Tyler Oblinger 3-22, Chad Blackwell 2-9, John Knight 2-5, Buhler—Jiles 8-26, Ruffler 10-22, Luedersback 2-19, Field 4-8.

Passing

Mulvane—Ryan Herrig 5 completions-10 attempts-50 yards-0 INT-0 TD; Buhler—Davis 7-27-130-1-0.

Receiving

Mulvane—John Knight 2 receptions-10 yards, Albert Hixson 1-17, Tyler Oblinger 1-13, Tyler Springer 1-10, Holmes 2-76, Dulgado 3-38, Warner 1-10, Jiles 1-6.

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Huldton Tharp 3 tackles-8 assists, Tyler Swaney 3-8, Albert Hixson 2-7, Jesse Pierce 0-7, Andrew Myers 3-3, Levi Hein 2-5, Ryan Herrig 0-5, John Knight 0-4, Tyler Oblinger 2-2, Matt Carden 1-2, Tyler Springer 0-1, Chad Blackwell 0-1, Quinone Smith 0-1, Kyle Ericson 0-1, Phil Burton 0-1, Aaron Elston 0-1, William Ried 0-1, Danny Schneider 0-1.

Interceptions—Tyler Swaney
 Fumble recovery—Matt Carden
 QB Sack—Andrew Myers.