

The Mulvane High School football team's loss to Andover was one that got away. The Wildcats' game at Rose Hill Friday night, Sept. 29, was one that got away quickly.

The host Rockets used a 21-point second-quarter blitz to pull ahead and went on to defeat the Wildcats, 35-13. Mulvane slipped to 3-2 overall on the season, 2-2 in AVCTL Division III.

"We just got dominated up front on both sides of the ball," said Wildcat head coach Dave Feneiwald. "They're definitely the best team we've faced so far. They controlled the line of scrimmage, and they always seemed to be one step ahead of us. Our guys batted hard, but we're just not quite at that level yet. We've improved a lot, but we're still trying to establish an identity."

A fumbled punt in the first quarter put Rose Hill in Wildcat territory, but the Mulvane defense stiffened, and a 32-yard field-goal attempt sailed wide left. The game would stay scoreless through the first quarter, but Rose Hill put a drive together early in the second, capped by a 32-yard touchdown run by tailback Josh Hayden, giving Rose Hill a 7-0 lead.

Rose Hill's next possession was a similar drive, and Hayden finished again from four yards out to make the score 14-0. The Wildcats were forced to punt on their next possession, but the Rockets started back inside their own 20-yard line. It wasn't enough to stop Rose Hill, though, and quarterback Braden Crowe hit wideout Trent Ubbens for a 51-yard scoring pass down the right sideline with 1:16 left for a 21-0 lead at the half.

"Rose Hill has a balanced offense, and we know that going in," said Feneiwald. "Our defense was a little down at the half, but we made some adjustments and played much better in the third quarter. There were some times that I didn't think we competed as well. Our defense was just on the field too much."

The Wildcats took the second-half kickoff and had their best drive of the night. Mixing Hudson Tharp's running and a long completion from Jordan Gosch to John Knight, the "Cats got inside the Rose Hill 20. Two plays later, though, Gosch was intercepted at the 15. The Wildcats recon-

tered a fumble shortly thereafter and were in scoring position again, but the Wildcats were stopped on downs inside the 20.

Rose Hill went up 28-0 early in the fourth quarter on another four-yard TD run by Hayden, and they later added a 28-yard scoring pass from Crowe to receiver Taylor Stauffer. Finally, Mulvane got on the board with a 65-yard scoring drive, ending with a two-yard scoring run by Tharp with 2:34 remaining. The "Cats got the ball back over last time and, on the last play of the game, Gosch completed a 48-yard TD bomb to sophomore receiver Tyler Springer.

"Jordan's a competitor," said Feneiwald. "No matter what the game is, he wants to beat you. Making his first start in a game like this is a pretty courageous effort on his part. It's definitely a good experience for him."

The "Cats were held to a season-low 272 yards of total offense. Tharp carried the ball 23 times for 90 yards, but Mulvane had just 117 total rushing yards. Gosch, making his first varsity start, completed nine of 18 attempts for 153 yards and a touchdown, but also had three interceptions. Knight finished the game with four catches for 79 yards while five other Wildcats had one reception each, including Springer's first varsity touchdown.

It was a rough night for the Wildcat defense, which allowed 407 yards (22 rushing) and 35 points after giving up just 26 points over their first four games, including two shutouts. Tyler Swancy was in on 19 tackles. Tharp had 17 stops, Tyler Okinger had 15, Jesse Pierce 13, and Albert Hissam nine.

The Wildcats return home for Homecoming Week, which will end with Mulvane's AVCTL Division III showdown with Augusta Friday night, Oct. 13. The opening kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Mulvane	0	0	0	13-13
Rose Hill	0	21	0	14-35

Scoring

Touchdowns—Mulvane: Hudson Tharp (2, run), Tyler Springer (48, pass from Jordan Gosch), Rose Hill: Josh Hayden (135, 4, run), Trent Ubbens (51, pass from Braden Crowe), Taylor Stauffer (28, pass from Crowe).

Points after touchdowns—Mulvane: Kyle Etienne (2), Rose Hill: Justin Wade (1 kick).

TEAM STATISTICS

	Mulvane	Rose Hill
First Downs	8	12
Rushing Yards	117	221
Passing Yards	153	186
Total Offense	272	407
Punt Completions	0	0
Punt Attempts	18	10
Passes Intercepted	3	0
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Penalties/Yards	5/57	12/94
Passes/Interceptions	9/3	5/2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Running
Mulvane—Hudson Tharp 23 carries-90 yards, Chad Burchfield 2-14, Jordan Gosch 2-13, John Knight 2-1.
Rose Hill—Josh Hayden 27-171, Braden Crowe 3-26, Mike Smith 2-7, Jared Henley 1-7, Cody Kashi 2-7, Taylor Stauffer 1-6, Luke Crawford 1-6.

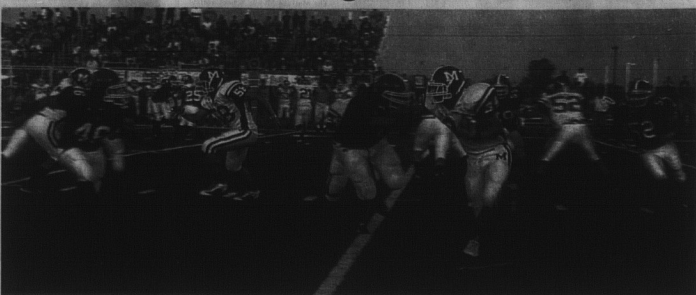
Passing
Mulvane—Jordan Gosch 9 completions-18 attempts-153 yards-3 INT-1 TD. **Rose Hill—**Braden Crowe 10-15-186-0-2.

Receiving
Mulvane—John Knight 4 receptions-79 yards, Tyler Springer 1-48, Aaron Etienne 1-13, Jesse Pierce 1-8, Tyler Okinger 1-8, Hudson Tharp 1-carry-2, Rose Hill—Trent Ubbens 3-51, Taylor Stauffer 3-28, Mike Smith 2-16, Stu Page 2-16.

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Tyler Swancy 4 tackles-17 assists. **Hudson Tharp** 3-14, **Tyler Okinger** 2-13, **Jesse Pierce** 1-12, **Albert Hissam** 1-8, **Lavi Davis** 0-6, **Tyler Springer** 2-3, **John Knight** 1-3, **Matt Corbin** 0-4, **Andrew Myers** 0-4, **Aaron Etienne** 0-2, **Quinn Smith** 0-2, **David Kashi** 1-6, **Kyle Etienne** 0-1, **Phil Burstein** 1-1.

Fumble recovery—Andrew Myers, Jordan Gosch.
Off. ball—Hudson Tharp, Matt Corbin 1/2, Andrew Myers 1/2.



Running back Hudson Tharp (34) off-arms a would-be Rose Hill tackler; Lineman David Kraft (52) blocks on the backside and Andrew Myers (58) hustles downfield for a block.