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No Playoff Treats For MHS Cats

may have been Halloween Night, but were no playoff treats for the Mulvane h School football team in their opener

day light, Oct. 31.

disiting Andover Central scored two
i-quarter touchdowns to open a 21-point
i, and a Wildest rally ran out of time as ane fell. 34-21, in a first-round Birict playoff game at Mulvane. The loss apped a four-game winning streak and ed Mulvane's season at 7-3 overall, with r three losses coming to Rose Hill, lover, and Andover Central. The 'Cats finished 3-2 in AVCTL Division III, for second place with Andover behind

e champion Rose Hill The only scoring of the first quarter came om the visiting Jaguars, who took a 7-0 lead a one-ward touchdown plunge by running k Jaydan Bird. Early in the second quarter, alvane would tie the score on a 23-yard seep by senior John Knight, sending the lideat crowd into a frenzy. Central would ke the lead back on another one-yard TD m by Bird. The extra point was missed, and se Wildcats only trailed 13-7 at halftime.

The third quarter quickly turned into a eal Halloween nightmare. Bird scored his hird touchdown, this time from two yards

21-7. Later in the quarter, Jags quarterback Jordan Wilson found Cole Wilkins for a 24yard scoring pass, and the 'Cats suddenly

found themselves down 28-7. Central's Keaton LaBanca scored from a yard out early in the fourth to make it 34-7. To their credit, the Wildcats went down swinging. Rvan Herrig hit Tyler Oblinger for a 43-yard touchdown nass to make it 34-14 On Mulvane's next possession, Herrig completed a five-yard TD pass to Knight on fourth and

goal to make it 34-21 with 3:26 to play. Mulvane's onside kick attempt was recovered

by Central, and the Jags ran out the clock. Knight led Mulyane with 63 yards rushing on six carries and added 50 yards receiving on five receptions, scoring twice overall. more running back Huldon Tharn was held to a season-low 55 yards rushing on 11 carries. Herrig added 40 yards rushing and was 12-of-24 passing for 155 yards and two touchdowns with one interception. For Central, Bird carried the ball 38 times for 181 yards. The

Jaguars (7-3) will host Chapman (9-1) in the Regional playoff round Saturday, Nov. 4. The Wildcats' regular-season finale at home against Belle Plaine Thursday night. Oct. 26, went pretty much as expected, with

the exception of the 90-minute weather delay. The 'Cats had to wait out a strong thunderstorm, but the game was finally complet ed, with Mulvane rolling to a 42-8 win over the visiting Dragons. The Wildcats, who had already clinched the district title, fin-ished 3-0 in District 12.

"That was one of those situations that you don't expect to deal with," said ATHS head coach Dave Fennewald. "The later the game goes, the more you worry about kids getting

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1, 2, runs), Cole Wilkins (24, pass from Jordan Wilson), Keaton Lallanca (1, run), Madvaner John Knight 2 (23, run; 5, pass from Ryan Herrig), Tyler Oblinger (43, pass Points after touchdowns—Andover Central: Ben sch 2 (kicks), Zach Missiban 2 (pass from Wilson). Hanne: Kyle Ericson 3 (kicks). TRAM STATISTICS



yards, Jordan Wilson 8-70, Keaton LaBanca 5-16, Blaine Crouch 2-10, Zach Minnihan 1-8, Javaon Hatt 1-1. Crosch 2-10, Zach Minnihan 1-8, Jayson Hatt 1-1. Mulvane—John Knight 6-63, Huldon Tharp 11-35. Ryan Herrie 9-40, Aaron Elsten 3-7.

Andover Central—Jordan Wilson 7 completions-9 attempts-91 yards-1 TD-0 INT. Mulvane—Ryan Herrig 12-24-155-2-1. Andover Central—Cole William 4 receptions-55 yards, Mick McKanghone 2-35, Keaton LaBanca 1-1. Mulwan—John Kaight 5-50, Coltager 1-12, Chad Blackwell 1-11, Aaron Elston 1-12, Chad Blackwell 1-12, Chad Blackwell 1-11, Aaron Elston 1-12, Chad Blackwell 1-12, Chad Blackw



Schmidt 2 (pass from Cooper Stewart), Mu Ericson 6 (kicks)

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Passing
Belle Plaine-Brandon Golden 2 consuletie attempts-26 yards-1 TD-0 INT, Jason Schmidt 1-1-(minus 2)-0-0, Cooper Stewart 0-6-0-0-2, Brown 0-2-0-0-0. Mulvane—Ryan Herrig 1-3-14-1-0.

Belle Plaine—Jason Schmidt 2 receptions-16 yards Anthony Klein 1-8. Mulvane—John Knight 1-14. DEFENSIVE STATISTICS Syler Swaney 3 tackles-10 assists, Huldon Tharp 1 9. Levi Hein 0-8, Quinton Smith 2-5, Albert Hixson 1-6. Jesse Pierce 1-6, Matt Carden 0-5, Tyler Springer 1-3, Justin Leatherman 2-1, Brenton Higgins 1-2, Tyler Oblinger 6-3, Jacob Snider 6-3, Danny Schneider 6-3,

Chad Blackwell 1-1, William Bird 0-2, Kyle Ericson 0 2, Phil Bartlett 0-2, Matt Clark 1-0, Kody Scott 0-1 Aaron Elston 0-1, A.J. May 0-1, David Kraft 0-1, Tylor Stovens 0-1. Andrew Myers 0-1, Ryan Herrig 0-1, Carlon Galvan 0-1, Clint Bosley 0-1. Fumble recovery—Kyle Ericson Interception—Ryan Horrig 2

hurt. You also worry about the play getting sloppy with the field and the ball getting wet. Still, we got everything accomplished that we wanted to accomplish, and we quickly

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got our minds set on the playoffs." for numes set on the playous.

For all intents and purposes, the game closely resembled Mulvane's 49-14 win at Douglass six days earlier. The Wildcats scored on every first-half possession. After forcing a punt to start the game, Mulvane took over at the Dragon 38 and needed just two carries by

Huldon Tharp to score, the second carry a 20-vard touchdown for a 7-0 lead. Belle Plaine attempted a fake punt on their next possession, but Mulvane stopped the Dragons short of the first down. On the next play, John Knight swept over the left side for a 20-yard score and a 14-0 lead. Farly in the second quarter, Ryan Herrig intercepted a Dragon pass and, two plays later, kept the ball himself for a 43-yard TD run to make it 21-0.

On Mulvane's next possession, Herrig hit Knight for a 14-yard TD pass to make the score 28-0. Another failed fake punt set up Mulyane's next score, a four-yard run by Tharp, to make it 35-0. Then, with 3:35 left in the half, the thunder and lightning came. After about 90 minutes of waiting, the decision was made to come back out and simply

begin the second half from there. The Wildcats added another score by their reserves early in the third quarter, with Mitchell Simon scoring his first varsity touchdown on a nine-yard run, and Kyle Ericson's PAT made it 42-0. The Dragons picked up a touchdown pass and a two-point conversion pass late in the quarter to wrap up the scoring.

"One-sided games like that are never much fun, especially under those conditions," said Fennewald. "The best thing about it was that we gave our starters a rest, and we got our reserves some snaps. We had our backup running backs gets some carries in behind our starting offensive line. It really gives us the best chance to evaluate our younger kids."

Herrig led Mulvane with 90 yards rushing on just five carries. Tharp had 73 yards on 11 carries, and Knight ran twice for 26 yards. The Wildcats also got 25 yards from Tyler Oblinger, 24 from Quinton Smith, and 18 from Simon. Herrig's 14-yard TD to Knight was his only completion in three attempts.

The Mulvane defense held Belle Plaine to

164 total yards, 140 of those coming on the ground, and forced three turnovers. Syler Swaney led the defense with 13 total tackles while Tharp was in on 10 stops. Mulvane also got eight tackles from Levi Hein and seven each from Smith, Jesse Pierce, and Albert Hixson. Herrig finished with two interceptions while Ericson added a fumble recovery

