

# Playoff Treats For Mustangs

It may have been Halloween Night, but there were no playoff treats for the Mulvane High School football team in their opener Tuesday night, Oct. 31.

Visiting Andover Central scored two third-quarter touchdowns to open a 21-point lead, and a Wildcat only ran out of time as Mulvane fell, 34-21, in a first-round Bi-District playoff game at Mulvane. The loss stopped a four-game winning streak and ended Mulvane's season at 7-3 overall, with their three losses coming to Rose Hill, Andover, and Andover Central. The 'Cats also finished 5-2 in AWCFL Division III, tied for second place with Andover behind league champion Rose Hill.

The only scoring of the first quarter came from the visiting Jaguars, who took a 7-0 lead on a one-yard touchdown plunge by running back Jayson Bird. Early in the second quarter, Mulvane would tie the score on a 23-yard sweep by senior John Knight, sending the Wildcat crowd into a frenzy. Central would take the lead back on another one-yard TD run by Bird. The extra point was missed, and the Wildcats only trailed 13-7 at halftime.

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

out, and the two-point conversion made it 21-7. Later in the quarter, Jags quarterback Jordan Wilson found Cole Wilkins for a 24-yard scoring pass, and the 'Cats suddenly found themselves down 28-7.

Central's Keaton Lahaesa scored from a yard out early in the fourth to make it 34-7. To their credit, the Wildcats went down swinging. Ryan Herrig hit Tyler Oltinger for a 43-yard touchdown pass 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 Mulvane with 63 yards rushing on six carries and added 50 yards receiving on five receptions, scoring twice overall. Sophomore running back Hudson Tharp was held to a season-low 55 yards rushing on 11 carries. Herrig added 60 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 (8-1) in the Regional playoff round Saturday, Nov. 4.

The Wildcats' regular-season finale at home against Belle Plaine Thursday night, Oct. 28, went pretty much as expected, with the exception of the 90-minute weather delay.

The 'Cats had to wait out a strong downpour, but the game was finally completed, with Mulvane rolling to a 42-9 win over the visiting Dragons. The Wildcats, who had already clinched the district title, finished 3-0 in District 12.

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

### Class 4A Bi-District

Andover Central	7	5	11	4-0-0
Mulvane	6	9	19	3-1-1

**Touchdowns—Andover Central:** Jayson Bird 5 (1, 2, 3, 4), Cole Wilkins (24, pass from Jordan Wilson), Keaton Lahaesa (1), Ryan Herrig (23, pass from Ryan Herrig), Tyler Oltinger (43, pass from Ryan Herrig).

**Points after touchdowns—Andover Central:** Ben Foyce 2 (24-2), Zach Minslow 2 (pass from Wilson), Mickey Ellison 1 (kick).

TEAM STATISTICS		Andover Central		Mulvane	
Ranking	Yards	256	165	181	155
Passing	Yards	317	155	220	155
Time of Possession	Yards	9	12	12	12
Penalties	Yards	0	1	1	0

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Running**  
 Andover Central—Jayson Bird 38 carries:181 yards, Jordan Wilson 5-70, Keaton Lahaesa 2-18, Blake Crouch 2-16, Zach Minslow 1-4, Jayson Hatt 1-1, Mervyn—John Knight 10 carries:105 yards, Ryan Herrig 9-48, Aaron Elton 3-7.

**Passing**  
 Andover Central—Jordan Wilson 7 completions-9 attempts-91 yards-1 TD-INT, Mulvane—Ryan Herrig 12-24-155-2-1.

**Receiving**  
 Andover Central—Cole Wilkins 4 receptions-55 yards, Mick McLaughlin 3-25, Keaton Lahaesa 1-1, Mervyn—John Knight 10-155, Oltinger 1-43, Hudson Tharp 3-33, Tyler Springer 1-12, Chad Blackwell 1-11, Aaron Elton 1-7.

Regular Season		Andover Central		Mulvane	
Points	Yards	9	8	8	0-42
Touchdowns	Yards	14	21	7	0-42

**Touchdowns—Belle Plaine:** Anthony Klein (8, pass from Braden Colton), Matthew Haskin (7, 23, 24, run), John Knight 2 (28, run, pass from Ryan Herrig), Ryan Herrig (43, run), Mitchell Simon (8, run). **Points after touchdowns—Belle Plaine:** Jason Schmidt 2 (pass from Cooper Swartz), Mulvane: Mike Ellison 2 (kick).

### TEAM STATISTICS

Belle Plaine		Mulvane	
First Downs	Yards	140	269
Passing	Yards	24	24
Time of Possession	Yards	154	283
Penalties	Yards	1	0
Pass Attempts	Yards	12	3
Penalties	Yards	2	0
Penalties	Yards	1	0
Penalties	Yards	215	215
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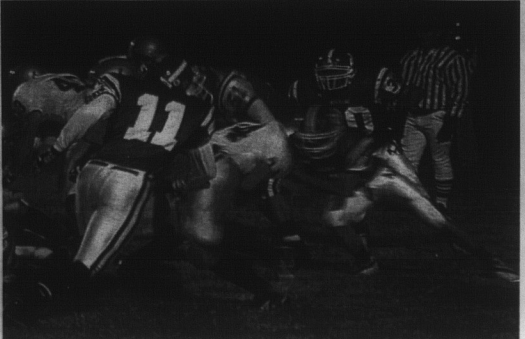
### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Running**  
 Belle Plaine—Braden Colton 14 carries-69 yards, Walker 10-14, Jason Schmidt 10-23, Jarriss 2-9, McCay 1-4, Cooper Swartz 2-20 (1), Mulvane—Ryan Herrig 9-96, Hudson Tharp 11-77, John Knight 3-28, Tyler Oltinger 3-25, Quince Smith 5-24, Mitchell Simon 7-18, Aaron Elton 1-10, Chad Blackwell 2-3.

**Passing**  
 Belle Plaine—Braden Colton 2 completions-3 attempts-28 yards-1 TD-0 INT, Jason Schmidt 1-11-20-0-0, Cooper Swartz 1-6-0-0-0, Brown 0-2-0-0-0, Mulvane—Ryan Herrig 1-3-14-0-0.

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Andover Central 3 sacks-10 assists, Haskin 1-4, Levi Elton 0-8, Quince Smith 2-3, Albert Hinson 1-4, Jason Pierce 1-4, Matt Carlen 0-5, Tyler Springer 1-3, Justin Leathersmore 2-1, Braven Higgins 1-1, Tyler Oltinger 0-3, Isaac Sinder 0-1, Denny Schaefer 0-3, Chad Blackwell 1-1, William Bird 0-0-0-0, Simon 0-2, Phil Bartlett 0-2, Matt Clark 1-0, Kody Scott 0-1, Aaron Elton 1-2, Matt Clark 1-0, Daniel Earl, Tyler Stevens 0-1, Andrew Myers 0-1, Ryan Herrig 0-1, Carlos Garcia 0-1, Chad Busby 0-1.  
 Possible recovery—Kyle Ellison.  
 Interceptions—Ryan Herrig 2.



Mulvane defenders Albert Hixon (11), William Bird (51), Jens Pierce (30) and Tyler Swaney (8) cover on Central runner for a stop.