

Mounties Win Over SP

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KINGS MOUNTAIN — Sprung loose on a fine block by left tackle Jerry Lovelace, high-stepping halfback Philbert Smith raced 64 yards on the third play from scrimmage here last night to spark Kings Mountain's Mountaineers to a 20-13 victory over South Point in a Southwest 3-A Conference thriller.

Smith took a handoff from quarterback Geepie Howard, broke off tackle and into the clear to outrun the field and start the Mounties on the way to their first conference victory.

The loss was the first in the conference for South Point and left Jim Biggerstaff's Raiders at 2-2 overall. The win broke a two-game losing streak for KM, which is also 2-2 overall.

Kings Mountain, looking like an entirely different team than the one which lost 7-6 to East Rutherford last week, ran up a

13-0 halftime lead and then held off the battling Raiders in the second half.

And, it was Smith who caught a five-yard touchdown pass from Howard late in the game to put the game out of South Point's reach.

SMITH WAS easily the game star, rushing for 106 yards in 16 carries, completing a 24-yard halfback pass and also making a spectacular one-handed pass interception in the end zone to halt a first half Raider march.

Though they lost the battle, the Raiders held a slim edge in the final statistics, having 248 total yards to 234 for the Mountaineers. Cherry, who completed only one of five passes in the first half, clicked on 10 of 11 in the second half to lead the Raiders on a comeback trail.

Sophomore halfback Danny Clawson banged over from three yards out to cap a 66-yard South Point march on the opening kickoff of the second half, cutting the difference to 13-6, but the comeback fell short as Smith's TD reception from Howard gave the Mounties a 20-6 advantage with just over four minutes remaining in the game.

Kings Mountain drove 65 yards for its second touchdown which gave Coach Bill Bates' club a 13-0 halftime lead. Howard, on a bootleg, covered the final 23 yards and Laurin Whisnant's point-after kick was true.

The Mountaineers tried to run for two points following their initial score but Smith was held on the one. Whisnant's PAT following the second score marked the first time in eight tries that the Mounties had connected on an extra point try.

But Whisnant, who hadn't been attempting the Mountaineer points until last night, was true again in the fourth period, kicking what amounted to an 18-yard PAT after KM was penalized for illegal procedure following Howard's TD toss to Smith.

SOUTH POINT drove 54 yards for its initial touchdown in the third period, being helped along by a 15-yard penalty against the Mountaineers.

The Raiders covered the drive in eight plays, with Clawson covering the final three yards. Joey Metz' try for the point-after was wide, leaving the score at 13-6.

The big gainer in the march was a 17-yard run by fullback Jerry Campbell from the KM 21 to the four. Clawson carried over on third down with 8:23 remaining in the quarter.

A pair of long penalties against South Point aided KM's final TD march late in the fourth quarter. The Mounties drove 80 yards for the score after Smith pounced on Scott

Crawford's fumble on the KM 20.

The Raiders actually had the Mounties stopped on the Raider 44 when Howard went into punt formation and the snap from center sailed over his head.

Howard was tackled on his own 32-yard line, but a 15-yard penalty against the Raiders for unsportsmanlike conduct gave KM a first down on the South Point 25.

On a third down play, Clawson was charged with pass interference against KM split end Bobby Ethridge and that gave the Mounties a first down on the Raider 12.

Smith moved the ball to the five, but was stopped for no gain on a second down call and Howard passed incomplete to Gerald Putnam in the end zone on third down.

Howard then sent Smith in motion to the left and the senior scabbaw was all alone to haul in the TD pass.

SOUTH POINT drove only 33 yards for its final score with 1:38 left in the game, after Burt Broadway recovered a Howard fumble.

Cherry passed to Clawson for a first down on the seven, then found end Jerry Conard in the end zone for the score. Metz

	S.P.	K.M.
First Downs	15	9
Net Yds. Rushing	110	166
Passes	11-18	4-16
Passing Yardage	138	68
Passes Intercepted by	0	2
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Punts	3-35	7-35.7
Yards Penalized	57	70

Teams	1	2	3	4-T
South Point	0	0	6	7-13
Kings Mtn.	6	7	0	7-20

Scoring Touchdowns, S. Point: Smith 2, 64-yd. run; Conard, 7-yd. pass from Cherry.

PAT: Metz (kick).
Scoring Touchdowns, K. Mtn.: Smith 2, 64-yd. run, 3-yd. pass from Howard; Howard, 23-yd. run.
PAT: Whisnant 2 (kicks.)

Cougars Obtain Good Big Man

BOONE, N. C. (AP) — A 6-foot-8 center just obtained by the Carolina Cougars may be just what the fledgling American Basketball Association team needs: a good, big man. George Sutor, who played at LaSalle University and averaged 5.5 points a game last year for the Pittsburgh Pipers, was obtained on waivers from the Pipers.

The Cougars, who end their training camp at Boone Sunday and play their first pre-season game Wednesday at Winston-Salem against Los Angeles, released Ed Hummer Friday. Hummer played at Princeton,

added the point-after to complete the scoring.

Howard's fumble was the only one which was lost by the Mountaineers, who had lost 11 in their last two games.

The victory was the second straight for KM over a Belmont team and their all-time record against the Raiders now stands at 14-1-1.

Kings Mountain hits the road next week for a game against Cherryville, while South Point returns home to host Lincoln in a big conference tilt.

Baseball's TOP TEN

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American League

Batting (410 at bats)—Carew, Minnesota .333; Reese, Minnesota .322.

Runs—R. Jackson, Oakland 120; F. Robinson, Baltimore 111.

Runs batted in—Killebrew, Minnesota, 138; Powell, Baltimore 121.

Hits—Oliva, Minnesota 189; Clarke, New York 181.

Doubles—Oliva, Minnesota 38; R. Jackson, Oakland 33; D. Johnson, Baltimore 33.

Triples—R. Smith, Boston 7; Clarke, New York 7.

Home runs—Killebrew, Minnesota 48; R. Jackson, Oakland 47; F. Howard, Washington 47.

Stolen bases—Harper, Seattle 73; Campaneris, Oakland 54.

Pitching (15 decisions)—Palmer, Baltimore 15-4, .789, 2.42; McNally, Baltimore 20-6, .789, 3.16; J. Perry, Minnesota 20-6, .769, 2.82.

Strikeouts—McDowell, Cleveland 275; Lolich, Detroit 259.

National League

Batting (410 at bats)—Rose, Cincinnati .347; C. Jones, New York .341.

Runs—Rose, Cincinnati 117; Bonds, San Francisco 116.

Runs batted in—McCovey, San Francisco 123; Santo, Chicago 121.

Hits—M. Alou, Pittsburgh 225; Rose, Cincinnati 213.

Doubles—Kessinger, Chicago 38; M. Alou, Pittsburgh 38.

Triples—Clemente, Pittsburgh 12; Rose, Cincinnati 11.

Home runs—H. Aaron, Atlanta 44; McCovey, San Francisco 44.

Stolen bases—Brock, St. Louis 52; Morgan, Houston 45.

Pitching (15 decisions)—Moose, Pittsburgh 13-3, .813, 2.98; Seaver, New York 24-7, .774, 2.28.

Strikeouts—Jenkins, Chicago 273; Gibson, St. Louis 254.



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In first half action. At right is Fave, linebacker Johnny Cashatt, (photo).