

Raiders hard-pressed for 13-8 victory over Crest

BOILING SPRINGS—South Point's Red Raiders were hard-pressed here last night for a 13-8 Southwest 3-A Conference victory over Crest's Chargers in a contest that saw the fourth quarter played in a driving rain.

The Big Red held a 13-0 lead

with four minutes remaining in the game, but the Chargers made it close when a partially blocked Scott Crawford punt was picked up on the Crest 40 by Eddie Ross.

Ross picked up the pigskin and skirted down the sidelines for the score. A two-point con-

version from Randy Baucom to John Wall cut the South Point margin to 13-8 with 3:52 left.

But the Raiders managed to run out the clock to win their second game of the infant season.

Danny Clawson was the big gun running-wise for the Big Red.

After a 63-yard touchdown run by Crawford had been called back in the first quarter because of a clipping penalty.

Later, after Crest had punted to the Raider 11, Clawson, the junior fullback, ran 65 yards to the Crest 24 before being knocked out of bounds.

A couple of plays later, Clawson barreled in from the 20 and Joey Metz kicked the extra point giving the invaders a 7-0 lead.

There was no big threat in the second quarter by either team.

BUT IN the third quarter, the Raiders had something going. Quarterback Bill Hannon hit halfback Ronnie Boyles on a 51-yard pass play from the South Point 21 to the Charger 28.

Later, the Big Red had first and goal at the five. Two plays later, Crest recovered a South Point fumble on the two.

A few plays later, the Raiders had it back on a punt at the Crest 36. A Hannon to Jerry Conard pass carrying to the Crest 12 on a play covering 18 yards gave the Big Red a good shot.

Later, Hannon passed to Crawford on a 12-yard scoring toss. The extra point misfired as Metz was forced to run and he was hauled down short on of the goal.

The fourth quarter was played in a heavy downpour.

The Raiders had third down deep in their own territory and not wishing to risk a fumble, punted it out.

Crawford's kick was partially blocked and Ross picked it up and reached down the sidelines for the score.

But the Raiders, with 3:49 left, picked up a first down and ran out the clock.

Statistics

	Crest	S. Point
First downs	5	12
Net yards rushing	61	108
Passes	1-12	6-12
Passing yardage	12	96
Passes intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles lost	1	3
Punts	6-35*	4-29
Yards penalized	20	45

* Not including blocked punt

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4	T
Crest	0	0	0	8	8
South Point	7	0	6	0	13

Scoring, Crest: Ronnie Ross, (40 yard punt return).

PAT: Wall, 2 (pass from Layll)

Scoring, South Point: Crawford, (12 yard pass from Hannon); Clawson, (20 yard run).

PAT: Metz, (placement).

Mounties whip Chase by 26-0

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KINGS MOUNTAIN — Kings Mountains Mountaineers used a balanced offense and a tenacious defense to roll over Chase 26-0 in their opening 3-A Southwest Conference football game here last night.

The victory gives Coach Bill Bates' charges a 2-0 overall record and leaves the Trojans of Bob Bush at 0-2 in SWC play and 0-3 overall.

Kings Mountain, looking like an entirely different team than the one which narrowly defeated 2-A Bessemer City 13-6 last week, rolled up 395 yards total offense while holding the Trojans to only 57 yards. The Mounties held the Chase club to only 37 yards on the ground and has now surrendered only 57 rushing yards in two contests.

The victory was the first for a KM team over one of Bush's clubs in six years. . . or since 1964 when the Mountaineers went unbeaten en route to the league title.

The only unimpressive thing about the Mountaineers last night was penalties. The hosts were taxed with 65 yards, including 45 in the first half.

Chase could never get an offensive going and the Trojan defense could do nothing but watch as KM's triple-option offense hit paydirt three of the first four times it had possession of the pigskin.

Kings Mountain had 311 yards rushing and senior quarterback Geeper Howard, who ran the of-

fense well, hit on six of 14 pass attempts for 84 yards and one touchdown.

THE MOUNTIES' rushing yards were evenly distributed among their four backs. Junior fullback David Bolin was the game's top ground gainer with 104 yards in 22 carries. Sophomore halfback Frankie Stokes added 80 yards in seven carries. Howard has 71 yards in 12 jaunts and junior Chris Blanton chipped in with 56 yards in 11 tries.

Junior end Gerald Owensby was the primary target for Howard's passes. He hauled in three tosses for 46 yards. . . better than half of the team total.

Howard, pre-season pick as one of the top 100 prep gridders in the state, was great in the first half, hitting, on five of eight passes for 74 yards.

The Mountaineers had the ball four times during the first half and scored all but once. . . and the fourth time a pass from Howard to Owensby in the left corner of the end zone was batted away at the last second.

Bolin put the Mounties ahead 6-0 with 7:28 left in the first period, going over from the four to cap a 70 yard drive. It took the Mounties only 11 plays to score after receiving the opening kickoff.

Big play in the march was a 28-yard pass from Howard to Owensby which put KM on the Chase 13. Three plays later, Bolin hit paydirt.

THE MOUNTIES went 59 yards in eight plays for their second TD, Blanton scoring this time from the one with 5:12 left in the half.

A fumble recovery by linebacker Mark George on the Chase 29 set up KM's third TD in the half. It took five plays to score with Howard's 14-yard pass to Stokes capping the drive. Chuck Carpenter booted the extra point for a 19-0 half-time lead.

Statistics

	Chase	K. Mtn.
First downs	6	20
Net yards rushing	37	311
Passes	3-9	6-14
Passing yardage	20	84
Passes intercepted by	2	1
Fumbles lost	2	2
Punts	4-28	1-44
Yards penalized	31	60

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4	T
Chase	0	0	0	0	0
Kings Mtn.	6	13	7	0	26

Scoring, KM: Bolin, 4 yard run; Blanton, 1 yard run; Stokes, 16-yard pass from Howard; Howard, 1 yard run.

PAT: Carpenter 2 (kicks).