

and a touchdown, while the Wave failed to make another first-in-ten before intermission.

Two more fumbles stymied the Wave in the second half. Early in the fourth quarter, Ashbrook moved down to the West 23 at which point Hill fumbled.

Then in the final seconds of the game, Bruce Hendricks bobbled one at the West 27, giving the Indians one more pass opportunity before the final horn.

Hill was the big ground gainer for the Wave, netting 128 yards in 25 rushes. Glenn picked up 69 yards in 10 totes and Partlow had 44 in two trips.

# Crawford sparks Raiders past KM, fourth in row

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Scott Crawford rambled 50 yards with a fumble recovery and also scored on a 69-yard run last night at South Point Stadium to spark the Red Raiders to their fourth straight victory, 24-7 over Southwest 3-A Conference rival Kings Mountain.

The area's leading point-maker paced the Raiders to a 14-0 halftime lead and they increased it to 24-0 before the Mountaineers finally got on the scoreboard late in the fourth period.

Ironically, KM's only score also came on a fumble recovery, end Terry Putnam catching Don Davis' bobble in mid-air and racing 55 yards for a touchdown with 4:06 to play.

The victory was only the second for a Belmont team over the Mountaineers in the 17-year history of the SWC. The Belmonters also won three years ago in Kings Mountain, 12-7.

Last night's victory was South Point's most impressive of the year even though the offense sputtered at times.

"I was pleased with our de-

fensive play," said Coach Jim Biggerstaff, "but I wasn't so pleased with our offense. We missed some scoring opportunities."

Biggerstaff said it would be hard to sing out any defensive stars, but he cited Crawford for his great all-round play.

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CRAWFORD WAS the game top's rusher with 82 yards in eight carries. . . most of his yardage coming on the 69-yard scamper in the second period.

Neither team set woods on fire offensively. South Point finished with 230 yards total offense. . . 155 rushing and 75 passing. Kings Mountain finished with only 116 yards. . . 102 rushing and 14 passing.

South Point's defense stopped the Mountaineers cold in the second half, holding the visitors to only one first down (on a penalty) and 18 yards rushing.

The Mountaineers opened the game like they'd run the Raiders out of the park. But, with 3:30 left in the first quarter, Mountaineer quarterback Geep Howard fumbled on the 50, Crawford scooped up the pig-

skin and raced untouched down the right sidelines for his first touchdown. Joey Metz added the PAT from placement for a 7-0 Raider lead.

Crawford came home from 69 yards for South Point's second score with 4:47 left in the half and again Metz added the PAT for a 14-0 halftime margin.

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SOUTH POINT drove 51 yards for its third score which came with 5:37 left in the third quarter.

And, odd as it may seem, the score came exactly the same way as South Rowan's lone tally in last week's 8-6 loss to the Red Raiders.

On a third down and 14 play from the KM 27, quarterback Bill Hannon's pass was apparently broken up by Howard of the Mountaineers, but when Howard batted it, the pigskin fell into the hands of Mike McWhirter of the Big Red and McWhirter scooted into the end zone for the score.

Metz was true again on the placement and it was 21 to zip.

A pass interception by Curtis Moss on the KM 40 set up South Point's final score. . . a 32-yard field goal by Metz with 6:42 showing on the clock.

From the 40, Davis and Ivester moved the ball to the 21 for a first down and Jeff Auten carried it to the 10. But on a third and five from the five, Hannon was tossed for a 10-yard loss.

That put the ball on the 15 and Metz, kicking from the 22, split the uprights for the three-pointer.

Kings Mountain's score came with 4:06 left in the game when Davis fumbled on a first down play and Putnam outran the field to the end zone. Chuck Carpenter added the PAT from placement.

The loss was the second straight for the Mountaineers, who host Cherryville next week. South Point, the only undefeated, untied team in the SWC, plays at Lincolnton next week.

## Statistics

	K. Mtn.	S Point
First downs	8	8
Net yards rushing	102	155
Passes	3-15	5-9
Passing yardage	14	75
Passes intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles lost	3	2
Punts	7-34	5-35
Yards penalized	32	65

## SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4	T
Kings Mtn.	0	0	0	7	7
South Point	7	7	7	3	24

Scoring, Kings Mtn.: Putnam, 55-yd. fumble recovery returned.  
PAT: Carpenter, kick.

Scoring, South Point: Crawford, 2, 50-yd. fumble recovery return; 60-yd. run; McWhirter 27-pass from Hannon.

PAT: Metz 3, Kicks, Field goal: Metz, 22 yards.

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tallied from the two on a keeper and the Lions had a 28-0 half-time lead, scoring 14 in the first and 14 in the second.

Mauney's second half touchdown runs were on 24 yard and 72 yard scampers. Wesley Lee went 11 yards for another.

The Lion defense recovered six Cherryville fumbles. Shelby was forced to punt only twice during the game.

Next week, Shelby visits R-S Central while Cherryville goes to Kings Mountain.



**SIDELINE ASSISTANCE** — South Point junior halfback star Scott Crawford has some equipment repaired here during a break in the action against Kings Mountain. Doing the

repair work is South Point line coach Earl Lingafeldt while head coach Jim Biggerstaff looks on. Crawford scored two touchdowns in leading his team to a 24-7 victory.