

Red Raiders roll past Mounties, 27-0, for eighth straight victory of campaign

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KINGS MOUNTAIN — South Point's Red Raiders continued to roll toward the Southwest conference title here last night, defeating Kings Mountain 27-0.

Jerry Auten scored two touchdowns and gained 106 yards rushing and Butch Rankin added 90 yards rushing and one touchdown for the winners.

The Raiders scored two quick touchdowns

late in the first half for a 14-0 lead at intermission. They scored a pair of second half touchdowns to insure their eighth straight win.

Auten started the scoring with 6:20 left before half when he broke off tackle and outraced the KM secondary for 56 yards. Rankin's PAT made it 7-0. Following a short Kings Mountain punt, the Raiders marched 41 yards with Rankin going over from 11 yards out. His PAT made it 14-0 at halftime.

South Point's second half touchdowns came

on a four yard run by Auten and a one-yard plunge by Wayne Fewell.

Auten's touchdown capped a short 39-yard drive following a KM fumble and Fewell's TD climaxed a 40-yard march following a 22 yard Mountaineer punt.

THE MOUNTIES never seriously threatened in losing their second straight game and their third in the last four outings. Kings Mountain managed only one first down in the second half and that came on a 15-yard South Point penalty.

South Point held Kings Mountain's leading rusher, Tony Falls, to minus one yard in 11 carries.

Two big defensive stands by Kings Mountain, early in the game, kept the score from being even more one-sided.

The Mountaineers stopped South Point once on the three yard line, following the opening kickoff. Another Raider drive stalled at the KM 19 when three Doug Davis passes fell

incomplete.

South Point ground out 21 first downs and accumulated 332 yards total offense to 100 by the Mounties.

The Raiders travel to Burns Next Friday night and are odds-on favorites to win there and at home the following week against North Gaston to wind up the regular season undefeated.

STATISTICS

	South Pt.	Kings Mt.
First Downs	21	6
Net Yards Rushing	266	97
Passes	6-22	2-7
Passing Yardage	66	3
Passes Intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles Lost	2	3
Punts	1-49	7-28
Yards Penalized	30	30

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAMS	1	2	3	4	T
South Point	0	14	6	7	27
Kings Mountain	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

South Point Touchdowns — Auten 2 (56 and 40 yards runs), Rankin, 11 yard run, Fewell, 1 yard run.
PAT — Rankin 3 (placements)

Catholic edges Wildcats

Charlotte Catholic downed North Gaston's Wildcats, 6-0, last night when Rick Sarger recovered a fumble in the Wildcat end zone late in the first half.

North Gaston's Andrew Moses was running a sweep on the fatal play when Tom Warwick, a defensive tackle for Catholic, hit him and shook the ball loose, enabling Warwick, a defensive halfback, to score.

The Wildcats lost five fumbles during the night, which was offset by the fact that Catholic had 105 yards in penalties assessed against it.

The loss drops the Cats' record to 4-5 for the year. Catholic's mark is now 6-2.

Next week, the Cats entertain Bessemer City and then close their season the next week against R-S Central.