



**THE RAT PATROL AT WORK** — South Point's defensive unit, a great group which limited Kings Mountain to minus 40 yards rushing last night at Lineberger Stadium, is shown at work here. Chris Johnson (85) loses 12 yards on an end-around as Darryl Rollins hits him behind the line of scrimmage

and a teammate comes up to help. Number 23 for the Rat Patrol is Dennis Isles. Raiders captured 35-6 win and all but sewed up the title with but two league tests left. Jim Biggerstaff's charges, ranked fourth in the state in the 3-A ranks, won 53rd game in last 59 outings. (David Welsh Photo).

# Boyles-led Raiders rip KM, stay unbeaten

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Coach Bobby Jones of Kings Mountain brought his once-tied Mountaineers to Lineberger Stadium, hoping to defeat, and in the process, dethrone the South Point Raiders from their perch Friday night atop the Southwest 3-A conference.

Instead, the Mountaineers left on the short end of a 35-6 score, and with plenty of bruises to prove it.

In the first half, the Raiders showed quite a defense, holding the Mounties to less than 10 yards total offense. But the first half was only a warm-up in contrast to the way the Raider defense made itself known when they got their opportunity in the second half.

The sound of pads was not the normal popping heard in most football games, but more like the cracking of nearby thunder.

And after that, the offense has yet to be mentioned. In comparison to the old football cliché of "holes big enough to drive a truck through," the South Point offensive line opened holes big enough to drive a fleet of trucks through.

All in all, it was quite a lesson in both precision offense and defense put on by the Raiders.

In no way casting disparity on the Kings Mountain team, South Point was in a class by itself last night, and could have made a more than credit showing against some of the small college ranks, to whom they have made many notable contributions of late.

After driving to the Kings Mountain 17 in the first quarter, the Raiders failed to convert a fourth and six.

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The Raiders got their first score in late in the first quarter by driving 52 yards from their own 48 yard line. Following a Don Davis to Fletcher Williams aerial good for 13 yards to their own 15, unsung Terry Boyles, getting a chance on offense for a change, carried the ball 11 yards, before falling on the four yard line. He scored two plays later on a three yard dive, and his compatriot on the drive, Jerry Auten, booted the extra point for 7-0 first period Red Raider lead.

Midway in the second period, Boyles got his second TD of the evening on a one yard carry up the middle and again Auten split the uprights for a 14-0 score.

The ensuing kick-off was bobbled by Wendell Jackson at the 11 yard line and after being dealt a couple of good shots, the Mountaineer back coughed up the ball and the Raiders recovered.

Auten finally banged it in from the four, then kicked another extra point for a 21-0 halftime margin.

On their second possession in the third quarter, the Raiders put together two "biggies" to

slip the ball over. Taking over on their own 23, Davis slipped the ball to Boyles on a counter play, good for 44 yards, then dropped back and hit tight end Fletcher Williams for a 33 yard TD toss. Auten once again added the extra point for a 28-0 lead at the end of three stanzas.

Fourth, quarter action continued much the same as the previous three, with neither team seemingly able to get the ball over the end stripes. With only a few minutes left in the contest, John Yarboro dropped back to what must have been a continuous night of punting (he punted 10 times on the evening). The Raiders had the rush on and blocked the punt, with Ron Grier picking the ball up on the 29 and dashing the distance for the score. It was Grier's fourth touchdown of the year on defense and Jerry Auten's extra-point kick made it 35-0, Red Raiders.

Kings Mountain's score seemed almost anti-climactic after that. Aided by a pass interference penalty, they managed to get the ball to their 46 yard line. Sophomore signal caller, Mike Bumgardner, looking like a prep version of

Fran Tarkenton, did some fancy stepping, dodging several tackles before finding Chris Johnston open on the six.

Lofting the ball 40 yards, Bumgardner's pass was true and the surprised Johnston waltzed over from there as the two South Point defenders collided.

For the Raiders, Boyles gave a standout performance, rushing for 142 yards on 11 carries, including a 44-yarder and a 51-yarder late in the game. Auten added 97 on 16 attempts, while QB Davis was 7-15 in the passing department for 128 yards.

The victory upped South Point's record to 8-0 and virtually assured them of the conference title. It was the Raiders 53rd victory in their last 59 games, in an awesome show of power this year, South Point has scored 270 points while giving up only 25.

STATISTICS			
	SP	KM	
First Downs	17	3	
Net Yards Rushing	259	40	
Passes	7-16	5-13	
Passing Yardage	128	62	
Passes Intercepted by	0	1	
Fumbles Lost	0	2	
Punts	3-26	8-33	
Yards Penalized	80	30	

\* — does not include blocked punt

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
TEAMS	1	2	3	4
Kings Mtn.	0	0	0	6
South Point	7	14	7	35

SCORING SUMMARY	
S P Boyles 3-yd run (Auten kick)	
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S P Auten 4-yd run (Auten kick)	
S P Davis Williams 33-yd pass (Auten kick)	
S P Grier 29-yd return of blocked punt (Auten kick)	
K M Bumgardner Johnson 46-yd pass	