

Kings Mountain upsets Raiders, 30-27

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KINGS MOUNTAIN — The Kings Mountain Mountaineers, humiliated only four days ago by Shelby, 42-7, rose to great heights at John Gamble Stadium Friday night, pulling off a stunning upset of South Point's Red Raiders, 30-27.

The Mountaineers played a tremendous second half, scoring 16 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to overcome a 27-14 halftime deficit and throw the fight for second place in the Southwest 3-A Conference into a frenzy.

South Point, which hadn't lost since the opening game of the season to unbeaten Chase, 14-6, fell to 5-2 in SWC play and 5-2-1 overall.

The Kings Mountain spark was struck by junior quarterback Mike Bumgardner. With his team trailing by

13 points going into the fourth quarter, Bumgardner took charge.

With only a minute and 24 seconds gone in the fourth quarter, a 15-yard personal foul penalty against South Point after a punt gave KM a good shot at the SP 35.

From there, the charges of Bobby Jones marched in for the score in five plays, with Bumgardner crashing over himself from the two and when Steve Southwell booted the conversion, the Mountaineers were back in the game, 27-21.

Later, with 4:36 left, sophomore Scott Ellis blocked a Darrell Hunt punt when South Point had fourth and 18 at its own 20. The ball rolled into the end zone, where a pair of Red Raiders fell on the ball for a safety, making it 27-23, Raiders.

After Chris Johnson returned the free

kick 20 yards to the South Point 45, the Mountaineers were again in great position.

They marched the distance in five plays, with Bumgardner hitting William Thompson on just in-bounds before he stepped out of the end zone on a 21-yard play for the biggest touchdown since Jones has been at Kings Mountain. It came at the 3:04 mark and Southwell's kick gave KM the 30-27 lead.

South Point had a parting shot. After a personal foul penalty moved the ball to the Raider 49 after the punt, a Donny James to Cotton McCullough pass moved the ball to the KM 39 for a first down.

But two plays later, Southwell broke South Point's back as he intercepted a James pass and returned it to the KM 40. It was just a matter of the Mounties running out the clock from there.

Kings Mountain held South Point to just eight yards rushing and 27 yards passing in the second half as a Jones-coached Mountie team beat a Jim Biggerstaff-coached Big Red team for the first time in seven years, or since Biggerstaff has been at South Point.

South Point jumped to a 14-0 lead with 4:24 left in the first quarter, Keith Stone diving in from the one after an 80-yard drive in 10 plays and John Lamkin's conversion gave SP an early boost.

A Ron Stowe pass interception at the KM 40 gave SP another shot three plays later and SP marched in with James passing 22 yards to Stowe and the score at the 0:56 mark. Lamkin was again good for a 14-0 SP first quarter lead.

But Kings Mountain battled back, tying the game 14-14 in the second quarter on a one-yard run by Southwell

and an 11-yard pass from Bumgardner to Harold Glass.

The first score came on a 73-yard drive in eight plays. Tim Spicer recovered a Carl Middleton fumble at the SP 11 to set up the equalizer and Bumgardner hit Glass on a fourth down and 10 play from the 11. Southwell's two kicks tied it, 14-14.

South Point promptly marched 53 yards in nine plays, with Middleton going over from the one at the 3:48 mark. After Lamkin missed his first extra point attempt in 21 tries, it was 20-14.

Willie Cobb's 55-yard interception of a Bumgardner pass and resulting touchdown run gave South Point a 27-14 halftime lead after Lamkin's kick with 2:04 left.

STATISTICS

	Kings Mt.	South Point
First Downs	8	11
Net Yards Rushing	67	132
Passes	6-16	9-17
Passing Yardage	111	101
Passes Intercepted by	3	3
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Punts	3-41	2-30
Yards Penalized	30	50
TEAMS	1 2 3 4 T	
Kings Mountain	0 14 0 16 30	
South Point	14 13 0 0 27	

SCORING SUMMARY

South Point: Stone, 1-yard run (Lamkin kick).
 South Point: Stowe, 22-yard pass from James (Lamkin kick).
 Kings Mountain: Southwell, 1-yard run (Southwell kick).
 Kings Mountain: Glass, 11-yard pass from Bumgardner (Southwell kick).
 South Point: Middleton, 1-yard run (kick failed).
 South Point: Cobb, 55-yard pass interception (Lamkin kick).
 Kings Mountain: Bumgardner, 2-yard run (Southwell kick).
 Kings Mountain: Safety, blocked South Point punt into end zone.
 Kings Mountain: W. Thompson, 21-yard pass from Bumgardner (Southwell kick).