

**SHEPHERD DRIVES THROUGH THE LINE**—South Point quarterback Joe Shepherd (10) dances through the Kings Mountain defensive line. Just missing the tackle is Mountie linebacker Bruce Valen-

time (51). Also trying to close in on Shepherd is Norman Phillips (63). South Point won the game 27-14 in action in Kings Mountain Friday night. (Gazette photo by Jeff Ashe)

# Grier leads South Point win over KM

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**KINGS MOUNTAIN**—Junior fullback Fernandez Grier romped for two touchdowns to lead the South Point Red Raiders to a 27-14 victory over the Kings Mountain Mountaineers at John Gamble Stadium here Friday night.

The game, which placed the Raiders' record for the season at 8-0 overall and 7-0 in Southwestern 3-A Conference play brought South Point one game closer to the November 4 showdown with Shelby, the state's number one ranked 3-A team, also undefeated. The Golden Lions downed Chase 14-3 Friday night.

The Raiders got on the board early in the first quarter. Taking the opening kickoff the visiting team marched 66 yards in 10 plays, with Grier chalking up the score.

The Raiders drove the ball down the field on the first drive, with Grier and halfback Steve Davis 'doing most of the work. With the ball on the Mountie 41, South Point faced a fourth down and four-yard situation.

Quarterback Joe Shepherd handed off to Grier, who bulled 21 yards over left tackle and in to the end zone for the TD with 6:44 remaining in the first period. Tommy Bain was true with his point after touchdown kick, and the Raiders were on top, 7-0.

The Raider defense then went to work, and forced Kings Mountain to punt. A fine punt by Mountie booter Steve Boggan backed the Raiders to their own 13.

Grier got Coach Jim Biggerstaff's team some running room, booming off tackle for 15 yards. Joe Shepherd, four plays later, raced for 45 yards to move the ball to the Mountie 25, and set up the next South Point

touchdown.

Grier worked the ball down to the Mountie 10 and Davis moved the ball inside the three. Shepherd then appeared to be halted at the line of scrimmage on the next play, but the cool-handed senior pitched the ball to William Reid, who carried the ball to paydirt. Bain was again true on his extra point kick, and the Raiders led 14-0 with 9:11 remaining in the second quarter.

Kings Mountain quickly marched back, and in seven plays marched 70 yards for a touchdown, coming when Kenny Bell raced off his right side for the final eight yards.

The drive was kept alive by a 38-yard pass completion from quarterback Jim Hall to David Ray Robinson, moving the ball to the South Point 14. It took the Mounties only two plays from there. Bruce Valentine kicked the extra point and with 6:37 remaining in the first half, South Point led 14-7.

The Raiders, however, bounced right back. Reid returned the ensuing kick off 36-yards to the Raider 49. Four plays later, Grier pushed his way in to the end zone for his second td of the night. Grier carried the ball all 51-yards in the four play drive. Bain again kicked the extra point, and with 5:59 remaining, the lead was 21-7.

Kings Mountain threatened to score in the final seconds of the first half. Bell popped through the line and raced 38-yards before Davis could push him out of bounds as the horn sounded to end the first half. Davis was the last man between Bell and the goal line.

Kings Mountain came out in the second half and quickly put points on the

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# Raiders blast Mounties

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board.

On the fifth play of the half, Bell raced 58-yards to the end-zone. The drive was nearly halted, as a strong Raider defense forced Kings Mountain to gamble on a fourth down and one yard. Hall sneaked, and made it by the length of the ball. Valentine again kicked the extra point, and the Raiders held a slim lead of 21-14 with 10:07 remaining in the third period.

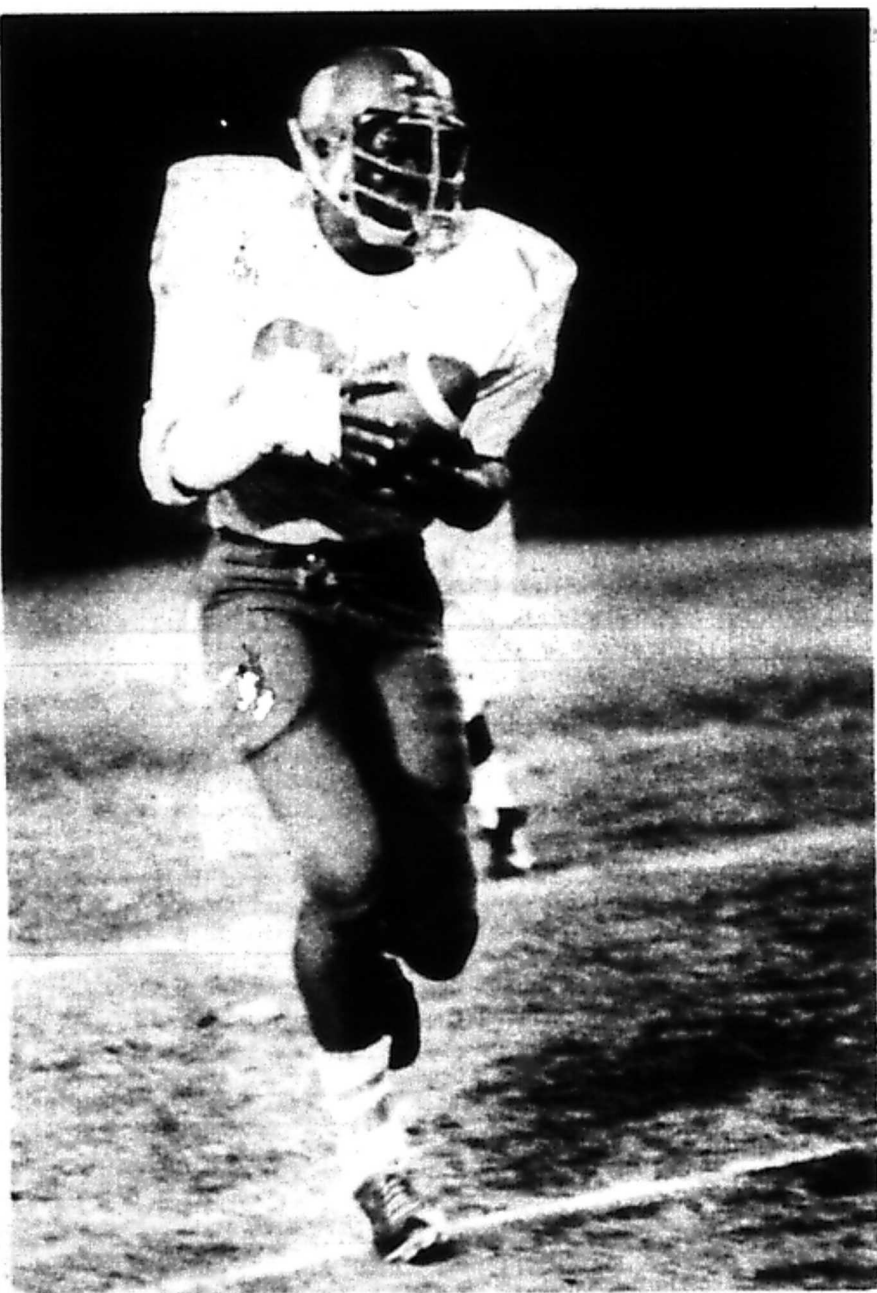
That was the only scoring done in the third quarter, as both teams displayed hard hitting defense.

The final score of the game came in the fourth quarter. With the Mountie defense keying more on Grier, that opened up the game for Davis to go to work. The senior halfback worked the ball down the field, working the run in with the passing of Shepherd, and killing vital seconds in the game.

The touchdown was set up when Shepherd hit tight end Mitch Painter with a 58-yard pass that moved the ball to move the ball to the Mountie eight. Shepherd attempted to run around right end but was held to but one yard. Davis then went the final seven-yards for the TD on a miss direction play. The Raiders faked the extra point kick and instead Shepherd attempted to pass to Davis. However, Davis was out of the end zone when he caught the pass and with 11:10 remaining in the game, the Raiders led 27-14.

Grier finished the game with 129 yards on 14 carries. Davis added 96 on 20 carries, as he was held to only 48 yards in the first half. 110 of Griers yards came in the first half.

Shepherd had 47 yards in eight carries and was six for eight in the air with 137 yards. The Raiders rolled up 303 yards rushing in the game and 16 first downs.



**GRIER ON THE MOVE**—South Point fullback Fernandez Grier takes off on one of his driving runs as he led the Red Raiders to their eighth victory of the season against no defeats. The junior star scored two touchdowns and rushed for 129 yards as South Point downed Kings Mountain 37-14 in action at the Mountie's home field Friday night. (Gazette photo by Jeff Ashe)

# SCORE BY QUARTERS

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

## SCORING SUMMARY

- SP—Grier 21-run, (Bain kick)
- SP—Bald 3-run, (Bain kick)
- KM—Bell 8-run, (Valentine kick)
- SP—Grier 1-run, (Bain kick)
- KM—Bell 16-run, (Valentine kick)
- SP—Davis 7-run, (Pass failed)

## STATISTICS

	South Point	Kings Mountain
First Downs	16	10
Net Yards Rushing	208	161
Passes	6-8	1-1
Passing Yardage	157	12
Passes Intercepted By	2	1-0
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Punts	1-61	2-57
Yards Penalized	85	60