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BELMONT — South Point discovered that trying to catch the Kings Mountain backs was like trying to catch lightning in a bottle here Friday.

The Mountaineers got outstanding performances from all their backfield starters in a 41-7 victory over South Point, pushing Kings Mountain's Southwestern 3-A Conference record to 4-0 and its overall mark to 7-1 going into a key game at East Rutherford next week.

"I'm glad to get another one behind us," said coach Denny Hicks of the Mountaineers. "This league is so deceptive you don't know what to expect. Although South Point hadn't won, we knew they were one of the best teams in the league between the 20-yard lines and that their Keith Robbins is a heckuva running back.

"Their offensive line is as good as any we've played against. I think holding Robbins to under 100 yards in itself was an accomplishment. We've had good balance in our attack all year and we did again tonight.

"As for the game at East Rutherford next week, we know what's at stake. They've got a real impressive team. We've got a chance to win and the possibility of getting the first two games at home in the state 3A playoffs. We control our own destiny. These guys have done a great job for the past two years and they've made us winners."

Coach Jim Biggerstaff of South Point, whose team dropped to 0-6 in the league and 0-7 overall, said, "Kings Mountain is a very sound football team. They're good on offense, good on defense, and good with their kicking game. I can see why they haven't lost in the league."

Robbins, who entered the game with 740 yards rushing, finished with 87 yards in 27 carries.

Kings Mountain scored on its first two possessions on an 18-yard by Daron Hillman and a 42-yard

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run by converted tailback and current quarterback Jerry Jordan. Rusty Bumgardner converted on five of six extra points.

The Mountaineers made it 21-0 in the second period when Raynard Roberts scored on a 1-yard run, the touchdown being set up on a 43-yard pass play from Jordan to Aubrey Hollifield.

South Point scored on a 72-yard drive in 11 plays with Robbins passing three yards to Jason Davis on fourth-and-goal. Chris Medlin kicked the extra point, South Point's first of the season.

Kings Mountain's second half touchdowns came on a 1-yard run by David Ledbetter, a 2-yard run by Roberts and an 18-yard run by Anthony Hillman.

The Mountaineers totaled 259 yards rushing and added 79 more passing while holding South Point to 96 yards rushing and 51 passing.

Kings Mountain 41

South Point 7

Kings Mountain	14	7	14	6	—	41
South Point	0	7	0	0	—	7

KM — Daron Hillman 17 run (Rusty Bumgardner kick)

KM — Jerry Jordon 42 run (Bumgardner kick)

KM — Raynard Roberts 1 run (Bumgardner kick)

SP — Jason Davis 2 pass from Keith Robbins (Chris Medlin kick)

KM — David Ledbetter 1 run (Bumgardner kick)

KM — Roberts 2 run (Bumgardner kick)

KM — Anthony Hillman 18 run (kick failed)