

Kings Mountain dominates

J. Bell, Mountaineers roll past South Point 51-16

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BELMONT — Kings Mountain executed nearly everything perfectly Friday night. Especially the dogpile.

After beating South Point 51-16, the KM lineman piled on teammate Julius Curry to celebrate his birthday, as well as a dominating victory.

"As hard as we've worked this week, it's nice for the kids to have an opportunity to have fun like this," KM coach Ron Massey said. "We put a lot of work into this one, so it's good to come out and play like this."

The Mountaineers improved to 6-4, 3-1. They did so by stopping the South Point offense in every way possible and by run-

ning their own offense to near-perfection.

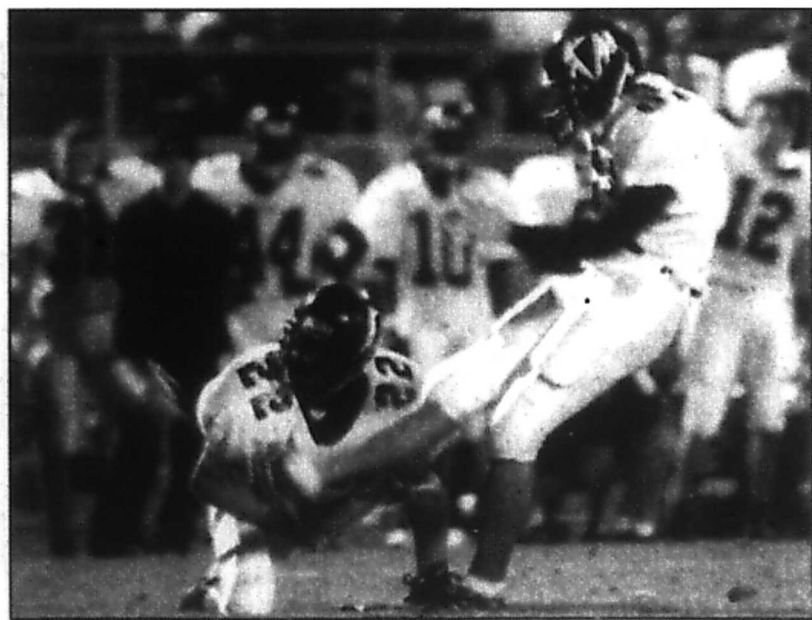
Five different players scored touchdowns for KM, and the Mountaineers defense held South Point's Koren Robinson — who committed to N.C. State earlier this week — to a season-low 32 yards.

Massey said that the job his team did on Robinson was directly related to KM tailback Joseph Bell, who rushed for 154 against the Red Raiders (5-5, 1-3).

"They've been practicing against Joseph all week, so they were ready for just about anything," Massey said. "I think it was just a matter of us having a lot of people around the football."

And in the end zone.

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Collin Goforth kicks a 35-yard field goal for Kings Mountain.



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Coaches and trainers attend to Michael Gullledge after he was injured.

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KM Win

Kings Mountain took advantage of two mistakes and some bad South Point punting to race to a 21-0 lead early in the second quarter.

After sophomore Jeremy Jackson fumbled on the first play of South Point's second possession, KM drove 31 yards in less than three minutes, with quarterback Anthony Ash sneaking in from a yard out for the first score of the game.

Then after a botched punt attempt, KM scored on three plays, with Anthony Hillman going in from 3 yards out for a 14-0 lead.

When South Point fumbled away the ensuing kickoff, Ash found Kendrick Bell on a third-and-12 for a 15-yard touchdown pass that gave the Mountaineers a 21-0 edge, all the cushion they'd need.

South Point scored its first touchdown on the next drive, with Robinson taking a short pass from freshman QB Devon

Lowery 73 yards for a score, but that would be his last big play of the night.

Aside from the touchdown pass, Robinson's longest play from scrimmage was a 9-yard run in the second quarter.

But while the South Point offense struggled — managing only 147 yards rushing and 14 passing aside from the Lowery to Robinson bomb — KM did nearly everything right.

Joseph Bell had 154 yards on 20 carries, Hillman added 94 yards on 17, and Ash threw for an efficient 101 yards after an early interception.

Kings Mountain	7 17 14 13 — 51
South Point	0 7 2 7 — 16

KM — Anthony Ash 1 run (Collin Goforth kick)

KM — Anthony Hillman 3 run (Goforth kick)

KM — Kendrick Bell 15 pass from Ash (Goforth kick)

SP — Koren Robinson 73 pass from Devon Lowery (Brian Ashe kick)

KM — FG Goforth 35

SP — Safety, KM snap went through end zone

KM — Joseph Bell 2 run (Goforth kick)

KM — Ash 32 run (Goforth kick)

KM — Joe Williamson 6 run (kick blocked)

KM — Hillman 17 run (Goforth kick)

SP — Chris Stowe 35 run (Ashe kick)