

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

SOUTH POINT 49, KINGS MOUNTAIN 0

Raiders bounce back

South Point dominates every facet of the game

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KINGS MOUNTAIN — The beginning of Friday night's South Point-Kings Mountain game was delayed about 10 minutes because the emergency personnel required to be at every high school game had not yet arrived.

Unfortunately for the Mountaineers, that just delayed a buzz aw, as South Point dominated every facet of the game, blowing out Kings Mountain 49-0 at John Gamble Stadium.

Reigning Gazette offensive player of the year Javar Williams accounted for four touchdowns — three throwing and one more on the ground — as the Red Raiders piled up 522 yards of total offense, and held Kings Mountain to only 63 yards.

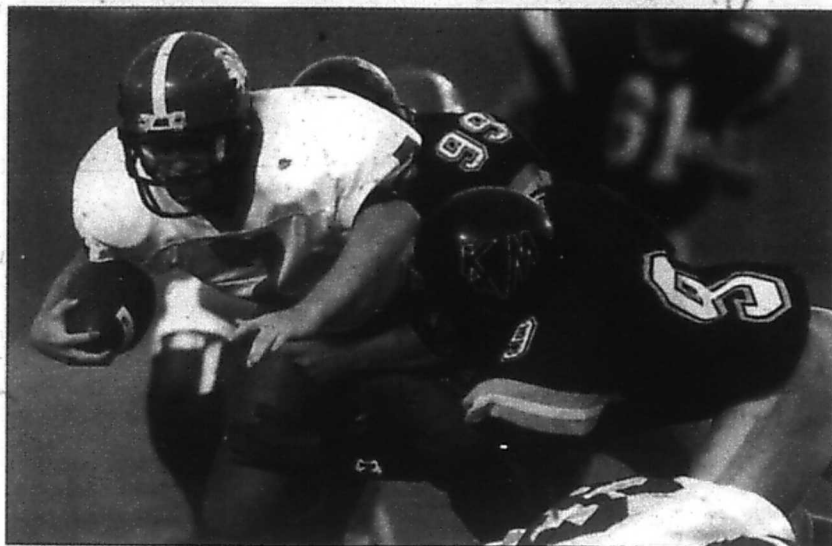
"We respect Kings Mountain too much to sulk after last week's game. We came ready to play," South Point head coach John Devine said of his Red Raiders, who lost 28-21 last week to South Carolina power Northwestern.

It didn't take South Point (1-1) long, as the Red Raiders scored on the opening drive of the game when Williams found a streaking Ivey Watson down the left sideline for a 44-yard score, and a 7-0 lead.

The Red Raiders appeared to extend the lead to 14-0 when Williams hit Tyler Gorton for a score, but a holding penalty negated the play, one of 10 South Point penalties for 84 yards. The penalties were the one part of the game that Devine could criticize.

"The penalties killed us," Devine said. "We have to eliminate stopping ourselves if we're going to be successful."

The penalties didn't slow the Red Raiders. Early in the sec-



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South Point's Tyler Gorton is brought down by Kings Mountain defenders Steven Grant, center, and Montrell Banks, right, during their game Friday night.

ond quarter, South Point capped off a 10-play, 65-yard drive in 4 minutes and 21 seconds when running back Joe Brown bulled in from 1 yard out with 10:32 left.

After holding Kings Mountain to another three-and-out and a bad punt, Williams found Gorton on the Red Raiders' first play for a 47-yard score and a 21-0 lead with 8:22 left in the half.

South Point put a cap to a dominant first half, in which they rolled up 300 yards of total offense, when Williams hit Wade Harris for a 14-yard score with 39 seconds left and a 28-0 halftime lead.

"We ran into a very good football team tonight," said Mountaineer head coach Dave Farquharson, whose team dropped to 0-2. "South Point is very good at what they do, and we're going to have to come together and decide that we want to play, or we'll have more nights like this."

If Kings Mountain had any aspirations of a comeback, they were dashed on the second half kickoff, when the

Mountaineers fumbled the return, giving the ball to South Point deep in Kings Mountain territory.

Williams made the score 35-0 three plays later when he ran 5 yards for a score, and the Red Raiders would coast to the easy victory. In fact, South Point's first punt of the game didn't come until there was only 10 minutes left.

"Offensively, we did a lot of things well," Devine said. "We felt that if their corners were going to pinch and play the option too close, that we'd make them pay, and we did. Javar showed an excellent touch on his passes, and our receivers, especially Ivey Watson, made some great catches."

Farquharson agreed. "We simply got beat by a better team tonight," the fourth-

year coach said of South Point, ranked No. 7 in 3A in the latest iHigh statewide poll.

"They beat us on both sides of the ball and played a very solid football game. Hopefully we can learn something from this."

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SP	7	21	14	7	—	49
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SP	Ivey Watson 44 pass from Javar Williams (Andrew Rinehart kick)					
SP	Joe Brown 1 run (Rinehart kick)					
SP	Tyler Gorton 47 pass from Williams (Rinehart kick)					
SP	Wade Harris 14 pass from Williams (Rinehart kick)					
SP	Williams 5 run (Rinehart kick)					
SP	Josh Robinson 68 run (Rinehart kick)					
SP	Corey Brown 37 run (Rinehart kick)					

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