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South Point quarterback Tyler Lemons looks for an open receiver during Friday's game against Kings Mountain. Lemons threw for a school-record 243 yards in South Point's 41-14 win.

Lemons' law

Kings Mountain left with bad taste after QB's record night

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KINGS MOUNTAIN — After passing for a school-record 243 yards and accounting for six touchdowns in South Point's 41-14 win over Kings Mountain on Friday, Tyler Lemons refused to take full credit.

"The position's overrated a little bit," Lemons said.

But the senior did complete 7 of 8 passes, toss four touchdowns and add another two on the ground as South Point revived its offense and rebounded from last week's 27-21 double-overtime loss to Lincolnton.

"It's a heck of a difference from last week," Lemons said. "Everybody

knows what it feels like to win now and we're probably going to be addicted to it."

South Point (1-1) accounted for 228 yards in last week's loss and got off to a slow start Friday at John Gamble Stadium. But once Lemons connected with Cameron McGlenn for a 70-yard touchdown pass on third-and-10 on their second possession, the Red Raiders rolled from there.

South Point finished with 354 yards without a turnover behind the direction of Lemons, a 6-foot, 180-pound senior who broke the former school passing record by 10 yards. Doug Davis' former mark of 233 had held since a 1973 game against R-S

Central.

Lemons, who also blocked an extra point and tipped a pass that McGlenn intercepted, gave credit to his line and receivers, especially McGlenn.

The 6-foot-1, 170-pound senior caught three passes — all touchdowns — for 163 yards. He scored on catches of 70, 21 and 72 yards. On the latter, McGlenn leaped over Kings Mountain defender Javon Potts at the Kings Mountain 31. Potts fell to the ground and McGlenn sprinted untouched to the end zone.

While McGlenn's receiving total wasn't a school record (Tim Williams



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South Point receiver Cameron McGlenn is tackled by Kings Mountain's Kendricus Hart during their game on Friday.

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piled up 202 receiving yards in 1972, ironically against Kings Mountain (1-1), it ranks second in school history and 13th in county history.

"I stepped it up from last week because I'm a senior this year," McGlenn said. "All the seniors, I know they don't feel like losing so we had to work hard this week to get better."

Marcus Duckworth was on the receiving end of Lemons' other touchdown, hauling in a 41-yard catch with 32 seconds left in the first half to put the Red Raiders ahead 28-6 at the break.

Kings Mountain set off its own offensive fireworks, starting with the first play of the game. Sydney Goode ran 68 yards to the South Point 12, but South Point held and Will Franks missed a 22-yard field goal attempt wide right.

After South Point went three-and-out, Kings Mountain drove to the South Point 29 before the Red Raiders held again. The first touchdown didn't come until the next drive.

"(Lemons and McGlenn) did pretty good, but I think the defense set the tone early in that first quarter with those two four-down goal-line stands and then they made a play on top of it," South Point coach John Devine said.

"There was a team effort here. It wasn't no two-man show, I can promise you. Everybody got better this week. The fullback's gotten better, our line's gotten better, the kicking game is still atrocious, but we're working on it. We're getting better."

Kings Mountain put a lot of defensive pressure in the South Point backfield and held the Red Raiders' triple-option run game to 111 yards. The Mountaineers had limited South Point to no yards through five plays until McGlenn's first 70-yard touchdown.



Kings Mountain running back Sydney Goode carries the ball.

"We worked on the passing game to the slots and they big played us," Kings Mountain coach Dave Farquharson said. "They had good athletes in that area. You cover, you turn the wrong way and he puts the ball on the money, they throw and catch well. It seemed like every time we tried to get a little something going or tried to have a momentum change, they hit us with a big play."

Goode finished with 134 yards on 17 carries and a touchdown. Brandon McClain completed 15 of 30 passes with one interception for 195 yards for the Mountaineers, who travel to Forestview next week.

SP	7	21	0	13 - 41
KM	0	6	0	8 - 14

SP - Cameron McGlenn 70 pass from Tyler Lemons (Matthew Mitchell kick)

SP - McGlenn 21 pass from Lemons (Mitchell kick)

KM - Sydney Goode 4 run (kick failed)

SP - Lemons 8 run (Mitchell kick)

SP - Marcus Duckworth 41 pass from Lemons (Mitchell kick)

KM - J.J. McClain 1 run (Goode run)

SP - McGlenn 72 pass from Lemons (kick blocked)

SP - Lemons 10 run (Mitchell kick)