

Mounties Lose To Raiders 27-14

SPORTS

South Point's Red Raiders drove the opening kickoff 66 yards for a quick 7-0 lead and went on to record their eighth straight victory Friday night at Kings Mountain's John Gamble Stadium, 27-14 over the Mountaineers.

The win keeps the Red Raiders tied with Shelby, the top-ranked 3-A team in the state, in the race for the Southwestern Conference title. Those two clubs, both 7-0, in the SWC and 8-0 against all opponents, square off on the final night of the regular season in Belmont's Lineberger Stadium.

South Point rushed to

a 21-7 halftime lead over the Mountaineers, saw the hosts pull to within 21-14 in the third quarter, then put the game on ice with an early six points in the fourth period.

Junior fullback Fernandez Grier, a bruising 200-pounder, broke off left tackle and raced 21 yards on a fourth and four situation with 6:44 in the first period to get the Raiders rolling Friday.

The Raiders, behind the running of Grier and Steve Davis, took only 10 plays to cover the 66 yards. Tommy Bain's point after from placement made it 7-0.

South Point drove 87

yards early in the second quarter to go ahead 14-0, William Reid getting the six-pointer on a three-yard run. Bain

again booted the point after.

Mountaineer punter Steve Boggan had backed the Raiders up to the 13 but Grier boomed off tackle for 15 yards on the first play to get them out of serious trouble. The big play in the march was a 45 yard run by quarterback Joe Shepherd which moved the ball to the KM 25.

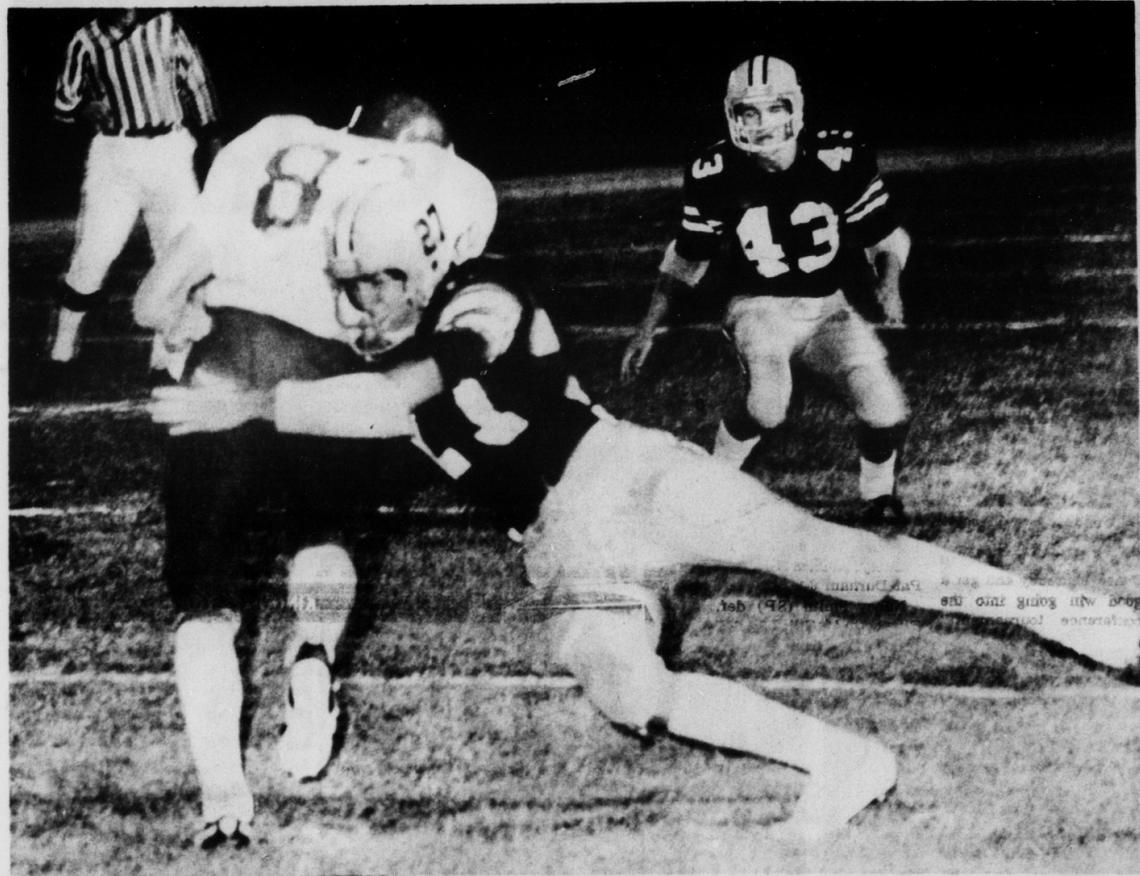
The Mountaineers, who had touched the ball for only two series of downs in the first period as South Point ate up the clock, completed their only pass of the night to set up its first TD with 6:37 remaining.

Jim Hall hit fullback

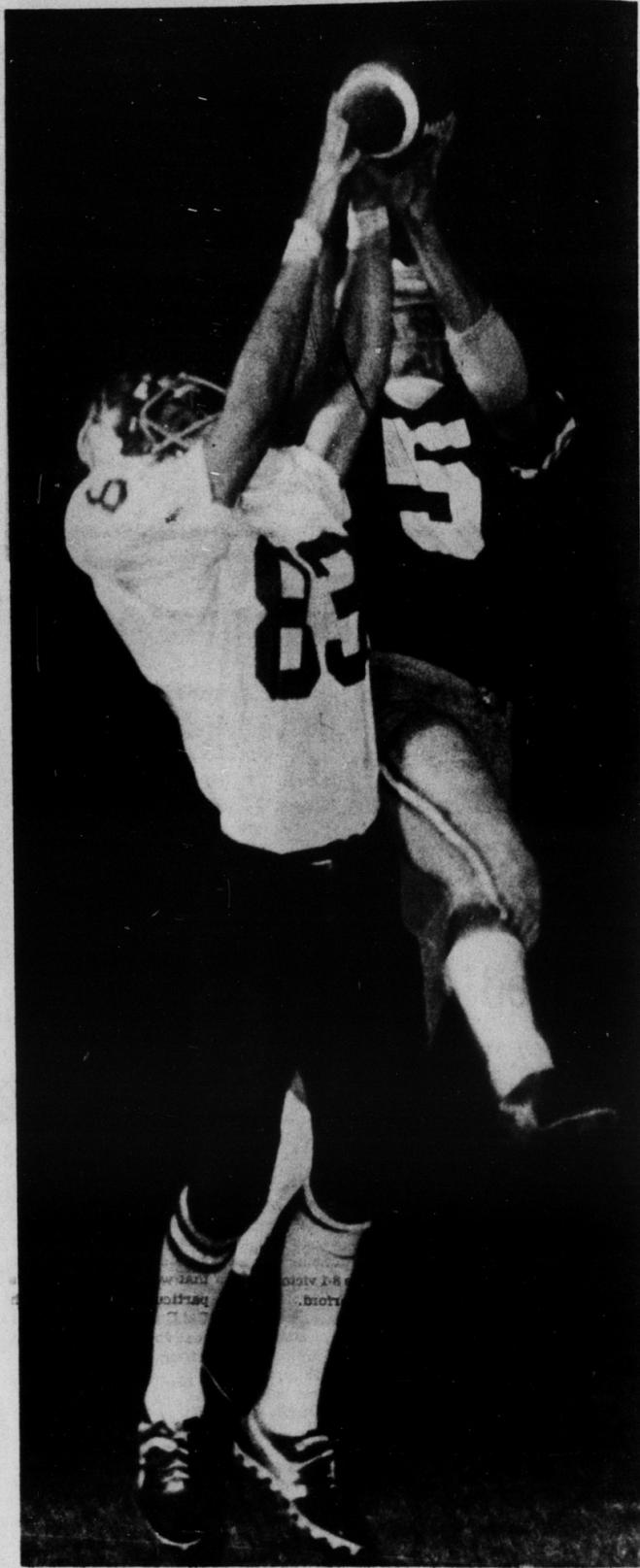
David Ray Robinson with a short pass at the South Point 40 and the hard-charging junior turned it into a 38-yard play. The Raider defense finally pulled him down at the 14 and two plays later tailback Kenny Bell circled right end for an eight-yard TD. Bruce Valentine booted the point-after to cut the difference to 14-7.

South Point marched right back to score on its third straight possession. Reid returned the KM kickoff 36 yards to the 49, and Grier covered the rest of the distance on four consecutive totes. His score came from a yard out.

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Bryon White (27) makes tackle on Raider receiver...



Jimmy Hall (5) intercepts in endzone...



SP's Joe Shepherd (10) pitches out to William Reid...

Gridgraph

	SP	KM
First Downs	16	8
Yds. Rushing	308	181
Passes	6-8	1-4
Yds. Passing	187	36
Passes Int. By	2	1
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Punts	1-41	3-27
Yds. Penalized	85	45

By quarters	SP	KM
1st	7	0
2nd	14	0
3rd	6	27
4th	0	14

Scoring:
 SP - Grier, 21 run (Bain kick)
 SP - Reid, 8 run (Bain kick)
 KM - Bell 8 run (Valentine kick)
 SP - Grier, 1 run (Bain kick)
 KM - Bell, 58 run (Valentine kick)
 SP - Davis, 7 run (Pass failed)

PLAYER	TC	YDS
Kenny Bell	13	188
David Ray Robinson	6	22
Avery Smith	3	21
Jimmy Hall	10	16
Jeff Cloninger	1	-11
Totals	33	181

Player	ATT.	COMP.	INT.	YDS.
Hall	3	1	1	36
Cloninger	2	0	2	0

Player	CAUGHT	YDS.
Robinson	1	36