



LEADING RUSHER—Anthony Hillman (7) runs behind the blocking of Monty Deaton (43) to pick up some of his game-high 87 yards rushing in Friday's game with South Point at Gamble Stadium. The Raiders came from behind in the fourth quarter to win 17-9.

Mounties Lose To Raiders

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and failed at the 17. It took South Point five plays to score with Strain covering the final seven yards. Coach Denny Hicks, who has seen his team outgain its opponent on several occasions only to lose, still could

find some praise for his players.

"Obviously, we're disappointed with the season," he said, "but we were extremely pleased with the effort our kids gave. We had numerous opportunities to win the game, but no matter how hard you play, when you turn

the ball over as many times as we did, it's the worst thing that can happen to you."

"With six turnovers, that gives your opponent 18 additional plays even if they don't pick up a single first down," Hicks added. "But we really admired the effort our kids gave, but with all the turnovers and penalties, we put ourselves in a no-win situation."

Defensively, the Mountaineers did the best job anyone has done on South Point's strong running game. The Red Raiders had been averaging about 200 yards per game rushing, but the Mountaineers held them to 71. Pate led the way with 44 yards in 15 carries and Strain had 26 in 12 rushes.

Kings Mountain's Hillman, starting for only the second time at tailback, led all rushers with 87 yards in 19 carries. He was over 100 yards at one point but several losses late in the game brought his net total down.

Deaton, who was the SWC's leading rusher going into the contest, was moved to fullback for most of the game and finished with 29 yards in seven carries. But his pass reception which turned into a 31-yard gain set up KM's only touchdown.

"South Point was really impressed with our defense," Hicks said. "Nobody had shut them down like that. We played good enough defense to win, it just boils down to the fact that we couldn't put the ball in the endzone. It's a problem we've approached from every possible angle, but has been a total failure."

The loss assured the Mountaineers of their first losing season in the SWC in three years. Kings Mountain finished second in the league two years ago and shared the conference title last year with Shelby and East Rutherford.

The win assured the Red Raiders of their first winning season in three years and the South Point eleven moved closer to clinching a berth in the state playoffs for the first time in four years. South Point can clinch a playoff berth Friday at home against R-S Central's Hilltoppers, but a Hilltopper victory would continue to make it a four-team race for the SWC's three playoff berths. All teams except Shelby, South Point, Burns and R-S have been eliminated from the playoff picture.

Standings

| | CONF. W-L | ALL W-L |
|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Shelby | 5-0 | 7-1 |
| Burns | 4-1 | 7-1 |
| South Point | 4-1 | 6-2 |
| R-S Central | 3-2 | 3-4 |
| Kings Mtn. | 1-4 | 3-5 |
| North Gaston | 1-4 | 3-5 |
| East Ruth. | 1-4 | 2-6 |
| Chase | 1-4 | 2-6 |

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
 South Point 17, Kings Mtn. 9
 Shelby 35, North Gaston 20
 R-S Central 25, Burns 16
 Chase 24, East Ruth., 19

THIS WEEK'S GAMES
 East Ruth. at Kings Mtn.
 R-S Central at South Point
 Burns at Shelby
 Chase at North Gaston

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TO: THE CITIZENS OF KINGS MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

I am seeking re-election to the School Board and I will greatly appreciate your vote. It was four years ago that you elected me to be a member of the Board of Education of Kings Mountain District Schools. This has truly been an enriching and rewarding experience for me. I am grateful for your having entrusted me with the responsibility of working with other board members in shaping the character and direction of our school district.

During these four years that I have been a member of the School Board, public education has emerged as a national, state and local priority. Many exciting things are currently taking place. In its recent session, the North Carolina Legislature approved a plan which could provide as much as 2.3 billion dollars for school facilities during the next ten years. Our Legislators also approved an additional year of funding for the Basic Education Program. This means for us additional teaching positions and new programs as well as smaller classes. School employees have also received generous pay increases during the past four years and the per pupil expenditure has increased dramatically. There is every reason to believe that such progress will continue in the future. I believe that we have excellent school administrators, teachers and staff members who are committed to helping each child in our schools achieve to his fullest potential.

I would like to review for you my background and other qualifications for this position. I grew up and attended public schools in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. I received the BA Degree from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee before serving for four and one-half years in the United States Air Force, one year of which was in South Viet Nam. I obtained the rank of Captain and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service. I received the Master's Degree from Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. For the past fifteen years I have been affiliated with McGinnis Department Store. For more than ten years I have been actively involved in Kings Mountain District Schools. I served as both treasurer and president of the West School PTO and as a parent volunteer and tutor. I was a member of the Blue Ribbon Facilities Committee and served on the Vocational Advisory Board and the Health Council. In our community, I have served for many years as a volunteer in the United Way, Heart and Cancer Campaigns. I am a former director of the Chamber of Commerce. I am immediate past president of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre and the Kiwanis Club. I am an active member of Resurrection Lutheran Church where I have served in numerous leadership roles. I am married to the former Anita McGinnis and we have two daughters, Anne, an eleventh grader, and Emily, an eighth grader.

I believe that my service of the past four years gives me a broad base of experience which can enhance my continued membership on the School Board. I have a sincere desire to continue to represent you and work to make our school district the best possible for our children. I will greatly appreciate your vote on November 3.

Doyle Campbell
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