



Kings Mountain running back Corey Jones (21) drags a R-S Central tackler with him as he picks up some of his 55 yards rushing in Friday night's Southwestern 3-A Conference football game at R-S

Central. The Mountaineers won their conference opener, 31-10, handing the Hilltoppers their second straight league loss.

Logan, KM Mountaineers run past R-S Central 31-10

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers had their biggest offensive night in years Friday and rolled to a 31-10 win in their first Southwestern 3-A Conference game at R-S Central.

The victory squares the Mountaineers' overall record at 2-2-1 heading into their annual homecoming game with South Point's Red Raiders Friday at John Gamble Stadium. The game will also serve as Parents Night, and pre-game and halftime activities are planned.

The Mountaineers rushed for 403 yards - their biggest rushing output ever under Coach Denny Hicks - and junior running back Shane Logan amassed 225 yards, giving him 613 yards in five games and putting him in position to become the school's first 1,000-yard rusher since Curtis Pressley and Tracy Johnson both rushed for over 1,000 yards in 1983, Hicks' first season as head coach.

"I can't remember us ever rushing for 400 yards," Hicks said. "We

did it a couple of times when I was in the mountains. We've been in the mid and upper 200s a couple of times but I don't remember us ever rushing for 400 here."

The Mountaineers completely dominated the contest, even though they did have some letdowns in their kicking and return games. R-S Central, usually a high-scoring outfit, managed only 96 yards rushing and hit 6-of-13 passes for 42 yards to drop to 0-2 in the SWC and 4-3 overall.

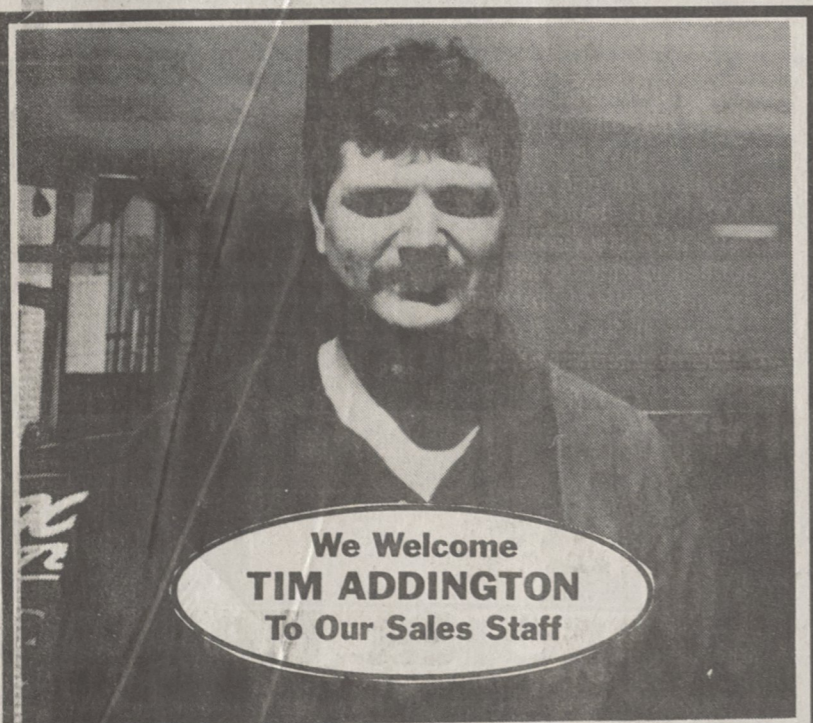
Kings Mountain took control of the game on the opening drive and was never in serious trouble. The victory felt good for the coaches and players, who hadn't tasted victory since their season-opening 28-7 win over East Gaston.

"Quite obviously, we were ex-

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Kings Mountain running back Shane Logan (33) picks up some of his 225 yards rushing in Friday's 33-10 victory over R-S Central's Hilltoppers. The Mountaineers gained 403 yards rushing for the game, and hope to keep that type of performance going Friday when they host South Point in their homecoming game.



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South Point here Friday

Kings Mountain High football coach Denny Hicks said his Mountaineers will have to "improve a little more" to defeat a solid South Point team in its annual homecoming game Friday at 8 p.m. at John Gamble Stadium.

The game is crucial to both clubs as they try to battle for one of the three state playoff berths available to Southwest 3-A Conference teams.

South Point, the defending conference co-champion with Burns, took its licks early in the year but has rebounded and is 2-0 in the conference and 4-2 overall. The Red Raiders have defeated North Gaston and East Rutherford in league play and share first place with Burns.

Kings Mountain, 2-2-1 overall, is 1-0 in the conference after last week's impressive 31-10 win over R-S Central and is the only other team that is unbeaten in the conference.

The Mountaineers and Red Raiders hope to continue their solid offensive performances. KM is led

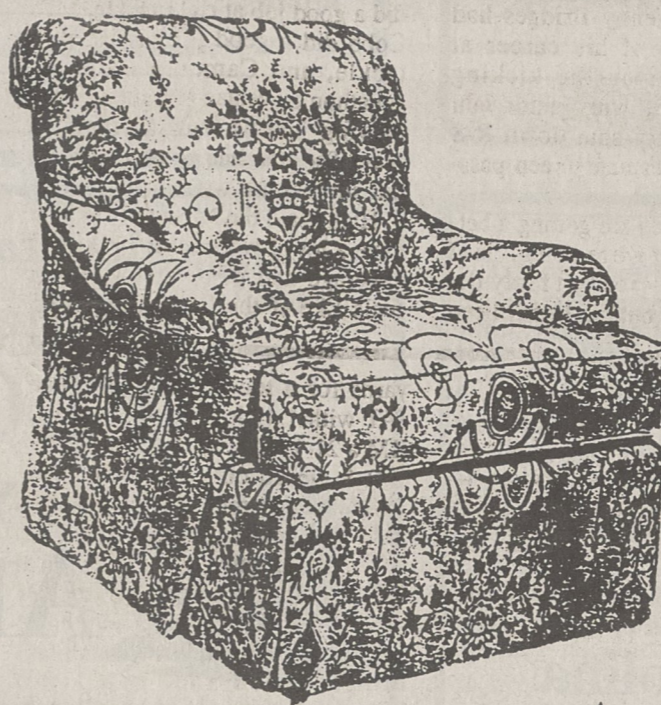
by the area's leading rusher, Shane Logan, who has 613 yards in five games, and South Point is led by last year's conference rushing king, Courtney Williams, who has been moved to quarterback.

Hicks said the move of Williams from tailback to quarterback added a new dimension to the Raider attack and seemed to be the spark they needed to turn their season around.

"When they moved him to quarterback it seemed to settle things down a bit," Hicks said. "They struggled on offense early but they have confidence now. Williams is a big threat on the option, quarterback draw and traps when they run him up inside, and he has taken pressure off their offense. They're much improved from what they were earlier in the season."

Kings Mountain has also shown improvement. Hicks has played a lot of young players and first-year seniors and last week at R-S many of them seemed to come into their

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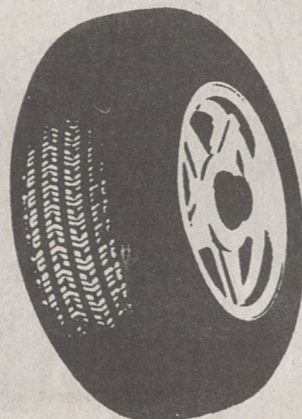
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