

**Midgette has 400 set in duckpin bowling**

Mark Midgette bowled a 148 line and 400 set Tuesday night to lead the Dream Team to a 6-2 win over Family Affair in Mixed Duckpin Bowling League action at Dilling Heating.

Midgette also had a 141 game and Chris Hullender added a 112 line and 313 set for the winners. R.W. Hullender led the losers with a pair of 125 games and a 361 set.

In other action, the Antiques won 6-2 over Bullwinkle & Friends. John Dilling led the winners with a 142 line and 52 set, and Irene Ruley added a 119-309. Robbie Hullender led the losers with a 105 line and 296 set.

In Thursday night action, Lightning took over sole possession of first place with a 6-2 win over Thunder. Lightning now sports a 26-14 record, followed by Thunder 22-18, Moose Heads 18-22, and Alley Rats 14-26.

Tommy Barrett led the way for Lightning with a 130 line and 355 set. Bill Myers added a 310 set. Ronnie Scruggs led Thunder with a 116 line and 334 set.

Allen Myers bowled a 130 line and 365 set to lead the Alley Rats to a 6-2 win over the Moose Heads. John Dilling led the losers with a 113 line and 305 set.

**KMHS soccer team posts four victories**

The Kings Mountain High School soccer team ran its record to 10-5 last week with victories over Burns, R-S Central, Statesville and North Gaston.

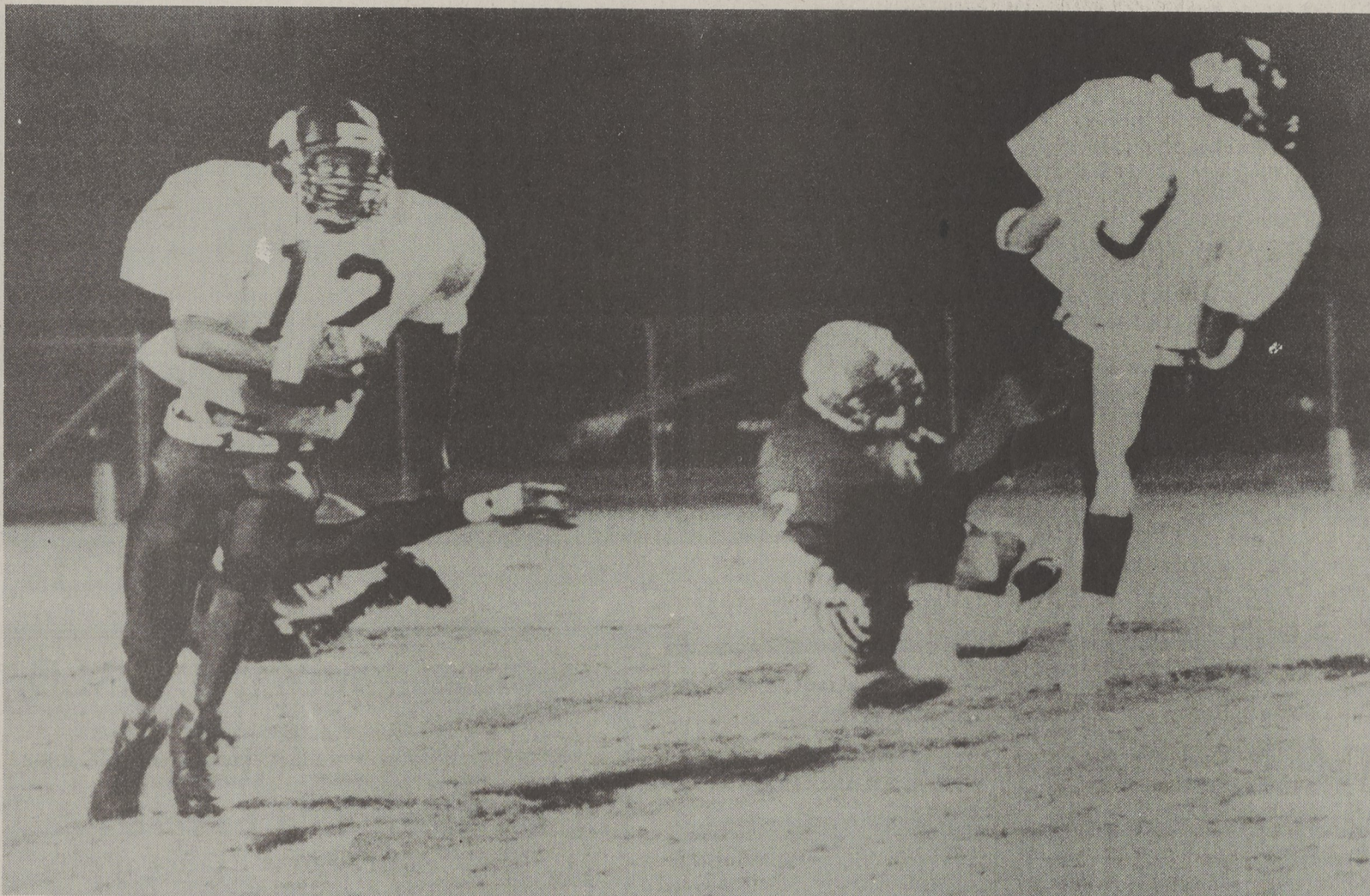
At Burns, the Mountaineers won 5-1 behind Sage Fulton's two goals. Wesley Bridges was the chief distributor with three assists.

At home, the Mountaineers defeated R-S Central 3-0. Goals were scored by Bridges, Jordan Angeles and Bobby Ormand.

At Statesville, Kings Mountain won 3-2 with Ormand scoring twice and Bridges adding a goal and an assist.

At North Gaston, the Mountaineers won 7-3 as Ormand, Bridges and Jordan each scored two goals, and Chris Wallace added two assists. A highlight of the win was Brian Maxey's first goal of the year, which he rocketed into the net after shedding several defenders.

This week, the Mountaineers host Crest Saturday, South Point Monday and Burns Wednesday. The Burns game has been designated as Senior Night as well as Youth Soccer Night. All youth soccer players who wear their uniforms to the game will be admitted free and recognized at halftime.



**RECORD BREAKER** - Kings Mountain return specialist Jason Wade (12) is pictured returning a punt 89 yards for a touchdown in Friday's 18-13 victory over South Point in Belmont. Wade also had an

83-yard punt return for a touchdown to become one of only eight players in North Carolina prep history to score on two punt returns in the same game.

**SOUTH POINT**

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"We had run the trap play all night and we just kept noticing their linebackers got wider to stop the off-tackle belly," Massey said. "We felt like we wanted to pop that open. We felt like we could get to the second level (of the defense), and once Shane got to the second level he broke a couple of tackles and made a great run to get into the end zone. Our first level blocking was excellent and our tackle got on their inside linebacker. Shane didn't get touched until he got into the second and third level."

That winning drive was the only one of the night that didn't bog down because of penalties. But back-to-back punt returns of 83 and 89 yards by Jason Wade early in the first period put the Mountaineers on top 12-0. Wade's two returns tied a state record as only seven other players have returned two kicks for touchdowns in the same game.

"I don't ever remember seeing somebody return back-to-back punts, especially from that distance," said Coach Massey. "And we actually would have had three if C.C. Smith's long touchdown return (80 yards) hadn't been called back on a penalty. Coach (Tony) Leigh deserves a lot of credit for that, because he works very hard with the kick return game."

Wade, who went into the game with a virus, left the contest after his second TD when his asthmatic condition flared up.

Kings Mountain missed an opportunity to put the game away moments later when Emory Brown broke through to block a South Point punt at the Raiders' 16 yard line. Logan rambled 12 yards for a first down at the four but McClain fumbled the ball and lost 10 yards back to the 14 and the Mountaineers missed a 31-yard field goal attempt.

Aided by an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against the Mounties, South Point drove 86 yards to score on a 30-yard pass

from Kyle Richardson to Kelly Brown and cut the KM lead to 12-7 with 6:55 left in the half.

The Mountaineers missed another scoring opportunity early in the third quarter. After Smith's long punt return was called back, the Mountaineers moved from their own 12 to the South Point 16 as Logan reeled off runs of 12 and 32 yards and McClain scrambled for 10 yards and passed to Smith for 10. But the Mountaineers were flagged for 40 yards in penalties on three consecutive plays, worked their way back to the 15 and then lost the ball on a fumble.

Late in the third quarter South Point recovered a KM fumble at the Mountaineers' five yard line, and on a third and goal play from the four a tipped pass was caught by Clint McNabb in the end zone and South Point took a 13-12 lead.

A tipped KM pass was intercepted by South Point to halt the next KM drive, and the Raiders appeared to be moving toward a possible clinching touchdown. But the KM defense stood tough and stopped a Red Raider faked field goal at the 22 to set up KM's game-winning drive.

"For us to come back after going down, hold them on their last possession and take the ball and score says a lot about the character of our football team," Massey said. "I was real pleased with our effort. We had some mental breakdowns in a couple of areas, but I thought for the most part the effort was real good."

Massey said the KM defense played well, especially considering they were on the field most of the first half.

"By us returning two punts back to back for touchdowns, and then having to kick off again, our defense got a little winded in the first half," he said. "That helped South Point during their drive. It's tough to keep going back on the field like that. So we felt like in the first quarter we didn't get a chance to establish anything offensively. We had the blocked punt and didn't score, and I was real disappointed in that. If we had scored there we

could have pretty much put it away."

South Point, which fell to 1-2 in the SWC and 2-5 overall, made a big turnaround from a week earlier when the Raiders committed seven turnovers and had over 100 yards in penalties in a 51-3 loss to East Rutherford. The loss doused South Point's hopes of a fifth straight playoff appearance.

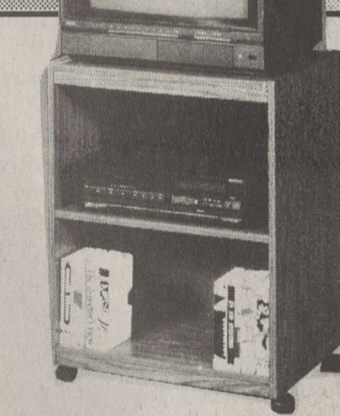
"This was a game that could make or break us as far as putting us in position to make the playoffs," Massey said. "Our first goal was to win the first two conference games. Now we feel like if we can come out with a split in the next two (Burns and Shelby) we'll be in good shape."

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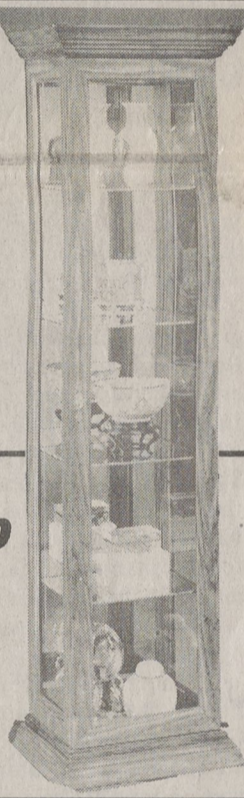


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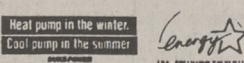
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