

# Mountaineer kickers upset Lions, lose to Raiders

Kings Mountain High's soccer team pulled one big upset, but came up shy in an attempt for another, in Southwest 3-A Conference action during the past week.

Last Wednesday night in Shelby, the Mountaineers scored their first win in four years over the Golden Lions, 4-2. Monday night at home, they took an early 1-0 lead over defending SWC champion South Point but the powerful Red Raiders came back to post a 4-1 win and run their record to 9-0.

Coach Dan Potter broke with tradition on last week's trip to Shelby. Instead of going directly to Blanton Stadium, he took his Mountaineers to Graham Middle School for warm-ups. They arrived at the Shelby High

stadium about three minutes before game time and went directly onto the field.

"Over the last three years we had been real intimidated and lost by some wide margins over there," he gave as his reason for arriving right at game time. "This time we just went to our positions and played, and the guys were much more focused and did a real good job."

Wesley Bridges scored on an assist from Daniel Tedder 7:30 into the game to give the Mountaineers a 1-0 lead. Shelby battled back to tie it, but Bridges scored again to put the Mounties on top 2-1.

Shelby came back to tie the game 2-2 at halftime, but the KM defense shut the Lions down after that.

"We went into the half a little disappointed because we came out so strong and they responded," Potter said. "We spoke about a few things, and then Coach Conrad Martin gave a great Vince Lombardi speech and got the guys pumped out. We went out and took it to them in the second half."

Daniel Tedder and Robin Perkins each scored a goal in the second half to give KM the margin of victory. Kanya Phaengkahamhak played an outstanding defensive game against Shelby's best player, shutting him out.

Monday night, Tedder scored off an assist by Perkins and Jordan Angeles 11 minutes into

the game to give the Mountaineers a 1-0 lead over South Point, but the Red Raiders came back to tie the game 1-all at the half, and then took control in the second half.

"We played a decent first half," said Potter. "We had several other scoring opportunities, as they did, but Collin Goforth made some really key saves for us."

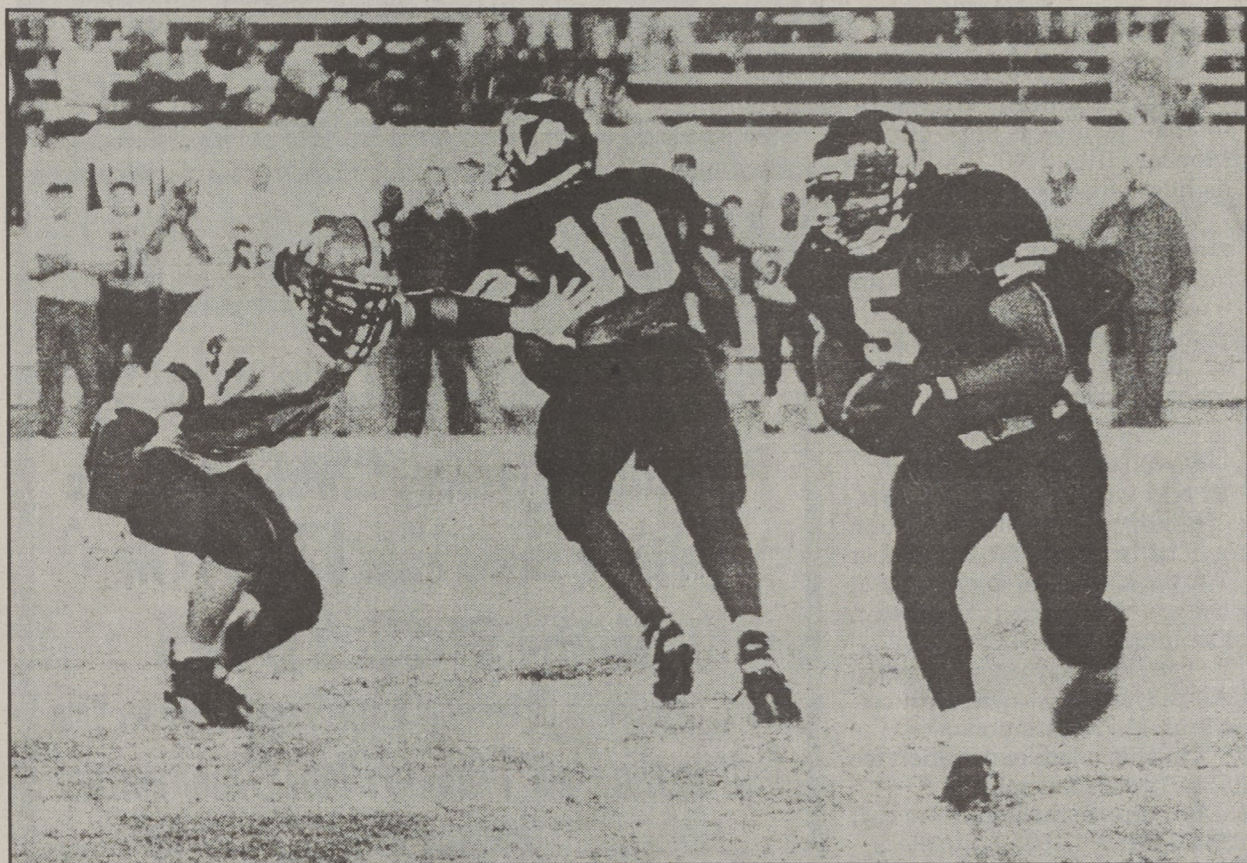
South Point took a 2-1 lead early in the second half on a penalty kick and then broke the game open late.

"South Point is an excellent team," said Potter. "We actually played them a better game this time than we did in the Gaston Tournament when they beat us

2-0. We had more scoring opportunities. Sometimes they go in and sometimes they don't."

The Mountaineers, 2-1 in the SWC and in second place, go to

South Caldwell Thursday and R-S Central Monday. They host South Caldwell next Tuesday with JV action beginning at 5 p.m.



**ON THE RUN FOR MOUNTIES** - Marcus Smith finds some running room for Kings Mountain's Mountaineers in Friday's homecoming game with Mooresville at Gamble Stadium. Smith had over 100 all-purpose yards to help lead the Mountaineers to a 19-14 win.

## CENTRAL

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"I think we've got to become more consistent," he said. "We can't go up there and expect to

keep making big plays and let that carry us. We've got to be more consistent offensively, and I think defensively we have to become a little more consistent."

The Mountaineers will be without the services of senior

defensive end Derek Goode, who broke his collarbone on the first play of the game last week. Otherwise, except for the usual bumps and bruises, Massey said the Mountaineers should be in good shape physically.

## MOORESVILLE

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turned it to the 18 yard line. On the first play, McClain took a couple of steps to his left on an option play, cut back across the grain and went untouched into the end zone with the winning touchdown.

Massey said he was confident the Mountaineers' defense could stop Mooresville because it had shut down the Blue Devils' offense most of the second half.

"I felt like our defense was playing well," he said. "If we could pin them down close they'd be limited in what they could do. We were fortunate we held them down deep and felt like we could get good field position."

He also praised McClain for a "good athletic" play on the touchdown run. "We had been running the option with some success getting outside and pitching it," he said. "They had a slant on and were going to take the outside away. Lance saw the seam and cut back

against the grain."

Although he said he felt the Mountaineer offense should have been more consistent, Massey said it was good that they were able to make the plays they had to.

"It was fortunate for us that we did," he said, "because we were able to win the game. I guess to be successful you have to win games that you don't play well in."

Massey refused to blame the off night on the open date from the week before, or homecoming.

"I don't want to make excuses," he said. "We just don't know if the kids didn't feel like Mooresville was as good as they were or not, but we didn't play with much intensity."

"It was nice to win our homecoming game," he continued. "I think playing at home helped us. If we had played that bad on the road I don't think we would have come away with a victory. We've just got to put that behind us because these next six ball games determine whether or not we make the playoffs."

## THE YARDSTICK

	M	KM
First downs	7	15
Yds. rushing	154	201
Yds. passing	48	132
Passes	1-1	7-12-1
Fumbles lost	2	3
Penalties	5	5

Score by quarters: T  
M 0 7 7 0 -14  
KM 7 6 0 6 -19

KM - Corey Jones 1-run (Rusty Putnam kick)  
M - Corey Alexander 21 run (Luke Ray kick)  
KM - Marcus Smith 3 run (Kick failed)  
M - Lavar Lowe 1-run (Ray kick).  
KM - Lance McClain 18 run (Pass failed).

### RUSHING

KM - Marcus Smith 13-46, Lance McClain 11-27, Corey Jones 19-128.  
M - Lavar Lowe 14-78, Corey Alexander 12-65, Antonio McConnulghy 7-8, Smith Bowles 1-3, Bobby Hamblin 1-1, Steven McFarland 5-(-1).

### PASSING

KM - McClain 7-12-1-132. M - Alexander 1-1-48.

### RECEIVING

KM - Smith 4-99, Kendrick Bell 3-33. M - Grant Shoe 1-48.




**WINNING TOUCHDOWN** - Kings Mountain quarterback Lance McClain sprints past the Mooresville defense for the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter of Friday's 19-13 Mountaineer win at Gamble Stadium. Kings Mountain travels to R-S Central Friday for their first Southwestern 3-A Conference game.

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