



**AN ALL-ROUND GUY** - Marcus Smith (5), shown here taking a handoff from quarterback Lance McClain in last week's victory over South Point, is probably the most versatile back in Kings Mountain's high-powered offense. Smith is usually among the leading rushers and pass receivers, and also returns kickoffs.

**Wrestling October 26 to benefit Hester fund**

The N.A.W.A. returns to the Kings Mountain Community Center Saturday, October 26 for an 8 p.m. card which will raise funds for the David Hester Memorial.

The main event will be a loser leave town match featuring Dozer and the American G.I. If Dozer wins he will shave the head of G.I.'s manager, Buddy Shane.

Krazy Kane Atoms will take on Jeff Victory in a ladder match for the U.S. title.

also on the card will be the Canadian tag team champions, Scotty Hot Body, Miss Carla, Scott McKeaver, and others.

At 4 p.m., there will be Harley Davidson Bike Show in the parking lot.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Children under age six will be admitted free. Tickets are available at the Community Center and Floating Affections.

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**BURNS**

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to Crest, Freedom, East Burke, Hunter Huss and Shelby. In SWC play, the Bulldogs played Shelby a close game and defeated North Gaston 28-7 and East Rutherford 21-7.

Returning quarterback Wesley Greene has provided the leadership while some younger players gained experience.

"He's a very good quarterback," says Massey. "He throws the ball real well. He's not the runner that we've seen the last two weeks (in R-S Central's Ken Hines and South Point's Mica Tribble) but he's a better passer. I think they've settled down

on what they want to do offensively, and they're executing real well."

The Bulldogs have a good running attack, led by John Logan who is averaging over 100 yards rushing per game. Sam Walker and Leon Boulanger also are capable of piling up big yardage.

"Defensively, I think people are looking too much at their scores," Massey said. "But the last two weeks I don't think their defense has given up but 14 points. They're going to be a typical Burns team - physical, aggressive and well coached. They seem to have pretty good special teams and a good punter."

Kings Mountain will be looking for just its second win over

Burns in the decade of the nineties. Burns won from 1990 through '94 before KM came from behind to win last year's game on a late field goal.

In history, the teams have met 29 times with the Mounties holding a 15-14 advantage. However, the Mountaineers posted six of those wins in the first six years of the series (1968-73) when Burns was playing football for the first time. Since Burns broke through with its first win in 1974 (28-7) the Bulldogs have won 14 of the last 23 games. Kings Mountain hasn't won at Burns since 1985.

"It's going to be a matter of us meeting the challenge," said Massey. "We need to go out there and play well and be prepared."

**FOOTBALL**

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Just like a week earlier when the Mountaineers came from a 10-0 deficit to defeat R-S Central 30-18, the Mountaineers struck quickly. While many of their scores at R-S were a result of taking advantage of Hilltopper turnovers, against South Point the Mounties just completely dominated the game.

Following South Point's second score, the Mountaineers rolled 68 yards in three plays for their first TD. Bell swept right end for a 38-yard gain to the Raider 29, and Jones rambled 20 yards around left end to set up his own nine-yard touchdown run to make the score 10-6.

After South Point went 3-and-out, the Mountaineers rolled 57 yards in seven plays to take a 12-10 halftime lead. The big play was Joseph Bell's leaping, fingertip catch of a McClain pass at the Raider 13. Three plays later Smith slanted off left tackle for a seven-yard touchdown run.

The Mountaineers started at their own 16 following a clip on the second half kickoff, but it took them only seven plays to score on a three-yard run by Jones. Smith ran the two-point conversion for a 20-10 lead with 8:49 remaining in the third quarter.

The Mountaineers' rushing totals began to soar during that drive. The KM line began to dominate the Raiders, most of whom played both offensively and defensively. Jones carried tacklers on runs through the middle, and McClain and Bell swept the outside for exciting runs of 19 and 49 yards, respectively.

Later in the third period, the Mountaineers began a 59-yard touchdown drive which ended early in the fourth quarter. Bell got off an 18-yard run to the South Point 23, from which point McClain hit Smith across the middle and he outran the Raider secondary into the end zone with 11:26 showing on the clock. Rusty Putnam's PAT from placement gave the Mounties a 27-10 lead.

Following another South Point 3-and-out, the Mounties rolled 56 yards in seven plays to score on a two-yard run by Smith around right end. Putnam's PAT made it 34-10 with 7:22 left. An 11-yard run by Smith, a 17-yard pass from McClain to Kendrick Bell, and a 26-yard run by McClain set up the score.

South Point took advantage of a short KM kickoff to drive

52 yards for its final touchdown. Tribble hit McNabb on a 39-yard pass and a first down at the KM 11, from which point Robinson scored to make the score 34-16.

The only other time South Point came close to scoring was late in the game when Michael Lyle got behind the KM defense and caught a 26-yard pass for a first down at the 18. But four plays later the Raiders lost the ball on downs at the 25.

On the first play from scrimmage, Jones took a handoff from reserve quarterback Anthony Ash and hit the middle of the line, broke one tackle, cut right toward the South Point sidelines and outraced everybody 75 yards for the longest scoring run of his varsity career. Putnam's PAT made the final score 41-16. On South Point's first play following the ensuing kickoff, KM defensive end Andy Leigh intercepted a pass and Ash touched his knee down three plays in a row to run out the clock.

Massey said he was extremely pleased with his team's overall play in what had to be one of the most impressive offensive efforts in Mountaineer history, and another stellar defensive effort against a good South Point offense.

"Obviously, we are pleased with the offense," he said. "We

still had a couple of breakdowns early with penalties but one of them was very questionable and we had a 30-yard run called back. But I thought we executed fairly well. We played

Joseph Bell a little more on offense and that helps us. It makes us a little more flexible as to where we want to attack. A lot of people are trying to stop Marcus Smith and it just opens up other things for us.

"I thought our kids played with a lot of intensity again," he said. "They played hard and we're just going to try to continue to improve a little bit each week. Hopefully we're in a position now where we feel like we've got a good shot at the playoffs. We just have to play well these last four weeks."

For the Raiders, the loss means they'll have to play with their backs to the wall as they try to qualify for the state playoffs for the sixth straight year. They're 2-1 in the conference heading into a big game at home this week against R-S Central.

Kings Mountain, 2-0 and tied for first place with Shelby, also faces a must win situation at Burns. The Bulldogs are 2-1, but their only loss was to Shelby and a victory over the Mountaineers would give them the upper hand in the playoff race.

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