

Evans bowls another 400 in Tuesday duckpin league

Greg Evans bowled a 150 line and 411 set Tuesday night to lead Ducks R Us to a sweep of Dilling's Demons in Mixed Duckpin Bowling League action at Dilling Heating.

John Dilling bowled a 104 line and 293 set for the Demons. In another match, Mark's

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SPORTS

Early mistakes again costly as KM falls to East 27-14

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

The opposition continued to take advantage of Kings Mountain's mistakes Friday night as East Rutherford was handed two of its four touchdowns in a 27-14 Southwestern 3A Conference victory over the Mountaineers.

The Cavaliers cashed in on a KM first period fumble to drive 14 yards in two plays for a 7-0 lead, and later had to drive only four yards for a score following a third period pass interception and return.

The Mountaineers had made some defensive adjustments prior to the game - moving offensive linemen Brock McDonald, Chip Martin and Matt Williams to the defensive line - but the mistakes by the offense overshadowed an improved performance by the defense.

"I felt like we played hard," said Coach Dave Farquharson. "If the kids had played as hard against Burns and R-S Central, East would have been our only conference loss so far."

The Mountaineers appeared to be more aggressive on defense.

The offense, riddled by injuries, improved as the game went on under the direction of freshman quarterback Derek Smith. But Smith's errant pitch out on the Mountaineers' first offensive play of the game, gave the Cavaliers the ball on the KM 14. Two plays later Chris Jackson scored from eight yards out for a 7-0 East lead.

The Mountaineers blew a couple scoring opportunities in the first half. Antonio McClain intercepted an East pass, but moments later KM halfback Brandon Houze lost a fumble.



Kings Mountain running back Brandon Houze fumbles the ball after a big hit from a pair of East Rutherford defenders in Friday's Southwestern 3A Conference football game at KM's John Gamble Stadium. East Rutherford won 27-14 in the final game of a long-standing series that dates back to the 1930s, when East Rutherford was known as Forest City.

On their next series, the Cavalier center snapped the ball over the punter's head and KM took possession on the 20 yard line, but couldn't pick up a first down.

Following a short East punt, the Mounties drove 32 yards to score on a five-yard run by McClain, but Matt Bridges' extra point attempt was blocked and the Cavs were still on top, 7-6.

Tyler Adams returned the second half kickoff 59 yards to the East 33, but once again the

Mounties couldn't pick up a first down. Later in the quarter, East Rutherford's Bryson Covington intercepted a Smith pass at the 35 and returned it to the four yard line, setting up a four-yard TD run by Seneca Stroud and a 14-6 East lead.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, the Cavaliers blew the game open with a 58-yard touchdown pass from Stencil Robinson to Lenny Foreman. Kings Mountain came back to score on a two-yard run by Jacobi Oates and a two-yard

conversion run by Smith to cut the margin to 21-14 with 7:44 left, but East Rutherford slammed the door on KM's playoff hopes with an 11-yard touchdown run by Jackson with 3:12 left.

On the Mountaineers' last offensive play with just over a minute remaining, Smith was hit hard by two ER defenders and bruised his shoulder, making him the fourth KM quarterback to go down with an injury.

Unbeaten South Point here Friday for Mountaineers' final home game

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Prior to the start of the season, the South Point-Kings Mountain football game was considered to be a battle for the Southwestern 3A Conference championship.

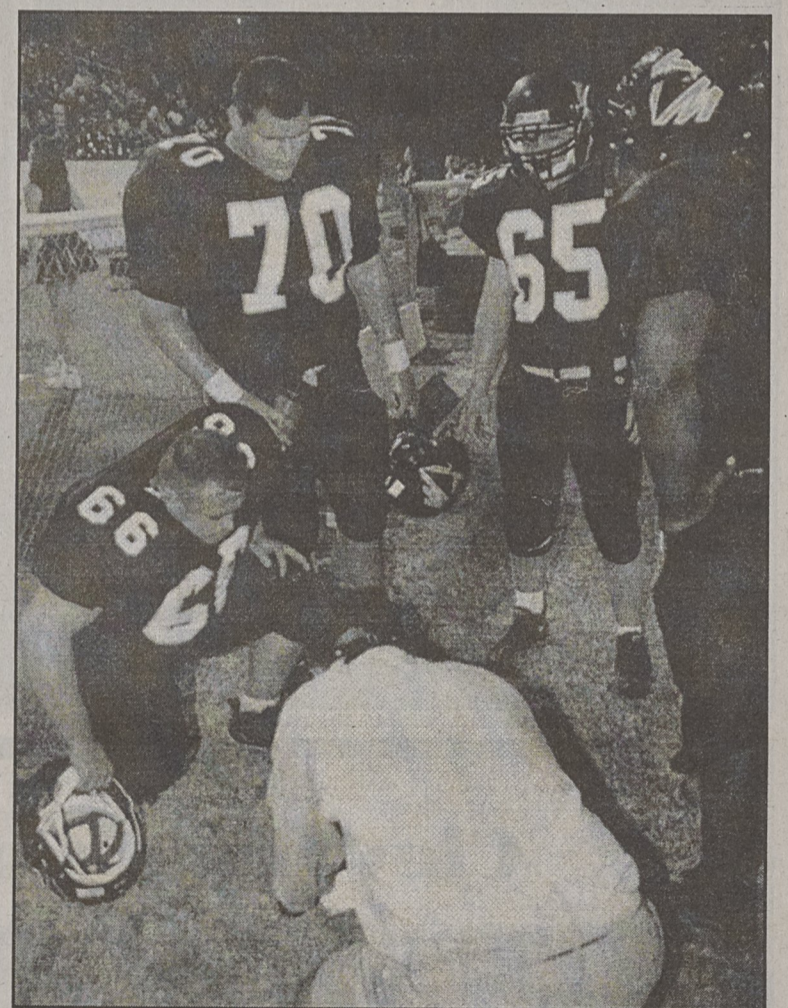
But for the Mountaineers, Friday's 7:30 contest at KM's John Gamble Stadium apparently has nothing on the line but pride.

The Mountaineers, once the most feared team in the SWC, finds itself in last place with a 1-3 SWC and 3-6 overall record. South Point has a 4-0 SWC and 7-0-1 overall mark and is hoping to avoid an upset over the last two weeks so it can be the top-seeded team in the West for the upcoming state playoffs.

The Mountaineers have been riddled by injuries and mistakes. They've had a dozen players go down with injuries, some season-ending. In all of their conference losses, their opponent's winning margin was a result of scoring touchdowns off KM mistakes deep in Mountaineer territory.


South Point, meanwhile, has clicked on all cylinders. Led by one of the state's top quarterbacks, four-year starter Devon Lowery, the Red Raiders have

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Kings Mountain linemen Matt Wilson (66), Kenny Moore (70) and Adam Blanton (65) get instruction from line coach Michael Wilbanks (back to camera) on sidelines of Friday's game with East Rutherford at KMHS.

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