

■ HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Mounties fall to R-S Central 35-21

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Kings Mountain's Mountaineers were once again their own worst enemy Friday, Oct. 28 in a 35-21 loss to R-S Central.

The Mountaineers got another outstanding offensive performance from the conference's top rusher, Sidney Goode, who rambled for 150 yards and a touchdown. However, R-S Central used a much more-balanced offensive attack and also took advantage of Kings Mountain turnovers to turn the game into a rout in the fourth quarter.

The Mountaineers turned the ball over on three of their four second half possessions with R-S Central turning a 14-14 halftime tie into a 14-point victory.

The big weapons for the Hilltoppers were fullback Steven Boykins, who gained 121 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns, and quarterback George Hines who added 101 yards rushing and one TD, hit 7-of-13 passes for 115 yards and another TD, and used his running ability to put the nail in KM's coffin with two fourth quarter scoring drives which broke a 21-all tie.

R-S Central Coach Mike Cheek was quoted in a Forest City paper the day before the game saying the Hilltoppers probably couldn't stop Goode, but they would have to keep him out of the end zone.

They were successful in that except for a third quarter drive on which Goode scored from nine yards out to tie the game at 21.

Goode gained 106 of his yards came on two of the Mounties' three scoring drives. He gained 57 of the team's 72-yards on a touchdown drive on their first possession. Fullback J.J. McClain powered his way into the end zone from 11 yards out and Will Franks added the PAT for a 7-0 lead.

On KM's only possession of the



Kings Mountain quarterback Brandon McClain (10) fires a pass against R-S Central. Below, linebacker coach Kenny Bridges discusses defensive strategy with Sidney Goode.

second half that didn't end with a turnover or the game's final whistle, Goode gained 49 yards to lead the Mountaineers on a six-play, 86-yard march that ended with his nine-yard TD run around left end that tied the score at 21.

Most of the rest of the night, the R-S defense kept Goode from breaking anything long.

R-S, which had to punt following the opening kickoff, answered McClain's early TD with two scoring marches which resulted in a 14-7 lead with 4:42 left in the half. On the first drive, R-S went 80 yards in 12 lays with Hines scoring from six yards out and Derek Swinkey adding the PAT for a 7-7 tie.

After a KM punt, the Hilltoppers drove 91 yards with the TD coming on a 20-yard pass from Hines to Brandon Arrowood for a 14-7 edge.

After an exchange of punts, KM quarterback Brandon McClain found speedy Javon Potts behind the R-S secondary for a 70-yard touchdown pass with 1:17 left in the half to tie the score again at 14.

Moments later, the Mountaineers recovered a Robert Harris fumble at the 43 and passes to Nate Marable and Goode put the ball at the R-S 34 with six seconds left. Franks' 50-yard field goal attempt fell far short.

Things began to go downhill quickly for the Mounties after halftime. On KM's opening drive, R-S Central's Patrick Davis intercepted a McClain pass at the KM 45 and an unsportsmanlike conduct call against KM gave R-S a first down at the 26. Harris picked up eight yards around end, but was tackled out of bounds giving R-S a first down at the KM 11. Boykins went up the gut for eight yards, then scored from the three to put R-S up 21-14 with 8:58 left in the third period.

Ross and J.J. McClain shared the running load and Brandon McClain hit Potts with a 15-yard pass to get the KM offense moving momentarily, but the drive ended with a fumble at the R-S 13 yard line.

R-S drove to the KM 38 before having to punt and downed the



ball at the KM 14.

Marable caught a 20-yard pass, Goode ripped off a 43-yard run and R-S was penalized for a late hit to put KM on the Hilltopper 11. Goode scored from the nine to tie the score at 21.

From that point on, R-S put the game on Hines' shoulders and the talented senior didn't let the Hilltoppers down. He scrambled for 48 yards on two runs to put

the ball on the KM 20, and later hit Rakiem Carson with a 17-yard TD strike to put R-S up 28-21 with 5:31 left.

Three plays following the ensuing kickoff and KM backed up on its own 12 yard line, Goode attempted a halfback pass to Marable that was picked off by Davis at the KM 38 and Boykins scored from yard out with 1:35 to play to ice the victory.

JV Mounties finish 9-1

Kings Mountain High's JV football team closed out a 9-1 season Thursday night with a 35-14 victory over Burns in Lawndale.

Tevorris Crosby, Neil Scott, Shariff Burris, Jerry Lowery and an eighth grader who is not listed on the roster scored touchdowns for the Mountaineers.

Kings Mountain went undefeated against Southwestern 2A/3A Conference teams. The Mountaineers' only loss was a 26-20 overtime loss to Crest.



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Assistant coach Amos Miles counsels C.J. Belcher (3) and Neil Scott (30) during time out of JV game.



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