

Castellano tops 200 In win over Raiders

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Alex Castellano topped the 100-yard rushing mark in each of Kings Mountain's first three JV football games, but went one better in Thursday's 36-28 victory over South Point at John Gamble Stadium.

Castellano topped the 200-yard mark, gaining 203 yards on 17 carries and a touchdown; and he also threw a 50-yard halfback pass to Cameron Pittman for a touchdown.

The victory gives the Mountaineers a 3-1 record heading into their fourth straight home game Thursday at 7 p.m. against Shelby.

Last week's game was close most of the way until Kings Mountain went up 36-20 late in the third quarter on a 17-yard touchdown reception by Philip Quinn and a two-point conversion pass from Jonathan Clark to Pittman.

South Point came back to cut the margin to 36-28 with 9:44 left in the game on a 16 yard touchdown run by Aaron Biggerstaff. The Red Raiders drove into KM territory twice after that but fourth down passes fell incomplete.

Kings Mountain grabbed a quick 6-0 lead with Castellano rambling 61 yards on the first two plays of the game to set up a two-yard scoring run by Dontarius Simmons at the 10:51 mark of the first quarter.

South Point drove 67 yards to take a 8-6 lead on a 18-yard touchdown pass from Mitchell Painter to Devan Robbins and a two-point conversion run by Jeremy Sanders.

Robbins caught a 40-yard pass down the middle of the field to put the

Raiders up 14-6 with 27 seconds left in the quarter. Castellano's 50-yard halfback pass to Pittman on the first play of the second quarter brought the Mountaineers to within 14-12.

KM defensive lineman Deon Murray slammed Biggerstaff to the ground on a fourth and four play to give KM possession at its own 36. In what was the most dazzling play of the game, Castellano took a pitch from Clark to the right, side-stepped two would-be tacklers and zig-zagged through the South Point defense for a 54 yard run to the Raider 10. Clark hit Simmons on a touchdown pass and two-point conversion to put the Mountaineers up 20-14.

After a bizarre ending to the first half with KM committing two straight penalties and South Point getting three cracks at a touchdown with no time remaining, the KM defense held the Raiders to 3-and-out on the first series of second half and Jerik Dabbs returned the punt to the Raider 32. After a penalty, Castellano went off tackle for a 37-yard touchdown run and Clark passed to Simmons for a two-point conversion and a 28-14 led.

Robbins caught another touchdown pass over the middle for a 24 yard score as South Point cut the lead to 28-20.

A long punt return by Alex Toms, followed by a face mask penalty against South Point, gave KM a first down at the Raider 26 and Clark passed 17 yards to Quinn to put the Mountaineers up 36-20.

Quinn led the Mountaineers in receiving with three catches for 31 yards.

Biggerstaff was a load for the Mountaineer defense to bring down. The fresh-



GARY STEWART/HERALD
Kings Mountain running back Alex Castellano is off and running for some of his 203 yards rushing in Thursday win over South Point.



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Kings Mountain defensive lineman Deon Murray applies the pressure to South Point quarterback Mitchell Painter in Thursday's game at Gamble Stadium.

man fullback carried the ball 28 times for 147 yards. Painter added 91 yards on 14 carries and Robbins had 44 in 11 totes. Murray, Garrett

Fredrick, Collins Pressley, Dabbs, Tyrece Crawford, Kavin Swann, Toms and Jose Sappia had big defensive efforts for the Mountaineers.

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The City of Kings Mountain's Electric Department will celebrate Public Power Week at City Hall during the week of October 4th in the Lobby of City Hall. There will be a coloring contest for children twelve and under, you may pick up a coloring sheet during this week at City Hall. Entries may be turned in to City Hall by 5:00pm on Friday October 9th or you can drop them off at the "Paint the Town Green" Public Power tent at the Gateway Festival on Saturday October 10th by 12 O'clock noon. There will be other displays to learn about public power and going green as well as ways to win some prizes.

Also at the Gateway Festival the "Paint the Town Green" tent will feature special displays for City of Kings Mountain electrical customers. There will be games to play to win an energy kit; there will also be customer appreciation give-a-ways, free popcorn and balloons. A special contest to see who can guess how high our Mayor "Rick" can climb on an electrical pole will be the main event. So stop by and put in your best guess, a special prize will be awarded to the person who guesses the closest.

