

KM vs. West Henderson Postgame

YARDSTICK

	KM	WH
First downs	16	25
Yds. Rushing	24-147	62-452
Passing	9-22-2	0-1
Fumbles lost	0	2
Penalties	7-75	4-33
Punts	2-40.5	1-31

RUSHING

WH – Goings 32-176, Jackson 19-180, Fender 14-109, Murray 1-3, Crouch 3-2.

KM – McClain 8-40, Bell 10-55, Crocker 2-12, McCluney 3-20, D. Frederick 3-20.

PASSING

WH – Crouch 0-1.

KM – Bell 9-22-2-136, Crocker 0-1.

RECEIVING

KM – Merchant 2-70, Crocker 4-44, Johnson 3-22.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

TACKLES - Dwayne Capps 9, Chance Frederick 7, Dre'Shaun Bell 5, Shawn Adams 4, Julian Coulter 4, Keenan Baker 4, Marquise Camp 4, Darian McClain 3, Josh Bell 3, Jake Merchant 3, Dillon Frederick 3, Trevon Wilson 2, Colin Watkins 2, Tico Crocker 1.

TFL – Chance Frederick, Dre Bell.

FORCED FUMBLES – Jake Merchant.

FUMBLE RECOVERIES – Jake Merchant, Dre Bell.

SACK – Dre Bell.

SCORE BY QUARTER

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
KM	13	0	7	7	27
WH	14	14	13	0	41

HOW THEY DID IT

First Quarter

K – 7:12 – Jake Merchant 10 pass from Brandon Bell (Sam Liss kick).

WH – 5:26 – Brendan Goings 5 run (Gage Lapka kick).

WH – 0:19 – Cody Jackson 4 run (Lapka kick).

KM – 0:07 – Xavier Johnson 90 kickoff return (kick failed).

Second Quarter

Wh – 8:51 – William Crouch 1 run (Lapka kick).

WH – 1:22 – Goings 7 run (Lapka kick).

Third Quarter

WH – 8:02 – Dusty Fender 19 run (kick failed).

WH – 2:54 – Jackson 18 run (Lapka kick).

KM – 0:12 – Tico Crocker 10 pass from Bell (Liss kick)

Fourth Quarter

Km – 7:01 – Merchant 60 fumble return (Liss kick).



Kings Mountain players Brandon Falls (75), J'air McCluney (28) and Xavier Johnson (1) try to keep their hands warm on a very cold night when the chill factor was in the low teens.

KM/WH: Mountaineers fall in playoffs to West Henderson under frigid conditions

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end Jake Merchant with a 10-yard touchdown pass and Sam Liss booted the PAT for a 7-0 Mountaineer lead.

That would be their only lead, though, as West's backs got exceptional blocking on just about every play to charge ahead.

"Obviously, it was a disappointing ending to a good season," said Mountaineer coach Greg Lloyd. "But we're very proud of our team. We reached one of our goals by bouncing back after a two-win season last year."

The Falcons answered KM's touchdown with a seven-play 69-yard touchdown drive capped off by Goings' six-yard run at the 5:26 mark of the first period.

After holding the Mountaineers to three and out, the

Falcons drove 80 yards in 10 plays to take a 14-7 lead on Jackson's four-yard run.

Kings Mountain's Xavier Johnson answered with a 90-yard kickoff return, but the Mountaineers' extra point attempt failed and West hung to a 14-13 lead it would not relinquish.

William Crouch added a one-yard touchdown run to put the Falcons up 21-14 in the second quarter and Fender picked off two



Kings Mountain quarterback Brandon Bell rolls out for a pass.

passes, including one at the one yard line, to keep the Mountaineers out of the end zone.

A one-yard run by Goings pushed the West lead to 28-13 at halftime, and touchdown runs of three yards by Fender and 18 by Jackson ran the margin to 41-13 with 2:54 left in the third quarter.

Jackson finished with 180 yards on 19 carries, Goings 176 yards on 32 carries and Fender 109 yards on 14 carries.

Kings Mountain tacked on two more touchdowns, and had a golden opportunity to score another when a wide open hook and lateral was fumbled.

Tico Crocker caught a 10-yard touchdown pass with 12 seconds left in the third quarter to cut the margin to 41-20, and Merchant closed out the scoring in the fourth quarter when he stripped the ball from a West back and ran it 60 yards for the final touchdown with seven minutes remaining. Late in the game he had a 58-yard reception but the Mountaineers' final pass fell incomplete in the end-zone.

"It just didn't go our way," said Coach Lloyd. "We had a good week of practice but just didn't have a good game. But no excuses. We have a lot of positive feelings about this season."

FUTURE: Mountaineers looking toward bright future with returning starters

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rently 8-4 after going 1-10 last season.

The difference, though, is that West Henderson has a senior laden team while Kings Mountain returns a large number of starters.

They will, however, have to replace good players like

quarterback Brandon Bell, versatile back Tico Crocker, the school's all-time leading pass receiver Xavier Johnson, linemen Julian Coulter, Graham Keeter, Cory Hester and Colin Watkins, linebackers Dillon Frederick and Dwayne Capps, and receiver/defensive back Shawn Adams.

Starters who will return next year include Marquis Camp, Chance Frederick, Josh Bell, Dre Bell, Jake Merchant, Trevon Wilson, Darian McClain, J'air McCluney, DJ Sumpter, Cooper Short, Kenneth Williams, Gage Kornegay, Nick Hayes, Keenan Baker, and Max Peterson.

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