



Kings Mountain Loses Fumble Early In Game



Bulldogging, Cavalier Style!



Making Quick Stop On Cavalier Running Back.

Sports Mirror

Offense Inconsistent Against East Mountaineers Looking To Undefeated South Point

With their first Southwestern Conference victory tucked away, Kings Mountain's Mountaineers now look to their toughest test of the new season.

Friday night, Coach Bob Jones' charges host undefeated South Point, one of the SWC's pre-season favorites.

While the Mountaineers have had a tough time getting started, South Point's offense, led by halfback Scott Crawford, has been in high gear. The Raiders have blanked Cherryville 46-0, outscored Crest 29-22, and romped over South Rowan 42-6.

Coach Jim Elgerstaff has molded a close-knit unit at the Belmont school. Though Crawford is the leader of the tribe and is recognized as one of the top runningbacks in the state, the 185-pound senior has plenty of help.

South Point, which has beaten Kings Mountain only twice in history, won last year's battle 24-6 and Crawford was the big difference. If the Mountaineer defense can keep him in check a close game is in the making.

Coach Jones made some changes for last week's game with East Rutherford and the Mountaineers came away with a 14-6 victory.

However, the offense was still inconsistent as the Mountaineers drove inside the East 15 five times without scoring.

Kings Mountain spotted the Cavaliers a 6-0 lead early in the second period when Chris Cobb picked off a David Bolin pass and returned it 65

yards for a touchdown.

The Mountaineers, however, scored three plays following the East kickoff and took a 7-6 lead at intermission. Bolin connected with end Gerald Owensby for a 54-yard touchdown pass and John Bridges kicked the extra point.

The first two times KM got the ball, the Mounties drove deep into East territory only to be stopped by fumbles. Bolin lost a fumble after driving the team to the East 13 and Logan fumbled on a first and goal situation at the four.

Kings Mountain threatened again just before halftime but time ran out with the Mountaineers on the East 13. The Mounties got the ball on their own 39 with 1:38 to go in the half and Bolin's passing almost took the Mountaineers to paydirt.

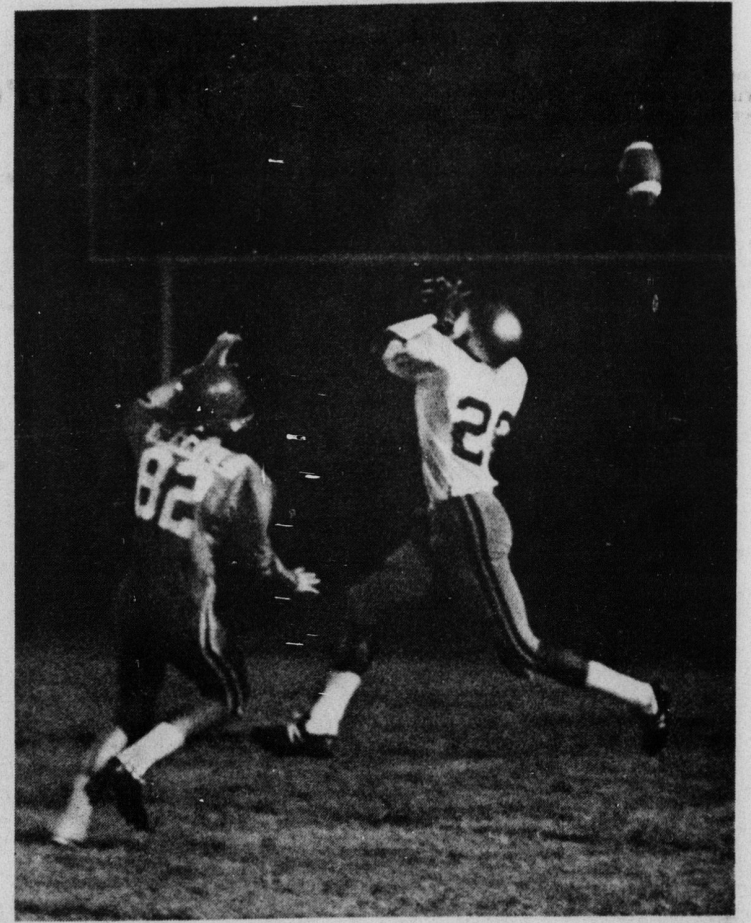
The Mountaineers added their final touchdown with 35 seconds left in the third quarter when fullback John Grier took a handoff from Bolin and raced 59 yards for a touchdown. Bridges again added the point-after.

Guard Dale Russell recovered a fumble on the KM 36 to set the touchdown in motion. A five-yard penalty against East gave KM a first and five on the 41, from which point Grier galloped home.

The Mountaineers threatened twice more before the game ended. They drove to the East nine following a punt return by Chris Johnson to the 17. And, as time ran out, the Mounties drove to the six.

STATISTICS	KM	EAST
First Downs	11	9
Yards Rushing	179	75
Passes	5-9	7-21
Passing Yardage	121	76
Passes Int. by	0	1
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Yards Penalized	25	40
Punts	5-29	7-24

**Ball Bounces
Out Of Hands
As Frankie Stokes
Tries To
Intercept
Cavalier Pass.**



Nothing But Daylight And Ref For John Grier.