

Mountaineers Stun East Rutherford 14 to 7

The Kings Mountain "Mountaineers" after trailing 7 to 0 in the first period, came roaring back on the fantastic 48 yard touchdown run of Johnny Byers to completely stun the "Cavalliers" of East Rutherford.

"It was one of the hardest hitting defensive games I have ever witnessed in high school" said Coach Bobby Jones of K-M.

East Rutherford's only score of the night came with eight minutes gone in the first quarter when fullback David Smith luffed into the end zone from two yards out. The score was set up when East recovered a fumble by the Mounties' Chris Johnson at his own 26-yard line when he tried to make a fair catch on a punt. Chris Cobb boot-ed the extra point and the Cavalliers led 7-0.

Kings Mountain's first score came at 4:41 of the second

quarter when Javon Smith dived into the end zone from the one yard line on a crucial fourth and goal situation. The score was set up when defensive end Harlee Davis recovered a Huggins fumble at the Cavalier nine yard line. John Bridges converted and the score was tied at 7-7.

The Mountaineers had a scoring thrust in the third quarter when E-R punter Travis got a low snap from center and was tackled at his own 22 yard line. However, the East defense stiffened and the Mounties ran out of downs at the East 16.

Three plays later, Davis intercepted a Huggins pass at the Cavalier 40 and returned it to the E-R 13 to set up the unsuccessful field goal attempt.

K-M's John Bridges had kicked a 13 yard field goal only to have it nullified by an illegal procedure penalty. The

second attempt was short.

About 3 minutes later K-M got the football on E-R 49 yard line. Javon Smith gained 1 yard and then Johnny Byers took a handoff, raced off tackle and took a cut to the right sidelines, where he did some fancy footwork and eluded three tackles for a 48 yard touchdown run to make it 13 to 7. John Bridges' kick was again true and the final score read 14 to 7.

Kings Mountain held East Rutherford and took over the ball at the K-M 8 yard line where quarterback Chris Johnson ran the final minutes off the clock.

Johnny Byers had 77 yards in 8 carries and Javon Smith had 42 yards in 16 carries.

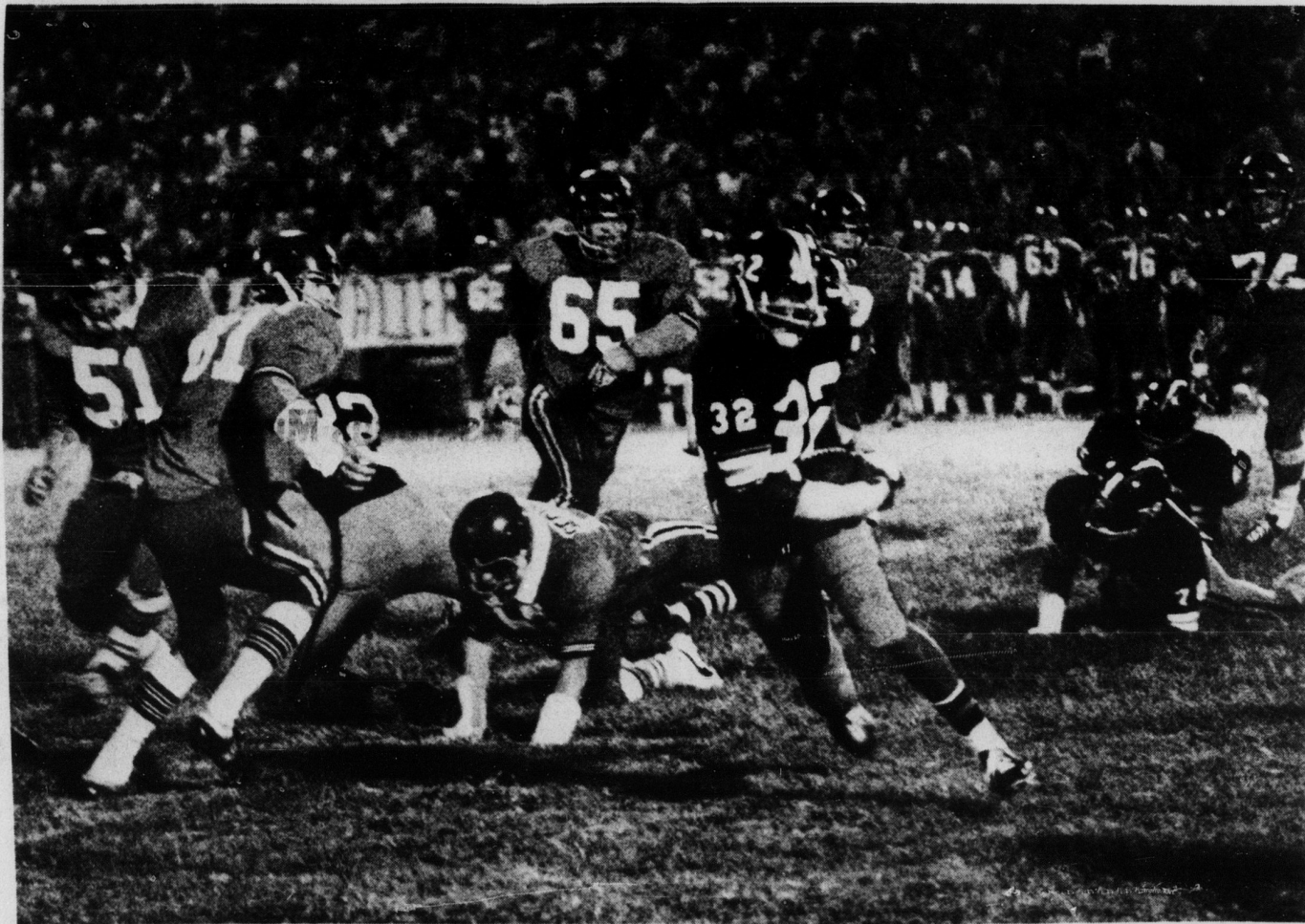
The Mountaineers travel to South Point Friday with revenge on their minds and first place in the conference at stake. Both teams are unbeaten.



Javon Smith, 32, Looks Over An East Player

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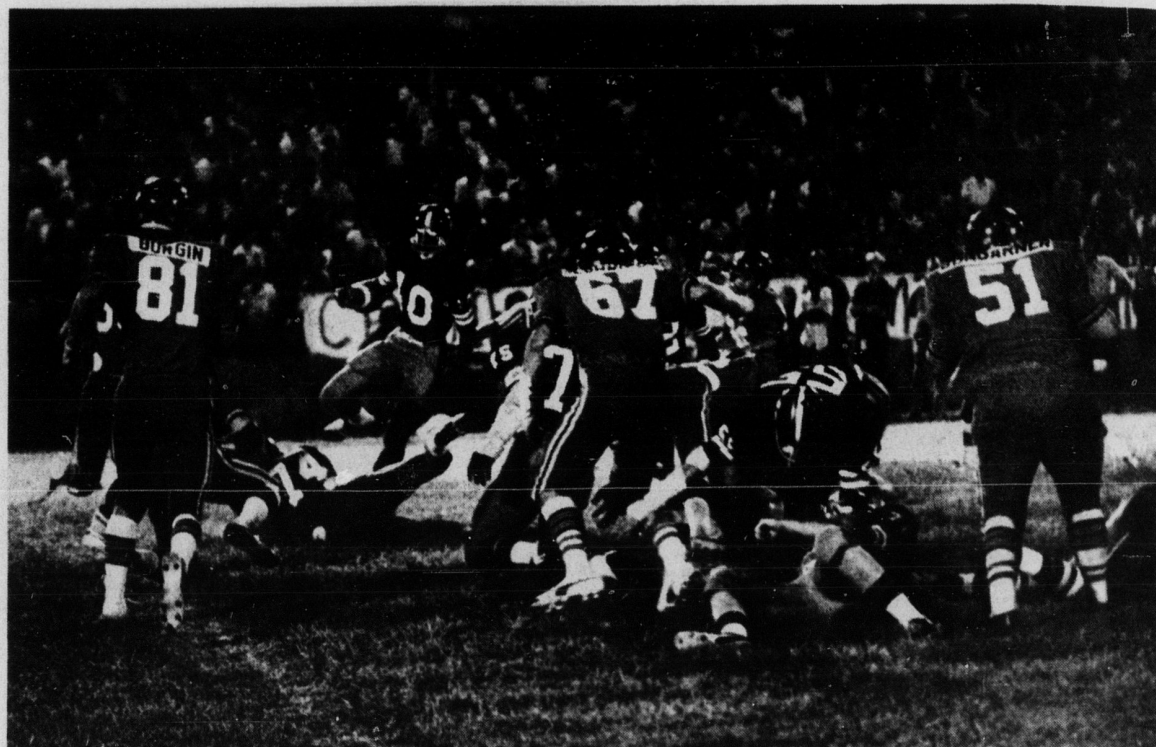
Javon Smith, 32, Cutting The Corner

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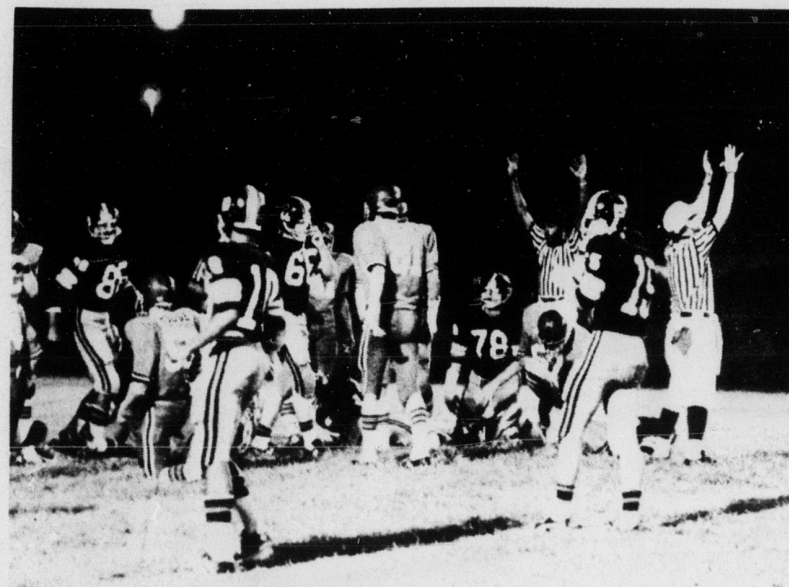
	K-M	E-R
First Downs	8	6
Yards Rushing	152	96
Yards Passing	16	56
Passing	1-2	3-10
Passes Intercepted	1	0
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Punts	5-31,0	6-29,7
Yards Penalized	40	65

	1	2	3	4	F
Kings Mountain	0	7	0	7	14
East Rutherford	7	0	0	0	7

1st Qtr. - ER-D. Smith (2 yd Run) Cobb (PAT)
2nd Qtr. - KM-J. Smith (2 yd. Run) Bridges (PAT)
4th Qtr. - KM- Byers (48 yd. Run) Bridges (PAT)



Tony Falls, 10, Looking For Open Ground



A Kings Mountain Touchdown