

South Point Finds Offense In 29-3 Win Over KM



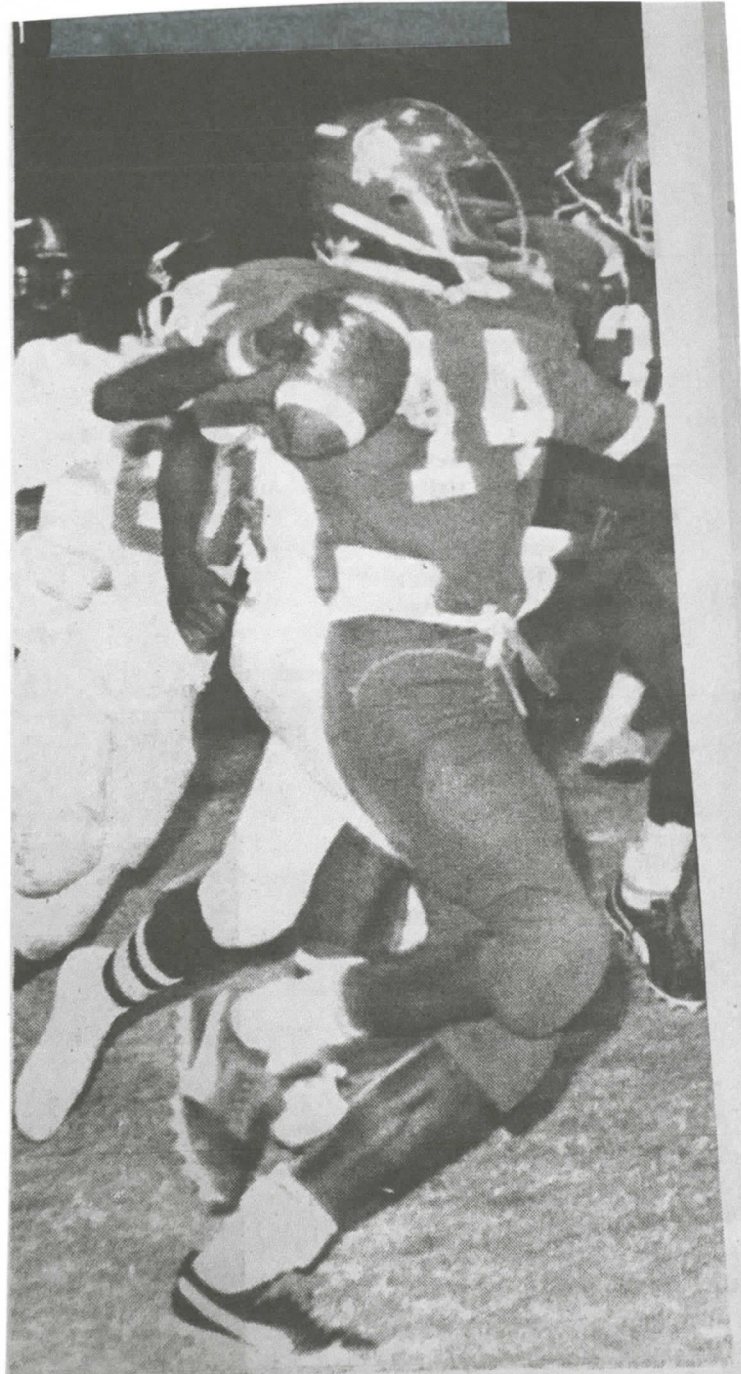
TOUCHDOWN - Tight end Rudy Stowe hauls in a Jeff Williams' pass for seven yards and a touchdown in Friday's 29-3 Homecoming victory over Kings Mountain.

Stowe had his best night of the season catching three passes, one for the final score of the game and another to set up a score.



EARLY KM OFFENSE - The KM Mountaineers got the bulk of their 80 yards in offense on their first possession of the game when they drove 70 yards to set up their only score, a 21 yard field goal. Big play in the

drive was a 29 yard scamper by Chris Wright to give the Mountaineers a first down at the Raider 15. In the photo above defensive back Robbie Suggs closes in on Deaton.



WILLIAMS GALLOPS - Quarterback Jeff Williams had one of his best games of the year as the Raiders defeated Kings Mountain, 29-3, Friday night. Williams scored two TD's and passed for a third as the Raiders went to 5-3 on the season.

by GARY STEWART

Kings Mountain High's pep band was playing "Happy Days" near the end of Friday's Southwestern 3-A Conference clash with South Point in Belmont, but the Red Raiders and their fans were the only ones in a happy mood.

The Red Raiders, billed as the team to beat in the SWC in pre-season, lived up to their expectations for the first time before their Homecoming crowd and bombed the Mountaineers 29-3 in a game which kept Coach Jim Biggerstaff's clubs hot on the heels of Chase, Shelby and East Gaston in the race for the SWC title.

Kings Mountain drove the opening kickoff 70 yards for a 3-0 lead, but the Red Raiders put 22 points on the board with three touchdowns in the second period to decide the issue.

The victory gave the Raiders a 5-2 SWC record and 5-3 overall mark, good enough for fourth place, Kings Mountain dropped to 4-3 in the SWC and 4-4 overall and to fifth place.

South Point, with just two more games to go, stayed in the running for the title. Should the Raiders win their final two games and someone else knock off Chase and East Gaston, there could be as much as a four-way tie for first place. The Raiders play Shelby in a big game in the final regular season contest.

Jeff Cloninger quarterbacked KMHS to its 3-0 lead early in the first quarter. Kale Goins booted a 21-yard field goal to put the Mounties out front after a first and goal drive at the seven sputtered.

A 29-yard burst by sophomore fullback Chris Wright, which put the Mounties on the South Point 15, and then a pass interference in the end-zone, put the Mounties in scoring position.

After that, however, the Mountaineers did little right on offense. They had only 76 yards rushing for the night and were shutout in the passing department.

South Point, meanwhile, chalked up 185 yards rushing and junior quarterback Jeff Williams hit on seven of 12 passes for 110 yards. Williams, probably the best quarterback the Mounties have faced, kept the KMHS defense puzzled all night with his option play.

Fernandez Grier, South Point's 220-pound senior fullback, was called on briefly on offense, but three unheralded runners, Perry Fewell, June Jones and Rodney Friday, ripped the KM defense for big gains. Friday was the game's top rusher with 65 yards. Wright led the Mounties with 35.

South Point, which converted several third and fourth down plays into first downs and TDs, took the lead a minute into the second quarter when the

Raiders marched 61 yards. Backed up to the 21 with a fourth and 16, Williams circled left end on an option play and went all the way for the score. Fewell ran a two-point conversion for an 8-3 lead.

The Raiders scored the next two times they had the football and by then there was no doubt about the outcome. Williams scored from six yards out following a long pass to Jones inside the 10 as the Raiders moved to a 14-3 advantage, and Friday crossed the goal line with a 16 yard touchdown run following a KM fumble at the 15.

South Point's final TD came with two minutes left in the game on an eight yard pass from Williams to Rudy Stowe.

Stowe, son of former New York Yankee pitcher Harold Stowe, caught a key 10 yard pass from Williams on a fourth and six situation to keep the drive alive.

The Mountaineers touched the football only 12 times in the second half.

They had only nine running and three passing plays and picked up only one first down.

For the game, the Mounties managed only 80 yards, all rushing, and that represented their lowest production of the year. They ran only 25 rushing plays and seven passing.

	KM	SP
First downs	5	19
Yds. Rushing	80	185
Passes	0-7	7-12
Yds. Passing	0	110
Passes Int. By	0	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Punts	3-43	1-21
Yds. Penalized	75	67

Score by quarters:

KM	3	0	0	0-3
SP	0	22	0	7-29