

Logan, KM levy revenge

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BELMONT - Shane Logan carried a year's worth of frustration on his back.

The result was a 21-yard touchdown run that gave Kings Mountain an 18-13 victory over South Point Friday night.

Kings Mtn. 18
South Point 13

It was a game dominated early by the Mountaineers and a state-record performance by punt returner Jason Wade, who took two back for scores.

But scrappy South Point had taken the lead before a Logan blast up the middle - the last 10 yards with two Red Raiders holding on for dear life - provided Kings Mountain's victory.

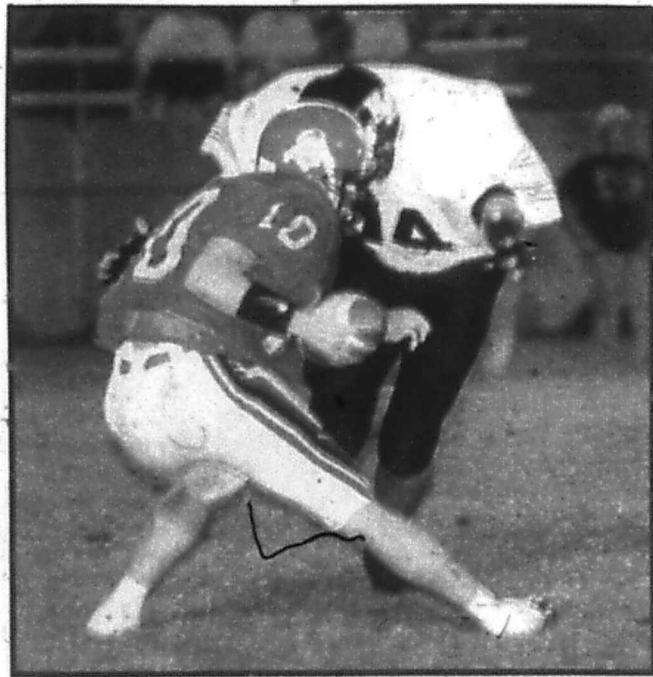
FOOTBALL Friday night



Ashbrook	28	Hickory	34
North Meck	26	E. Lincoln	14
Hunter Huss	12	Cherryville	20
Olympic	7	W. Lincoln	15
West Meck	30	Forest Hills	41
E. Gaston	14	Bess. City	0
Shelby	42	Camden	37
N. Gaston	6	Clover	34

The outcome likely propels Kings Mountain to its first state playoff berth in six years and all but ends South

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Kings Mountain's Justin Champion (74) sacks South Point quarterback Kyle Richardson (10) during the first quarter Friday night. The Mountaineers held the Raiders off, 18-13.



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Kings Mountain's Shane Logan (33) balances himself on a South Point defender and makes the turn.

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Point's consecutive streak of playoff appearances at four.

More importantly to Logan, it'll go a long way toward exorcising the demons of last year's 17-14 South Point victory that had an opposite effect.

That result provided the Red Raiders with the momentum to make the state playoffs while stopping a promising Kings Mountain start and sending the Mountaineers spiraling toward a 4-6 record.

"I was walking around the bench, saying 'Remember last year,'" Logan said. "We've got to dig-deep inside and don't let that happen again."

New Kings Mountain coach Ron Massey said he didn't pay much attention to last year's result. But he was pleased with his senior running back's gutty performance.

Playing with a bruised thigh muscle,

Logan carried the ball sparingly in the opening half — five times for 19 yards — as Massey tried to rest him.

Once the Red Raiders forged their comeback behind quarterback Kyle Richardson's two touchdown throws, Logan gave his coach a simple message:

"I told him, 'Give me the rock. I want the ball,'" Logan said.

So, in the second half, he carried the ball 13 times for 127 yards. It gave him 146 yards in the contest, 741 for the season and improved his area-best rushing average to 123.5 per game.

At this pace, Logan would become his school's first 1,000-yard rusher since 1983 when both Curt Pressley and eventual NFL player Tracy Johnson accomplished the feat in the same season.

Logan's late heroics overshadowed his own teammate's state record.

Wade, a senior wide receiver/defensive back, used great blocks from teammates Jahi Smart and Emory

Brown on his 83- and 89-yard TD punt returns.

Wade, who tied a state record now held by eight players, left the contest after his second score. He'd been sick with a virus and was winded.

Brown also spearheaded Kings Mountain's defense with 11 solo or first-hit tackles and a blocked punt.

For South Point, the defeat was frustrating. The Red Raiders had three players leave the team 10 days ago, then were drubbed 51-3 by East Rutherford last Friday.

Behind 12-0 early on Wade's heroics, South Point appeared headed for another easy defeat.

But with Richardson and feisty running back Wes Holder leading the offense and Heath Cherry the defense, the Red Raiders roared back.

Kings Mountain	12	0	0	6	-18
South Point	0	7	6	0	-13
KM — Jason Wade 83 punt return (Run failed)					
KM — Jason Wade 89 punt return (Pass failed)					
SP — Kelly Brown 30 pass from Kyle Richardson (Brian Ashe kick)					
SP — Clint McNabb 4 pass from Richardson (Pass failed)					
KM — Shane Logan 21 run (Pass failed)					