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Kings Mountain's Courtney Smith (30) is stopped by South Point's Brandon Reid (10) during the Red Raiders' win Friday night.

# Runaway train

Raiders have too much firepower for outgunned Mounties

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**BELMONT** — There's simply no slowing down this South Point offense.

The Red Raiders burned Kings Mountain for 499 yards on their way to an easy 53-28 win Friday at Lineberger Stadium.

How dominant was South Point's Red Bone offense? The Red Raiders converted eight of their 11 drives into touchdowns. On the other three possessions, they turned the ball over on downs, fumbled and ran the clock out at the end of the game.

South Point tallied 24 first downs and committed only one penalty for 5 yards.

"(The key to the game was) the ability to run the football and take what

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what the Red Raiders did.

South Point junior fullback Joe Brown rushed for 203 yards and three touchdowns on 20 carries, but he wasn't the only offensive threat. Quarterback Javar Williams rushed for 62 yards and passed for 85 more. Three others covered at least 20 yards on the ground: Jonathan Mitchell (45), Phillip Stowe (34) and Brian McWhirter (24).

Yet three more had good receiving yardage: McWhirter (31), Brandon Reid (28) and Wade Harris (26).

they give us," South Point coach John Devine said. "The ability to run the football just wears opponents down."

That's exactly

The Red Raiders (2-0) set the tone early. After a botched punt snap by Kings Mountain on the game's first drive, South Point took over at the Mountaineers' 17. Brian McWhirter carried 16 yards on the first play and quarterback Javar Williams took it in the end zone the following play.

But Kings Mountain (0-2) responded and looked as if it would make a game out of it early.

The Mountaineers drove 55 yards on their second drive to tie the game at 7 and scored again on their next possession, taking the lead on Pablo Peralto's extra point. South Point had missed the extra point after its second touchdown.

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But the Mountaineers were forced to punt on their first possession in the second quarter and ran out of time on their next drive, as South Point led 26-14 at the break.

Both teams sputtered in the opening moments of the second half, but South Point put the game out of reach when Brown raced 65 yards down the field late in the third, making it 33-14.

Kings Mountain scored twice in the fourth quarter, but it was too late as the Mountaineers dropped to 0-2 for the first time since 1984.

"We're going to stay positive with them and continue though," Kings Mountain coach Dave Farquharson said. "We're going to take it game to game, week to week, and we're going to go to work and work hard and continue to get after it."

Kings Mountain's Aquino Simmons rushed for 92 yards and one touchdown. The Mountaineers' starting quarterback, Derek Smith, rushed for 85 yards and a touchdown and passed for another before injuring his elbow in the third quarter and sitting out



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South Point quarterback Javar Williams (12) looks for running room against Kings Mountain on Friday night.

the rest of the game.

**KM 14 0 0 14 — 28**

**SP 13 13 7 20 — 53**

SP — Javar Williams 1 run (Andrew Rinehart kick)

KM — Cortney Smith 24 pass from Derek Smith (Pablo Peralta kick)

SP — Joe Brown 32 run (Rinehart kick failed)

KM — D. Smith 14 run (Peralta kick)

SP — Phillip Stowe 1 run (run failed)

SP — Brown 1 run (Rinehart kick)

SP — Brown 65 run (Rinehart kick)

SP — Corey Brown 4 run (Rinehart kick)

KM — Aquino Simmons 5 run (Peralta kick)

SP — C. Brown 4 run (Rinehart kick failed)

KM — Deon Holland 11 pass from Chris Jolly (Peralta kick)



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