

Game Recap

Errors Cost Raiders – Mountaineers Take Advantage, 24-7

Hard work is no guarantee of success. But failure to work certainly assures goals will be left unachieved. South Point's season took a hit last Friday night as the Raiders fell to Kings Mountain in a tough conference matchup. South Point contributed to the Mountaineers success by turning the ball over four times with each coming at key junctures of the game. A fumble in the endzone that would have erased a 7-0 lead for Kings Mountain set in motion a theme for the contest that will haunt the Red Raiders. The Red 'D' held strong and managed to force a punt to get the ball back to the Raiders offense, and a long touchdown run eventually evened the tally. But as the game progressed, South Point was unable to bounce back from miscues that essentially handed the victory to the conference foe. The teams went to the half tied at seven and the contest remained even on the scoreboard through the third quarter. But three interceptions by the Mountaineers defense beginning late in the third and carrying into the final stanza resulted in points that became the final 24-7.

The loss leaves the Raiders unable to control their post season fate, but how they respond will become the measure of the team and define the character expected of the program. With games remaining against Ashbrook, Forestview, and North Gaston, and having already notched victories over East Gaston, Stuart Cramer, and Hunter Huss, South Point can still prove to be the undisputed champion of Gaston County high school football. Former Chicago Bears Head Coach and Super Bowl Champion, Mike Ditka once said, "You're never a loser until you quit trying." Perhaps the most encouraging sign following the Kings Mountain loss were the tears streaming down the anguished faces during the teams huddle at game's end. As Coach addressed the team, one could sense the change in attitude. Pain turned to anger and anger to determination. This group of Red Raiders is resolved to put forth a maximum effort to ensure the continued success of a proud tradition. South Point is determined to dominate and not to be denied. A message needs to be sent. And RaiderNation has a part to play as well. Back the Big Red! No quit! No losers!

Go Get 'Em, Red!

Notable Facts and Thoughts

South Point hosts Ashbrook in a Homecoming contest next Friday night. The Greenwave come in having dropped a decision to Stuart Cramer, 31-20. No doubt Ashbrook will take the field with nothing to lose but the embarrassment of a season that has managed a single victory, a win over North Gaston. The Greenwave deserve another crushing! Go Big Red!