

# **Mustangs' offense kept under wraps**

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**KENNESAW - Kennesaw Mountain entered its game Friday night with not nearly as much to play for against playoff-contender East Paulding. At 1-6 on the season, the host Mustangs were simply looking for something positive in what has turned into a long season.**

**Although the Raiders came out on top in a 24-6 victory over Kennesaw Mountain, Scott Jones didn't sound like the coach of a losing team after the game.**

**"I don't care what the scoreboard says, that was a hard-fought game and I'm proud of you for coming out and fighting hard for four quarters," Jones said to his team at midfield. "I don't like losing, but I'm proud of all of you for not giving up and for fighting hard the entire game."**

**East Paulding was in a must-win situation against Kennesaw Mountain, having three region losses on the season. And although senior quarterback Idris Anderson didn't play the entire second half, head coach John Reid said he liked the way reserve quarterback Sean Ashley filled in.**

**"Idris has torn cartilage in his knee and he just can't go for an entire game," Reid explained. "Sean came in and had a couple of real nice throws and gave us a lift. He also missed a few, but that's to be expected."**

**Anderson gave the Raiders an early lead when he punched the ball in from the 1-yard-line for a touchdown with 1:58 left in the opening quarter. Daniel Mould's kick gave East Paulding a 7-0 lead that it would never relinquish.**

**After holding the Mustangs at the end of the first quarter, Ashley came in on East Paulding's first drive of the second quarter. Ashley found Brian Lackey open in the back of the end zone for a 6-yard touchdown less than two minutes into the second quarter. Mould's extra point stretched East Paulding's lead to 14-0.**

**Kennesaw Mountain's defense tightened and the Mustangs held East Paulding scoreless in the third quarter. After driving to the Mustang 5 to start the final quarter, Mould came on to kick a 22-yard field goal to make it 17-0 East Paulding.**

**East Paulding's final score late in the fourth quarter was a bit controversial. The Raiders punted the ball from their 49 and it appeared like the Kennesaw Mountain return man was interfered with. He was knocked to the ground, but the officials ruled that the Mustangs blocked the East Paulding defender into the receiver.**

**The resulting penalty gave the Raiders a first down at the Kennesaw Mountain 2. Three plays later, Harold Queen scored from 1 yard out. Nick St. Germain's extra point gave East Paulding a 24-0 lead with 4:49 left in the game.**

**Kennesaw Mountain finally got on the scoreboard when Devon Jones scored on a 1-yard run to cap a 62-yard drive with 2:11 remaining in the game. The 2-point conversion attempt failed.**

**Queen led East Paulding (5-3) on the ground with 58 yards on 13 carries. Johnny Vite added 51 yards on 11 carries. Rashaud Moore gained 62 yards on the ground on 12 carries to lead Kennesaw Mountain (1-7). Quarterback Will Campbell also completed 11 passes for 134 yards.**

**Reid said that Anderson's knee is probably going to continue to keep him available on a limited basis for the rest of the season.**