

Hilltoppers On Top

Raiders Lose Again, 7-0

RUTHERFORDTON — South Point's Red Raiders dropped their second Southwest 3-A Conference game in a row here last night to host R-S Central 7-0.

R-S scored with 2:26 left in the first quarter, then held on for dear life, turning back two serious Raider bids to square the count in the second half.

A fumble recovery by R-S Central's Dan Lynch set up the first and only Hilltopper score in the initial chapter at the Big Red 32.

Dennis Dukes, the only junior on an otherwise all-senior starting team, set up the TD by rambling 25 yards to the five on a wide run.

Three plays later, Dukes scored from the three.

The Hilltopper defense, hold-

ing South Point to just five first downs, 72 yards rushing and 37 passing, didn't give the Raiders any breathing room in the second half.

R-S at one point in the second half kept the ball for seven minutes and 40 seconds and didn't score. In that 7:40 stretch,

STATISTICS

	S.P.	R-S
First Downs	5	10
Net Yds. Rushing	72	156
Passes	4-9	5-7
Passing Yardage	37	94
Passes Intercepted by	1	1
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Punts	6-35	5-29
Yards Penalized	25	-27

Teams	1	2	3	4-T
R-S Central	7	0	0	0-7
South Point	0	0	0	0-0

Scoring Touchdowns: R-S Central:
Dukes (3-yd. run).
PAT: Thornton (placement)

they were taxed an unbelievable 97 yards in penalties.

On the latter part of that drive, they got to the Raider 14 for an apparent first down but had been detected for clipping on the play.

South Point's best march came from its 49 to the Central six. However, at the six Cherry fumbled on a keeper play and Scott Harris recovered at the six with 15 seconds left in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Big Red got to the R-S 17, but a second and six pass by Cherry was intercepted at the two by John Williams.

The Raiders, now 3-3 in Division Two play in the Southwest and 3-4 overall, play Shelby next week at home, entertain East Rutherford, then close out on the road at Burns.