

## Another Super South Point Show

## Raiders Hand East First Loss, 16-13

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Somewhere in the shadow of your mind, you begin to wonder if it was really an upset. We mean, sure . . . East-Rutherford came in sporting a plu-perfect 8-0 record while South Point was just 3-5, and yet you looked at past scores and saw how the Big Red could easily have been something like 7-1.

And so East comes in wearing white shoes, and leaves with red faces. There was Carriger, the scoreboard operator, madly tearing off 16 sounds of the horn.

There was mass hysteria in the Big Red dressing room replacing the tears of a week ago, and some mighty happy homecoming fans.

The final score read: South Point 16, East Rutherford 13.

"I'm awfully proud of this bunch of young people," said Raider mentor Jim Biggerstaff after relative calm had come. "Our guys have played tremendous football over the past two weeks."

"This was something we saw coming all week. We feel like we whipped the two best teams

in the conference over the past two weeks.

"I know the score had Shelby ahead by a point last week, but we beat them out on that field and you know how good they are. Well, we beat another fine football team tonight.

"For the first time this season, the ball bounced our way for a change. We got the breaks after a season of being snake-bit and took advantage of those breaks."

Short in numbers but long on courage, there may be no stopping the Big Red next season, and the next, and so on.

As for East, all is not lost for the stung Cavaliers. If they collect themselves next week at home and beat Shelby, they can still capture the Division Two playoff berth in the Southwest 3-A Conference and make the WNCSSAA playoffs.

SOUTH POINT took advantage of an East fumble to set up a 25-yard field goal by Joe "The Toe" Metz in the first quarter. Ron Jackson, stellar senior performer, fell on a loose pigskin on the Cavalier 41.

After picking up a pair of first

downs, the rugged East defense held the Raiders and Metz boot- ed true on a 25-yard field goal with 7:20 left in the first quarter.

Then something weird happened the next time South Point got the football. A Metz field goal attempt, a 36-yarder, was blocked, an East defensive man picked it up and started to run, but was smacked hard by a Raider and tumbled the ball. The Raiders recovered on the Cavalier 20.

The Big Red pushed it in on a seven-yard pass from senior quarterback Rick Cherry to sophomore halfback Danny Clawson, who was all by his lonesome in the end zone. Metz was true from placement and South Point led 10-0 with 9:08 left in the second quarter.

But hold on, an on-sides-type kick was picked out of the air by an alert and hustling Clawson on the East 45 and carried by Danny boy to the East 32.

Clawson later ran 14 yards to the 14 for a first down and a piling-on penalty gave the Raiders a first and goal at the seven.

However, Cherry was hit and fumbled but pounced on the ball on the 12 and a penalty moved the Raiders back to the 17. Four plays later, the Raiders had fourth and about a foot in the vicinity of the four.

Cherry tried to cross 'em up but his pass was intercepted by Robert Cantrell in the end zone and Cantrell ran it back to the East 49 before a Raider caught him from behind, else he might have gone.

EAST PICKED up a pair of first downs and had first and 10 on the Raider 11. However, Pat McBrayer's pass was intercepted by another soph stand-out, Scott Crawford, on the Raider five and the Big Red speed merchant, who plays mostly defense, was long gone down the sidelines, beating a pair of Cavs in a foot race.

It was a 95-yard beauty and that's something the promising soph has specialized in this year. Among others, he has a 90-yard kickoff return and a 70-yard pass completion for touchdowns to his credit. He picked up a loose football and ran 35 yards in still another game and

it's amazing the various ways he has scored touchdowns without carrying the ball from scrimmage.

Cherry passed successfully to fullback Don Davis for the two-point conversion, but the Raiders were penalized back to the 18 and Metz had his point-after from placement partially blocked.

East at the half had but two first downs, both by passing, and had picked up but 11 yards rushing as the Raiders played with the ball most of the time.

The second half saw the Cavaliers bravely bounce back. After a Raider punt, the Cavs drove 40 yards, halfback Mike Nanney scoring on a 14-yard run after a 26-yard pass from McBrayer to end Mike Laughter set it up. A two-point conversion try on a pass failed.

In the fourth period, East drove 65 yards to make it a thrilling finish, McBrayer passing 12 yards to Laughter for the TD with 8:47 left and Tommy Perry kicking the extra point. Two pass interference calls against the Big Red helped East in the march, along with McBrayer's passing.

The next time the Cavs got the ball, South Point braced and held on the East 43. They got a couple of first downs and the game was over.

The Raiders, now 4-5, finish up at Burns next week. Clawson gained 57 yards in 12 carries to pace the Big Red rushing attack and Davis gained 30 in nine totes.

Miss Debbie Jenkins was crowned homecoming queen in special halftime ceremonies.

## STATISTICS

	S.P.	East
First Downs	11	9
Net Yds. Rushing	113	78
Passes	10-15	8-15
Passing Yards	72	120
Passes Intercepted By	1	1
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Punts	5-37.5	2-40.5
Yards Penalized	70	27

Teams	1	2	3	4-T
South Point	3	13	0	0-16
East Rutherford	0	0	6	7-13

Scoring, South Point: Clawson (7-yd. pass from Cherry); Crawford (95-yd. pass interception); Field Goal Metz (25 yds.)  
PAT Metz (placement)  
Scoring, East Rutherford: Nanney (14-yd. run); Laughter (12-yd. pass from McBrayer); PAT Perry (placement).

## Paladin Mentor

## King Gets Tired Of Being Target

## Key Moves Have Aided

## CHERRY PICKS UP SEVEN

South Point quarterback Rick Cherry is shown here picking up seven vital yards on an option play last night against East Rutherford in the Raiders' homecoming. Behind Cherry is guard Lanny Riddle of the Cavaliers. Cherry

passed for a touchdown, completing 10 of 15 passes in helping lead the Big Red to a big 16-13 victory. Number 52 in background for Raiders is Mark Painter.