Raider-Shelby battle set

Big Red in 52-20 victory

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Striking for 26 points in the second quarter, South Point's Red Raiders went on its biggest scoring binge in many a moon last night at home in ripping R-S Central by a 52-20 score.

The homecoming victory set up next week's big duel with the state's seventh-ranked 3-A team, the Shelby Golden Lions in Shelby.

Shelby rolled to a 41-14 win at home last night over Kings Mountain for its sixth straight Division One win, same as South Point.

The Raiders are now 7-0 overall and have hit their stride offensively in the past two weeks, scoring 94 points in routs of Chase and R-S Central.

Last night was all Raiders, junior halfback star Scott Crawford scoring three touchdowns and junior quarterback Bill Hannon tossing for three more.

Crawford scored his team's first three touchdowns, then it was turned over to other South Point backs and ends.

South Point marched 52 yards for its first score, Crawford going in from the one with 5:56 left.

The Big Red started a drive late in the first period on its 44 and on the first play of the second quarter, Crawford went over from the four.

It was only seconds later when the Raider ace took a punt on his 39 and raced 70 yards down the sidelines on great speed and a couple of fine blocks by his mates. Joey Metz made the first of four conversions at the 9:59 mark.

SOUTH POINT drove 63 yards for its fourth touchdown, with Hannon passing 25 yards to Tim Auten and the score with 3:40 left in the half.

R-S came back passing to drive 70 yards, with Billy Hawkins passing to Rick Lewis on a 32-yarder and the TD and Hawkins passed to Charles Green for the two-pointer.

South Point scored again before the half and the TD came when Hannon's pass went off Crawford's hands at the six, into teammate Mike McWhirter's hands at the four, and McWhirter went in to give the Raiders a 32-8 halftime lead.

Miss Pam Ashe of Cramerton was crowned homecoming queen at halftime.

South Point took the second half kickoff and went 80 yards, Ronnie Boyles scoring from the nine. Crawford's pass interception at the Hilltopper 27 set up Hannon's 24-yard scoring pass to Jerry Conard to make it 45-8.

Late in the quarter, R-S was on the board again on a 52-yard drive, Allen Carpenter driving over from the two.

Dean Ivester broke a couple of tackles neatly, hit outside and with his speed was gone on a 48-yard run for South Point's final score early in the fourth quarter.

R-S Central scored late in the game, driving 71 yards, with Allenburg going over from the nine.

South Point's offense registered 209 yards rushing. Crawford picking up 90 of 'em in 12 carries, and 185 more through the air.

IT TAKES THIS MANY — When South Point's Scott Crawford gets his hands on the football, it usually takes four or five guys to bring him down. The junior sensation with four stars on his helmet is surrounded here by no less than five Hilltoppers. He ran great again in traffic last night, scoring three touchdowns in leading the Raiders to a 52-20 homecoming victory over R-S Central.

Statistics

	S.P	R-S
First Downs	18	14
Net Yards Rushing	209	73
Passes	9-15	16-34
Passing Yardage	185	180
Passes Intercepted by	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Punts	2-33	3-32
Yards Penalized	65	60

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4—T
South Point	6	26	13	7—52
R-S Central	0	8	6	6—20

Scoring, South Point: Crawford 3 (runs of 1 and 4 yards, 70-yard punt return); Auten (25-yard pass from Hannon); McWhirter (21-yard pass from Hannon; Boyles (9-yard run); Conard (24-yard pass from Hannon); Ivester (48-yard run).

PAT: Metz 4 (placements).

Scoring, R-S Central: Green (32-yard pass from Hawkins); Carpenter (2-yard run); Hinsley (9-yard run).

PAT: Lewis (pass from Hawkins)

Statistics

	Dallas	Stanley
First Downs	21	20
Net Yards Rushing	243	147
Passes	1-5	9-15
Passing Yardage	10	148
Passes Intercepted by	2	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Punts	4-33	3-40
Yards Penalized	30	55

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4—T
Dallas	0	0	6	6—14
Stanley	8	0	14	8—30

Scoring, Dallas: Steve Edson (26-yard run); Robert Stinson (5-yard run).

PAT: Ricky Robbins (run).

Scoring, Stanley: Billy Withers (13-yard pass from Buddy Green); B. Green (1-yard run); Dan Green (32-yard pas from B. Green); Jim Bumgardner (25-yard pass from B. Green).

PAT: D. Green (pass from B. Green); B. Green (run); Withers (pass from B. Green).

Stanley clinches title with win over Jackets

Stanley's Blue Devils, with senior quarterback Buddy Green having a hand in all the scoring, clinched the Little Four Conference football championship at home last night with a 30-14 victory over Dallas.

The win was Stanley's second straight in conference play and seventh in a row overall. The loss dropped Dallas to 2-1 in the conference and 3-4 overall.

Even if Stanley loses its final conference game with Bessemer City, the Blue Devils will still represent the conference in post-season playoffs because of its victory over the Yellow Jackets.

Green scored one touchdown, passed for three others, scored one two-point conversion and passed for two others in what was probably his best game of the season.

Stanley moved 81 yards for the go-ahead touchdown early in the first quarter, Green passing 13 yards to fullback Billy Withers for the touchdown. Buddy then passed to Dan Green for the two-point conversion and an 8-0 Blue Devil lead.

Dallas came back, though, with a second period touchdown to tie the score at 8-all and that's how it stood at intermission. Steve Edison got the TD on a 26-yard run and Ricky Robbins ran for the PAT.

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GREEN SCORED what amounted to the winning touchdown in the third quarter, going over from the one to cap a 53-yard drive. He ran for the two-point conversion, making it 16-8.

Stanley picked up another third period touchdown on a 23-yard pass from Buddy to Dan Green but Dallas came back with a five-yard scoring run by Robert Stinson to make the score 22-14 heading into the final chapter.

The Blue Devils got their final score when Green tossed a 27-yard scoring strike to end Jimmy Bumgardner and Green passed to Withers for two.

Green hit on nine of 15 passes for 148 yards but Dallas led the Blue Devils in rushing yardage, 243 to 147, and also in first downs, 21 to 20.

Stanley plays its final conference game next week at home against Bessemer City, a team it defeated 44-0 earlier in the season. Bessemer City is winless in seven games following its 13-0 loss to Mt. Holly last night.

Dallas, which doesn't have any conference games remaining, returns home next week to host Charlotte Country Day.

Chargers defeat Ironmen by 35-7

By RONALD KISER

BOILING SPRINGS — Crest moved into contention for the Southwest Conference's Division One football title here last night by defeating winless Cherryville 35-13.

The Chargers now show a 2-5 conference record, tying them with R-S Central and Burns for the Division lead. The Ironmen are now 0-7.

Crest cruised to a 28-0 halftime lead before Cherryville finally came up with seven points in the third quarter.

A fumbled punt by Cherryville set up the Chargers' go-ahead touchdown early in the first quarter.

Crest recovered the punt on the Ironmen six yard line, from which point John Wall scored. Steve Lewis kicked the first of five straight extra points and Crest led, 7-0.

Later in the first period, Lewis passed 10 yards to Dana Ross and again added the PAT for a 14-0 advantage.

In the second period, Bill Adkins tallied on a nine-yard run and Paul Huskey later blocked a punt and raced 35 yards for a touchdown.

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THE IRONMEN scored in the third chapter on an 18-yard pass from Doug Randall to Reggie Beam but Crest came back on a 10-yard run by Wall early in the fourth quarter to make it 35-7.

Cherryville rounded out the scoring later when Randall and Beam again clicked on an 18-yard pass play.

Cherryville returns home next week to host rival Lincolnton. Crest goes to Kings Mountain next Friday.

Statistics

	Ch'ville	Crest
First Downs	7	10
Net Yards Rushing	35	177
Passes	0-20	1-7
Passing Yardage	85	14
Passes Intercepted by	1	1
Fumbles Lost	3	3
Punts	4-27	3-31
Yards Penalized	71	110

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4—T
Cherryville	0	0	7	6—13
Crest	14	14	0	7—35

Scoring, Cherryville: Beam 2

PAT: King (kick)

Scoring, Crest: Wall 2, Ross, Adkins, Huskey.

PAT: Lewis 5 (kicks)

Big third keys Lions 41-14 win

SHELBY — Shelby's undefeated Lions erupted for 21 points in the third period here last night to break open a close game and post a 41-13 victory over Kings Mountain in a Southwest 3-A Conference football game.

The Lions, undefeated with a 6-0-1 overall record, held only a 7-6 lead at halftime but roared in the second half to drop the Mountaineers to 4-3.

The victory leaves the Lions at 6-0 in league play heading into a showdown next week at home against South Point, also unbeaten with a 6-0 SWC record and 7-0 overall mark.

Quarterback Tommy Hamrick scored on a one-yard sneak with six minutes left in the first period to put the Lions out front 7-0.

"We played a real good first half," commented KM Coach Bill Bates. "They stopped us defensively, but we held them too. But, in the second half we had a couple bad breaks that turned the game around and it was on."

The Mountaineers held Shelby's highly-touted running back Jimmy Mooney to just one touchdown, but Hamrick and sophomore Tommy London broke loose for two scores each.

Kings Mountain came from a 34-0 deficit to cut it to 34-14. Marshall Logan scored on a 56-yard run for KM's first touchdown and David Bolin wrapped up the scoring by taking a 67-yard pass from Cooper Howard.

Shelby then scored again with 55 seconds left when Jim Miller went over from the two.

Statistics

	K.M.	Shel.
First Downs	7	19
Net Yards Rushing	110	333
Passes	7-14	5-15
Passing Yardage	102	52
Passes Intercepted by	2	2
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Punts	6-36	3-42
Yards Penalized	25	115

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4—T
Kings Mtn.	0	0	8	6—14
Shelby	7	0	21	13—41

Scoring, K. Mtn.: Bolin (67-yard pass from Howard); Logan (56-yard run).

PAT: Bolin (pass from Howard)

Scoring, Shelby: London 2, Hamrick 2, Mooney 1, Miller 1.

PAT: Miller 5 (kicks)

Wolves whip Chase 27-8

LINCOLNTON — Billy Murphy's five-yard scoring run in the third period snapped an 8-8 tie and started Lincolnton's Wolves to a 27-8 victory over Chase in a Southwest 3-A Conference football game here last night.

The victory moved the Wolves into fourth place in the Division Two standings ahead of Kings Mountain, which lost to Shelby. The Wolves are now 4-2 in conference play.

Both teams scored second period touchdowns, Chase tallying on a 53-yard pass from Tony Fowler to Eddie McKinney and Lincolnton scoring on a 52 yard run by John Lawing. Both clubs also got a two-point conversion.

After Murphy's third period score, Lincolnton tallied twice in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach. Gary Schrum tallied on an 11-yard run and Greg Stroupe scored on a one-yard run.

Statistics

	Chase	Linc
First Downs	11	10
Net Yards Rushing	81	135
Passes	4-17	8-17
Passing Yardage	86	113
Passes Intercepted by	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Punts	7-36	6-31
Yards Penalized	5	73

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4—T
Chase	0	8	0	0—8
Lincolnton	0	8	6	13—27

Scoring, Chase: Eddie McKinney (53-yard pass from Tony Fowler).

PAT: Padgett (pass from Fowler)

Scoring, Lincolnton: John Lawing (52-yard run); Billy Murphy (5-yard run); Gary Schrum (11-yard run); Greg Stroupe (1-yard run).

PAT: Billy Murphy (run); Weaver (kick).