

Raiders eliminate East in SWC, 19-0

FOREST CITY — Next week's Shelby-East Rutherford battle in Shelby now has very little meaning.

South Point's Red Raiders, enjoying their best season since 1953, eliminated East from the Southwest 3-A Conference title race here last night by capturing a 19-0 victory in the rain.

The Raiders, now 8-1 overall and second in the SWC's Division Two standings, broke open a close game with two late touchdowns and handed East its second loss in nine outings.

South Point held only a 6-0 lead at halftime but two touchdowns in the final four minutes broke the contest open for Coach Jim Biggerstaff's charges.

Junior running sensation Scott Crawford scored twice to go over the century mark in scoring. The county's top scorer tallied on a 60-yard pass interception return in the first quarter, then got the Raiders' final score on a five-yard run with two minutes remaining.

South Point's other touchdown came with four minutes left on a one-yard run by Ronnie Boyles.

CRAWFORD NOW has 104 points heading into next week's finale at home against Burns.

Crawford's first quarter pass interception return was keyed by a fine block at midfield by Danny Clawson. Joey Metz attempted to kick the point-after, but missed.

A fumble recovery at the East four yard line set up South Point's second touchdown.

South Point had recovered a fumble at the East 32 moments earlier and a pass from Bill Hannon to Crawford carried the Raiders to the seven yard line. But East held on downs at the four.

The Cavaliers, however, fumbled the ball again at the four and in two plays, Boyles carried over for the TD. Hannon tried to pass to Crawford for a two-point conversion but missed.

South Point drove 40 yards for its final score and Metz kicked the point-after. The Raiders took over when East tailed on a fourth down play.

The Raider defense held the much-bigger Cavaliers to prac-

tically nothing. East never drove past the South Point 40 yard line.

Crawford, who intercepted two Mike Poole passes, Metz, Jim Forbes and David Gibson sparked the South Point defensive charge.

LAST NIGHT'S victory assured the Red Raiders of their best grid season since 1953, when they finished 19-1, losing to Albemarle in the state playoffs. Ironically, Biggerstaff, now the South Point coach, played on that fine '53 outfit.

The 1967 Raiders, under Ray Shelton, finished with a 7-3 record.

Aaron slips but clings to lead

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Tommy Aaron slipped to a par 71 Friday but clung to a two-stroke lead in the second round of the \$100,000 Sahara Invitational Golf Tournament.

The 33-year-old Aaron, who scored his first official victory in the Atlanta Classic earlier this year, had a 36 hole total of 135, seven under par after one round each on the Paradise Valley and Sahara Nevada country club courses.

Aaron, who said he had been in a slump since winning at Atlanta, played Sahara Nevada Friday. Paradise Valley will be used for the final two rounds Saturday and Sunday.

Aaron held a two-stroke lead over three players locked at 137, PGA champion Dave Stockton, Bert Greene and Wilf Homenuik, a little Canadian. Stockton had a 67, Homenuik a 68 and Greene 69.

Seven more were tied at 138: Dave Hill, Don Massengale, Lou Graham, Bob Stone, Kermit Zarley, Larry Hinson and Joe Cary.

He took a three-putt bogey on the second hole but got the stroke back when he laced a five iron to within six feet and made the birdie putt on the eighth hole.

He three-putted again, this time from 20 feet, for another bogey on the 11th and bogeyed the 14th from a trap. But he edged to four inches on the 15th and got back to par for the day on the final hole, a par five. Aaron reached the green with two big wood shots and two-putted for a birdie.

Puerto Rican veteran Chito Rodriguez was fined \$200 for conduct unbecoming a professional golfer, as a result of an altercation with Dave Hill last week. Rodriguez declined comment and said he would turn the matter over to his manager. No Pickup s634

Statistics

	S. P	E. R.
First Downs	9	6
Net Yards Rushing	89	64
Passes	3-9	3-10
Passing Yardage	35	20
Passes Intercepted by	2	1
Fumbles Lost	0	3
Punts	5-38	6-30
Yards Penalized	45	60

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4-T
South Point	6	0	0	13-19
E. Rutherford	0	0	0	0-0

Scoring TD. South Point: Crawford 2, 60-yd. pass int. return and 3-yd. run, Boyles, 1-yd. run

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