

# Big Red has 34-20 win against Wolves

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**LINCOLNTON** — South Point's blistering Red Raiders, apparently headed for even bigger things ahead, went over the 400-point mark here last night with their awesome offense.

The Big Red Machine of Jim Biggerstaff thwarted Lincoln for the second time this season, only this time in the key South-west 3-A Conference playoffs by a 34-20 score. During the regular season, the Big Red had blitzed the Wolfpack 42-0.

With their 34 points, South Point rolled to their 403rd point of the season, one of the fanciest figures in the state, if not the highest. It is also an all-time Gaston County high as far as can be determined.

With the victory, their 11th straight of the season, the State's third-ranked Class 3-A team advances into the WNC HSA A semi-finals next week against Newton-Conover at Newton. Newton last night grabbed a 15-7 victory over Taylorsville.

Scott Crawford, the great Red Raider running back, scored three touchdowns to spark the victory, giving him a whopping 188 points on the season in 11 games.

South Point drove 83 yards with the opening kickoff, scoring in three plays, with Dean Ivester tallying on a 72-yard run with 10:24 to go in the first quarter. The extra point attempt was blocked by Randy Bynum.

Lincolnton took the short kick-



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off and drove 60 yards in nine plays, with quarterback John Lawing tossing 18 yards to star end Doug Benfield for the score with 6:57 left. Don Rudisill, soccer-style kicker, booted the extra point, giving Lincolnton its only lead of the night.

Then with three minutes left in the first quarter, Lincolnton fumbled a punt on its own three, and Curtis Moss, a tremendous defender all night for the Raiders, recovered on the three.

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**CRAWFORD THEN** scored in two thrusts with 2:48 to go. Quarterback Bill Hannon passed to Crawford for the two-point conversion giving the Big Red a 14-7 lead.

With six seconds left in the first quarter, Crawford hot-footed it 67 yards, with Dennis Grier converting, giving the Big Red a 21-7 first quarter lead.

In the third quarter, Crawford took a punt back 35 yards for his third touchdown of the night and in the early moments of the fourth quarter, Lawing took to the air after Dennis Kanipe

recovered a South Point fumble at the S.P. 37.

Lawing hit three straight passes, the last one for 13 yards to Benfield, Rudisill converting to make it 28-14.

With five minutes left in the game, Lawing threw two yards to Benfield after Rick Hovis had recovered a fumble at the Red Raider 33. Lawing hit on four straight passes in that drive.

In the waning moments of the game, Hannon shook loose on a big 33-yard run with 48 seconds left to boost the Big Red over the 400-point mark for the year.

Crawford carried the ball 14 times and gained 130 yards. Ivester carried seven times for 105 yards. For Lincolnton, Fred Dalrymple carried 16 times for 54 yards, South Point defending him well. Bill Murphy had 49 yards in 14 carries.

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First Downs	12	15
Net Yards Rushing	271	117
Passes	3-8	11-24
Passing Yardage	15	135
Passes Intercepted by	1	1
Fumbles Lost	3	2
Punts	1-38	4-33.8
Yards Penalized	50	35

## SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4-T
South Point .....	21	0	7	6-34
Lincolnton .....	7	0	0	13-20

## SCORING SUMMARY

Scoring touchdowns, South Point: Crawford 3 (35-yard punt return, 1-yard run, 67-yard run); Ivester (22-yard run); Hannon (33-yard run). PAT: Grier 2 (placements); Crawford 2 (pass from Hannon). Scoring touchdowns, Lincolnton: Benfield 3 (passes of 18, two and 13 yards from Lawing). PAT: Rudisill 2 (placements).