

Raiders' title bid ends in 14-14 tie

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SALISBURY — South Point and Salisbury battled to a 14-14 tie here last night and were thus declared co-champions of the Western North Carolina

High School Activities Association.

According to rules of the WNCCHSAA, teams playing to a tie score in the final game are declared co-champions. The sudden death extra period or yardage totals are not used by the

Association in its title games to break deadlocks.

Two breaks which went Salisbury's way helped the Hornets tie the game.

Scott Crawford's blocked punt set up Salisbury's tying touchdown late in the third quarter.

Crawford was punting on fourth down on his own 38. Shrine Bowler John O'Neal rushed through to block the punt, picked up the ball at the 22 and returned to the South Point nine, before being tackled from behind by Crawford.

Quarterback Johnny Stratton carried over in two plays, the last coming from the five yard line with 2:11 remaining in the third quarter.

The all-important extra point from placement by Jim Busby was true and the game was tied at 14-14.

SOUTH POINT threatened to pull it out in the fourth period. Steve Ritchie punted dead on the South Point 11. From that point, the Raiders started a drive, but they were later halted at the Salisbury 26.

South Point picked up two first downs in the drive, one of the big plays being a halfback option pass from Crawford to Doug Fronberger, carrying for 15 yards to the Salisbury 30.

Crawford gained to the 25, but on fourth and one, was stopped at the 26 for a yard loss.

With time running out, Mike Partee fumbled at the Salisbury 42 and Curtis Moss recovered for the Raiders. But Salisbury again rose up and held with just over a minute remaining.

For the first time this year, Crawford was blanked in the scoring department. He failed to register a touchdown but still was the workhorse of the South Point backfield.

His longest gainer of the night was a great 32 yard run.

SOUTH POINT kicked off to open the game and Salisbury picked up two quick first downs in the hard-hitting defensive contest. After South Point stiffened, the Red Raiders of the Southwest 3-A conference began a 64-yard drive and scored in seven plays.

After picking up a first down, South Point had fourth and three and the Salisbury 33.

Quarterback Bill Hannon scored on a nice 33-yard scamper with 3:53 left in the first stanza. When Dennis Grier's kick went wide right, it was 6-0 South Point.

Salisbury failed to gain after the kickoff and then the first of two big breaks occurred.

Cliff Richey's punt was fumbled by Hannon on the Raider 30, and Steve Blount of the Hornets recovered at that point.

Salisbury scored in five plays, Partee ripped to the 15, Stratton to the 13, Partee to the 5 and after a penalty half the distance to the goal, Ben Gaitner went over with four seconds remaining in the first quarter. Busby converted giving the Hornets a 7-6 lead at halftime.

The second quarter was mostly a hard-fought defensive struggle, sparked by South Point's McWhirter, Tony Beale and Jim Forbes and Salisbury's two Shrine Bowlers, O'Neal and Terry Beattie.

McLendon grabs Heritage lead

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Mac McLendon, an obscure, struggling tour regular, fired a four-under-par 67 and vaulted into the second round lead in the Heritage Golf Classic Friday but Jack Nicklaus remained in contention two strokes back.

McLendon, who doesn't rank among the top 100 money winners this season, had a 36 hole total of 138, four under par on the tight, demanding Harbour Town Golf Links.

Big Bob Lunn, who abandoned a crash diet and attributed improved play to some regained weight, was just one stroke back with a 68 for 139.

Then it was the feared and fearsome Nicklaus, who put together a 69 on the 6,635 yard oceanside layout he helped construct and was just two back at 140.

He was tied at that figure with Canadian George Knudson and Bob Smith. Knudson, a curly-haired veteran who recently dropped back into the ranks of the Monday qualifiers, had the best round of the cool, sunny day—a 66. Smith had a 70.

Hale Irwin, the first round leader who slipped to a 73 for 141, was the only other man under par after two trips over the course most of the pros call the toughest they play all year.

Arnold Palmer ran into some putting troubles—he missed six times from 10 feet or less on his front nine—and had a 74 for 143, five behind.

Lee Trevino, the season's record-setting leading money winner and the PGA player of the year, rallied from a fat 78 to a 71, putting him comfortably under the cut for the last two rounds but 11 strokes back

of the 26-year-old McLendon. "I'm real proud of myself," said McLendon, who has won only \$17,002 this season and hasn't played in the last two months.

The lanky, 6-foot-2 McLendon got off to a fantastic start, chipping in on the first hole, scoring an eagle two on the second and going four under par on the first four holes.

"On a course like this, after a start like that, it's pretty difficult not to play it conservatively the rest of the way," said McLendon, who played the last 14 holes in regulation figures.

He chipped in from 20 feet for a birdie on the first hole, parred the second, holed a 125 yard and wedge shot for an eagle on the third and laced an iron to within 3½ feet on the fourth. He matched two more birdies with as many bogeys on the backside.

Palmer had three sixes on his card, including a double bogey on the 13th, where he drove into trouble and failed to recover.

Mac McLendon	71-67-138
Bob Lunn	71-68-139
George Knudson	74-66-140
Bob Smith	70-70-140
Jack Nicklaus	71-69-140
Hale Irwin	68-73-141
Arnold Palmer	69-74-142
Rod Curl	70-73-143
Gay Brewer	74-69-143
Deane Boman	71-73-144
Larry Ziegler	76-68-144
Doug Finsterwald	73-71-144
Doug Sanders	74-71-145
Dick Lott	73-72-145
Dave Eichelberger	76-74-145
Homero Blancas	72-73-145
Leonard Thompson	71-74-145
Lou Graham	71-75-146
Don January	73-73-146
Dale Douglass	75-71-146
Randy Wolf 146	76-70-146
Randy Wolff	75-71-146
Jack Montgomery	76-70-146
Dave Marr	74-73-147
Bob Murphy	73-74-147
Bobby Mitchell	76-71-147
Grier Jones	73-74-147
Terry Gill	74-73-147
Ron Cerrudo	75-72-147
Charles Coody	73-75-147
Billy Maxwell	74-73-147
Lionel Hebert	74-73-147
Larry Wood	73-74-147
Phil Rodgers	75-73-148
Howie Johnson	74-74-148
Alph Johnson	75-73-148
Ted Hayes	74-74-148
DeWitt Weaver	74-74-148
Dan Sikes	76-70-148
Chris Blocker	76-73-149
Lee Trevino	74-75-149
Bob Goalby	78-71-149
Lee Trevino	75-74-149
Randy Glover	77-71-149
Jim Simons	75-74-149
Don Massengale	75-74-149
George Archer	76-73-149
Gardner Dickinson	75-75-150
Bobby Greenwood	76-73-149
Don Rios	76-73-149
George Johnson	75-75-150
Joel Goldstrand	76-72-150
Bert Yancey	77-73-150
Chuck Courtney	74-76-150
Gino Ferrell	77-74-151
Rocky Thompson	76-75-151
John Miller	77-74-151
Tom Weiskopf	75-76-151

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Locks host Tigers

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out of the league this year and is playing its first season as an independent.

But, against ACC opponents, South Carolina has a record this year of four victories and one defeat.

THE RAIDERS took the second half kickoff and marched 70 yards for the go-ahead score.

They negotiated the distance in 10 plays.

The big play of the drive was a fancy 32 yard run by Crawford to the Salisbury 31.

Hannon lost to the 32, but Crawford in two carries went to the 23, and on a face mask penalty, South Point had first and ten at the Hornet 12.

South Point had to score twice to go ahead. Crawford apparently scored from the one, but a backfield in motion penalty put the ball back on the six.

On the next play, fullback Danny Clawson charged off tackle and into the end zone for the score with 6:46 remaining in the third quarter. South Point elected to go for two points and Hannon made it on a quarterback keeper by diving over the goal line. That put the Raiders ahead, 14-7.

Later came the blocked punt which led to Salisbury's tying TD.

Stratton passing was not that much evident during the evening, completing only three of 13 passes for 36 yards and South Point did a good defensive job in the secondary.

South Point won the battle of the statistics picking up 190 yards rushing and 60 passing, to Salisbury's 84 rushing and 36 passing.

South Point finished the season with a 12-0-1 record their first undefeated season ever. Salisbury finished with a 10-2-1 mark.

	S. P.	Salisbury
First Downs	10	7
Net Yards Rushing	190	84
Passes	5-0	3-13
Passing Yardage	60	36
Passes Intercepted by	0	2
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Punts	3-27	5-34
Yards Penalized	38	34

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4-T
SOUTH POINT	6	0	8	0-14
SALISBURY	7	0	7	0-14

SCORING SUMMARY

South Point—Hannon (33-yard run); Clawson (6-yard run).

PAT—Hannon (2-pointer on run)

Salisbury—Galther (2-yard run), Stratton (4-yard run)

PAT—Busby 2 (placements)