

Raiders blank Burns 26-0; Shelby next in playoffs

By MASON RODDEN

South Point's Red Raiders, held to an 8-0 lead at halftime by a stubborn Burns Bulldogs team, came to life in the second half at Lineberger Stadium last night to finish the regular season on a bright note with a 26-0 blanking of the invaders.

Frustrated with 0-for-7 in the passing game in the first half, sophomore quarterback Doug Davis got cranked up in the fourth quarter, passing for two scores to help the Big Red finish at 8-1-1.

The Big Red of fourth-year mentor Jim Biggerstaff will now enter 3-A playoff action next week, entertaining Shelby on Friday night at 8 p.m. Shelby, third-ranked in the state's 3-A ranks, closed out unbeaten last night at 10-0 with a 29-6 win over East Rutherford.

In their first meeting in Shelby, the Golden Lions captured a 28-12 decision. South Point, in beating Burns, won its 31st game in 35 outings, with its only losses coming to Shelby and two ties.

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IN THE second quarter Friday, The Big Red marched 65 yards after Dennis Grier recovered a fumble at the Raider 35. Bobby Mann got loose on a 14-yard run during the drive and sophomore standout Jerry Auten romped for a 13-yarder.

Auten scored the touchdown on a one-yard run. On the extra point, a high snap from center forced Grier to run with the ball and he bulled into the end zone for the two-pointer and the Raiders held a non-too-comfortable 8-0 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Burns was backed up with fourth down on its own 18. The snap from center went over punter Harvey Horne's head. He chased it into the end zone, picked it up, but managed to get it out to just the two-yard line.

On the first play, Wayne Fewell went over for a 14-0 lead as Jimmy Stowe missed the extra point.

Davis then began to hit his targets in the fourth quarter. In the first half, a quick Burns rush and a good defensive secondary performance helped to keep Doug at bay.

A fumble recovery by senior guard standout Jim Forbes at the Burns 45 set up the third touchdown. Auten picked up 14 yards, Davis hit Tim Williams for nine and Auten ran for 12

more to put the ball on the 10.

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DAVIS ON a flair pass hit half-back Robert Adams in the flat and Adams was home free into the end zone for a 20-0 Raider lead at the 4:09 mark as the point-after again missed.

STATISTICS

	S	Point	Burns
First downs	12	16	
Net yards rushing	163	54	
Passes	7-22	12-20	
Passing yardage	134	139	
Passes intercepted by	2	0	
Fumbles lost	1	2	
Punts	3-37	3-24	
Yards penalized	110	56	

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4	T
South Point	0	8	6	12	26
Burns	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

Scoring touchdowns: South Point: Auten (1-yard run); Fewell (2-yard run); Adams (10-yard pass from Davis); T. Williams (61-yard pass from Davis).

PAT: Grier 2 (on run).

Burns, going to the air, had a pass intercepted on the Raider 35 by Adams and he returned to the Big Red 39. From there, Davis on the first play hit Tim Williams for 61 yards and the touchdown with Williams making a beautiful run by and around defenders. That last touchdown came with 1:45 left in the game.

Burns led in first downs, 16-12, but South Point held Burns to just 54 yards rushing while the Auten-led Big Red had 163 yards on the ground. The passing was about even, soph Burns quarterback Ricky Sims connecting on 12-of-20 for 139 yards.

South Point, the county and area's leading point machine, has now tallied 273 points in 10 games and they've surrendered just 91.

Summer, Hudson spark Ironmen

By RONALD KISER

CHERRYVILLE — Tommy Summer and Rick Hudson scored twice each here last night as Cherryville celebrated homecoming with a 26-0 win over Chase.

Summer, a junior fullback, gained 121 yards in 18 carries, finishing the 10-game season with 963 yards in 10 games. Hudson, a senior halfback was the night's top ball carrier with 123 yards in 12 efforts.

Cherryville scored in the second quarter at the 9:32 mark. Summer went over from the one, capping a 62-yard drive, aided by two 15-yard penalties against Chase.

Robert Wylie kicked the extra point for a 7-0 Cherryville lead at halftime.

Cherryville took the second half kickoff and drove 69 yards with a 40-yard pass from quarterback Mitch Eaker to split end Ray Goins the big gainer. With 6:12 left in the third quarter, Hudson scored from the eight. The kick for the extra point was not good.

On the first play of the fourth

quarter, Summer broke loose on a 53-yard run that capped an 82-yard march. With 1:22 left in the game, Hudson dashed 66 yards and Wylie converted.

Cherryville's defense was tenacious, holding Chase to just 23 yards rushing for the game and four first downs. Outstanding was big tackle Willie Bush, along with Robert Wylie and Bobby Oates.

Cherryville wound up its season 2-7-1. Cherryville's homecoming queen was lovely Miss Margaret Neill.

STATISTICS

	Cherry	Chase
First downs	14	4
Net yards rushing	313	23
Passes	1-2	1-12
Passing yardage	44	4
Passes intercepted by	1	1
Fumbles lost	1	0
Punts	2-34	5-36
Yards penalized	80	45

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4	T
Cherryville	0	7	6	13	26
Chase	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

Scoring touchdowns: Cherryville: Summer 2 (runs of 1 and 53 yards); Hudson 2 (runs of 8 and 66 yards).

PAT: Wylie 2 (placements).