

Beat Trojans by 48-13

Raiders roll over Chase

CAROLEEN — South Point's vaunted Red Raiders opened their football season here last night in the Southwest 3-A Conference with a convincing 48-13 victory over the hapless Chase Trojans.

South Point, figured on as the team to beat in the Southwest this season, jumped off to a 21-7 halftime lead and continued the onslaught in the second half, with coach Jim Biggerstaff using reserves for the most part.

The only Chase touchdowns came on passes. The Raiders, meanwhile, were grinding out yardage on the ground, paced by

the likes of quarterback Doug Davis, halfbacks Butch Rankin and Wayne Fewell and fullback Dennis Grier.

Grier and Rankin, in fact, paced the Raiders in scoring with a pair of touchdowns apiece.

South Point, which has marked up successive seasons of 9-1, 12-0-1, and 8-1-1 under Biggerstaff's guidance, scored its first touchdown on an 85-yard drive.

Fewell divided in from the one and Dennis Grier added the first of six extra points from placement.

THE TOUCHDOWN was set up by Tim Williams' pass interception at the Raider 15 after the Trojans had recovered a fumble at the Raider 26.

The penalties against the Raiders was atrocious, 60 yards in the first half alone.

Chase shocked the Raiders, with Eric Young scoring on a 54-yard touchdown play from Randy Vickers that had the Raider team fooled.

But this merely aroused the Raiders and they came storming back with 14 second quarter points. The Raiders drove 50 yards for their second score, with swift little halfback Rankin scoring from the three.

Little waterbug halfback Jerry Auten scored from the three with 38 seconds in the half to give the Raiders a 21-7 halftime nod.

Quarterback Davis hit Jimmy Stowe on a 32-yard pass to the five in the third quarter to set up Grier's score from the two.

South Point recovered a fumble at the 11 and Davis passed to Fletcher Williams in the end zone at the 6:32 mark and South Point led 35-7.

IN THE FOURTH quarter, Rankin scored another 32-yard touchdown but making it 42-7, South Point.

Chase got back on the scoreboard in the fourth period when Waters passed to Ricky Phillips from 29 yards out and the touchdown.

Thus, both Chase touchdowns came via the airlines.

South Point's final touchdown in the fourth quarter came when Grier, who played a standout game at defensive guard, boomed in from the 10. Grier missed his first extra point of the night and the Raiders had a convincing 48-13 victory.

Next week, the Big Red returns to Lineberger Stadium for a key meeting with Lincoln at 8 o'clock.

STATISTICS

First Downs	20	9
Net Yards Rushing	200	144
Passes	7-10	3-9
Passing Yardage	82	90
Passes Intercepted by	2	0
Fumbles Lost	2	3
Punts	2-41	3-19
Yards Penalized	140	45

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4	T
South Point	7	14	21	8	50
Chase	7	0	0	6	13

SCORING SUMMARY

Fewell (1 yd run); Grier, kick
 Erick Young (53 yd pass from Waters),
 Young, kick
 Rankin (1 yd run); Grier, kick
 Auten (4 yd run); Grier, kick
 Williams (10 yd pass from Davis), Grier,
 kick
 Rankin (4 yd run); Grier, kick
 Grier (3 yd run); Grier, kick
 Grier (18 yd run); kick failed
 Phillips (30 yd pass from Waters), kick
 blocked

Bessemer City sinks K.M. in 2-0 upset

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Bessemer City's Yellow Jackets made a first period safety stand up for a 2-0 upset victory over Kings Mountain in a non-conference opener for both schools Friday night at Bessemer City.

A host of Bessemer City tacklers tapped Kings Mountain halfback Jimmy Thompson in the end zone, then came up with two key defensive plays to halt Kings Mountain's possible touchdown drives.

Bessemer City's Tony Green intercepted a Tony Falls pass at the goal line in the second quarter to halt a Kings Mountain threat and then Darrell Van Dyke fumbled in the end zone and Bessemer City recovered to halt another drive.

Kings Mountain's Carl Roseboro attempted two 42-yard field goals in the closing seconds of the first half but both fell far short

KINGS MOUNTAIN was penalized 95 yards and that total included three consecutive 15-yard penalties at the opening of the fourth quarter.

The Mountaineers picked up 141 yards rushing with Van Dyke accounting for 97 of them. Bessemer City managed only 60 yards rushing and 26 passing but the fired-up Yellow Jacket defense enabled coach Jerry Adams to post his first coaching victory against the team he made All-State for as a center in 1960.

Bessemer City's closest touchdown threat came the first time the Yellow Jackets had possession of the football.

A 15-yard penalty against the Mountaineers gave the Yellow Jackets the ball on the Kings Mountain 36.

Quarterback Skip Franklin rambled for eight yards, then threw an 18-yard pass to Dickie Hull for a first down at the Mountaineer 10.

SCOTT SHUFORD carried twice to put the ball on the six, but then two Franklin passes fell incomplete and the Mountaineers took over on the six-yard line.

Tony Falls was thrown for a one-yard loss, then pitched out to Thompson on an option play and the Bessemer City defense swarmed on the KM sophomore for the game-winning safety.

Bessemer City's leading rusher was Calvin Albright, with 35 yards in 10 carries.

For Bessemer City, Steve Biddix and Tony Green and Franklin spearheaded the defensive charge and Chuck Austin, Dennis Hogue, and David Bell were outstanding on defense for the Mountaineers.

Bessemer City travels to East Gaston next week while Kings Mountain moves over to North Gaston

STATISTICS

Bessemer City	Kings Mountain
First Downs	4 11
Net Yards Rushing	80 141
Passes	3-12 4-9
Passing Yardage	38 70
Passes Intercepted by	1 0
Fumbles Lost	2 3
Punts	5-20 2-35
Yards Penalized	45 95

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4	T
Bessemer City	2	0	0	0	2
Kings Mountain	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

Scoring Safety: Bessemer City Tackled
 Jimmy Thompson in end zone



DENNIS GRIER

Gaston Day blanks Wake

Gaston Day's Spartans opened their football season last night in Raleigh with an impressive 20-0 victory over the Wake Academy Bulldogs.

The Spartans, 5-6 last year under Ronnie Digh and with an experienced team this year, got standout defensive play in their debut, plus a fine game from quarterback Andy Warlick.

The Spartans scored their first touchdown on a 70-yard drive, with the big play in the drive being a 19-yard pass from Warlick to Steve McRaney.

Billy Palmer scored that first quarter touchdown on a one-yard run and Parks Neisler missed on his extra point kick.

Gaston Day made it 13-0 just before the half when they put together a 60-yard drive. The six-pointer was set up by a 30-yard pass from Warlick to McRaney. Warlick took it in from eight on a neat eight-yard keeper play. Neisler's extra point kick was good.

THE LAST touchdown came after offensive tackle Robert Lawing recovered a bulldog fumble at the Wake Academy 44.

The much-improved and well-coached Spartans scored on a bomb.

The bomb came when Warlick threw to McRaney for 44 yards and the touchdown and Neisler's kick was again true.

"I thought we looked good for an opening game," said coach Digh. "We got solid offensive play from just about everybody. It as pretty hot but our kids were in pretty