

Rankin scores pair as Raiders roll to 35-0 win over Lincs

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The South Point Red Raiders shut out the Lincolnton Wolves by a score of 35-0 last night at Lineberger Stadium in Belmont. An almost capacity crowd was on hand to see the Raiders score once in the first quarter and four times in the second half.

The game was marked by penalties throughout the contest, most of them being called against South Point. Threatening skies prevailed through the entire game as a stingy defense was the name of the game.

South Point scored first in the opening quarter on a one-yard run off tackle by veteran halfback Dennis Grier with 1:26 remaining on the clock. The tally capped a six-play drive that totaled 64 yards.

Jim Stowe added his first of seven consecutive point after kicks. The Raiders would have scored earlier if their first two drives had not been stopped by four 15-yard penalties.

Lincolnton until the third quarter played excellent defense which stopped many successful downs initiated by the Raiders. This was Lincolnton's first contest and they were able to hold off their opening-night jitters until the fourth quarter. Although a small team, Lincolnton has many assets yet untapped.

The second quarter saw only good solid defense with neither team allowing the other to penetrate deep downfield. The first half ended with the Raiders ahead by a score of 7-0.

THE THIRD quarter was much like the second in the fact that both teams looked good until the fourth down situation. It looked like a scoreless quarter until, on second and 15 from the Lincolnton 15, Wolf quarterback David Eaker put the ball in the air and Raider Rankin snatched the ball away from the open arms of the intended receiver.

He scampered 15 back into his own goal for the score with 3:14 showing on the clock. He later repeated this same performance going for 35 yards after an interception.

The fourth quarter opened with South Point again in possession of the ball. Jerry Auten, who picked up 150 yards in 12 carries was the game's leading rusher spinning around many times for the extra yardage needed for crucial first downs in the first half. Teamed with Wayne Fewell, who rushed for 43 yards and one touchdown, the two were almost unstoppable.

The highlight of the game came on a 79 yard TD run through the Lincolnton line by Jerry Auten that was called back to the Wolf 11 yard line due to a much-disputed clipping call in which no Lincolnton player touched the ground. Auten got his chance shortly afterwards when he plunged in for TD.

South Point which came into the game with a 48-13 win last week over Chase High School was favored to win the contest but Raider Coach Jim Biggerstaff was reluctant before the game to give his team too much credit. It was known that the Raider Coach would start the same offense and defense that defeated The Trojans a week ago but it was not known how powerful the Wolves would be when the game opened.

AS STATED EARLIER, the Raiders had some problems with penalties. They managed

STATISTICS

	SOUTH POINT	LINC.
First Downs	12	9
Net Yards Rushing	310	113
Passes	3-14	5-14
Passing Yardage	37	29
Passes Intercepted by	3	2
Fumbles Lost	2	2
Punts	3-31	4-25
Yards Penalized	13-180	7-50

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAMS	1	2	3	4	T
South Point	7	0	7	21	35
Lincolnton	0	0	0	0	0

SOUTH POINT: SCORING SUMMARY

SP — Grier — one yard run off tackle (Six plays 64 yd drive)
 SP — Rankin — 15 yard interception
 SP — Auten — one yard run up middle (79 yd drive)
 SP — Fewell — 26 yd run around left end (1st play)
 SP — Rankin — 35 yd interception
 Jim Stowe all 5 extra point kicks good.

to roll up 180 yards in 13 penalties throughout the first three quarters. Two of these penalties nullified touchdowns of 43 and 79 yards.

Both starting quarterbacks were off the mark considerably with Bradley of Lincolnton and Davis of South Point hitting only 4 of 14 and 3 of 14 respectively. There were almost as many interceptions as there were completed passes. Rankin's two and Jimmy Williams' one for South Point were almost matched by Tim Stamey's two for Lincolnton. There were five fumbles in the game attributable to the earliness of the season.

On punts, Lincolnton's Scott Cloninger managed a 24-yard average with Kevin Davis punting three times for an average of 31 yards.

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out of Cloninger who was the team's multi-purpose man. He rushed for 60 yards and punted for 101. His steady blocking and constant effort would be an attribute to any good-running team in the Western League. Senior Randy Parker also deserves credit for his running game against South Point. On defense, the starting line for Lincolnton held back the Raider attack much more effectively than the Trojan's did the previous week.

For the Red Raiders, Dennis Grier stood out not only on offense but on the defensive squad as well. Besides kicking five straight extra point attempts, he gained 32 yards on the ground attack in seven carries. On defense, he was responsible for seven unassisted tackles and many times broke through the opposing offensive line to hit the halfbacks before they even had a chance to put away the hand-offs.

Lincolnton goes against King's Mountain away next Friday with a conference record of 0-1, with South Point meeting once-beaten East Gaston at Belmont. The Raiders now foster a 2-0 record for conference play with next week's opening kickoff scheduled for 8:00.

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17 carries, certainly far less than was expected of him.

Shelby suffered from injuries in the week leading to the Huss contest. Both ends were lost for this game, as well as the starting center.

The loss of Billy Morehead, the regular center, was felt perhaps most of all, as there was a lack of rapport between the fill-in and quarterback Mike Callahan on the snaps.

This marked the third win for the Huskies in the last six years of its series with the Lions. Shelby has two victories, and there was one tie.

Huss entertains Independence next Friday in its first home game of the '73 season.

Loyal Husky meeting slated for Tuesday

There will be a Loyal Husky club meeting on Tuesday night, September 11 at 7 o'clock at the Dixie Village Cafeteria.

Coach Don Saine of the Huskies will show films of last night's gamb between Hunter Huss and Shelby.

Bob Haygood says there is a special invitation to the fathers of the incoming students at Huss. There will be season tickets at the meeting for those who wish to pay their dues.