

# South Point Raiders roll to 62-0 victory

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South Point's vaunted Red Raiders, ranked among the top five 3-A teams in the state in one poll, looked to be "number one" at beautiful Lineberger Stadium before an estimated crowd of 6,000 fans last night.

The Raiders scored touchdowns of every conceivable nature in bombing East Gaston's Warriors to the tune of a rather unbelievable 62-0.

It was the second highest score registered in Jim Biggerstaff's brilliant five-year coaching record at South Point. The Raiders bombed Chase 72-0 last year.

The Raiders under Biggerstaff have captured 37 wins against just 8 losses and two ties during the past four years.

The Big Red Machine scored on runs, passes, punt returns and pass interceptions last night to continue unbeaten in the Southwest 3-A Conference with a perfect 3-0 record. East Gaston's record fell to 1-2.

Halfback Butch Rankin sparked the Raider scoring with a pair of touchdowns, the Cramerton youngster catching a 39-yard pass from quarterback Doug Davis for one score and making a 30-yard pass from quarterback Doug Davis for one score and making a 30-yard pass interception from East Gaston quarterback Scott Bradshaw for another.

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**BUTCH, WHO** has now scored six touchdowns on the season, also played a standout game in the Raider defensive secondary. And speaking of defense, the Raiders' stout defense held the Warriors to minus 61 yards rushing for the evening. The Warriors only picked up three first downs and completed only three of 14 passes for 49 yards.

The Big Red offense, meanwhile, had 152 yards rushing and 164 yards passing for a 316 total.

Davis, finding his passing arm for the first real time of the campaign, hit on six of 10 passes for 152 yards. He's a junior quarterback star who passed for over 1,000 yards last year.

"We were due for a standout performance," said Biggerstaff, who spent 10 years at Rockingham before making his sensational return to Belmont, where he was an all-state prep grinder.

"We had won by 48-13 over Chase and 35-0 over Lincolnton but hadn't really shown all that much. Tonight, I was really pleased with the team's overall performance. I think we're ready to go now."

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**FAULKNER'S PASS** interception at the East Gaston 31 set up South Point's fourth touchdown. Davis faded and hit Tim Williams for a touchdown covering 31 yards and a 28-0 margin for the Big Red Machine.

Just before the half, safetyman Rick Crosby made a beautiful 55-yard punt return for a 33-0 lead at the 2:28 mark. The game, for all practical purposes, was over at that point.

But South Point, which finished with a 12-0-1 mark in 71 of its best mark ever under Biggerstaff, wasn't through. Rankin went into action in the third quarter.

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STATISTICS			
	South Point	East Gaston	
First Downs	13	3	
Net Yards Rushing	132	41	
Passes	7-11	3-9	
Passing Yards	164	49	
Passes Intercepted by	3	1	
Fumbles Lost	2	1	
Punts	1-20	19-29	
Yards Penalized	170	21	

TEAMS			
	South Point	East Gaston	
Score by Quarters	2	3	4
1st	14	27	14
2nd	13	0	0
3rd	0	0	0
4th	0	0	0
Final	62	0	

#### Scoring Summary

South Point Grier 39-yard run; Stowe 30-yard pass from Davis; Auten 2-yard run; Williams 31-yard pass from Davis; Crosby 55-yard punt return; Rankin 30-yard pass from Davis; 30-yard pass interception; James 11-yard run; Boyer one-yard run; PAT Grier 6 placements; Stowe 2 placements.

**SOUTH POINT** had its first two touchdowns in just three plays for a quick 14-0 lead. Tim Faulkner recovered a fumble at the Warrior 23 and Raiders' leading scorer and top defensive player Dennis Grier went 23 yards on the first play from scrimmage and Dennis Grier went 23 yards on the first play from scrimmage and Dennis kicked the first of his six straight extra points from placement for a quick 7-0 Raider lead at the 11:16 mark.

Halfback Wayne Fewell returned a punt from his own 40 to the East Gaston 37 and two plays later, Dandy Davis passed to Jimmy Stowe for the touchdown at the 8:29 mark.

It ended 14-0 at the quarter. South Point put the game completely out of reach with a 21-point second quarter. The Raiders scored their third touchdown on a 54-yard drive, with halfback Jerry Auten going over from the two

at the 5:40 mark and Grier again converted for a 21-0 lead.

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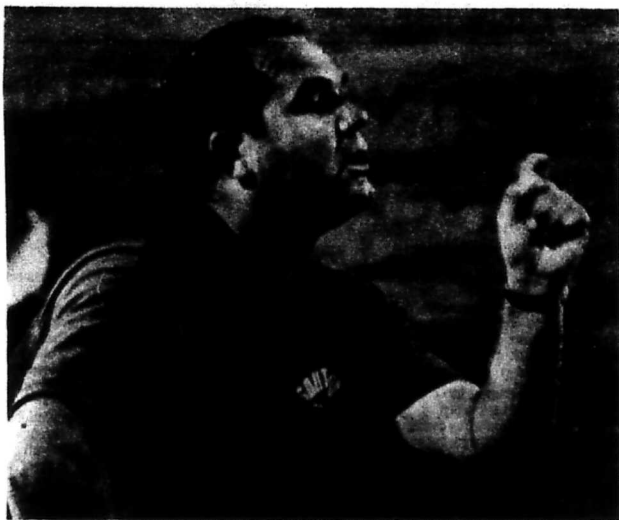
In the fourth quarter, with reserves in action, two young sophomores scored. The Raiders drove 59 yards with soph halfback Donnie James going over from the one at the 4:22 mark.

Then sophomore Terry Boyles went over from the one with just seconds left climaxing a 25-yard drive and the Raiders had a 62-0 rout.

The Big Red had three other touchdowns called back because of penalties, one on an 81-yard punt return by Tim Williams.

The Raider Machine travels to R-S Central next week in quest of win number four.

South Point's leading rusher was Jerry Auten with 47 yards in 10 carries.



**BIGGERSTAFF LOOKS ON** — South Point's Jim Biggerstaff, whose Red Raiders teams have won 37 and lost only 8 during the past four seasons, looks over the situation from the sidelines during game against East Gaston before a packed house at Lineberger Stadium last night. Biggerstaff saw his team rip off a convincing 62-0 win over the Warriors.

## Bessemer City loses by 20-7 to Catholic

By CHUCK LOWDER

The Charlotte Catholic Cougars' running game defeated the Yellow Jackets of Bessemer City last night 20-7, in a non-conference game. The game was played at Bessemer City.

The Yellow Jackets scored early in the first quarter when quarterback Skip Franklin picked up a fumbled punt by the Cougars and ran for a touchdown.

That was the second time that the Cougars center had centered the football over the punters' head deep in their own territory.

Skip Franklin also scored the point after touchdown for the Yellow Jackets putting them ahead 7-0. Charlotte Catholic's Chick Ellsworth decided it was time for the Cougars to stop making mistakes, and led the way with his 85-yard kick off return. The Cougars missed on the 2-point conversion ending the first quarter with the score Yellow Jackets 7 Cougars 6.

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**A GOOD DRIVE** by the Yellow Jackets marked the beginning of the second quarter. The drive fell short of its goal when the Yellow Jackets fumbled giving the ball to the Cougars on their own 13 yard line. The Cougars then came back with a good drive of their own ending in their second touchdown.

Again it was Chick Ellsworth who scored for the Cougars. The 2 point conversion was

made by Jim Troy making the score at the end of the first half Bessemer City 7, Charlotte Catholic 14.

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**BESSEMER CITY** again had a chance to score after an important interception by Goldie Byers. A fumble ended this drive too within sight of their goal line.

This game was marked by a number of penalties. It seemed that Charlotte Catholic was always being penalized 15 yards. Even with the penalties they were able to score another touchdown. The Cougars running game was superior to that of the Yellow Jackets, forcing the Yellow Jackets to pass more. More passing for the team caused more interceptions which lost the game for the Yellow Jackets.

STATISTICS			
	Catholic	Bessemer City	
First Downs	13	8	
Net Yards Rushing	171	83	
Passes	6-11	6-15	
Passing Yards	63	63	
Passes Intercepted by	2	1	
Fumbles Lost	1	4	
Punts	2-28	3-38	
Yards Penalized	120	3-38	

TEAMS			
	Catholic	Bessemer City	
Score by Quarters	1	2	3
1st	6	8	0
2nd	7	0	0
3rd	0	0	0
4th	0	0	0
Final	20	7	

#### Scoring Summary

Bessemer City Touchdown Skip Franklin, one-yard run PAT Franklin  
Charlotte Catholic Touchdown Chick Ellsworth 12: 85-yard kickoff return and four yard run, Craig Evers 11: five-yard run, PAT Jim Troy two-point.