

SP ELIMINATED

Raiders bumped by Watauga

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BOONE — Watauga's football Pioneers shocked the North Carolina 3-A prep football world for the second straight week here last night, downing South Point in a penetration playoff after the regulation game had ended at 8-8 in the WNCCHA semifinals.

Watauga, upset winner over Lenoir last Friday, next week advances into a Friday contest against the winner of the Mooresville-Salisbury game played last night.

After the regulation game had ended at 8-8 Watauga was given the ball at the SP ten-yard line and scored in three plays. Harvey Vance passed to Harvey Cole for the TD on third and six. Gary Yates ran for the two-point conversion.

Wayne Fewell then scored on the first play for the Raiders, going ten yards wide right, but quarterback Doug Davis was tackled on the option play trying for the two-point conversion.

Even if South Point had scored the two points, Watauga would have won on total yardage. The Pioneers had 173 total yards for the game to South Point's 103.

After being outplayed in the first half and most of the third quarter, South Point came back in the final stanza.

Watauga, leading 8-0 had a golden opportunity to wrap it up early in the final period.

The Raiders' Kevin Davis fumbled a snap from center on a punt, and he was downed at the Raider 11-yard line. The Pioneers then drove to the two, where they had fourth and a foot to go, but a penalty put them back to the seven, where a pass fell incomplete.

South Point then moved from its own seven to the Watauga six before being stopped. The key play in the drive was a 49-yard pass play from Doug Davis to Tim Williams which put the ball on the Watauga 35.



TIM WILLIAMS

But the Big Red was stopped on a fourth-down play at the Watauga six with 6:25 left in the game.

A LITTLE LATER, with 4:36 left, Tim



JERRY AUTEN

Williams blocked a Dick Byrd punt and fell on the ball in the end zone for a South Point touchdown.

A Rick Crosby to Jerry Auten pass for the two-point conversion to make it 8-8 at the 4:36 mark.

South Point had a chance to win the game when Mark Morris recovered a fumble at the Watauga 39.

The drive ended when Doug Davis passed to Fletcher Williams on the Watauga six, just short of a first down, and Dennis Grier's 23-yard field goal attempt was wide left.

The score remained tied at 8-8 for the remainder of the game and the Pioneers wrapped it up in the penetration playoff.

WATAUGA DOMINATED the first half, gaining 74 yards rushing to seven for South Point.

Gary Yates scored the Watauga touchdown in the second quarter on a four-yard run which climaxed a 35-yard drive, and Yates ran over for the two-point conversion, making it 8-0 Pioneers, and that's the way the score remained until the end of the half.

STATISTICS

	South Point	Watauga
First Downs	6	9
Net Yards Rushing	21	145
Passes	7-15	3-7
Passing Yardage	82	28
Passes Intercepted by	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Punts	7-26.0	4-32.0
Yards Penalized	36	25

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAMS	1	2	3	4	T
South Point	0	0	0	8	8
Watauga	0	8	0	0	8

SCORING SUMMARY

SP — T. Williams rec-blocked punt in end zone; Auten, pass from Crosby.
W — Yates, 4 yd. run; Yates run