

# South Point rips Chase, 31-6

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South Point's defensive brigade must have been hurt when it read in the paper that its defense was "questionable."

Their superb defensive play was the most impressive part of their 31-6 opening victory last night at Lineberger Stadium over a veteran Chase Trojan squad.

Until speedy halfback Ray Harris broke loose on a 55-yard touchdown run with 55 seconds left in the game, against South Point's second and third units, the Big Red defense had held Chase to only 35 net yards rushing and one out of 12 passes good for just 16 yards.

The offense, meanwhile, registered 14 first downs, 225 yards rushing, 53 passing for a total of 278 yards. A 44-yard touchdown run by halfback Jerry Auten was called back because of a clipping penalty and two other Red Raider pushes deep into Trojan territory were stymied by penalties.

One came after Ron Grier, the man on the spot, recovered the first of his three big fumble recoveries, on the Chase 17. Two consecutive 15-yard penalties killed that one in the third quarter.

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ALSO IN THE third quarter, a punt return to the Trojan 15 from midfield was called back because of a clipping penalty.

All things put together, it was a pretty

impressive opener for the defending Southwest 3-A Conference champions. South Point got on the scoreboard the first time it had the football, driving 47 yards.

Quarterback Doug Davis passed 33 yards to Fletcher Williams for the touchdown at the 7:57 mark and Trent Walden's kick for the extra point missed.

The Big Red put 13 more points on the scoreboard in the second quarter, the second touchdown being set up on Robin Ratchford's 10-yard punt return to the Trojan 32. Seven plays later, Donnie James drove in from the one at the 6:42 mark and Walden converted making it 13-0.

A defensive play by Grier, a senior recruited from the Red Raider basketball team, accounted for the third Big Red score. The alert Grier, who was Johnny-on-the-spot all night, picked up a Terry Bostic fumble on the Trojan 54 and ran 45 yards for the touchdown. Again, Walden missed.

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**CHASE WAS COMPLETELY** thwarted on offense in the first half, picking up but three first downs, only 17 yards rushing and the 16 yards passing.

After penalties thwarted the Red Raiders in the third period, they ran up 12 more points in the fourth quarter to make it 31-0.

Grier recovered his third fumble of the night at the Chase 15 and three plays later, Carl Middleton, fullback, rambled over from the five at the 10:49 mark and a Davis pass

incomplete on the two-point conversion try.

A 30-yard punt return by James to the Chase 29 set up South Point's final touchdown. They went entirely on the ground all the way in, Auten booming over from the one at the 5:25 mark and again the kick missed on the extra point.

As stated, with time running out, Harris broke loose on a 55-yarder for the only Trojan touchdown. The kick for the extra point failed.

Harris gained 105 yards in 14 carries and was the only Trojan threat. The other backs, quarterback Jody Waters and halfback Bill Vickers, all wound up with minus yardage.

Auten had an even 100 yards in 17 carries for the Raiders while James had 55 yards in 12 totes.

South Point visits Cherryville next Friday.

## Statistics

	S. Point	Chase
First Downs	14	6
Net Yards Rushing	225	90
Passes	5-14	1-12
Passing Yardage	53	16
Passes Intercepted by	1	1
Fumbles Lost	3	1
Punts	5-42	4-34
Yards Penalized	145	55

## SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAMS	1	2	3	4	T
South Point	6	13	0	12	31
Chase	0	0	0	6	6

## SCORING SUMMARY

Scoring touchdowns, South Point: Williams, 38 yard pass from Davis, kick failed; James, 1-yard run, Walden, kick. Grier, 45 yard run on fumble recovery, kick failed; Middleton, 5-yard run, Davis pass on two-point conversion missed, Auten, 1 yard run, kick failed. Scoring touchdown, Chase: Harris, 55-yard run, kick failed.

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