

South Point scores 21-7 win over Shelby

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SHELBY — South Point had the biggest banners the biggest fan enthusiasm and almost equal in size as host Shelby here last night at Blanton Memorial Stadium.

But more importantly as far as Red Raider football coach Jim Biggerstaff was concerned, the Big Red Machine had the best football team.

South Point handed the Golden Lions a 21-7 setback, firmly establishing the Big Red as the team to beat for Southwest 3-A Conference

regular season honors.

The Raiders simply played one helluva first half, perhaps the best in Biggerstaff's six years at the helm in establishing a 14-0 halftime lead that simply could not be overcome...despite the fact that South Point gave Shelby the football to play with for most all the second half.

South Point's defense against the running game is simply awesome. They held Shelby to just 16 yards rushing in the first half and only a net of 51 for the game.

Shelby quarterback Mike Callahan did complete 13-of-29 passes for 126 yards, but it wasn't nearly enough. It was the first time a Biggerstaff team had won in Shelby, which made the win all the more sweet and tasty for him and his fine crew.

SOUTH POINT ONLY had the ball for 15 offensive plays in the second half as Shelby owned the ball most of the time, but another big defensive play put the game out of Shelby's reach with 45 seconds left in the third period.

Alert linebacker Tim Faulkner intercepted a Callahan pass on his own 25 and raced untouched 75 yards down the sidelines for the clincher and the icing on the cake.

Trent Walden, another linebacker, set up South Point's initial touchdown in the first quarter when he recovered a Lion fumble at the Shelby 32.

On a fourth down and eight play, quarterback Doug Davis hit Fletcher Williams on the eight for a first and goal. Then after being pushed back to the 20, it was third and goal.

BUT HARD-RUNNING senior halfback Jerry Auten took a pitchout from Davis and made a beautiful run down the right sidelines for the touchdown and defensive safety Chuck Rankin booted the first of his three perfect extra points with 2:13 left in the initial period. Again, the Lions set the Raiders up with a fumble recovery at the Shelby 37, and again, Walden was credited with failing on the pignik.

A 15-yard penalty against the Lions moved it to the 22 and eight plays later and with 9:19 left in the quarter, fullback Carl Middleton burst over from the one. Rankin again was true.

Just before the half was over, Byron Johnson recovered a Davis fumble at the South Point 43 and with just seconds left in the half, a Shelby fumble recovered by South Point on the Raider 19 thwarted the Lions.

The first half saw the Lions with only two first downs, 16 yards rushing and just 31 passing.

THWARTED ON THE ground, Shelby began unlimbering with Callahan in the second half. Shelby, mostly by air, moved from its 22 where they had fourth and three on the Raider eight. But the Big Red held tight and took over as Callahan on a fourth down pass was thrown at the 22.

Moments later, Faulkner intercepted Callahan after the Lions had recovered Auten's fumble at the 33 and Tim raced 75 yards.

Shelby scored with 8:33 left on a drive of 61 yards, with Johnson bursting over from the nine. Dusty Haynes converted and that was the scoring.

Callahan completed 13-of-29 passes for 126 yards but the one he completed to Faulkner was mighty big. Auten was South Point's leading rusher as usual with 63 yards in 18 carries.

In three straight wins, South Point has scored 93 points and given up just 13 and nobody has done anything rushing against them.

The Big Red plays county rival East Gaston at Lineberger Stadium next Friday. The Warriors opposed Bessener City 19-6 last night.

A crowd estimated at 6,000, at least half of them from South Point, witnessed last night's game.

STATISTICS		
	S. Point	Shelby
First Downs	12	16
Net Yards Rushing	126	51
Passes	9-7	13-29
Passing Yards	32	126
Passes Intercepted by	1	1
Fumbles Lost	2	2
Punts	4-24	4-31
Yards Penalized	58	40

SCORE BY QUARTERS		
TEAMS	1	2
South Point	7	7
Shelby	0	7

SCORING SUMMARY
Scoring touchdowns: South Point: Auten (20-yard run); Rankin, kick.
Middleton (15-yard run); Rankin, kick.
Faulkner (75-yard pass interception); Rankin, kick.
Scoring touchdown Shelby: Johnson (8-yard run); D. Haynes, kick.

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Orioles continue win surge, defeating Red Sox by 2-1

BOSTON (AP) — Don Baylor and Boog Powell belted home runs and Ross Grimsley and Grant Jackson combined to pitch a six-hitter Friday night, leading the Baltimore Orioles to a 2-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

The victory was the seventh in eight games and the 19th in the last 24 starts for the surging Orioles.

In the second inning, Baylor drilled his 10th homer of the baseball campaign—a drive into the screen in left-center field.

Powell's 10th of the year broke a 1-1 tie in the seventh. He cracked a low outside pitch on a full count into the left-field screen off Boston starter Dick Drago, 6-10.

Grimsley, a hard-throwing left-hander, raised his record to 18-13 by scattering five hits over the first seven innings. He was tagged for a run in the fourth inning on singles by Carl Yastrzemski and Dwight Evans, a sacrifice and a sacrifice fly by Fred Lynn.

Yanks sweep two, tie for top

NEW YORK (AP) — Larry Gura tossed a six-hitter, pitching the New York Yankees to a 2-0 victory in the second game and a sweep of their Friday night doubleheader against Cleveland.

The Yankees, who moved into a first-place tie with Baltimore in the American League East race, defeated the

Indians 5-4 in the opener on Bobby Murcer's two-out triple in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Gura, who has won five straight decisions since he came from the International League a month ago, permitted just four singles as the Yankees beat ex-teammate Fritz Peterson.

Stennett scores Buc winner

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Rennie Stennett beat the throw to the plate on Willie Stargell's bases-loaded grounder in the ninth inning, capping a three-run rally that lifted the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 4-3 victory over the New York Mets Friday night.

New York starter Ray Sadecki, 9-8, was working on a three-hitter and leading 3-0

until the Pittsburgh seventh, when Art Howe singled, Gene Clines hit into a forceout and rookie Ken Macha belted a run-scoring double to left.

After Howe walked to lead off the ninth, Tug McGraw relieved Sadecki and gave up a wild pitch, a single to pinch-hitter Paul Popovich and a run-scoring single to Rennie Stennett to make it 3-2.

Niekro keys Braves victory

HOUSTON (AP) — Phil Niekro fired a four-hitter and drove in the only run of the game with a sacrifice fly, leading the Atlanta Braves to a 1-0 victory over the Houston Astros Friday night.

Niekro, 18-12, outdueled James Rodney Richard, 2-2, striking out nine and walking one.

Niekro held the Astros hitless until Greg

Gross' one-out double in the sixth inning. Milt May got the Astros' second hit the next inning, also a double. Wilbur Howard singled in the eighth and Cesar Cedeño doubled in the ninth.

Atlanta won it in the fifth when Vic Correll was hit by Richard's pitch, advanced on Craig Robinson's double and scored on Niekro's sacrifice fly to left.

Cardinals win, protect lead

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Ted Simmons' three-run homer capped a four-run outburst in the fourth inning and carried the St. Louis Cardinals to a 5-2 victory Friday night over the Chicago Cubs.

The Cards' triumph, their 10th in 13 games against the Cubs, protected their half-game lead in the National League's East Division over the Pittsburgh Pirates, who defeated the New York Mets 4-3.

Carlton, Phillies beat Expos

MONTREAL (AP) — Steve Carlton fired a four-hitter and Del Unser and Willie Montanez ripped two-run homers, leading the Philadelphia Phillies to a 10-2 decision over the Montreal Expos Friday night.

Carlton, 15-12, retired the first nine batters he faced before giving up a single

to Pepe Mangual in the fourth. Mangual scored later in the inning on Bob Bailey's sacrifice fly.

The Phillies took a 2-0 lead in the second inning on singles by Unser and Carlton, an error by Willie Davis that scored the first run and an RBI double by Dave Cash.

Ex-Bear Bill George sued

CHICAGO (AP) — Bill George, former Chicago Bear star, was sued Friday for \$350,000 by a college professor who claimed George attacked him.

George's estranged wife, Lucy, also filed

for divorce Friday.

George, 44, who was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in July, declined comment.