

Big Red rolls 54-0 for fourth straight victory

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The South Point Red Raiders combined a staunch defense and a high powered offense to defeat Southwest 3-A Conference foe, East Gaston Warriors 54-0 last night at Lineberger Stadium in Belmont.

It was Parents Night at Lineberger and the Red Raiders couldn't have put on a better demonstration for their folks.

With only 55 seconds gone in the game Terry Boyles scampered 55 yards to score the first touchdown for the Raiders, on only the second offensive set from scrimmage.

It was an indication of things to come for the evening.

On their second possession of the night, Jim Biggerstaff's forces punched in for six points on a 35 yard drive in only five offensive plays, capped by halfback Donnie James' 15 yard

scoring jaunt.

The Red Raiders could have made it three for three in scoring drives in their next possession, but two penalties, holding and offside, nullified an eight yard scoring pass to Boyles and an 18 yard run by Boyles.

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THE RAIDERS GAVE no indication of letting up on the Warriors, as fullback Carl Middleton bulled two yards for their third touchdown of the night, 11 minutes into the second quarter.

Doug Davis, Raider quarterback, tried to take away some of Coach Biggerstaff's early season worry of the passing game by hitting Donnie James on a 25 yard pass play to set up Boyles second touchdown of the game, a five yard gallop.

The defense took a hand in the scoring as a recovered Warrior fumble by Dean Richards on East Gaston's 24 yard line set the stage for the Raiders to tally six more. Chuck Rankin on the first play from scrimmage rambled 24 yards for the fifth Raider score of the night.

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THE WARRIORS COULDN'T seem to get untracked in the first half as their longest offensive possession lasted only eight plays and was aided by a South Point penalty of 15 yards which helped them account for one of their first half downs.

In the second half, Jerry Auten, the speedster halfback of the Red Raider offense, got in the scoring column by sweeping the right side of his line and out running the East Gaston secondary for a 30 yard scoring marker.

Late in the third quarter East Gaston's punter, Mark Hager, dropped back to punt and fumbled the snap, he was swarmed under by the charging Raider defense and the Raider offensive unit took over on the East Gaston 20 yard line.

It took only three offensive plays before **back Robin Hatchford** toted 14 yards and another Red Raider score.

East Gaston then mounted its only real scoring threat of the night as they marched from their own 30 yard line, on the ensuing kick-off, down to the 24 yard line of South Point.

With fourth down and 15, Warrior quarterback Max Jamison dropped back to pass, but again the Red Raider defense proved to be too much for East Gaston and he was sacked for a 10 yard loss.

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The Red Raiders final score of the game came when back up quarterback Rankin hit Ron Grier on a little look-in pass over the middle which Grier took down the right side line for a 78 yard scoring play.

The only sour note for Red Raider fans last night was the whopping total of 105 yards in penalties registered by South Point.

The Red Raiders still unbeaten on the 1974 season travel to Lenoir next week while East Gaston will have it's hands full again when they host Shelby.

Lenoir, which gave South Point all it could handle last year before falling by a touchdown, defeated McDowell by 25-14 last night to run the Bearcats' record to 2-2.

South Point hasn't lost a regular season game at home since Shelby edged them 14-13 in 1969, Biggerstaff's first year at the helm. East Gaston tied them 0-0 year before last and Shelby downed them by a touchdown in a post-season playoff game, also year before last.

Rankin passed for 99 yards last night and looked very good at the signal-calling post, though he has played second fiddle to Davis this season, who has been the regular signal-caller for three years.

STATISTICS

	E. Gaston	S. Point
First Downs	5	16
Net Yards Rushing	65	255
Passes	1:13	6:16
Passing Yardage	14	130
Passes Intercepted by	0	0
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Punts	9:24	3:32
Yards Penalized	40	105

TEAMS	1	2	3	4	T
East Gaston	0	0	0	0	0
South Point	14	20	13	7	54

SCORING SUMMARY

South Point — Terry Boyles 55 yd run (Davis 2 yd pass to James)
Donnie James 15 yd run — Rankin kick failed
Carl Middleton 2 yd run — Rankin kick failed
Terry Boyles 5 yd run — Rankin kick good
Rankin 24 yd run — Rankin kick good
Jerry Auten 30 yd run — Rankin kick good
Robin Hatchford 14 yd run — Rankin kick failed
Chuck Rankin 78 yd pass to Ron Grier — Rankin kick good

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Gibson bats and hurls Cardinals to key 10-4 win against Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — Pitcher Bob Gibson drove in four runs, three on a bases-full double, and Joe Torre smashed a two-run homer Friday, leading the St. Louis Cardinals to a 10-4 triumph over the Chicago Cubs.

The victory gave the Cardinals a one-half game lead in the National League East race over the Pittsburgh Pirates who played Friday night at New York.

St. Louis loaded the bases with one out in the second inning on a pair of walks and a single by Bake McBride. Loser Tom Detorre retired the next two batters but Gibson, who had only two runs batted in all season, doubled down the left field line to clear the bases.

Gibson drove in another run with a sacrifice fly in the fourth and the Cardinals clinched it with four runs in the fifth on a two-run single by Ted Simmons followed by Torre's 11th homer of the year.

Mike Tyson also homered for St. Louis, tagging his first of the year in the sixth inning.

The Cubs scored a run in the second on a double by Peter LaCock and a single by Detorre and added another in the fifth on singles by Billy Williams, Bill Madlock and Ron Dunn.

Gibson boosted his record to 11-12 and Lou Brock stole his 117th base after singling in the sixth.

Casper pads Kaiser Open lead

NAPA, Calif. (AP) — Veteran Billy Casper, seeking his first victory in more than a year, managed a solid, two-under-par 70 and expanded his lead to two strokes Friday in the second round of the \$150,000 Kaiser International Open golf tournament.

"Just struggling along," Casper said after putting together a two-round total of 135, nine under par.

"It was a good round," the portly, 43-year-old Casper said after his effort over the tough, 6,819-yard North course at the Silverado Country Club. He had a 65 over the easier South course in Thursday's first round.

Ashley Cougars score 20-0 win

Ashley's Cougars, coached by Ray Sparks, scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter Friday to capture a 20-0 Division I, Gaston County Junior High Conference football victory over W.C. Friday.

Wes Bradley heaved two touchdown passes to spark the win. Bradley's first scoring strike went to David Allison covering 30 yards and Allison kicked the extra point.

Bradley next hit Terry Smith from 35 yards out and Allison booted the point after

again. The Cougars then drove 60 yards for their final TD with Duane Reid going over from the two.

Defensively, Ty Paysour and Rodrick Bradley were outstanding. Ashley is 2-0 overall and 1-0 in Division I play. Quarterback Bobby Lutz and Robert Fortenberry were outstanding on offense for Friday.

Fortenberry had 75 yards rushing. W.C. Friday never penetrated beyond the Ashley 30.

Lincoln hits bomb for 8-6 win

Lincoln's Tigers scored on a 76-yard bomb from Tim Ford to Reggie Barnes in the second quarter and Allen Cato ran for the two-point conversion to give the host team an 8-6 victory over Cramerton Friday in a Division Two, Gaston County Junior High Conference game.

Coach Tony Baker's club held Cramerton's ace runner, Steve Davis, in check, Davis picking up 76 yards in 13 carries and no touchdowns. Mike June scored Cramerton's touchdown in the

second quarter on a 30-yard run.

Cramerton had 157 yards rushing to Lincoln's 39 but the Eagles were twice held within the Tiger 12. Coach Baker cited Chris Schofield, who had 15 tackles, and Robert Hall, who had 12, for outstanding defensive play.

Leading Cramerton's defensive play were linebackers June and Clayton Thomas and end Kenny Champion. Lincoln is now 1-1 on the season and Cramerton 0-2.