



**JERRY AUTEN BOOMS FOR YARDAGE** — South Point's Jerry Auten, who raced for two touchdowns and picked up 160 yards rushing last night at North Gaston, lowers his head and bangs into a Wildcat defender during Southwest 3-A Conference encounter.

Auten and mates rolled to a 36-6 victory for seventh win in a row and they meet unbeaten Kings Mountain in a Southwest 3-A headliner at home next Friday. KM downed Shelby 14-7 last night. (Tim Cox Photo).

# Auten paces Raiders over North

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The South Point Red Raiders continued their winning ways last night, chalking up number seven on the year by beating the North Gaston Wildcats 36-6 at North Gaston.

The win was also the sixth in Southwestern 3-A Conference for the Raiders. Although, not an artistic win by the Raiders, due to the large amount of penalties and turnovers, it was an impressive showing by the Raider defense, and a potent display by the offense.

The defense, better known as the Rat Patrol, had been unscored upon for 12 straight quarters and kept the string

going for two more last night until the Wildcats scored in the third quarter; however, the Patrol did limit the Wildcat offense to only 24 yards total offense.

Jerry Auten was the man of the hour on offense for the Raiders as he rushed for 160 yards on 17 carries and two touchdowns. Used primarily on wide sweeps, Auten raced for touchdowns of 14 and 24 yards.

On South Point's first possession, following a North Gaston punt, the Raiders were unable to move the ball after three plays and were forced to punt it away.

However, a Wildcat offside penalty proved costly as it gave

the Raiders a first down at the North Gaston 45.

Seven plays later Auten carried in from the 14 for his first score of the game. Chuck Rankin's kick failed.

On second and 10 from the North Gaston 23, Auten swept left end for his second touchdown of the night with 1:09 left in the first half. Donnie James carried for two yards on the two point conversion to make it 20-0 at the half.

The Raiders took the opening kickoff in the second half and marched 80 yards in 11 plays to score on Robin Ratchford's three yard run. Auten scored on the two point conversion.

Following a North Gaston

punt, the Raiders were called on four major penalties taking them back to their own 15 yard line. On first and 45, Ratchford fumbled the ball and North Gaston recovered, presenting them with their first scoring opportunity of the night.

Scott Russell, Wildcat quarterback, filling in for the injured Mark Saunders connected with Buddy Downham on an eleven yard scoring pass from the one and only North Gaston score. For Russell, it was his first varsity pass completion, his first varsity touchdown and snapped the Red Raiders string of 14 scoreless quarters.

## STATISTICS

	S. Point.	N. Gas.
First Downs	18	1
Net Yards Rushing	326	13
Passes	6	1
Passing Yardage	42	11
Passes Intercepted by	1	2
Fumbles Lost	3	0
Punts	1-38	7-29
Yards Penalized	106	51½

## SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAMS	1	2	3	4	T
South Point	6	14	8	8	36
North Gaston	0	0	6	0	6

## SCORING SUMMARY

South Point — Auten 14 yard run (Rankin kick no good)  
Boyles, 10 yard fumble return (Auten kick no good)  
Auten 24 yard run (James 2 yard run)  
Ratchford 3 yard run (Auten 2 yard run)  
N. Gaston — Downham 11 yard pass from Russell (Wadell kick no good)  
South Point — James 10 yard run (Davis 2 yard run)