

Crest whips South Point

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The '75 football season came to a merciful, painless end for South Point's Red Raiders Friday night at damp Lineberger Stadium in Belmont.

In the wake of South Point's third straight Southwest 3-A Conference loss to Crest, 13-8, came more records the Big Red had just as soon forget.

The Charger victory was the first for a Crest team over South Point. The third straight loss was the first time the Raiders had lost three games in a row since Jim Biggerstaff's first year at South Point, in 1969 when they lost consecutive games to Chase, R-S Central and Shelby.

Friday's reversal was also the first regular season loss for the Big Red at Lineberger Stadium since the 14-13 loss to Shelby in '69. South Point closed with their worst record since '69 as it finished with a 5-4-1 mark. The '69 team was 5-5.

Two big defensive plays helped Max Beam's Chargers accomplish their

"first" over South Point. After South Point had taken an 8-0 lead in the opening period, the Big Red was on the march again in the second quarter.

Perry Davis had recovered a David Harbison fumble at the South Point four yard line to turn back a Crest challenge after the Chargers had driven there from their own 38.

South Point had a first down on the Crest 22 following a Charger pass interference call on fourth down. On third and eight, Donny James passed to Cotton McCollough, but McCollough fumbled the ball after the catch.

Crest's defensive end, Harold Littlejohn, picked the ball up and raced 66 yards for a touchdown, eluding James' frantic attempt to knock him out of bounds on the Raider 20. The pass for the point-after failed at the 4:47 mark of the third quarter, leaving South Point with an 8-6 lead.

The second big Crest defensive play came near the end of the second quarter. South Point had moved from its 20 to the

Charger 10, where it had a first down.

On the next play, James' pass was intercepted in the end zone by Harbison with just 13 seconds left in the half.

Crest took the second half kickoff and marched 67 yards in five plays for the winning touchdown. Harbison, who was held to minus four yards in the second half but who wound up with 60 yards in 11 carries, burst over from the seven for the touchdown at the 9:55 mark and Woody Lovelace kicked the extra point.

South Point had a parting shot. A Charles Norris fumble was recovered by Keith Ensley at the South Point 32 with a little over five minutes remaining.

The Raiders began a last-ditch drive, but they were halted on the Crest 24, missing a first down on fourth down by three yards. Crest ran out the final 57 seconds to run its record to 6-3-1 on the season.

South Point drove 89 yards in 14 plays for its only touchdown, with Dennis Isles, who had a great night running with the ball, scoring from the three and Mitch Painter running for the extra point. Isles wound up with 145 yards rushing in 19 carries.

Lincolnton loses, 30-13

NEWTON — Lincolnton's Wolfpack not only lost to unbeaten Newton-Conover at Newton Friday night, they lost a chance to compete in the NCHSAA playoffs as well.

While the Wolfpack was Newton-Conover's 10th straight victim, 30-13, Bunker Hill was drubbing Maiden 32-8.

Newton-Conover and Bunker Hill are the playoff teams. Although Lincolnton and Bunker Hill both wound up with 7-2 league marks, Bunker Hill gets the playoff spot by virtue of its 8-7 win over the Wolfpack in the opening game of the season.

The host Red Devils, paced by the running of McCorkle and Baker, ran up a 30-0 lead over the 'Pack after three quarters.

Lincolnton got its touchdowns on a three-yard run by Greg Bradley and a one-yard run by John Shuford.

STATISTICS

	South Point	Crest
First Downs	14	9
Net Yards Rushing	235	133
Passes	6-14	3-5
Passing Yardage	46	43
Passes Intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Punts	3-37	2-35
Yards Penalized	40	25

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAMS	1	2	3	4	T
South Point	0	0	0	0	0
Crest	0	6	7	0	13

SCORING SUMMARY

South Point: Isles, 3-yard run (Painter run)
Crest: Littlejohn, 66-yard run of fumble recovery (Pass failed)
Crest: Harbison, 7-yard run (Lovelace kick)

Shelby clinches