

Raiders' defense tough

South Point rips Ironmen

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South Point's Raiders put 14 points on the board in the first half and then completely dominated the second half of action at Cherryville for a 21-7 Southwest 3-A win over Cherryville.

With an overflow crowd looking on at Rudisill Stadium, South Point defenders held the Ironmen to minus 14 yards rushing and its defense set up two touchdowns for the Raider offense with a fumble recovery and an intercepted pass.

The Raiders struck for their first score in the first period when junior halfback Steve Davis dashed over from the 19-yard line and Carl Witzke kicked the point, the first of his three conversions.

That first TD was set up on a pass interception.

A 51-yard drive netted the Raiders their second touchdown in the second quarter, with quarterback Joe Shepherd connecting with end Jerry

Clubb on a 32-yard toss, putting the ball deep into Cherryville territory.

Shepherd later threw to Rick Lawing for a four-yard scoring toss, with 2:20 remaining in the half, and the Raiders led 14-0 at halftime.

South Point completely dominated the Ironmen in the second half, running 46 plays from scrimmage to Cherryville's 12. The Ironmen, who gained over 250 yards in their opener two weeks ago, were completely throttled by a stout Raider defense, headed by Rodney Phillips, Mitch Painter and Randy Drennan.

Cherryville made its first penetration of South Point territory in the fourth quarter.

The Raiders had picked up their third score in the third quarter on a one-yard run by sophomore fullback Fernandez Grier.

The Ironmen took advantage of a Raider fumble to score the their only touchdown midway in the fourth period, as John Devine scored from

the one after setting up the tally with a pair of pass completions.

Tim Abernathy booted the point.

The Raiders halfback Dennis Isles ate up 78 yards in 13 carries, Davis added 49 yards in eight carries and Grier had 62 yards in 15 romps.

The only bright light for the Ironmen was the punting of senior halfback Steve Buff. He punted five times for a 43 yard average, including a 64-yarder.

STATISTICS

	South Point	Cherryville
First Downs	11	6
Net Yards Rushing	208	14
Passes	3-5	6-22
Passing Yardage	41	68
Passes Intercepted by	2	0
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Punts	6-33	5-43
Yards Penalized	120	70

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAMS	1	2	3	4	T
South Point	7	7	7	0	21
Cherryville	0	0	0	7	7

SCORING SUMMARY

- SP — Davis, 10-yd. run (Witzke kick).
SP — Lawing, 4-yd. pass Shephard (Witzke kick).
SP — Grier, 1-yd. run (Witzke kick).
C — Devine, 1-yd. run (Abernathy kick).