

Isles gains 157 in Red Raider win

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South Point's 165-pound senior halfback Dennis Isles ran to daylight Friday night at South Point's Lineberger Stadium, gaining 157 yards rushing in 22 carries and scoring all three of his team's touchdowns as the Red Raiders won their eighth straight football game with an 18-0 victory over the Burns Bulldogs.

South Point's win kept the SWC race in a three-way tie for first place with just one week remaining during the

regular season.

South Point, Chase and Shelby are all 7-1 in SWC play. Chase defeated Bessemer City 22-6 Thursday night, while Shelby defeated R-S Central at Rutherfordton Friday night, 26-14.

South Point scored the first two times it had the football before approximately 3,500 fans on a chilly night for football.

The Big Red marched 74 yards in 12 plays after receiving the opening kickoff. A 24-yard run by Isles to the Burns 25 was the big gainer, along with a clutch 14-yard third down pass

play from quarterback Joe Shepherd to end Jerry Clubb on a great diving catch at the Burns nine-yard line.

Isles burst over from the five at the 6:07 mark, and Karl Witzke's kick from placement went wide left.

The next time it got the ball, South Point marched 58 yards in eight plays. The big gainer was a 21-yard pass completion from Shepherd to Clubb. Isles went over from the one on a third-down play, and Shepherd's pass to Isles for the extra point was overthrown.

The Big Red, on its third possession,

moved from its 45 to the Burns three-yard line for a first and goal in eight plays. But four plays later, the Bulldogs had held at the one.

Burns got into South Point territory only once in the first half, and that came on a nine-yard run by Reggie Newton to the Raider 45, but he fumbled the ball and Clubb recovered.

It was mostly an exchange of punts during the third quarter. A 21-yard run by Isles to the Burns 43 gave the Raiders a shot the first time they had the ball in the second half, but a fumble by Shepherd while attempting to pass was rolled and kicked all the way back to the South Point 26, where Everett Wright of the Bulldogs recovered.

Burns fumbled it right back on the next play as Newton's fumble was recovered by Charles Mills at the 26.

The Raiders moved from that point to the Burns 24 for a first down, but Isles lost the second of three South Point fumbles at the 25, with Wayne Laye of the Bulldogs recovering.

On a second and 12 play from their own 36, Burns quarterback Danny Darst hit end Mike Hopper in a bad place, right in his hands, at the South Point 35, dropping a sure touchdown pass.

Aided by two 15-yard penalties, the biggest Bulldog scoring threat came in the fourth period when they moved from their 36 to the South Point 12, where ace running back Robert Hopper, held to just 42 yards rushing in 12 carries, was held a yard short of

the first down.

A pass play from Shepherd to end Rick Lawing, carrying from the Red Raider 34 to the Burns three-yard line, covering 63 yards, set up South Point's final touchdown with 3:31 remaining in the game. Witzke's kick again sailed wide left.

STATISTICS

	SP	Burns
First Downs	18	10
Net Yards Rushing	236	89
Passes	5-8	3-10
Passing Yardage	101	25
Passes Intercepted by	1	0
Fumbles Lost	3	2
Punts	2-37	4-31
Yards Penalized	90	35

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAMS	1	2	3	4	T
South Point	6	6	0	6	18
Burns	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

South Point: Isles, 5-yard run (kick failed)
South Point: Isles, 1-yard run (pass failed)
South Point: Isles, 1-yard run (kick failed)

Mounties nip Ironmen, 21-20

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KINGS MOUNTAIN — Bruce Valentine's perfect placement with six minutes remaining was the difference here Friday night as hosting Kings Mountain edged Cherryville, 21-20, in Southwest 3-A action.

The win was the seventh for the Mountaineers against two setbacks and left Cherryville with a 4-5 tab.

Kings Mountain scored on its first two possession. Kenny Bell scored from the 16, ending a 71-yard, 13-play drive.

A 56-yard drive in 11 plays put the Mountaineers up 14-0, still in the first quarter. David Ray Robinson, who

rushed 20 times for 99 yards, scored from the one.

Cherryville took the ball on the kickoff and covered 85 yards in 10 plays, with Roger Mauney going over from the 11.

The Ironmen tied the score at 14-14 midway in the third quarter, going 63 yards in 14 plays. Quarterback John Devine scored on a fourth-down play, and Abernathy tied the score.

Donald Borders recovered a Kings Mountain fumble at the 46 of Kings Mountain, and seven plays later, Steve Buff went in from the five, but Abernathy's conversion attempt was blocked.

The Mountaineers took a short

kickoff and moved in five plays for the winning score. Richard Ross covered the final 25, and Valentine split the uprights for the victory margin.

STATISTICS

	Cherry	K.M.
First Downs	15	19
Net Yards Rushing	213	304
Passes	3-10	1-6
Passing Yardage	41	11
Passes Intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles Lost	3	2
Punts	2-29	2-20-3
Yards Penalized	5	65

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAMS	1	2	3	4	T
Cherryville	0	7	7	6	20
Kings Mountain	14	0	0	7	21

SCORING SUMMARY

KM: Bell 16 run (Valentine kick)
KM: Robinson 1 run (Valentine kick)
C: Mauney 11 run (Abernathy kick)
C: Denie 7 run (Abernathy kick)
C: Buff 5 run (kick failed)
KM: Ross 25 run (Valentine kick)

Scoreboard

Pro basketball

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Indiana 95, New York Nets 89
Phoenix 85, Chicago 82
Kansas City 139, San Antonio 102
New Orleans 111, Washington 93

Ice hockey

WORLD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
New England 5, Phoenix 1
Cincinnati 4, San Diego 2
Indianapolis 6, Quebec 4
SOUTHERN HOCKEY LEAGUE
Charlotte 5, Greensboro 1

College football

San Francisco State 10, Sacramento 9