

Red Raiders eliminated, 26-20

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The "popularity poll" didn't materialize after all in the Southwestern 3-A Conference. R. S. Central saw to that Friday night, downing the South Point Red Raiders 26-20 at Belmont's Lineberger Stadium.

The Raiders fell despite a brilliant comeback. As a result of the loss, Shelby and Chase will be in the WNCHSAA playoffs. Each team had identical conference marks of 8-1. South Point finished the season 7-2 in the SWE and 8-2 overall.

Had all teams won Friday night, the coaches would have voted to see which teams would participate in the playoffs. It saved WNCHSAA

Executive Secretary Wilburn Clary a big telephone bill.

Shelby beat Crest 20-0 and Crest downed North Gaston 26-0.

The visiting Hilltoppers got on the board on their very first possession. With 10:44 remaining in the first quarter, R-S quarterback Ricky Ledbetter hit Duncan Chapman with a quick pass over the middle, and he rambled 54 yards for the touchdown.

With a little more than ten minutes left in the game, Shepherd and crew went to work. With the ball on the Raider 34, quarterback Shepherd hit four consecutive passes, three to Jerry Clubb. His fourth was a six yard touchdown strike to Rick Lawing with 10:06 remaining in the game.

STATISTICS

	R.S. Cen.	S. Pt.
First Downs	13	15
Net Yards Rushing	174	141
Passes	5-9	9-25
Passing Yardage	126	148
Passes Intercepted by	1	0
Fumbles Lost	0	3
Punts	5-26.5	4-24.5
Yards Penalized	69	20

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAMS	1	2	3	4	T
R. S. Central	7	0	13	7	26
South Point	0	0	0	20	20

SCORING SUMMARY

RS — Chapman, 54 yard pass from Ledbetter. (Webster kick).
RS — Roberts, 7 yard run. (kick failed).
RS — Stroud, 6 yard pass from Ledbetter. (Webster kick).
RS — Chapman, 38 yard pass from Ledbetter. (kick failed).
SP — Sawing, 7 yard pass from Shepherd. (kick blocked).
SP — Isles, 4 yard run. (Shepherd pass).
SP — Clubb, 10 yard pass from Shepherd. (kick blocked).