

# Red Raiders beat Chase 14-7 for fourth in row

**HARRIS**—South Point's Red Raiders ruined the dedication of Allen Stadium on the campus of Chase High School here Friday night, scoring two first half touchdowns, then having to fight for their lives with tenacious defensive play in the second half to win their fourth straight game, 14-7.

With Chase back at full strength with the SWC's leading rusher Keith Crenshaw back in the lineup, the Red Raiders used the passing arm of quarterback Joe Shepherd to score what proved to be the winning touchdown.

Shepherd hit fullback Mitch Painter on a 57-yard scoring bomb in the second period to give the unbeaten Red Raiders a 14-0 lead following Tommy Bain's second successful extra point from placement.

The Red Raiders had marched 60 yards in the opening period to score. Shepherd tallied on a three-yard keeper around left end and Bain's conversion gave the Raiders the early 7-0 lead.

Chase scored its only touchdown in the second period on a four-yard run by quarterback Alan Stroud. Dwayne Williams kicked the extra point.

The second half was South Point's defense continual-

ly repelling Crenshaw, Chuck McSwain and company as the Red Raiders had very few possessions.

Chase spent most of the second half in Big Red territory, but Coach Jim Biggerstaff's Big Red, now 3-0 in Southwestern 3-A Conference action and 4-0 overall, always came up with the crucial defensive plays to hold back the Trojans, now 1-2 in SWC play and 2-2 overall.

The win marked the first South Point victory over Chase in three years.

With time running out in the game, Chase had a first down at the South Point 20. On a third down play however, linebacker Fernandez Grier hit Stroud for a 10-yard loss. With 18 seconds left, Stroud's pass was incomplete and the Red Raiders took over and ran out the clock.

The Red Raider victory left the Southwestern 3-A Conference with only two undefeated teams, South Point and Shelby.

Kings Mountain was upset at home by East Rutherford, 14-12, while East Gaston lost its first game at Shelby, 19-12.

South Point travels to R-S Central next Friday night.