

Shepherd hurls Raiders to 42-0 win over R.S. Central

RUTHERFORDTON—South Point's Red Raiders blitzed the R-S Central Hilltoppers with a 21-point second quarter here Friday night and went on to rout the team which knocked them out of the Southwestern 3-A Conference playoffs last year, 42-0.

Big 6-1, 195-pound junior fullback Fernandez Grier and quarterback Joe Shepherd sparked the Big Red to its fourth straight conference win. Overall, the Red Raiders are now 5-0.

South Point went above the 400-yard mark in total offense on the night, rushing for 286 yards and passing for 132 for 418 yards.

Grier scored three Red Raider touchdowns and gained more than 100 yards rushing for the night as South Point avenged last year's 26-20 upset win by the Hilltoppers over the Red Raiders at Lineberger Stadium.

Grier got the Raiders on the scoreboard in the first quarter on a 47-yard run. Tommy

Bain, who has now kicked 20 of 22 extra points on the season, booted the first of his six straight extra points.

In the second period, Shepherd, the SWC's leading passer last year, hit halfback Steve Davis, the area's leading scorer, on a 49-yard touchdown pass.

The second touchdown in the second quarter came when Shepherd hit tight end Rudy Stowe on a 15-yard scoring play.

Grier churned over from one yard out with only 13 seconds remaining in the first half to push the Red Raiders out front at intermission, 28-0. South Point went back to work in the fourth quarter.

Grier scored his third touchdown from a yard out, pushing the lead to 35-0.

Two key passes from Shepherd to tight end Jerry Clubb, the SWC's leading pass receiver last year, led South Point on a 78-yard scoring drive late in the game.

The drive was climaxed by a five-yard run by Davis.

The Hilltoppers threatened late in the game, making their deepest penetration to the Red Raider five-yard line, where they had a first and goal.

South Point however, pushed the Hilltoppers back to the 12 on a third down play as time ran out.

Shepherd completed four of six passes for 132 yards, two of the receptions to Clubb in the long scoring drive.

South Point picked up 18 first downs to 13 for R-S Central.

The Hilltoppers were held to only 95 yards rushing. R-S Central completed seven of 14 passes for 53 yards.

South Point meets North Gaston in its homecoming game next week at Lineberger Stadium.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAMS	1	2	3	4	T
South Point	7	21	0	14	42
R-S Central	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

SP: Grier, 47-yard run (Bain kick)

SP: Davis, 49-yard pass from Shepherd (Bain kick)

SP: Stowe, 15-yard pass from Shepherd (Bain kick)

SP: Grier, 1-yard run (Bain kick)

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SP: Davis, 5-yard run (Bain kick)

STATISTICS

	South Point	R-S Central
First Downs	18	10
Net Yards Rushing	206	75
Passes	4-6	7-14
Passing Yardage	132	53
Passes Intercepted By	0	0
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Punts	3-38	4-32
Yards Penalized	5-45	5-60