

Raiders stomp North Gaston

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The Big Red Machine continued in high gear at Lineberger Stadium in Belmont Friday night as Coach Jim Biggerstaff's South Point Red Raiders had a waltz in its homecoming game against county rival North Gaston.

South Point blitzed the Wildcats for the fifth year in a row, 42-6, and ran its Southwestern 3-A Conference record to 5-0 and its overall mark to 6-0.

The Red Raiders and Shelby, which defeated Kings Mountain Friday night, 20-14, are the only unbeaten teams left in the SWC with only four regular season games remaining.

Every other team in the SWC has lost at least two games. Chase defeated East Gaston in East Gaston's homecoming game, 21-12, to drop the Warriors to a 3-2 league mark, the same as Kings Mountain and Chase.

It was South Point's game from the opening kickoff Friday night before a large homecoming crowd.

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South Point's William "Sonny" Reid returned the opening kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown with only 13 seconds having ticked off of the clock. The first of six straight extra points from placement by true-toed Tommy Bain, his 28th successful kick in 30 attempts, gave the Big Red the early lead.

The Red Raiders then took advantage of one of four lost North Gaston fumbles on the Wildcats' first possession. A fumble by Bobby Lutz was recovered by Scott McClellan at the Wildcat 30.

Six players later, halfback Steve Davis took a pitchout from quarterback Joe Shepherd and raced eight yards for the second score at the 6:10 mark.

It was one of two Davis touchdowns on the night, giving the 175-pound senior speedster 70 points on the season, which leads the area in scoring. Davis has now scored 11 touchdowns and a pair of two-point conversions.

Another Lutz fumble was recovered by linebacker Fernandez Grier at the South Point 37 late in the first period.

South Point promptly marched 63 yards in 10 plays, with Davis going off right tackle from 10 yards out for the touchdown. Two key plays in that drive were Shepherd passes to his favorite receiver, split end Jerry

Clubb. That TD came with 10:19 remaining in the second period.

South Point's fourth touchdown of the first half came with only 14 seconds remaining when Shepherd passed to Clubb on a fourth down and seven play for a touchdown at the far end of the end zone. Bain twice hit the top of the flag pole on the west end of the field on his extra point kicks, which went high and long.

South Point's John Fitch recovered a North Gaston fumble at the Wildcat 28 on the first play of the second half. Eight plays later, Grier went over tackle untouched at the 7:24 mark for a 35-0 Red Raider lead. Coach Biggerstaff used his second and third unit teams from that point on.

North Gaston's lone touchdown came on a 57-yard pass interception and touchdown run by defensive back David Adams early in the fourth period. Tim Rector, threw the interception.

Sophomore quarterback Jeff Williams passed 21 yards to tight end Mitch Painter with 28 seconds remaining in the game for South Point's final touchdown.

The Red Raiders, who travel to East Gaston for a big game next Friday night, has now totalled 219 points on the season while surrendering only 34, which leads the area prep teams in both categories.

Davis, who carried the ball only once in the second half, picked up 48 yards in 12 carries. Grier picked up 45 yards in 12 carries.

Lutz led the Wildcats with 54 yards in 13 carries. South Point totalled 147 yards on the ground and 104 through the air.

During halftime ceremonies, Miss Karen Barnes was crowned the 1977 homecoming queen. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [unclear] Barnes.



A TOUGH MAN TO TACKLE — North Gaston's Greg Russell (10) finds South Point's Steve Davis (40) a tough man to bring down during Friday night's 42-6 South Point victory over the Wildcats, as Davis scored two touchdowns to give 11 in six games this season. — John Zier. Biggerstaff's Red Raiders. (Gazette photo by D. D. Vereen)

Golden Lions topple Kings Mountain

KINGS MOUNTAIN—Shelby's Golden Lions jumped off to a 13-0 halftime lead at John Gamble Stadium here Friday night and went on to defeat the Kings Mountain Mountaineers, 20-14, in a key Southwestern 3-A Conference game.

The Golden Lions are now 5-0 in the SWC and 6-0 overall, the same as South Point's Red Raiders, a team the Lions play in the final regular season game in Belmont.

Anthony Webber raced 50 yards untouched on the third play of the game from scrimmage for

the Lions and David Adams, filling in for the injured David Devine, kicked the extra point.

The Lions drove 32 yards in 11 plays for their second quarter touchdown, with fullback Alan Barnes going over from one yard out. A Robert Kirkpatrick pass to halfback Scott Southard covering 13 yards was the key play in that drive. The drive was set up when KSM missed on a fourth-and-one play at the Shelby 41.

Jim Hall scored on a 13-yard run in the third period for KSM, eliminating a 75-yard drive follow-

ing the second of the entire halfback pass from Shelby's line on a four-yard run to David Southard. Shelby 20. Further in The Mountaineers.

Yards Penalized

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SCORE BY QUARTERS

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Teams	1	2	3	4	T	P
South Point	14	14	7	7	42	P
North Gaston	0	0	0	6	6	P

SCORING SUMMARY

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SP — Reid, 94-yard kickoff return (Bain kick)

SP — Davis, 8-yard run (Bain kick)

SP — Davis, 10-yard run (Bain kick)

SP — Clubb, 7-yard pass from Shepherd (Bain kick)

SP — Grier, 2-yard run (Bain kick)

NG — Adams, 57-yard pass interception (run failed)

SP — Painter, 21-yard pass from Williams (Bain kick)

STATISTICS

	South Point	North Gaston
First Downs	13	6
Net Yards Rushing	147	107
Passes	7-13	1-2
Passing Yardage	104	12
Passes Intercepted By	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	4
Punts	2-43	4-29
Yards Penalized	50	36

SCORE BY QUARTERS