

Reid rushes for 118 yards to spark Raiders

Red Raiders trip East Rutherford, 21-8

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South Point, starting like a house afire on offense in its Southwestern 3-A Conference opener Friday night at Lineberger Stadium, saw that offense sputter badly after three running plays against the East Rutherford Cavaliers.

Fortunately for the Red Raiders, the defense did its job superbly. Despite mistake after mistake while in possession of the football, Coach Jim Biggerstaff's team came away with a 21-8 victory, bouncing back from a 28-14 setback at the hands of Ashbrook last week.

The first three times South Point ran the ball from the line of scrimmage, the Red Raiders gained 128 yards rushing.

After Perry Fewell gained 20 yards on his team's first carry following the opening kickoff, quarterback Jeff Williams, coming off the injured list, scampered 51 yards down the sidelines on a keeper play with just 54 seconds having elapsed off the clock. Graylyn Faulkenberry's extra-point attempt from placement was short.

William "Sonny" Reid's 57-yard scamper to the Cavalier 13 on South Point's first play from scrimmage on the next possession put the Big Red in excellent shape to start a rout.

It didn't happen, as three plays later Reid's fumble was recovered by East Rutherford's Trip

Flack at the Cavalier 26.

In the second period, South Point had two golden opportunities, but could take advantage of only one of those opportunities.

East Rutherford punter Darryl Ledbetter let the ball get through his hands and back into the end zone. He was chased out of bounds on the Cavalier four. On the very first play, Fewell fumbled, with the Cavaliers recovering at the five.

Just before the half, Reid's return of a Cavalier punt from the ER 41 to the 29 put the Big Red in great field position. After Reid, who gained 118 yards in 16 carries, gained 12 yards to the Cavalier 22 following a five-yard loss by Williams, the Cavaliers were penalized to the 11 on the play for a late hit.

Three plays later, Reid went over from the two with 58 seconds remaining in the half. Williams ran for the two-point conversion, giving South Point a 14-0 halftime lead.

Early in the third period, Kyle Miller's fumble recovery of quarterback Mark Baxter's miscue gave South Point the ball at the Cavalier 34. On third and six, Williams hit Fran Slavich on a 14-yard pass completion to the Cavalier two for a first and goal.

Two running plays gained one yard, then an offsidess penalty moved the ball to the six. Williams

scampered over wide right for a touchdown, but a holding penalty against the Raiders moved the ballback to the 16. The flag was thrown at the one-yard line on the Williams touchdown run.

Two pass incompletions and another offsidess penalty later, South Point surrendered the ball at the ER 21.

The Red Raiders did manage to score their final touchdown in the third period on a 46-yard drive, climaxed by Williams' 10-yard touchdown pass to end Todd Armstrong with 1:09 remaining. Faulkenberry kicked the extra point.

East Rutherford then scored its lone touchdown when Ray Bristol returned the kickoff 87 yards. Baxter ran for the two-point conversion.

The fourth period was scoreless, but a big goal line stand by the Raiders helped considerably. A 43-yard pass from Mark Whitaker to Terry Butler gave the Cavaliers a first down at the SP seven. Four plays later, the Raiders held at the one-foot line.

A tremendous 55-yard punt by sophomore Larry Tribble pushed the Cavaliers back, and after the punt, a 15-yard penalty pushed the Cavaliers even farther downfield.

South Point's defense held East Rutherford to only 43 yards rushing, including just one yard in the second half. South Point gained 252 yards rushing.

East Rutherford	0	0	8	0	—	8
South Point	6	8	7	0	—	21

SP — Williams, 51 run (kick failed)

SP — Reid, 2 run (Williams run)

SP — Armstrong, 10 pass from Williams
(Faulkenbury kick)

ER — Bristol, 87 run (Baxter run)

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First Downs	4	9
Yards Rushing	43	252
Passing	3-12-0	4-10-0
Yards Passing	53	31
Fumbles Lost	1	3
Punting	5-31.4	5-36.6
Yards Penalized	54	87