

Shelby comeback nips Red Raiders

SHELBY — The Shelby Golden Lions scored a touchdown with one minute to go in the game here Friday night to defeat the South Point Red Raiders, 16-14, in a Southwestern 3-A conference game.

The Golden Lions were the first to get on the board in the game when John Adams booted a 33-yard field goal and the homestanding Shelby team had a 3-0 lead in the first quarter.

South Point then got its offense in gear, as Jeff Williams put the Red Raiders on the board in the second period on a five-yard run. The play capped a nine play, 71-yard drive. Graylyn Faulkenberry kicked the point after touchdown, and the score was 10-7.

There was no more scoring in the second quarter, and Shelby held a slim 10-7 lead at halftime.

The two teams battled in the third period, but neither was able to muster a score until the fourth period, as a determined Red Raider offense got moving on a 10 play, 82-yard drive.

Rodney Friday carried the ball the final 16 yards to paydirt, giving South Point the lead. Faulkenberry again booted the extra-point kick, and the Red Raiders led arch-rival Shelby 14-10 with a little over four minutes remaining in the game.

Shelby was not to be denied victory, however, as it began its own drive for the eventual winning touchdown. The drive went 73 yards, with one key fourth down and six conversion for the Golden Lions. John Woods scored his second touchdown of the game on a two-yard run. The extra point kick failed, but Shelby had the lead which it protected until the game's end, 16-14.

Shelby had 194 yards rushing and added another 137 in the air. Golden Lion passers completed eight of 15 passes and the Red Raider secondary picked off one pass. Shelby rolled up 12 first downs in the contest.

South Point finished the season with a 5-5 mark, while Shelby finished the season with a 9-1 mark.

Yards Penalized

60

27

South Point

0 7 0 7 — 14

Shelby

3 7 0 6 — 16

S — Adams, 13 field goal

S — Woods, 6 pass from Thompson (Adams kick)

SP — Williams, 5 run (Faulkenberry kick)

SP — Friday, 16 run (Faulkenberry kick)

S — Woods, 2 run (kick failed)

South Point

Shelby

First Downs

14

12

Yards Rushing

165

194

Passing

4-13-0

8-15-1

Yards Passing

22

137

Fumbles Lost

0

0

Punting

5-35-2

4-33-7

Yards Penalized

58

118

Lincolnton

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