

Williams' TD pass paces Red Raiders

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It was Parents Night Saturday night at South Point's Lineberger Stadium, and there were a host of proud Red Raider parents following the game between Shelby and South Point.

Whenever South Point and the Shelby Golden Lions square off in a football contest, it always promises to be a tough battle, and Saturday's game was no exception, as the Red Raiders downed arch-rival Shelby, 13-7, in a Southwestern 3-A Conference battle.

The Big Red trailed 7-6 late in the third quarter. Shelby had just scored its touchdown on 29-yard return of a fumble, and seemed to be getting a grip or the momentum of the game, but the Raiders were not about to falter.

With 1:23 remaining in the third period, South Point had a third and three at the Shelby six. Quarterback Jeff Williams brought his team out of the huddle, and saw something in the Lion defense that he didn't like. He then calmly checked off at the line, calling another play. He took the snap, jumped up and fired a six-yard touchdown pass to tight end Tim Rector. Tim Parrish booted the point-after-touchdown, and South Point had retaken the lead, 13-7.

The play capped a 66-yard, nine play drive. In the drive, the Red Raiders got a key pass reception from Rector, this coming on a third and eight, giving the Red Raiders a first down at the Shelby 42. Two consecutive runs, a 25-yarder by Williams and a 15-yard scamper by June Jones, moved the ball to the Shelby 13. Jones then carried the ball again, this time to the six, and he was halted at the line of scrimmage on the next play, setting up the Williams toss to Rector.

In the fourth quarter, the burden was definitely on the Raider defense. Shelby moved the ball inside Red Raider territory, getting it to the South Point 36. The Golden Lions, trying to counter the fierce pursuit that South Point had been giving them all night, tried to run a reverse,

but Raider Todd Crawford was not fooled by the play, and threw Davis for a four-yard loss, giving South Point the ball.

Three plays later, South Point was forced to punt the ball away, and Williams came through with a booming 60-yard kick that put the Golden Lions on their own one yard line.

"He really boomed that thing," said Raider Coach Jim Biggerstaff following the game. "It sure did help us out. We also got good coverage on the play to down the ball."

Shelby moved the ball out to their own 14, and with time running out, the Golden Lions were forced to pass, something that they had not been too successful with against the quick Raider defense.

Lion quarterback Mark Jamieson dropped back on the first down play, and Bill Crenshaw broke through the line, dropping Jamieson at his own three. It was just one of the open field tackles that Crenshaw and his teammates had made in the contest that stifled the Shelby passing attack. In all, the Raider defense dropped Jamieson five times for minus 27 yards in the contest.

"Their passing game is built around their bootleg," continued Biggerstaff, whose team remains undefeated with a 4-0 overall record for the season. "Every time he would turn around, one of our players would be in his face."

The Red Raiders scored in the first period, taking the opening kick off and marching 58 yards to paydirt, with fullback Perry Fewell scoring the touchdown on a four-yard run. The drive was hampered by penalties against the Raiders, but a Shelby pass interference penalty on a third and 30 gave the Raiders a first down, keeping the drive alive. Williams had a sparkling 13-yard run to help keep that drive alive, moving

the ball to the Shelby four. On the next play, Fewell boomed off guard to paydirt. Parrish's kick was low, and South Point led 6-0 with 6:30 remaining in the first period. That turned out to be all the scoring in the first half.

Blair Butler scored the lone Shelby touchdown, racing 29 yards with a fumble that occurred after a bobbled pitch-out. Butler then followed by booting his point after touchdown, giving Shelby a slim, 7-6 lead.

The Raiders bounced back, however, scoring the game-winning TD on their next series.

"We have a lot of tough games remaining," concluded Biggerstaff. "This was a good team win tonight. It always helps when you beat a team like Shelby."

Williams paced the Red Raider rushing attack, picking up 71 yards in 17 carries. Jones had 53 yards in the game, 51 of them coming in the second half. Fewell added another 29 yards. Williams also had a good night passing, completing five of eight passes for 64 yards and one touchdown.

The Raider defense also stifled the Shelby rushing attack, holding them to 42 yards total on the ground and only 12 more yards in the air. Jamieson was only able to complete one pass and he had two picked off.

South Point had 14 first downs in the contest, while the stingy Raider defense held Shelby to five first downs.

South Point is now 3-0 in conference play. The Red Raiders host another tough conference foe next Friday night, as the Burns Bulldogs invade Lineberger Stadium for an 8 p.m. contest. Burns downed Kings Mountain, 16-6, earlier this season.

Shelby	0	0	7	0	7
South Point	6	0	7	0	13

Scoring Summary

SP Fewell 4 run kick failed
 S Butler 29 return of fumble Butler kick
 SP Rector 6 pass from Williams Parrish
 kick

	Shelby	South Point
First Downs	5	14
Yards Rushing	42	154
Passing	1-1-1	3-8-0
Yards Passing	12	64
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Punting	1-4-1	4-12-0
Yards Penalized	5-20	1-90