

# Red Raiders rip Burns for fifth victory

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The South Point Red Raiders continued their winning ways at Lineberger Stadium in Belmont by defeating a stubborn Burns Bulldog team, 21-7, before a homecoming crowd of 4,000 fans on a chilly Friday night.

The Raiders not only had to battle the Bulldog team, but were also plagued by three fumbles in the game that halted scoring drives.

South Point's first touchdown came with 34 seconds remaining in the first quarter on a four-yard run by quarterback Jeff Williams. The play capped a drive that began on the South Point 34 and took seven plays to complete.

Williams' sweep so surprised everyone that he merely trotted into the end zone, untouched, before anyone realized he had the ball, as he masterfully handled an inside-fake to fullback Perry Fewell.

Fewell scored the two-point conversion with the Red Raiders going to the huddle play on that one. The Raiders then took an 8-0 lead into the second period.

The Big Red's defense, which has been the trade mark for South Point this season, caused Burns to fumble deep inside its own territory, and David Spence alertly jumped on it for the Red Raiders. On a second and 10 from the Bulldog 18, the Raiders fumbled the ball away — the first of three turnovers that South Point would commit Friday night.

South Point scored two possessions later, this time on a 10-yard pass from Williams to tight end Tim Rector, who seems to be Williams' favorite target. Rector hauled in the TD pass with 2:59 remaining in the first half. Raider kicker Tim Parrish was unable to get his extra-point kick attempt off, as a bad snap from center did not allow Williams the opportunity to place the ball.

The visiting Bulldogs then mounted what turned out to be their only successful scoring drive of the night.

Getting the ball at the South Point 47 following a good kick-off return by Keith Allen, Burns scored with 15 seconds remaining in the first half when Eugene Early swept into the end zone for a touchdown. Al Floyd booted the point after touchdown, the score at intermission was 14-7 in favor of South Point.

South Point got an insurance touchdown with 10:14 remaining in the game. The Raiders got the ball on their own 22, and behind some fine running by Fewell, Jones, and Williams and a key reception by Rector, set up the final TD. On a fourth and 11 at the Bulldog 31, Williams raced the distance around left end to paydirt. Williams' 15-yard pass to Rector helped set up the final play. Parrish's kick made the score 21-7, and that's the way it ended.

The Raider defense, which has been instrumental in all five victories thus far this season, was called upon several times in the second half, and rose to the occasion each time. Burns got the ball following a South Point fumble at the Raider 30, but the Bulldogs, who were picked by some to be a contender this season for the Southwestern 3-A conference crown, were held by the Raider defense.

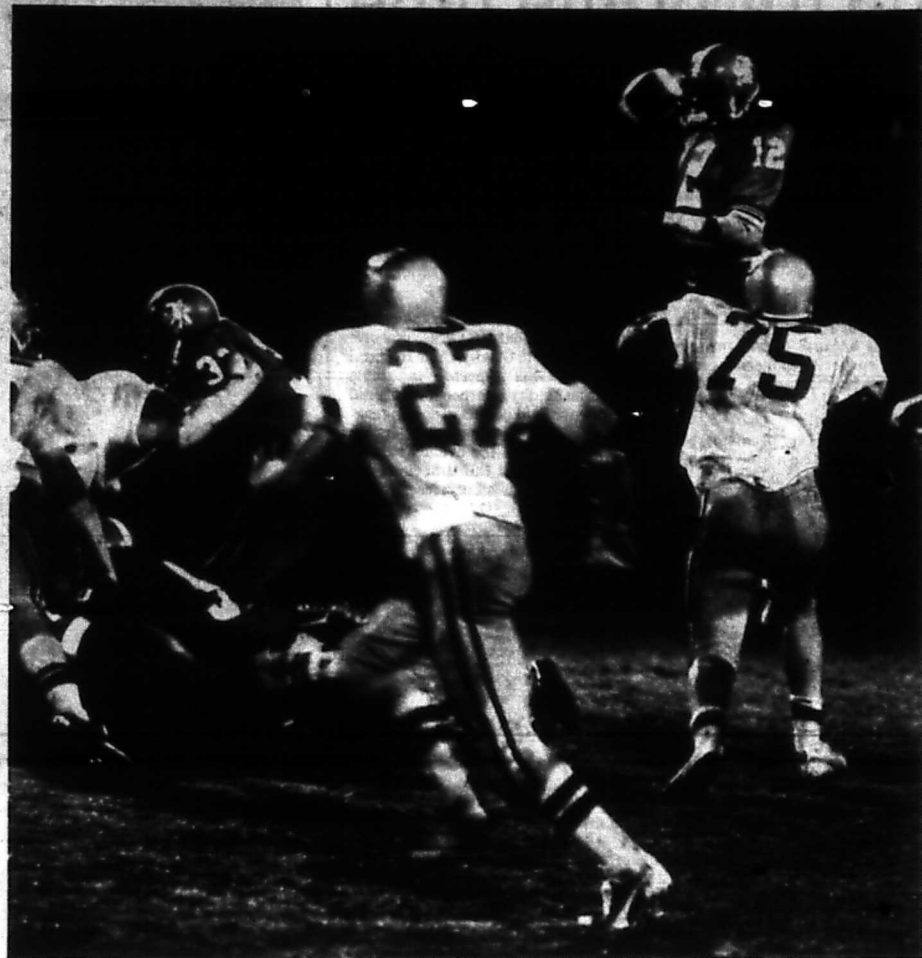
The victory upped the Southwestern Conference leading Raiders' record of 4-0 and 5-0 overall.

Fewell paced the Raider rushing attack, grinding out 130 yards in the game, mostly on inside running. Jones added 104 yards, and Williams had 52 yards in the 283 South Point rushing attack. South Point added another 82 yards in the air, as Williams was five for 10 with no interceptions.

The stingy South Point defense held Burns to 67 yards on the ground and another 47 yards in the air.

South Point also crowned Annette Ward as its homecoming queen at halftime ceremonies.

South Point hits the road next Friday night, taking on the tough R-S Central Hilltoppers in another conference game.



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Burns	0	7	0	0	-7
South Point	8	7	0	7	-21

### Scoring Summary

- SP — Williams, 4 run (Fewell run)  
 SP — Rector, 10 pass from Williams (kick failed)  
 B — Early, 5 run (Floyd kick)  
 SP — Williams, 31 run (Parrish kick)

	Burns	South Point
First Downs	8	14
Yards Rushing	67	253
Passing	4-18-1	5-10-0
Yards Passing	47	82
Fumbles Lost	1	3
Punting	7-27-3	3-21-0
Yards Penalized	3-21	8-100

**BURNS RUSHING** — Floyd 1-2; Dover 2-5; Early 17-65; Wilson 2-10; Allen 3 for -16

**SOUTH POINT RUSHING** — Williams 11-52; Jones 13-104; Fewell 18-130; Gibson 1-1; Richards 1 for -7; Armstrong 1-3

**BURNS PASSING** — Floyd 4-17-0 for 47; Early 0-1-1 for 0

**SOUTH POINT PASSING** — Williams 5-10-0 for 67

**BURNS RECEIVING** — Allen 1-12; Shuler 1-20; McDonald 1-10

**SOUTH POINT RECEIVING** — Fewell 1 for -4; Rector 2-25; Gibson 1-39