

Red Raiders defeat Hilltoppers

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RUTHERFORDTON — South Point's Red Raiders, the state's third-ranked 3-A team in the recent Associated Press football poll, continued their blitz of Southwestern 3-A Conference opponents here Friday night with an impressive 36-2 victory over the R-S Central Hilltoppers.

This sets up a key league confrontation next Friday in Kings Mountain between the Mountaineers and the Big Red. South Point leads the conference with a perfect 5-0 record and a 6-0 overall mark. Kings Mountain is 4-1 in the league and 5-1 overall.

Quarterback Jeff Williams, a 6-foot-2, 195-pound senior, continued his dazzling play as the Raiders spoiled R-S Central's homecoming festivities.

Williams ran for one touchdown, scooted across for two two-point conversions, returned a pass interception 85 yards for a touchdown and completed five of nine passes for 110 yards. Williams gained 51 yards in six carries. Williams also had a 90-yard pass interception return called back in the first period.

South Point, which dominated play all night, drove 64 yards in eight plays for its first score. A 30-yard run by Williams was the big gainer in that series. June Jones went over from the two-yard line at the 6:18 mark, putting the Raiders on the scoreboard.

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Soccer-style kicker Parrish's kick for the extra point was wide.

On its next possession which began late in the first quarter South Point negotiated 74 yards in 18 plays with Williams going over from the six with 7:53 showing on the clock. Williams sneaked niftily into the end zone untouched to put South Point ahead 14-0.

A great reception from Williams to Boone Davis covering 46 yards to the R-S Central 24 gave the Raiders good field position on its next possession.

R-S Central's deepest penetration came just before the half when quarterback Troy Harris moved his team from the Hilltopper 30 to the Raider 27 as the half ended.

In the third quarter, R-S Central picked up three consecutive first downs to move to the Raider 27.

Hilltopper Chris Waddell, who was held to 25 yards rushing on 25 carries, lost three yards back to the 30. On the next play Harris' pass was intercepted by Williams on the 15 yardline, and the fleet safety man ran 85 yards for the touchdown at the 4:35 mark.

R-S Central's only points of the night came on a safety when Williams was tackled in the end zone by R-S Central's Chris Hinson.

The Raiders scored their final touchdown on two quick plays. Jones ripped off a gain from the Raider 38 to the Hilltopper 37, then ran up the middle for 37 yards and the touchdown at the 8:30 mark. Parrish was again good, and the Raiders had a 36-2 victory.

South Point's defense held Waddell and the Hilltoppers to 22 yards rushing including minus-five yards rushing in the second half.

The Raiders amassed 370 yards total offense on the night.

The Hilltoppers gained most of their yardage through the air with Harris completing eight of 15 passes for 135 yards and two interceptions.

Eight different Red Raider backs carried the ball during the game, with Jones picking up 96 yards in nine carries — all but 19 of them coming in the second half.

TVSPORTS

12:30 p.m. — Baseball — World Series, Game Four (9, 13)

3:30 p.m. — College Football — Oklahoma vs. Texas (9, 13)

4:30 p.m. — Sports Spectacular — gymnastics, strength contest (9, 13)

11:30 p.m. — Pro Tennis — Island Holiday Classic (18)

South Point	6	16	7	7	— 36
R.S. Central	0	0	0	2	— 2

SCORING SUMMARY

- S.P. — Jones, 2 run (kick failed)
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 S.P. — Williams, 35 interception return
 (Parish kick).
 RSC — Safety, Williams tackled in end zone.
 S.P. — Jones, 37 run (Parish kick).

	R.S. Central	South Point
First Downs	6	17
Yards Rushing	22	260
Passing	8-15-2	5-9-1
Yards Passing	125	110
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Punting	4-35.7	0-0
Yards Penalized	6-57	10-100