# Williams' TDs pace Raiders over Crest

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The South Point Red Raiders held on to their slim Southwestern 3-A Conference lead Friday night by defeating a stubborn Crest Charger team, 18-0, in the Raiders' final appearance in their own Lineberger Stadium.

It was Senior Night, and senior quarterback Jeff Williams scored two touchdowns for the Big Red, leading them to the victory, as they remained undefeated with an 8-0, for the season.

Williams' first touchdown came in the game's opening series. South Point marched from their own 30-yard line and moved down the field on a drive that consumed over six minutes, with Williams scoring on a one-yard run. The point-after-touchdown kick was partially blocked, giving South Point a 6-0 lead with 5:54 remaining in the first period.

The Raiders were aided in their scoring drive on a pass interference call on fourth and 10 from the Charger 19. The big play in the drive, however, was a 37-yard run by June Jones that moved the ball deep into Crest territory.

Crest took the ensuing kick off, and marched to the South Point 19. Solid running by Greg Byers, who broke free was 38-yard run, moved the ball to the Raider 19.

The strong South Point defense, however, buckled down, as the Chargers were able to get only to the Raider 11 before South Point took over on downs.

South Point then took the ball the length of the field,

setting up Williams' second touchdown, this one coming with 10:51 remaining in the first half on an eight-yard run.

The senior quarterback engineered the drive, as he had runs of 12, 14 and 21 yards to set up the TD. He also passed 13 yards to Boone Davis in the nine-play drive. The Raiders went for a two-point conversion, but Williams' pass fell incomplete, and South Point took a 12-0 lead, one they would hold at halftime.

It was after that drive that a series of turnovers began to plague both teams. After the Chargers had picked up 15 yards on a pass play, Steve Patrick fumbled, and South Point got the ball on its own 49. Three plays later, however, the Raiders fumbled the ball away to the Chargers. The two teams then traded fumbles once more.

South Point got another opportunity to score late in the first half, as Larry Tribble intercepted a pass and returned it to the Charger eight. After a false start against the Raiders. Williams threw two incomplete passes into the end zone as time expired in the half.

Todd Armstrong's interception of Charger quarterback Vince Kale's pass set up the third and final Raider score. Strong running by fullback Perry Fewell and Williams moved the ball from the Charger 14 to the Charger one. Fewell moved into the end zone with 2:07 remaining in the third period. The extra-point run failed, but South Point held an 18-0 lead.

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South Point running back June Jones trys for a pass reception ...Red Raiders remained undefeated with 18-0 victory over Crest

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It was a battle of the defenses until midway through the fourth quarter, when the Chargers mounted what was their most serious scoring threat of the evening, moving the ball to the Raider five. Fewell, however, picked off a pass on the goal line and returned it 43 yards, getting the Raiders out of trouble, as the defense continued to make the big plays.

"It wasn't impressive, but it was a win," said Raider Coach Jim Biggerstaff following the contest.

South Point had 252 yards rushing in the contest and added another 26 in the air. Crest managed 183 yards rushing against the tough Raider defenes and had another 39 in the air. The alert South Point secondary picked off three passes.

The Raiders are 7-0 in conference play with two games remaining on the schedule, both of them away, as they travel to Forest City to take on East Rutherford next Friday and close out the regular season the following Friday in Sandy Mush, taking on Chase.

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