

Red Raiders demolish Trojans

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SANDY MUSH — South Point's Red Raiders were in rare form here Friday night as Coach Jim Biggerstaff's "Big Red" demolished the Chase Trojans, 35-0, to complete an unbeaten regular season.

The victory gave South Point the Southwestern 3-A championship. Shelby had a chance at possibly tying the Red Raiders, but the Red Raiders rolled on while Shelby was losing to Kings Mountain, 27-7, for its second conference defeat.

The Red Raiders, finishing their first perfect season since 1974 will play the Statesville Greyhounds in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 3-A playoffs at Lineberger Stadium next Friday night.

South Point completed dominated the game against a Trojan team which had been a nemesis over the past four years. The Red Raiders limited to the Trojans to only five first downs and 38 yards rushing.

Meanwhile, South Point's offense came alive again as senior quarterback Jeff Williams spearheaded an onslaught which accounted for 285 yards rushing and 88 yards passing.

"We needed this type of game," said Biggerstaff, who is only nine wins away from his 100th coaching victory in this his 11th season at the helm of the Red Raiders.

The Raiders struck quickly in the opening period when tackle Bill Crenshaw recovered a Jeff Harris fumble at the Trojan 38. Three plays

later Williams, on a fake hand-off to fullback Perry Fewell, streaked 33 yards to score untouched at the 10:07 mark. Following Tim Parrish's extra point from placement, the Raiders had a 7-0 lead.

On its next possession in a continuous rain, the Raiders marched 68 yards in 11 plays. South Point picked up four first downs in the scoring drive. A 21-yard pass from Williams to end Tim Rector carried to the Chase 34. Seven plays later South Point was in the end zone.

Halfback Chip Gibson, who gained 34 yards in only four carries on the night, smashed over tackle at the 2:32 mark. Parrish's extra point gave the Raiders a 14-0 lead.

In the second period South Point put on another sustained march, driving 63 yards in eight plays. Fewell went over from the two at the 10:02 mark with Parrish again kicking the extra point.

The big play of that drive was a 45-yard pass from Williams to halfback Todd Armstrong, carrying to the Chase two for a first-and-goal situation. Fewell scored.

On its fourth possession, South Point rammed it in again, marching 58 yards in 13 plays with Williams going over from the one on a quarterback keeper at the 1:58 mark. Parrish's kick gave South Point a 28-0 halftime lead.

Chase did not pick up a first down against the scrappy, tenacious and swarming South Point defense in the first half.

South Point scored the first play it had the ball in the second half. Larry Tribble returned the second-half kickoff from the 12 to the South Point

40. It took South Point only five plays to mark up its fifth touchdown.

Gibson picked up 21 to the Chase 33. Williams keep the ball on the option and sped to the Trojan 20, then lateraled to Armstrong who carried to the Chase seven. On the next play, tailback June Jones went over at the 10:11 mark. It was 35-0 after Parrish's soccer-style kick.

A sixth Raider touchdown, a beautiful open run of 80 yards, on a punt return by Williams was negated when the Raiders were called for clipping. The ball was returned to the Red Raider 12.

Coach Biggerstaff, at that point in the game called on his reserves early in the third period to finish the contest. Neither team could manage a score for the remainder of play.

The deepest Chase penetration came in the fourth period when the Trojans moved from their own seven before being halted at the Red Raider 23 when Crenshaw sacked quarterback Tony Weather for 11-yard loss back to the 23.

Nine different Red Raiders carried the ball during the rainy evening. Williams, who entered the game with over 1200 yards in total offense on the season, picked up 86 yards rushing and 10 carries and played only briefly in the third period. Jones ran well for South Point, picking up 62 yards in 11 carries. Sophomore Charles Floyd, a future Raider star, picked up 29 yards in six carries.

South Point's defense entered the game allowing only 5.9 points per game. The offense was averaging 24 points per game.

South Point

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Scoring

SP— Williams, 13 run (Parrish kick)

SP— Gibson, 2 run, (Parrish kick)

SP— Fewell, 2 run (Parrish kick)

SP— Williams, 1 run (Parrish kick)

SP— Jones, 7 run (Parrish kick)

	South Point	Chase
First Downs	15	5
Yards Rushing	225	38
Passing	4-9-1	5-13-2
Yards Passing	88	46
Fumbles Lost	0	3
Punting	2-30.5	3-30.5
Yards Penalized	80	37

CHASE RUSHING — Harris, 12-48; Weathers 4-(-5); Crenshaw 5-(-3); Dewberry 1-(-4); Greene, 2-4

SOUTH POINT RUSHING — Williams, 10-85; Jones, 11-42; Gibson, 4-34; Floyd, 6-29; Fewell, 8-23; Tribble, 2-17; Armstrong, 2-17; Young, 1-2; Richards 2-(-2)

CHASE PASSING — Weathers, 11-4-2 for 33; Caldwell, 2-1 for 13

SOUTH POINT PASSING — Williams, 3-6-1 for 81; Richards 3-1-1 for 7

CHASE RECEIVING — Armstrong 1-45; Rector 2-36; Gibson 1-7

SOUTH POINT RECEIVING — McSwain 3-23; Crenshaw 1-13