

## Play Ahoskie for 3-A championship

# Raiders whip Hibriten in semifinals

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LENOIR — Sometimes you bend, but you never break. So goes the motto for the South Point Red Raider defense.

The Raiders' defense did some bending in the second half here at Hibriten High School Friday night, as the Raiders fended off a second-half Panther rally to advance to the state 3-A championship next week against Ahoskie with a 28-20 victory over the Panthers.

The Raiders came out fired up in the first half and looked as though they might blow the Panthers right out of their den.

On the third play from scrimmage, quarterback Jeff Williams exploded around left end on his way to a 54-yard touchdown scamper. Following Tim Parrish's point-after-touchdown, the Raiders held a 7-0 lead with 7:14 remaining in the first period.

Following a 36-yard Panther punt, the Raiders launched another scoring drive, this one capped by a 17-yard scoring strike from

Williams to tight end Tim Rector. Parrish again booted the point-after-touchdown, and with 1:31 remaining in the opening period, the Raiders were on top, 14-0.

The South Point defense again rose to the occasion, and on an attempted punt by Panther Greg Stadther, David McKinney and Boone Davis converged on Stadther, blocking the punt at the Panther 20-yard line. The Raider defenders followed the ball into the end zone where McKinney promptly pounced on the ball for another South Point score.

Parrish again split the uprights with his point-after kick, and the Raiders led, 21-0, with 11:15 remaining in the first half.

Hibriten got its offensive game in gear on the next series of downs, moving the ball to the Raider one. The South Point defense, however, again rose to the occasion, stopping fullback Carl Tolbert on a fourth-and-goal play at the one.

South Point took over from there and moved the ball out to the 17-yard line. On a second-and-15 play, a Williams' pass went in

and out of the arms of halfback Todd Armstrong, was batted by three Panthers, and ended up in the hands of Stadther, who raced 27 yards into the end zone for a touchdown.

Jim Bentley added the extra point, and Hibriten was on the scoreboard with 3:26 remaining in the half.

It was on the next series that the South Point fans were given a frightening moment. Williams, who had engineered a drive deep into Pantehr territory, was stopped on the Hibriten 14-yard line. On the play, Williams was unable to get up following the tackle. South Point coaches had to help him form the field.

Williams returned to play in the second half. The injury was diagnosed as a slightly damaged knee. Though he was hobbled in the game, he still paced the South Point rushing attack with 120 yards. The Raiders rolled up 278 yards on the ground. Williams completed one pass, that the 17-yard scoring pass to Rector.

Junior Randy Richards entered the game in Williams' absence, finishing another scoring drive that was capped when fullback Perry Fewell bulled over from the three-yard line. Parrish again was true with his point-after kick, and with 35 seconds remaining in the first half, the Raiders led, 28-7.

If the first half was all South Point, the second half was all Hibriten.

Using various counter plays and halfback option passes, Hibriten scored once in the third and once in the fourth period to pull within eight points, 28-20.

Hibriten moved the ball to the South Point three with less than three minutes remaining in the ball game. Following an errant pitch-out, Hibriten quarterback Chuck Cannon dropped back to pass, but the Big Red defense rose to the occasion, with Larry Tribble picking off the pass at the Raider one.

South Point then just had to run out the clock. After a first down, a questionable fumble gave Hibriten one final chance for victory as the Panthers recovered the ball at

the Raider 13. With 16 seconds remaining on the clock, the South Point defense held. As time ran out, the Panthers moved the ball to the Raider five.

"We played a real good first half," said Raider coach Jim Biggerstaff following the game. "We only made one mistake, and that was the intercepted pass.

"Hibriten was so big and physical that we had difficulty containing them in the second half. But Tribble, along with the rest of the defense, came through with the big play."

The Raiders are now 13-0 for the season. It marks the first time in South Point history that one of its teams has won that many games.

The Raiders will play Ahoskie next Friday night in Ahoskie for the state 3-A championship.

Fullback Fewell finished the game with 74 yards rushing, 68 of those coming in the second half as South Point tried to grind time off the clock.

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South Point	14	14	0	0	— 28
Hibriten	0	7	7	6	— 20

## Scoring Summary

SP—Williams 54 run, Parrish kick

SP—Rector 17 pass Williams, Parrish kick

SP—McKinney blocked punt in end zone.  
Parrish kick

H—Stadther—27 interception return, Bentley  
kick

SP—Fewell 3 run, Parrish kick

H—Blakenship 1 run, Bentley kick

H—Patterson 21 run, kick failed

	South Point	Hibriten
First Downs	12	16
Rushing	40-278	40-175
Passing	1-4-1	7-11-2
Yards Passing	17	100
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Punting	1-14	2-31
Yards Penalized	8-74	2-30

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**SOUTH POINT RUSHING** — Williams, 11-120. Jones, 6-55. Fewell, 12-74. Gibson, 4-12. Armstrong, 1-2. Tribble, 6-15

**HIBRITEN RUSHING** — Cannon, 4 for -5. Blankenship, 7-31. Tolbert, 15-109. Porch, 5-25. Patterson, 6-15

**SOUTH POINT PASSING** — Williams, 1-4-1, 17

**HIBRITEN PASSING** — Cannon, 5-8-1, 62. Porch, 0-1-1, 0. Patterson, 2-2-0, 18

**SOUTH POINT RECEIVING** — Rector, 1-17

**HIBRITEN RECEIVING** — Patterson, 2-25; Tolbert, 3-52; Stadther, 1-28