

# 'Left feet' put end to South Point streak

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SHELBY—"Two left feet" did South Point's Red Raiders in here Friday night at Blanton Memorial Stadium.

Fredrick Littlejohn, who kicks field goals with his left foot, booted a 32-yard field goal with 22 seconds remaining in the game to lift Shelby's Golden Lions to a "must" 3-0 victory over South Point's Red Raiders, the defending state 3-A football champions.

The loss was the first for South Point in its last 17 games.

Quarterback Chuck Spangler, who punts with his left foot, kept South Point backed up during most of the game.

Both teams were lacking in offense, although Shelby got the better of it statistically. Both teams played well defensively, but

in different halves. South Point held the upper hand in the first half and Shelby in the second half.

The Raiders picked up only one first down during the second half while Shelby was rolling up nine. The loss was South Point's first inside the Southwestern 3-A Conference in three games. The win was Shelby's first in the league in three outings.

The winning drive for the Golden Lions came with 5:12 remaining on the clock when Tim Parrish punted 31 yards to midfield. Shelby picked up three first downs and had first and goal just inside the 10. However, a penalty pushed Shelby back to the 15 and Spangler lost five more back to the 20. Two running plays gained five of the yards back, then Littlejohn kicked the first field goal of his career to give the Lions a big win.

The shutout was only the third suffered by a Jim Biggerstaff-coached team. The first was a 0-0 tie against East Gaston in 1972 and the other a 12-0 blanking at the hands of Crest in 1978.

South Point, now 2-1-1 overall compared to Shelby's 2-2 overall mark, looked as if it would score on its first possession, picking up three consecutive first downs and moving from its 31 to Shelby's 16.

However, three plays and two penalties later, the Raiders were back at the Shelby 41.

In the second quarter, South Point pushed to the Shelby 34 before running out of downs. A play later, Larry Tribble intercepted Spangler at the Lion 41. Quarterback Randy Richards, injured late in the game, hit Keith Young for a six-yard gain, but Young fumbled and Shelby recovered.

Shelby moved from its 35 to the South Point 11 in the second period, picking up three first downs along the way. But on a second and six from the 11, linebacker Kyle Miller intercepted Spangler to thwart that drive, with South Point taking over at its own four.

South Point had the ball only three times during the second half. The Lions on their second possession moved from their 41 to the Raider 15 for a golden scoring opportunity, but the Raider defense held. Shelby later moved from its 16 to the South Point 38 shortly before Littlejohn's game-winning field goal.

Except for a 19-yard punt on his last kick, Spangler's average for the night would have been higher. He averaged 35.2 yards on five kicks. South Point's punters, Larry Tribble and Tim Parrish, combined for 38.4 yards on five kicks.

The Lions held South Point to only 18 yards rushing and no yards passing in the second half after the Raiders had gained 43 yards rushing and 65 yards passing in the first half. With star running back Harvey McSwain out of the Shelby lineup because of an injury, along with several other key Lion players, running back Derrick Miller, all 138 pounds of him, led Shelby's rushers with 98 yards in 15 carries.

Spangler, after only two completions and two interceptions in the first half, hit on five of six passes for 68 yards in the second half, all of them to Littlejohn.

South Point stays on the road next week at Burns before returning home the following week for its homecoming game against R-S Central.

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South Point	0	0	0	0—0
Shelby	0	0	0	1—1

## Scoring Summary

SH — Littlejohn 33 field goal

	South Point	Shelby
First Downs	7	14
Rushing	61	122
Passing	5-13-1	7-11-2
Yards Passing	62	74
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Punting	5-38.4	5-35.2
Yards Penalized	19	15