

Raiders' Lee leads romp

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South Point's sophomore Scott Lee sat on the bench and watched his teammates struggle to a 3-3-1 record during their first seven games. But Friday night the former third-string quarterback got the starting call and led an inspired Red Raider team to a 36-6 victory over the Kings Mountain Mountaineers in Lineberger Stadium.

It ended three weeks of frustration for Coach Jim Biggerstaff and the Red Raiders who lost two close games to Shelby and Burns then were embarrassed by R-S Central last Friday. It was also the 98th win for Biggerstaff, who is in his 11th year at the South Point helm.

"I thought it was a tremendous effort after being embarrassed last week," said Biggerstaff after the game. "I was extremely proud of our effort. Scott (Lee) did a good job for his first game."

Another Raider who has seen limited action this year was also instrumental in the win. Junior Keith Young carried the ball 19 times for 149 yards and scored three of the Raider touchdowns. Senior Larry Tribble had three big runs in the second half, and finished with 84 yards on the night. In all, the Big Red offense totaled 260 yards on the ground.

The Raiders took the field on a dead run and never slowed down. After holding the Mounties on the game's first possession, the Big Red offense took over and marched 80 yards in nine plays for its first touchdown. Young went over from the two with 5:45 remaining in the first quarter, and Tim Parrish made the score 7-0 with his extra point.

A halfback pass from Tribble to Jeff Hartness was one of the drive's big plays. Young carried the ball 12 yards on the first play from scrimmage to the 32. A 15-yard penalty placed the ball back at the 17, where on first-and-25 Lee pitched out to Tribble who fired a pass to a wide-open Hartness who was brought down on the Kings Mountain 47.

Big runs by Young and Tribble moved the Raiders on to paydirt.

The Mountaineers lost the first of their three fumbles on the ensuing kickoff, and kicker Parrish recovered on the Kings Mountain 37. Seven plays later Parrish kicked the first of his two field goals, a 25-yarder, and South Point led 10-0 with 2:23 to go in the first quarter.

A second South Point touchdown was called back following a long drive early in the second quarter. South Point moved from its own 47 to the Kings Mountain goal where Young

scored from the one, but a motion penalty nullified the score. A fourth-down pass attempt by Lee fell incomplete, and the Mounties took over.

But the Raider defense refused to allow Kings Mountain passed its 20, and a blotched punt attempt set the Raiders up on the one.

Todd Crawford downed Mountie punter Larry Wilson just short of the goal when he recovered a high snap from center. It took South Point one play, with Young diving over with 3:45 remaining in the half, to take a 16-0 lead. Parrish's kick made it 17-0, and the Raiders were on their way to a rout.

Parrish added his second field goal as time ran out in the half. Tackle Arnold White intercepted a deflected pass at his own 42, and the Big Red moved from their to the Kings Mountain 11. With two seconds on the clock, Parrish split the uprights from 27 yards out, and the Raiders went to the locker room with a 20-0 lead.

Young scored his third and final touchdown of the night with 3:37 remaining in the third quarter, after Kings Mountain posted its first serious threat of the game.

The Mounties drove to the Raider 28 but ran out of downs. A first-down

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pass from Lee to Hartness put South Point in Kings Mountain territory at the 43, big runs by Young and Tribble placed the ball at the 19 and a Lee to June Jones pass put South Point at the three before Young scored. Parrish once again was true on his kick making the score 27-0.

A safety with 7:55 remaining in the game gave South Point a 29-0 lead. It was another bad snap from center that cost the Mountaineers, as the ball sailed over Wilson's head into the end zone.

South Point's final tally came with 3:35 remaining in the game when Tribble scored from three yards out. The score capped an eight-play, 57-yard drive.

Kings Mountain finally got some offense going late in the fourth quarter. Trent Hullender, who replaced injured Mountie starter Mike Woodbury at quarterback, led his team 85 yards in 15 plays, tossing a four-yard scoring strike to Boo Robinson. The Mounties were held as they tried to pass for the point after.

South Point will take on conference power Crest next Friday at Crest.

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Scoring Summary

SP - Young 2 run (Parrish kick)
SP - Parrish 25 field goal
SP - Young 1 run (Parrish kick)
SP - Parrish 27 field goal
SP - Young 3 run (Parrish kick)
SP - Safety (ball snapped out of end zone)
SP - Tribble 4 run (Parrish kick)
KM - Robinson 4 pass from Hullender (pass failed)

	South Point	Kings Mountain
First Downs	19	15
Rushing	260	190
Passing	7-15-0	8-18-1
Yards Passing	134	81
Fumbles Lost	0	3
Punting	0-00	1-25
Yards Penalized	122	90