

# Crest hands South Point fourth loss

From Staff Reports

**BOILING SPRINGS** — The Crest Chargers put a touchdown on the board in each half and handed the South Point Red Raiders a 14-0 defeat here Friday night in a Southwestern 3-A Conference game.

Two big mistakes by the Raiders resulted in both scores, as both teams displayed tough defense on the rain-soaked field. South Point held the Chargers in check after Crest had driven deep into Raider territory, but an off-side penalty gave the Chargers a first down on the four.

On the following play Kibbie Daves took the handoff from quarterback Ed Litton for the score. With 5:55 showing in the first quarter, Andre Bloom kicked the first of his two extra points and gave the Chargers a 7-0 lead.

The score highlighted a seesaw first half which saw both teams move effectively. South Point took the opening kick and started its first drive from the Raiders' own 25. On a third-down run, Keith Young broke three tackles for a 20-yard gain to the Raider 40. South Point looked as though it could plow into Crest territory, but the tough Charger defense held.

Crest took over in good field position following the

punt and moved to the South Point 15 where the fatal off-side penalty occurred, resulting in the first score.

The Raiders marched from their 19 to the 50 thanks to a big run by Young. The Raiders were stopped at the Crest 44, but quickly regained possession when Crest was guilty of clipping on a Raider punt. With 1:50 to go in the first quarter, South Point had the ball first-and-10 on the Charger 30.

A busted play and a delay-of-game penalty made things look a bit rough for the Raiders, but Scott Lee found Jerry Howell open at the 15 for a first down. The Charger defense stiffened and held the Raiders on the 11. Tim Parrish came in to attempt a 30-yard field goal, but the snap got away from Lee and Parrish picked up the ball only to be downed at the 26.

It was defense the rest of the way in the first half, as neither team was able to post a serious threat. At halftime the Chargers enjoyed a 7-0 lead.

The second Charger score came in the third quarter after the Raiders were guilty of a roughing-the-kicker penalty. The Raiders held Crest at its

own 42 and came after the ball on the punt attempt. Unfortunately, the Raiders got the kicker and Crest wound up with a first down on the South Point 44.

The Chargers moved all the way to the South Point 29, where they faced another fourth down. Robert McCluney carried the ball to the South Point 18 for yet another first down. The Chargers moved all the way to the six where they fumbled, but it was McCluney recovering the ball on the nine.

McCluney scored the touchdown as he went over the right side from seven yards out with 1:03 remaining in the third quarter. Bloom booted the extra point and the night's scoring was complete.

South Point made one last desperation try when they took over on its own 26 with 1:18 remaining in the game. Randy Richards, who had missed three games with a knee injury, returned and found Boone Davis open for a completion at the Crest 44. Another Richards-to-Davis pass placed the ball on the Crest 25 as 25 seconds showed on the clock. Crest and the clock won the final battle, as the gun sounded with South Point on the Crest 14.

The Raiders are now 3-4-1 in conference play, while Crest is 6-1.