

Biggerstaff claims 100th grid win

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It was pretty heady stuff at South Point's Lineberger Stadium Friday night. Although Coach Jim Biggerstaff's Red Raiders and the Chase Trojans were playing for fifth place in the Southwestern 3-A Conference, much more than that was at stake for South Point.



BIGGERSTAFF A 13-6 South Point win over the Trojans did two things. It meant Biggerstaff's 12th consecutive winning season at South Point as the Raiders finished at 5-4 in the league and 5-4-1 overall.

The second thing was that Biggerstaff, who started his head coaching career at South Point in 1969, marked up his 100th coaching victory. Biggerstaff's South Point teams are now 100-25-6, a winning

percentage of 75 percent.

Quarterback Randy Richards and running back Keith Young had outstanding nights offensively for South Point as the Raiders dropped Chase to 4-5 in the SWC and 4-6 overall.

Richards completed five of 10 passes for 119 yards and a 49-yard scoring strike to split end Jerry Howell, while Young had his fourth 100-yard rushing night of the season after becoming a regular running back in the season's fifth game.

Young finished the night with 135 yards in only nine carries, including a 68-yard burst in the third period which gave South Point a 13-0 lead at the time.

South Point put on one of their best efforts of the season. "I'm really proud of these guys for the way they bounced back and played so well in our final two games," said Biggerstaff. "They knew what was at stake. They didn't want to become South Point's first losing team.

"As for the 100th victory of my

coaching career here—well, the kids just don't know how special it is for me. It means a lot—I can tell them that. But I want them to have the credit—not only this team—but all of the fine teams and fine young men I've had the privilege of coaching. I also think I have the finest assistant coaches in the state in Earl Lingafeldt, Phil Tate and Butch Adams. When you surround yourself with good people like they are you can't help but succeed.

The cheerleaders after the game unrolled a big sign of congratulations to Biggerstaff and his assistants. He was presented the game ball and his players lifted him up as if to say, "Coach, you're number one."

Chase never got into South Point territory in the first half. South Point had a chance early in the game when it recovered a Trojan fumble at the Chase 40. Chase held that time. The game was scoreless until South Point marched in on its second possession of the second period. The Big Red moved 74 yards in just five plays, climaxed

by the 49-yard scoring strike to Howell, who made a great move to catch the ball and outrun the Chase defender at the Trojan 30. Tim Parrish, who didn't miss an extra point all year, made it 7-0 with 5:58 remaining on the clock.

The Raiders, with Young racing 43 yards to the Chase 30, threatened again the next time they had the ball. After a pass interference penalty gave South Point a first down at the Trojan 15, Chase stiffened and a 35-yard field goal attempt by Parrish was partially blocked.

In the second half, Chase moved from its 20 to the Raider 33 for a first down. However, a clipping penalty later moved them back to the South Point 40 and the visitors were forced to punt. Three plays later, Young raced 68 yards down the home side of the field for South Point's longest scoring play from scrimmage all season. A pass attempt for the two-point conversion failed. South Point led 13-0 with 1:29 remaining in the third period.

Chase, after a Parrish punt from the Raider 13 to the SP 43, marched in in the fourth period. Quarterback Derrick Dover, on a third and eight play from the 10, passed to Thomas Williams in the end zone with six minutes remaining to cut South Point's lead to 13-6. A running play by Dover fell short when defensive back Larry Tribble cut him down at the Raider two.

Chase immediately had a chance to score again when it recovered an on-sides kick at the South Point 49. After a 15-yard pass from Dover to Thomas Crawford placed the ball on the 33, Carl Sims came up with a big defensive play when he intercepted a Dover pass at the 10 and returned it to the 20. South Point marched to the Trojan 25 before Richards lost a fumble with 27 seconds remaining in the game.

Earlier in the period, South Point had recovered a fumble at the Chase 23, but a 27-yard field goal attempt by Parrish was just wide right.

South Point	0	7	6	0	-	13
Chase	0	0	0	6	-	6

Scoring Summary

Howell (SP) 49 pass from Richards (Perrish kick)

Young (SP) 68 run (two-point conversion failed)

Williams (C) 10 pass from Dover (two-point conversion failed)

	Chase	South Point	
First Downs	12	13	Ker
Rushing	187	713	Mik
Passing	11-4-1	11-5-0	Bob
Yards Passing	34	119	Bob
Fumbles-Lost	3	2-2	
Punting	6-34.8	4-35.6	Sch
Yards Penalized	75	65	21