

Young leads Red Raiders with 209 yards

South Point works overtime, beats Shelby

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It was mostly a track meet between South Point's 6-0, 175-pound senior Keith Young and Shelby's 5-11, 165-pound sophomore Kevin Toms Friday night at Lineberger Stadium in Belmont.

The contest centered around those two running backs in a game of comebacks. South Point jumped off to a 14-0 lead in the pivotal Southwestern 3-A Conference game, only to see the Golden Lions come back to tie it at 14-14 and send the game into overtime.

South Point scored on the first overtime possession on a three-yard run by Young and Jerry Howell booted his third consecutive conversion of the night.

Shelby scored on a three-yard run by Toms, but the extra point attempt by Chip

Early failed after a low snap from center. Early got the kick off late and it was low, giving South Point its second league victory in three games. The Red Raiders are 2-2 overall. Shelby is now 1-2 in the league and 2-2 overall.

Young had a career-high 209 yards rushing in 25 carries, giving him 543 yards rushing on the season in four games on 86 carries. He has scored 38 points on six touchdowns and a two-point conversion. Young's longest run from scrimmage was for 60 yards.

Toms, running through gaping holes in the Red Raider line, carried 17 times for 118 yards and scored both of Shelby's touchdowns on a 54-yard run and an 89-yard pass from quarterback Mike Tucker.

South Point drove 89 yards in 11 plays to score at the 6:39 mark of the second period

with Carl Sims making a great catch of a pass from quarterback Scott Lee on a 36-yard scoring strike.

Shelby drove to South Point's 17 twice and once to the Red Raider 7 in the first half.

South Point drove 39 yards in eight plays to go ahead 14-0 at the 3:24 mark of the third period. Preston Earle twisted over from the one.

Shelby then began its comeback, scoring on a burst of 54 yards by Toms at the 1:44 mark of the third period and Early's kick made it 14-7.

Shelby on its next possession drove 91 yards in two plays, capped by the 89-yard scoring strike to Toms to tie the game with 8:12 remaining.

Shelby was on the march late in the game, having a first down at the South Point 12. However, two plays later, Kevin

Summitt picked up a Golden Lion fumble at the 25, had a bevy of blockers at the Shelby 40, but tried to lateral the ball to Young, trailing the play, fumbled, and the Golden Lions recovered at the Shelby 48.

Then came the overtime. "These kids deserved a break and a win," said Raider mentor Jim Biggerstaff. "There just wasn't any defense out there at all tonight."

The statistics bear Biggerstaff out. South Point had 288 yards total offense and Shelby 329. The Red Raiders had 227 yards rushing (quarterback Lee was sacked for losses totaling 29 yards) and Shelby had 217. The Lions had 112 yards passing to South Point's 61.

South Point plays its homecoming game next Friday against the Burns Bulldogs, a team they lost to in overtime last year, 20-14.

South Point
Shelby

0	7	7	0	7	—	21
0	0	7	7	6	—	20

Scoring Summary

SP — Sims 36-yard pass (Howell kick)
 SP — Earle 1-yard run (Howell kick)
 S — Toms 54-yard run (Early kick)
 S — Toms 89-yard pass (Early kick)
 SP — Young 3-yard run (Howell kick)
 S — Toms 3-yard run (kick failed)

	Shelby	South Point
First Downs	12	13
Rushing	217	227
Passing	10-6-0	8-4-1
Yards Passing	112	61
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Punting	1-30	3-39
Yards Penalized	6-50	4-43