

Opportunistic Red Raiders shut out Burns

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BELMONT — South Point's Red Raiders, taking advantage of Burns' mistakes, captured a 13-0 Southwestern 3-A Conference victory Friday night at Lineberger Stadium.

The Red Raiders' shutout was its third in league play against one loss. The Raiders are 3-2 overall. Burns fell to 2-2 in the league and 3-2 overall.

The Red Raiders set a school record of six pass interceptions in recording their first shutout of the season. Burns committed eight turnovers overall in the game.

A pass interception set up South Point's first touchdown in the second period. Linebacker Jeff Mitchem stole a Clint Shuford pass at midfield and returned to the Bulldog 38. Seven plays later, South Point was on the board.

On fourth-and-six from the 23, quarterback Scott Lee hit split end Jerry Howell on a touchdown strike at the 7:58 mark to put the Raiders ahead 6-0. Howell's extra point attempt failed.

The Raiders intercepted three passes in the first half and added three after the intermission.

South Point scored its final touchdown in the third period. It was again set up by a pass interception by Steve Thompson, his second of the night. Thompson intercepted at the Bulldog 38 and returned it five yards to the 33.

Six plays later South Point put its second touchdown on the board at the 11:44 mark. A four-yard run by fullback Keith Young, who

was injured on the play and did not return to the game. Howell's extra point was good, giving the Red Raiders a 13-0 lead.

Young suffered a shoulder injury, was in some pain and was taken to the hospital for x-rays.

Burns' deepest penetration was a 10-yard rushing play.

Raiders' six. But a fourth-down pass attempt by Chuck Walton fell incomplete in the end zone and the drive was stopped.

The game marked the first time this season that Young failed to gain 100 yards rushing. He had 47 yards in 12 carries before suffering the injury.

Burns attempted 22 passes with six completions for 90 yards, but the six passes picked off by the Raiders, along with the two fumbles lost, helped turn the tide of the game.

Jim Biggerstaff, coach of the Red Raiders, said, "It was obvious that the six interceptions we had and the two fumbles we recovered was the difference in the game."

Behind Young's 47 yards for South Point came fullback Preston Earle, with 37 yards in 10 carries. Thomas Herringer led the Burns offense with 49 yards in 11 carries.

South Point plays at R.S. Central Friday night while Burns travels to Crest.

During special halftime ceremonies Marcie Holt and Denese Harper were crowned co-homecoming queens. It was a first in South Point history.



Keith Young goes in for a South Point touchdown
...he suffered a shoulder injury on the play

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Yards Penalized

7-75

1-5

South Point

0 6 7 0 — 13

Burns

0 0 0 0 — 0

Scoring Summary

Howell (SP) 28-yard pass (kick failed)

Young (SP) 4-yard run (Howell kick)

South Point

Burns

First Downs

8

11

Rushing

93

98

Passing

3-9-10

6-22-6

Yards Passing

52

90

Fumbles Lost

2

2

Punting

6-33

2-20

Yards Penalized

6-50

6-60