

Young brothers key Red Raiders

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DALLAS — South Point Coach Jim Biggerstaff is thinking Young these days.

The Raiders suffered through the offensive blahs in their first two games, falling to Ashbrook and East Gaston by shutouts, but Biggerstaff unleashed the Young brothers — senior tailback Akron and sophomore quarterback Mark — and just sat back and counted points as South Point rolled to a 33-22 win over North Gaston Friday night.

Akron Young rushed for 262 yards and scored four touchdowns, while Mark Young amassed 159 yards rushing and passing despite not starting. The brothers accounted for 421 of the Raiders' 433 yards on offense.

The losing Wildcats also moved the ball well, with both Thadus Benton and Mark Friday rushing for over 100 yards. Benton carried 15 times for 114 yards, while Friday had 135 on nine carries.

The two teams rushed for 643 yards between them.

North Gaston has never beaten South Point in football, but it looked as if that streak was going to end when the Wildcats roared

to a 9-0 lead in the first five minutes of play.

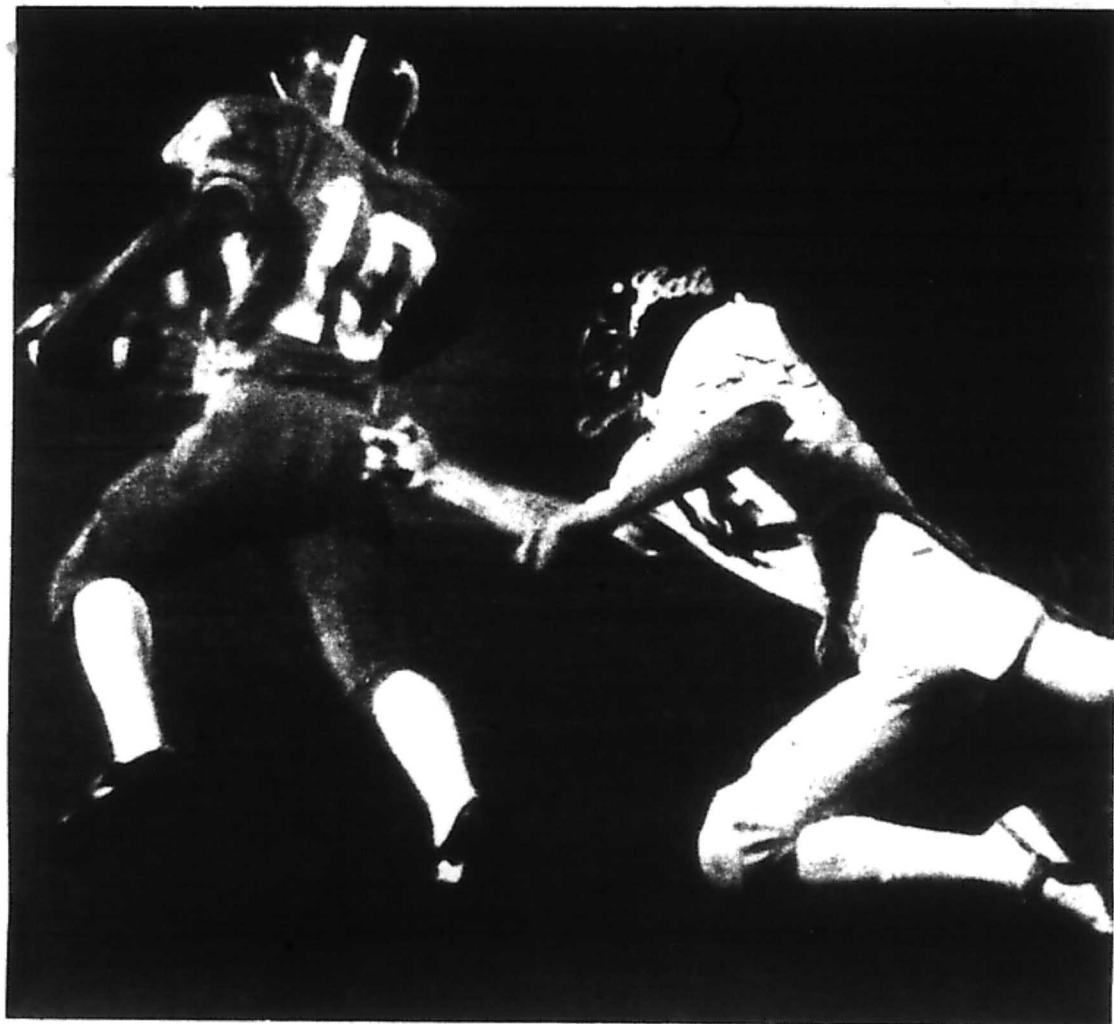
North Gaston took the opening kickoff and drove 56 yards to the Raider four, where South Point held on downs. On the first play after that, Akron Young fumbled into the end zone. Scott Lee picked up the ball but was tackled for a safety.

The Wildcats got the ball back on the ensuing free kick and went 38 yards in three plays with Friday bulling over from the three. Thomas Fair kicked the point after and North Gaston was up by nine.

The Raiders turned the ball over again when Lee was sacked and fumbled, but the Wildcats were unable to move. Biggerstaff then brought in Mark Young to relieve Lee and the fun began.

Despite a string of five procedure penalties in seven plays, South Point marched 76 yards for its first score of the season. The Raiders actually scored three times on the drive, but the first two were called back by penalties. Mark Young finally scrambled 16 yards for the score that made it 9-7.

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Mark Young (10) of South Point breaks away for a touchdown
... Red Raiders rallied for 33-22 win over North Gaston Friday night

Red Raiders 33 Wildcats 22

South Point 0 13 20 0 — 33

North Gaston 9 7 0 6 — 22

N — Safety, Lee tackled in end zone

N — Friday 3 run (Fair kick)

S — AYoung 16 run (Biggerstaff kick)

N — Friday 78 run (Fair kick)

S — AYoung 41 run (kick failed)

S — AYoung 25 run (AYoung pass from Lee)

S — AYoung 3 run (run failed)

S — AYoung 67 run (run failed)

N — Benton 11 run (kick failed)

Team Statistics

	S	N
1st downs	16	10
Rush-yards	36-340	42-300
Pass yards	93	45
Pass C-A-I	7-12-0	3-8-0
Total yds	433	348
Punts-avg	3-40.7	5-27.0
Fmbis-lost	2-1	1-1
Pen-yards	11-74	5-45

Individual Statistics

RUSHING — South Point: Akron Young 22 carries for 262 yards, 4 TD's; Mark Young 8 for 66, 1 TD; Earle 5 for 21; Lee 1 for (-9). North Gaston: Benton 15 for 114, 1 TD; Friday 9 for 135, 2 TD's; Fair 4 for 15; White 5 for 42; Newton 2 for (-2); Mackey 7 for (-3).

PASSING — South Point: Mark Young completed 7 of 12 passes for 93 yards. North Gaston: Mackey 3 of 8 for 45.

RECEIVING — South Point: Crump 3 catches for 30 yards; Hanks 2 for 39; Robinson 2 for 24. North Gaston: Newton 3 for 45.