

Shelby crushes Raiders

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SHELBY — Shelby's Golden Lions spotted South Point's Red Raiders a 6-0 lead Friday night, then promptly scored 29 unanswered points for a 29-6 Southwestern 3-A Conference victory.

It was Shelby's 10th victory over South Point in 16 games spanning 14 seasons, but the only statistic Shelby's Randy Hefner was interested in was the number of points he helped his team put on the scoreboard.

Hefner scored three of his team's four touchdowns on runs of 21, 17 and nine yards as the Golden Lions ran their record to 2-1 in the league and 3-1 overall. South Point, hoping to elude its first losing season ever, fell to 1-2 in the league and 1-3 overall.

It looked good early for coach Jim Biggerstaff's Red Raiders. They took the opening kickoff 80 yards in 12 plays, with senior tailback Akron Young going over from 16 yards out at the 7:28 mark of the first period. The extra point attempt failed.

Shelby marched from its 23 to the South Point 23 before being stopped, but two plays later, Akron Young's fumble was recovered by Kevin Howe at the Raider 21.

On the first play, Heffner, a 175-pound senior wingback, raced into the end zone and Jack Secrest missed the extra point, leaving the score tied at 6-6 with 41 seconds remaining in the first period.

In the second period, Shelby went 57 yards in four plays. The touchdown came on a 35-yard run by Kevin Toms at the 1:03 mark. Toms was filling in for John Sweezy, who had picked up 58 yards in nine carries before suffering an ankle injury which sidelined him for the remainder of the game. Secrest's extra point gave the Golden Lions a 13-6 lead.

But wait a minute. Shelby was on the board again with only 10 seconds remaining in the half. Preston Earle's fumble was recovered by Scott Mitchell at the Red Raider 40. Four plays later, Secrest booted a 34-yard field goal, giving Shelby a 16-6 halftime lead.

The third period was scoreless, but early in the fourth period, Scott Lee was punting from the Red Raider end zone. His punt was partially blocked, and the officials after a lengthy discussion said that Shelby recovered the ball at the Red Raider 17. On the first play, Heffner raced 17 yards and Secrest again booted the extra point at the 10:26 mark for a 23-6 Shelby lead.

The final Shelby touchdown came following another Raider turnover, this time a pass interception by William Morrow, who returned to the South Point 47. Six plays later, Heffner went over at the 5:56 mark from nine yards out and the kick failed.

Shelby's running attack was balanced, led by Heffner's 60 yards in nine carries. Akron Young, who had 84 yards rushing at the half, finished with 110 yards in 22 carries, giving him 629 yards on the season in four games.

"I thought our defensive play in the second half was the difference," said Shelby coach Jim Taylor.

Young had 110 of South Point's 112 yards rushing. Quarterback Mark Young hit on six of 10 passes for 69 yards.

South Point 6 Shelby 29

South Point	6	0	0	0	—	6
Shelby	6	10	0	13	—	29

SP — A Young 16 run (kick failed)

S — Hoffner 21 run (kick failed)

S — Toms 25 run (Secret kick)

S — Secret 34 FG

S — Hoffner 17 run (Secret run)

S — Hoffner 9 run (kick failed)