

Young keys Raiders to 2nd straight win

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South Point senior tailback Akron Young isn't one of those people who craves curtain calls.

But after his performance Friday night at Lineberger Stadium against R-S Central, the 180-pound Red Raider who runs for daylight ~~under~~ ^{without} a curtain call.

Curtain call.

Young scored two touchdowns and ran for a two-point conversion in South Point's 20-14 victory over the Hilltoppers.

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Young, who entered the game with 871 yards rushing in 117 carries picked up 186 more yards in 29 carries. After six games, he has an amazing 1,057 yards rushing.

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Young's 51-yard run to the R-S Central 13 in the third period set up what proved to be the winning touchdown for the Red Raiders.

The visiting Hilltoppers turned the ball over to South Point on its first three possessions and the Raiders converted two of them into touchdowns for an early 14-0 lead they never relinquished.

"I think that was the difference in the game," said Raider Coach Jim Biggerstaff, whose team moved its Southwestern 3-A Conference mark to 3-2 with the homecoming victory on a rainy night. Overall the Raiders are 3-3. R-S Central fell to 1-4 in the league and 1-5 overall.

"We had a couple of great chances to score two other times but didn't take advantage. ~~Young's~~ ^{Young's} having just a super game. It's hard to imagine that he's over 1,000 yards in only six games. You're just left without words in trying to describe him."

South Point's Chris Wooten recovered a Hilltopper fumble early in the game at the R-S Central 31, and two plays later, Young ran it in from 17 yards out at the 10:01 mark. He added the two-point conversion on a run for an 8-0 lead.

Mark Young, Akron's brother, intercepted a pass on the next Hilltopper series at the R-S 27, but the Hilltoppers held on that series. Steve Thompson recovered another fumble moments later at the Hilltopper 24. An 11-yard pass from Mark Young to Kenny Nicholson on a third and nine play placed the ball on the one, from which point Akron Young went over at the 1:31 mark. The two-point conversion ~~was successful~~ ^{was successful}.

R-S Central marched 68 yards in nine plays and scored on a 25-yard run by Edward Craig at the 9:46 mark and Derek Smith kicked the extra point for a 14-7 Raider halftime lead.

Akron Young's 51-yard run on a third-and-12 play to the R-S 13 set up the winning touchdown. It was climaxed by Mark Young's nine-yard pass to end Danny Crump at the 8:10 mark and Franklin Donaldson's extra point attempt missed.

The Hilltoppers cut the margin to six points when they marched 70 yards in the third period in a 13-play drive, with Craig going over at the 2:14 mark and Smith again converting.

Pretty South Point senior Jamie Smith was crowned homecoming queen during halftime ceremonies.

R-S Central 14

South Point 20

R-S Central	0	7	7	0	—	14
South Point	14	0	6	0	—	20

S — A Young 17 run (A Young run)

S — A Young 1 run (run failed)

R — Craig 23 run (Smith kick)

S — Crump 9 pass from M Young (kick failed)

R — Craig 3 run (Smith kick)