

Young wins rushing battle, but Crest wins war

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BOILING SPRINGS — It was billed as a matchup between the top three running backs in the Southwestern 3A Conference — and no one that attended the Crest-South Point game was disappointed.

Just for the record the state third-ranked Chargers defeated South Point, 41-14. It didn't take too long for the game to be decided, as the dynamic duo of Chris Poston and Herbert Harbison got out of the blocks early, giving Crest two first-quarter touchdowns.

The first score came from Poston on a 19-yard scamper around right end following a

partially blocked Scott Lee punt.

The second score came from the other side of the backfield as the Chargers covered 70 yards in three plays, 67 coming from Harbison, to up the score to 14-0.

Harbison came into the game with a total of 1,050 yards only 73 behind conference leader Akron Young, and by halftime had cut the margin to a meager nine yards with a first half total of 118 yards on only seven carries. Young, meanwhile, had 54 yards on 12 carries for the Red Raiders.

Even though his team trailed 34-0 at the intermission, Young refused to quit. The 180-pound tailback bulled and borrowed his way through the stingy Charger defense for

109 second half yards giving him 163 on the night to secure his lead and the top rushing yardage on the night.

His total may have even been higher if not for one small thing. He was thrown out of the game with 2:04 left in the third quarter for an altercation with Harbison on a Crest kickoff return, the only time the two stars crossed paths all night.

Although Young led the rushing derby, he could hardly negate the Crest pair as they combined for 240 yards on only 17 carries and five touchdowns.

"I know Young gets a lot of credit," Crest Coach John Taylor said. "And he deserves

it. But I don't think anyone around is better than Poston and Harbison.

"They don't have the strength of a Young but they are so fast and they play so hard it really makes it difficult for another team to defense us. If you're lucky enough to stop one you're not going to stop the other."

The Crest defense also had a big night with two fumble recoveries and four interceptions, two of which came from junior safety Leroy Spikes and one each from Poston and noseguard Chris Clary.

The win helped Crest keep pace with top-ranked Statesville. Crest upped its record to 8-0 overall and 6-0 in conference play. The Red Raiders dropped to 3-5 overall.

Crest 41

South Point 14

South Point	0	0	7	7	—	14
Crest	14	20	7	0	—	41

- E — Adams 19 yard run (Lovelace kick)
- C — Harbison 1 yard run (Lovelace kick)
- C — Harbison 25 yard run (run failed)
- C — Pegram to Spikes (Lovelace kick)
- C — Foster 9 yard run (Lovelace kick)
- E — Adams 19 yard run (Lovelace kick)
- S — zone 2 yard run (Lovelace kick)
- S — Young 41 yard run (Liggerstaff kick)