

Golden Lions whip South Point, 41-21

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BELMONT — Shelby's Lions turned a four-point first half deficit into a 24-point, 41-21 win over South Points' Red Raiders in Southwestern 3A high school football Friday night.

The Lions' win increased their conference record to 3-1, while South Point dropped to 0-3.

"We got whipped," said South Point Head Coach Jim Biggerstaff. "We're little and we're inexperienced."

The Raiders scored all of their touchdowns in the first half, while Shelby dominated the second.

"We've been beaten in the fourth quarter in every game," Biggerstaff said. "If we could just stop the game in the third quarter, we could win a ball game."

South Point scored the first touchdown after a fumble on the opening kickoff, with Mark Young running the ball 39-yards for the touchdown.

Shelby scored its first touchdown later in the first quarter on a one-yard run by fullback Kevin Toms. Mark Green kicked the extra point, tying the score at 7-7.

Young, who was the Raiders' leading rusher in the game with 88 yards, came back with less than two minutes off the clock in the second quarter and scored on a six-yard run. Dudko kicked the extra point.

A 33-yard field goal by Shelby's Green added three-points to the Lions' score with 5:56 left in the half.

Young scored South Point's third and final touchdown in the contest on a 12-yard option. Dudko kicked the extra point, giving the Raiders a 21-10 lead.

Brian Huffstetler scored on a 73-yard pass completion from Lion quarterback Billy Gamble with less than 32 seconds left in the half. Green added the extra point.

The half ended with the Raiders leading 21-17.

Green started Shelby off in the third with a 44-yard field goal, leaving the Lions behind 21-20.

Toms scored on a two-yard run with 8:46 left in the third and John Sweezy scored on a two-point conversion to give the Lions their first lead in the contest, 21-28.

Robert Robinson scored on a 21-yard run and Green added the

extra point, increasing the Lions' lead to 21-35.

Shelby's Tim Brown scored on a 35-yard interception, intended for South Points' Kenny Nicholson, for the games' final touchdown. The extra point failed.

South Point rushed for a total of 205 yards, 144 of which were in the first half, giving them 229 yards overall.

Statesville 13 East Lincoln 10

From staff reports

DENVER — Statesville's Bill Furchess kicked a 19-yard field goal with two seconds left to tie East Lincoln, then hit a 20-yarder in overtime to give the Greyhounds a 13-10 win in high school football Friday night.

Statesville upped its record to 1-0, 2-2 with the Western Piedmont 3A Conference victory and East Lincoln, losing its fourth straight, dropped to 0-1, 1-4.

Mark Lucky's 2-yard run and Steve Melby's extra point kick gave the Mustangs a 7-0 lead in the first period. Statesville tied it on a 38-yard pass from Mike Milstead to Shane Turner and PAT by Furchess.

East Lincoln then went in front 10-7 in the third quarter on a 24-yard field by Melby.

South Iredell 28 Lincolnton 27

From staff reports

LINCOLNTON — South Iredell nipped Lincolnton 28-27 Friday night at Lincolnton to remain undefeated in high school football.

The Vikings, 1-0, 4-0, came back from a 14-8 halftime deficit to win. Lincolnton dropped to 0-1, 2-2-1 in the loss.

Lincolnton grabbed an early 7-0 lead on a 45-yard interception return and PAT by Fredick Hansson. Johnny (Lizard) Izard then added a 5-yard run and Hansson another kick to make it 14-0.

Lincolnton's Speedy Smith hit Anthony Brooks with a 7-yard TD pass and Hansson added the PAT in the third period. The Vikings then rallied from the 21-8 deficit and lead 28-21 after a 32-yard pass from Mull to Avery Tucker.

Izard scored on a 10-yard run with 7:53 left but the conversion run that would have put the Wolves ahead was stopped.

South Point 21

Shelby 41

South Point	7	14	0	0	—	21
Shelby	7	10	3	21	—	41

SP — Young 39 run (Dudko kick)

S — Toms 1 run (Green kick)

SP — Young 6 run (Dudko kick)

S — Green 33 field goal

SP — Young 12 run (Dudko kick)

S — Huffstetler 73 run (Green kick)

S — Green 44 field goal

S — Toms 2 run (Sweazy kick)

S — Robinson 21 run (Green kick)

S — Brown 25 interception return (kick fail)