

Red Raiders get offense rolling, pound Burns 41-13

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BELMONT — South Point's Red Raiders snapped a three-game losing skid here at Lineberger Stadium Friday night, getting two touchdowns each from tailback Chris Wooten and fullback Steve Thompson enroute to a 41-13 Southwestern 3-A Conference victory over the Burns Bulldogs.

The win was South Point's first in four Southwestern 3-A Conference games. Overall the Raiders are 2-3. Burns fell to 0-4 in the league and 0-5 overall.

It was a happy homecoming victory for South Point Coach Jim Biggerstaff, whose team cruised to a 34-0 halftime lead and scored their first touchdown of the season in the second half of play.

The Red Raiders had gone for eight consecutive second half quarters without a touchdown before quarterback Mark Young snapped the drought with a 34-yard touchdown scamper.

"We did just about what we wanted to do," said Biggerstaff. "I was pleased with the way our backs ran with the ball. We had good balance on offense. I also thought our defense played extremely well. This was a game we just had to have. After we hit them with that first touchdown, Burns never recovered."

That first touchdown came a minute and 52 seconds into the game. Young picked up 5 yards on a keeper, then lateralled to halfback James Hanks, who ran the remaining 32 yards for the score. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

South Point marched 44 yards in five plays for its

second score. Thompson went over from the one at the 7:13 mark and soccer-style kicker Mike Dudko booted the first of his five successful extra points.

Shortly thereafter, Steve Postell recovered quarterback Thad Angel's fumble at the Burns 18. Three plays later, Thompson went over from the four at the 5:32 mark and the Raiders had a 20-0 first quarter lead.

With 8:16 showing in the second period, South Point, holding Burns completely at bay defensively, marched 63 yards in seven plays, with Wooten banging over from the one.

Thompson intercepted an Angel pass on the 35-yard line on the next possession, setting up another of the Raiders' scores. Young's 27-yard pass to Kevin Payseur to the Burns 8 set up Wooten's 8-yard run at the 6:48 mark.

Young scored on the 34-yarder with 6:32 remaining in the third period and it was 41-0. The Raiders used second unit teams primarily from there on out.

Burns got a pair of touchdowns in the final period. The first came on an 80-yard drive in seven plays. The first touchdown came on a 19-yard run by halfback Terry Bess at the 8:13 mark. Eddie Crotts booted the extra point.

The final Burns score came when Crotts recovered Todd Whisnant's fumble at the Raider 34. A 29-yard pass from Angel to back Kelvin Mintz to the one set up a one-yard run by Curtis Oates at the 3:59 mark and all of the game's points had been accounted for.

During halftime ceremonies, South Point senior Leslie Deitz was crowned homecoming queen.

Burns 13

South Point 41

Burns	0	0	0	13	—	13
South Point	20	14	7	0	—	41

- SP — Hanks 32 run (pass failed)
SP — Thompson 8 run (Ducko kick)
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SP — Wooten 1 run (Ducko kick)
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SP — Young 34 run (Ducko kick)
B — Bess 19 run (Crofts kick)
B — Oates 1 run (pass failed)