

Raiders win 5th straight

South Point beats Burns

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LAWNDALE — South Point, the state's No. 6-ranked 3-A football team, did little to hurt its ranking here Friday night, getting two touchdowns and 133 yards rushing from junior tailback Tom Watson in a 28-12 Southeastern 3-A Conference victory over the Burns Bulldogs.

South Point ran its record to 4-0 in the league and 5-0 overall. Burns dropped to 2-2 and 2-3.

As has been the case all season, senior quarterback Mark Young broke a long one for the Raiders, bursting 69 yards in the second period for a touchdown to give his team a 14-0 halftime lead.

The Red Raiders built up a 28-0 lead against a good Burns teams before the Bulldogs scored a pair of fourth period touchdowns.

"I was real concerned about this game," said Raider coach Jim Biggerstaff. "We were coming off a big win at Shelby and we knew that Burns was going to be tough. We beat a good ballclub.

"We didn't play as well as we did against Shelby, but we played well enough. Watson had a big game for us, and I thought Young called an excellent game. We didn't have a turnover tonight. Burns didn't quit. They're going to be tough on some teams remaining on their schedule.

"I'm glad we're finally getting back home next Friday. We've been on the road for three straight weeks. Four of our our next five games are at home."

Burns coach Ron Greene said. "Young is an extremely fine quarterback, but South Point just has a real fine team. They have other outstanding athletes to go with Young."

Watson scored on runs of 7 and 4 yards. Fullback Chris Wooten scored his team's first touchdown on a 10-yard run to climax a 69-yard drive following the opening kickoff, and the first of Mike Dudko's four extra points pushed the Raiders ahead 7-0 at the 7:30 mark.

South Point made a big goal line stand in the second period. Burns had first and goal at the 6, but the Raiders dug in pushed the Bulldogs back to the 12 and took over on downs.

With 2:55 remaining in the half, Young broke loose on his brilliant 69-yard touchdown run down the far sidelines for a big score.

Wooten's pass interception at the Burns 37 and runback to the 16 set up Watson's 4-yard run on an

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option pitch from Young at the 9:24 mark.

South Point moved 69 yards in nine plays with 37 seconds remaining in the third period, with Watson going the final 7 yards with only 37 seconds remaining in the third period.

The Bulldogs then scored a pair, the first on a 75-yard pass from quarterback Trip Merritt to Terry Bess at the 10:55 mark of the fourth period, and the other on a 1-yard run by Ben Broome, who had 97 yards rushing in 15 carries on the night.

South Point 28

Burns 12

South Point	7	Y	14	0	—	20
Burns	0	0	0	12	—	12

SP — Wooten 10 run (Dudko kick)

SP — Young 69 run (Dudko kick)

SP — Watson 5 run (Dudko kick)

SP — Watson 7 run (Dudko kick)

B — Bess 75 pass from Merritt (kick failed)

B — Broome 1 run (pass failed)