



Mark Young of South Point fights off tackler  
... during Red Raiders' victory over R-S Central

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# Raiders run to 43-16 victory

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**BELMONT** — South Point's Red Raiders used a powerful running attack, keyed by three backs who each gained 100 or more yards rushing at Lineberger Stadium Friday night to capture a 43-16 victory over R-S Central.

Fullback Chris Wooten scored on runs of 35, 28 and 38 yards and gained 183 yards in 10 carries to lead the Raiders, unbeaten on the season with five consecutive Southwestern 3-A Conference wins. South Point, ranked No. 5 among state 3-A teams, is 6-0 overall.

Tailback Tonja Watson and quarterback Mark Young also went over the 100-yard mark, each getting 104 yards as South Point amassed 411 yards rushing.

"I've never coached a team that had three backs to gain over 100 yards in one game," said Raider coach Jim Biggerstaff. "That's tough to do on any football level."

"I thought we played fantastic offensive football. I wasn't pleased with our defensive effort, though. At the first of the game it looked as though the last team that had the ball would win the game."

"Although we didn't pass tonight, we have worked hard on it in practice. We'll be playing a tough defensive team next week here in our homecoming game

against Kings Mountain."

Nose guard Daryl Watson got the Raiders off to a flying start when he took a reverse handoff from Tonja Watson and raced 78 yards on the opening kickoff. Mike Dudko's conversion gave South Point a 7-0 lead with only 13 seconds elapsed off the clock.

The Raiders, who lost two fumbles and were penalized 69 yards in the first half, lost the ball at their own 38. On a fourth and 10, Tim Burns passed 26 yards to Jason Buckner to cut the Raider lead to 7-6.

Wooten then scored the first of his three touchdowns on a 35-yard run and he also ran for the two-point conversion for a 15-6 Raider lead. After Steve Shehan's 26-yard field goal cut the South Point lead to 15-9, Wooten went 28 yards at the 2:05 mark and Young ran for the two-point conversion for a 23-9 halftime lead.

R-S Central lost its quarterback, Tim Kincaid, to a knee injury just prior to the end of the first half.

Wooten scored on a 38-yard run and Young on a 48-yard run in the third period to push South Point ahead 36-9. Watson went 6 yards for the final Raider score at the 10:44 mark. R-S Central scored its final touchdown on a 54-yard yard return of a fumble recovery by Rodney Martin.

R-S dropped to 2-3 in the league and 2-4 overall.

# R-S Central 16

## South Point 43

R-S Central	6	3	0	7	— 16
South Point	15	8	13	7	— 43

SP — D. Watson 78 kickoff return (Dudko kick)

RS — Buckner 28 pass from Burns (kick failed)

SP — Wooten 35 run (Wooten run)

RS — Shehan 26 field goal

SP — Wooten 28 run (Young run)

SP — Wooten 38 run (kick failed)

SP — Young 48 run (Dudko kick)

SP — T. Watson 6 run (Dudko kick)

RS — Martin 54 fumble recovery return (Shehan kick)