

West Meck beats South Point 20-14

From staff reports

CHARLOTTE — A fourth-quarter touchdown by West Mecklenburg quarterback Derrick McGowan on a fourth-down keeper play spelled doom for the South Point Red Raiders.

In fact, McGowan did all of his team's scoring as the Indians slipped by the Raiders 20-14.

For most of the game, particularly the first half, South Point had its offense in gear. Senior standout running back, Tonja Watson, who missed last week's season opener because of a knee injury, was in fine form as he rushed for 112 first-half yards and scored both of his team's touchdowns.

But in the third period, Watson began limping after a short gainer, and saw limited action the rest of the night. He finished the game with 126 yards on 19 carries.

South Point took the opening kickoff and drove 72 yards in 10 plays, with Watson scoring from 17 yards out. Mike Dudko kicked the first of his two extra points.

West Meck scored on its first possession, going the same number of yards in 17 plays, with McGowan carrying three yards for the score on fourth-and-goal.

Watson put the Raiders ahead 14-6 with 4:38 left in the first half on a 4-yard run that capped a 68-yard drive.

The Indians scored with 1:15 left before halftime on a 1-yard run by McGowan, but failed to convert a two-point try and trailed 14-12.

The Raider defense, which struggled through the first half, did a fine job of holding the Indians in the second half until McGowan got the winning score with 3:07 left in the game.

The TD came shortly after South Point quarterback Chris Cornelius fumbled with West Mecklenburg recovering on the 30.

The Indians moved upfield, but faced fourth-and-four when McGowan slipped through the defense for the winning score.

— Mike Cearley

Prep roundup

Burns 16

Cherryville 7

CHERRYVILLE — The Ironmen scored first, but turned the ball over seven times in losing for the first time this season.

Burns' only turnover of the night set up Cherryville's score. Burns fumbled the opening kickoff with Chad Boyles recovering on the Burns 33. Two plays later, Tony Griggs found Phillip Bradley for a 38-yard scoring pass. Griggs' extra point made it 7-0.

Tracey Oates of Burns evened it up with 52 seconds remaining in the first period, scoring from 9 yards out. Mark Gould booted the point after.

Gould's 17-yard field goal with 3:53 to go in the first half put Burns ahead.

Frankie Oates scored the game's final touchdown, going over from 2 yards out early in the fourth period.

Burns, of the Southwestern 3-A Conference, is now 1-2.

— Ronald Kiser

Timmons ville 20

Clover 7

CLOVER, S.C. — A quick, swarming Timmons ville defense contained Clover Friday night as the Blue Eagles (0-2) managed to net only three yards of offense in the first half and 99 total yards in the loss dropping them to 0-2.

The only bright spots for the Blue Eagles, which committed five turnovers in the game, occurred in the second half when Keith McClure broke for a 44-yard run and Kerry Williams picked up a loose fumble and rambled 73 yards to set up Clover's only score.

On the second play of the game, Clover quarterback Ronnie Deal

South Point 14

West Mecklenburg 20

South Point 7 7 0 0 — 14

West Mecklenburg 6 6 0 0 — 20

SP — Tonja Watson 17 run (Mike Dudko kick)

WM — Derrick McGowan 3 run (kick failed)

SP — Watson 4 run (Dudko kicked)

WM — McGowan 1 run (pass failed)

WM — McGowan 18 run (Luther Holden pass from McGowan)