

# Raiders snap losing streak with 14-0 win

## From staff reports

CHARLOTTE — South Point's Red Raiders put a stop to their 16-game losing streak Friday night, scoring a 14-0 shutout against 4-A West Mecklenburg.

"I'm just thrilled for the kids, they've worked so hard, one in the win column is what they needed," South Point coach Jim Biggerstaff said.

The Raiders, with eight offensive starters back from last season, didn't waste any time taking it to West Meck. The Raiders took the opening kickoff and drove 64 yards eight plays to score its first touchdown. Willie Strain put the Raiders on the board as he raced 7 yards around the left end with 8:20 left in the first quarter.

Brian Pate, who had 104 yards on 20 carries, picked up a pair of first downs in the drive, and Pat Keough set up the score with a 30-yard pass reception from sophomore quarterback Mike Young.

With 8:57 left in the first half, Bobby Nichols picked off an Indian pass to set up Young's 24-yard scoring pass to Mike Pannell in the right corner of the end zone. Scott Floyd had a 17-yard catch on a third-and-six situation in the drive to set up that touchdown.

"They hit as hard as anyone we play all year," said West Meck coach Jim Hambacher. "Turnovers will kill you, and they took advantage of them. They kept the ball and moved it offensively very well."

The Indians started a drive from the South Point 35 on their second possession of the second half, but Roosevelt Brooks fumbled on the first play from scrimmage after carrying the ball inside the 25. Scott Osborne recovered to end the threat.

The Red Raiders thwarted two other West Meck drives by holding on downs, one of those defensive

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stands at their own 5, to seal the shutout. "The defense was just super fantastic," said Biggerstaff. "It's a long time coming."

— Neil Simmons

## Clover 7 Timmons ville 0

CLOVER, S.C. — Clover's Henry Douglas provided the game's only touchdown when he scored from 1 yard out with 58 seconds remaining in the third quarter. Smitty Ballard added the extra point and the rest of the game was defense.

Blue Eagle defensive back Chris Meek recovered a Whirlwind fumble and intercepted a pass to stop Timmons ville twice in Clover territory.

The evening got off to a bad start for the Whirlwinds (0-2), as their team bus had a flat tire about 50 miles from Clover. That resulted in a 25-minute delay in the start of the game.

Clover's scoring drive started at the Blue Eagle 35 after a Timmons ville punt. Douglas gained 14 yards on a handoff, then 15 more on a sweep to put the Blue Eagles (1-1) in Whirlwind territory.

A fourth-down conversion by Collie Douglas at the Timmons ville 25 kept the drive alive and Henry Douglas scored six plays later, also on a fourth-down call.

Timmons ville moved into Clover territory twice in the game's final three minutes, but was denied the end zone. The Whirlwinds appeared to have a touchdown with 1:06 left in the game when quarterback Tripp Simmons hit Bobby Brown with a 20-yard scoring pass. But the

NO — Ralph Stone or Tim (McGowan kick)

# South Point 14

# West Mecklenburg 0

South Point	7	7	0	0	— 14
West Mecklenburg	0	0	0	0	— 0

SP — Willie Strain 7 run (Strain kick)

SP — Mike Pannell 24 pass from Mike Young  
(Strain kick)