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From staff reports

BELMONT — It was literally one of those old-fashioned duels in the sun.

South Point's Red Raiders came within an eyelash of bumping off defending state 3-A champion Shelby here Friday night in one of the hardest-hitting games played at Lineberger Stadium in recent memory.

South Point, trailing 20-13 late in the game, had a chance to win when Brian Pate recovered a Therome George fumble at the Red Raider 42.

Fifteen plays later with 2:48 remaining, tailback Pate raced into the end zone from the 1 to trim Shelby's margin to 20-19 in the Southwestern 3-A Conference thriller.

Pate, however, was stopped short on a running attempt which

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could have given the Raiders the win. The Golden Lions picked up two first downs and ran out the clock to move to 1-0 in the SWC and 3-1 overall. The Red Raiders dropped to 0-1 and 2-2.

"I thought our kids played great, just great," said Raider Coach Jim Biggerstaff. "We kept coming back and our kids played their hearts out.

"As for going for two after Pate's score, I'd do it again in the bat of an eye. This game had a lot of twists and turns on the part of both teams. In the end, Surratt (Cedric) was the one man we couldn't stop. He had a super ballgame."

Surratt scored both of his team's touchdowns on runs of 18

and 19 yards and finished with 176 yards rushing in 18 carries, or almost all of Shelby's 213 total.

Surratt's 18-yard run gave Shelby a 7-0 lead following Clint Gualtney's extra point with 4:21 remaining in the first period and Gualtney's 35-yard field goal made it 10-0 early in the second half.

South Point battled back to take a 13-10 halftime lead on 1-yard runs by Willie Strain and Scott Floyd, the latter leading his team with 79 yards rushing in 19 carries on the night.

In three carries to begin the second half, Surratt ripped off runs of 13, 38 and 19 yards to give Shelby a 17-13 lead. Gualtney's 29-yard field goal at the 5:15 mark pushed Shelby ahead, 20-13.

It stayed that way until the

dramatic finish.

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KINGS MOUNTAIN — A big 74-yard scoring run by Ross, the Burns Bulldog, won the Kings Mountain game in a crucial Southwestern Conference opener for both

Ross's scoring run with 9:42 left in the game. Kings Mountain's Tom missed a 30-yard field goal attempt. Ross also scored on a 10-yard run just before giving the Bulldogs the lead by a 17-13 margin.

Kings Mountain's safety when Ross was tackled in his own end zone late in the game. The Mounties, now

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Sh — Cedric Surratt 18 run (Clint Gaultney kick)

Sh — Gaultney 35 field goal

SP — Scott Floyd 1 run (Willie Strain kick)

SP — Strain 1 run (run failed)

Sh — Surratt 19 run (Gaultney kick)

Sh — Gaultney 29 field goal

SP — Brian Pate 1 run (run failed)