

Shelby turns out lights on South Point, 41-6

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BELMONT — One winning streak continued and another ended here Friday night as Shelby's Golden Lions turned South Point's lights out in the second round of the state 3-A football playoffs, 41-6.

Shelby won its 10th straight game while South Point's seven-game winning streak came to a screeching halt in a game most felt would at least be close.

Shelby, the defending state 3-A champs, advances into the third round next Friday at home against Clyde Erwin, 15-0 win-

ner Friday over R-S Central. The Golden Lions are 11-1. South Point ends its season at 9-3.

Shelby was next to perfect in the first half, jumping on the Red Raiders for a 35-0 halftime margin.

Six different Shelby players scored in the runaway contest, a completely different game from the first meeting between the two teams when Shelby held on for a 20-19 victory in Belmont.

"We did very little of anything in the first half," said a disappointed Jim Biggerstaff of the Red Raiders. "It was embarrassing. It's a tough way for these kids to go out.

"People won't remember that we went from 0-10 to 9-3. They're just going to remember that we got our behind kicked by Shelby in the playoffs."

Speaking of remembering, South Point fans will remember Cedric Surratt. Surratt, who had 173 yards rushing in the first meeting between the two teams, had 125 yards rushing in eight carries in the first half and then was put to pasture, carrying only once in the second half.

Surratt's great 54-yard run that gave Shelby a 7-0 lead in the first period. It got progressively better for Shelby and painfully worse for South Point

after that.

Shelby stunned the Raiders with a 28-point second quarter, getting a 25-yard touchdown pass from Therome George to Colonel Hopper, a 42-yard run by George on a quarterback keeper, a 40-yard flyer from Tony Mauney and a 20-yard pass interception and touchdown return by Chad Holbrook. Clint Gwaltney kicked five extra points, and school was out by intermission.

The Raiders played on even terms in the second half, driving 82 yards in eight plays for its only score in the third period, climaxed by Scott Floyd's 45-yard touchdown run.

Shelby got a 12-yard run from Dan Johnston to close out its scoring in the fourth period.

The Raiders got very little playing time from the *Gazette* area's leading scorer, Willie Strain. Strain suffered a painful hip pointer early in the game and didn't return.

The Golden Lions had 356 yards rushing, paced by Surratt's 133 in nine carries. Shelby had amassed 227 yards rushing by intermission. Shelby had 412 yards in total offense.

Floyd was the bright spot for South Point, rushing for 92 yards in 13 carries and scoring his team's lone touchdown.

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South Point	0	0	6	0	—	6
Shelby	7	28	0	6	—	41

SH — Cedric Surratt 54 run (Clint Gwaltney kick)

SH — Colonel Hopper 25 pass from Therome George (Gwaltney kick)

SH — George 42 run (Gwaltney kick)

SH — Tony Mauney 40 run (Gwaltney kick)

SH — Chad Holbrook 20 pass interception (Gwaltney kick)

SP — Scott Floyd 45 run (pass failed)

SH — Dan Johnston 12 run (kick failed)

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