

Red Raiders clinch share of league title

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SHELBY — There were so many big first downs, so many big touchdowns, so many questionable calls, so many ...

So. Point	28
Shelby	27

There were so many costly penalties, so many great runs, South Point coach Phil Tate didn't know how to react after the Red Raiders' 28-27 victory at Shelby Friday night.

■ **WOLVES WIN:** Lincolnton rolled over Mooresville 34-7 to win the Western Piedmont Conference championship Friday night. /5C

South Point clinched a share of the Southwestern 3-A-Conference title and will host a first-round playoff game next Friday.

"I don't know how we won the game,"

Tate said. "I'll have to look at the film, there was so much going on."

Was there ever.

And one huge play stood out with the Red Raiders holding a 28-27 lead late in the game.

Shelby had a first-and-10 from South Point's 45-yard line and quarterback Antonio Gaston connected on a 43-yard pass to Robert Williams. But a holding pen-

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POSTPONEMENTS

The Ashbrook at Hunter Huss and R-S Central at North Gaston football games were postponed Friday night because of rain.

Both games have been rescheduled for Monday at 7:30 p.m.

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alty, one that infuriated Golden Lions' coach Jim Taylor, brought the play back.

Taylor was eventually thrown out of the game after his second unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

Soon after, the clock ran out and South Point had beaten its arch-rival for the second consecutive year.

"This is a huge ballgame," Tate said. "I don't know what we will do if we have to play them

again."

Junior running back Courtney Williams had another spectacular game for the Red Raiders, rushing for 173 yards and three touchdowns from 3, 2 and 3 yards out.

"He ran great and ran so hard," Tate said of Williams.

South Point	7	7	14	0	—	28
Shelby	6	14	7	0	—	27

SP — Courtney Williams 3 run (Kirk Crawford kick)
 Shel — Omar Roberts 1 run (kick failed)
 SP — Williams 2 run (Crawford kick)
 Shel — Roberts 11 run (Tucker Hamrick kick)
 Shel — Roberts 71 run (Hamrick kick)
 SP — Williams 3 run (Crawford kick)
 Shel — Antonio Gaston 60 run (Hamrick kick)
 SP — Reggie McLean 30 pass from Shannon Armstrong (Crawford kick)