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South Point's Mica Tribble holds off the attack of Shelby's Milton Briscoe during Friday night's game.

# Ashe lifts Shelby over S. Point

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BELMONT — The final chapter in the storied South Point-Shelby rivalry was written Friday night.

Shelby's Tyler Ashe emerged as the hero, kicking a 27-yard field goal with 1:33 left in the game to give the Golden Lions a 17-14 victory.

Shelby wrapped up its final season in the Southwestern 3A Conference with a 5-1 league record and a 7-4 overall mark. The Golden Lions had already clinched a state playoff berth and will meet Asheville next week.

South Point, which missed the playoffs for the first time in six years, ended its season 3-7 and

2-4 in the SWC.

"I've coached in a lot of South Point-Shelby games and it's sad to see it come to an end," said Shelby coach Jim Taylor, who's in

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S. Point	14

his 20th season at the helm.

"We had a lot going for us tonight and South Point didn't. But they played extremely well under the circumstances."

Shelby's winning field goal was set up after Nick Hopper intercepted a halfback pass thrown by South Point's Koren Robinson.

Shelby drove to the South Point 10 following the interception, but could pick up no more yardage

from there as the Raider defense rose to the occasion.

The 27-yard kick was a chip shot for Ashe, who booted the ensuing kickoff out of the South Point end zone.

"Our guys never gave up," said Devine. "They gave it their all from the opening bell to the final bell. It was good old-fashioned football."

South Point took the opening kickoff and drove 71 yards for the game's first score. Robinson scored from 33 yards and Brian Ashe's kick gave the Raiders an early 7-0 lead.

Shelby	7	7	0	3	-17
South Point	14	0	0	0	-14
SP — Koren Robinson	33	run	(Brian Ashe kick)		
Sh — Markus Tate	29	run	(Tyler Ashe kick)		
SP — Thurston Johnson	85	run	(Ashe kick)		
Sh — Tate	62	yard run	(Ashe kick)		
Sh — Ashe	27	FG			