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South Point's Tiger Williams breaks the tackle of East Rutherford's Jonathon Fish and Seneca Stroud (right) Friday night.

# Happy homecoming

■ South Point starts slow, finishes strong against East Rutherford

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BELMONT — South Point exploded for 43 points in the second and third quarters to romp past East Rutherford 50-10 on homecoming night in Belmont.

The Red Raiders (6-0-1, 3-0 in Southwestern 3A) actually trailed 3-0 at the end of the first quarter but it didn't take long for South Point to take control of the conference tilt in the second quarter.

Raider senior Tiger Williams picked off a Stencil Robinson pass on the first play of the second frame and returned it 43 yards to the end zone. After a Cavalier (2-6, 1-2) penalty on the extra point brought the Raiders within four feet of the goal line, Williams ran in from the right side to give South Point an 8-3 lead.

"How much can you say about Tiger Williams?" asked South Point coach John Devine. "For three years, he's been everywhere he's needed to be... This year has just been fantastic for him. He makes another great play that turns a game around."

After Williams' score, the powerful Red Raider offense clicked into action and the East Rutherford defense couldn't recover. Devon Lowery and Rasharde Reid each scored in the second quarter to give the Raiders a 22-3 halftime cushion.

Lowery showed why he was se-



South Point quarterback Devon Lowery had another solid night, rushing for 123 yards and two touchdowns while passing for 69 yards and two more scores.

lected the North Carolina 3A quarterback of the year in the preseason with his sensational third quarter. The senior threw for two touchdowns (to Jimmy Spirlin and Brian McWhirter) and he dazzled the 5,000 fans in attendance with a 76-yard

rushing score.

"Once you run the ball with an option-based team, that opens up so many more options like the pass," said Lowery. "It's hard to throw the pass that much when you run so much. But we know that we can throw it."

The first quarter featured two South Point turnovers and a Raider offense that didn't look too sharp. Devine said the slow start would be worked out this week before the team travels to Lawn-dale to face a suddenly resurgent Burns squad.

"We had some young kids commit some turnovers and we can't have that," said Devine. "They'll have to sit and watch if they can't hang onto the football."

## South Point 50, East Rutherford 10

ER	3	0	0	7	— 10
SP	0	22	21	7	— 50

ER — Andrew Desserud 20 field goal  
SP — Tiger Williams 43 interception return (Williams run)  
SP — Devon Lowery 7 run (B.J. Richmond kick)  
SP — Rasharde Reid 31 run (Richmond kick)  
SP — Lowery 76 run (Richmond kick)  
SP — Jimmy Spirlin 33 pass from Lowery (Richmond kick)  
SP — Brian McWhirter 36 pass from Lowery (Richmond kick)  
SP — John Alexander 1 run (Richmond kick)  
ER — Stencil Robinson 7 run (Desserud kick)