

Raiders win home-field advantage

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BELMONT — It only took eight offensive plays for South Point to take control in its 42-21 win over R-S Central Friday night to close out the regular season.

Three plays after Tiger Williams' sensational 58-yard kickoff return to start the game, Red Raider quarterback Devon Lowery scored on a 13-yard run to put the home team ahead 7-0.

Four plays into its second possession, Lowery hooked up with Williams on a 32-yard touchdown strike that pushed the lead to 14-0.

After the Hilltoppers scored on a 98-yard kickoff return from D.J. Boyce, South Point immediately answered on Rasharde Reid's first touch of the game. Reid, a junior fullback, streaked 65 yards for a score and a 21-6 lead.

The Red Raiders (10-0-1, 6-0 Southwestern 3A) tacked on another Reid 51-yard score early in the second quarter and the rout was on. South Point coach John Devine called off the dogs early in the second half after Williams scored on a 34-yard romp to put South Point ahead 42-14.

The win assures South Point of home-field advantage throughout the Western Regional 3A. The only way the Red Raiders won't play at home in a playoff game in 2000 is if they advance to Chapel Hill for the 3A championship on Friday, Dec. 8.

"Home-field advantage is just amazing," said South Point linebacker Ian Gibson, who delivered many big hits in the game. "It pumps you up when you know everyone is behind you."

"There's a lot less stress when you're at home — you have your fans behind you," said Reid, who finished with 134 yards rushing on only seven carries.

RS	6	8	0	7	-	21
SP	21	14	7	0	-	42

SP — Devon Lowery 13 run (B.J. Richmond kick)

SP — Tiger Williams 32 pass from Lowery (Richmond kick)

RS — D.J. Boyce 98 kickoff return (pass failed)

SP — Rasharde Reid 65 run (Richmond kick)

SP — Reid 51 run (Richmond kick)

RS — Jeff Ogle 76 run (Ogle run)

SP — Brian McWhirter 11 run (Richmond kick)

SP — Williams 34 run (Richmond kick)

RS — Greg McDowell 19 pass from Ogle (Tim Roach kick)