

South Point 35, Shelby 24

# Rally of the Red

3-0 South Point escapes  
record passing day in win

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BELMONT — Fireworks could be heard booming in the distance late Friday as the city of Belmont celebrated the final 'Friday Night Live' concert series of 2013.

Earlier on Friday at South Point High's Lineberger Stadium, a huge crowd got to see a different kind of fireworks display as the homestanding Red Raiders twice overcame 10-point deficits and a record-setting passing performance by Shelby junior R.J. George in a 35-24 victory.

In the end, it was simply a matter of South Point's thunderous "Red Bone" triple-option running game defeating Shelby's lightning quick passing scoring strikes.

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South Point's Tyler Bray leaps over Shelby's Kylon Ross during the Red Raider win Friday night.



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"We needed to be challenged — and we were," said South Point coach Mickey Lineberger, whose team had rolled up an 84-16 point differential in its opening two victories. "It was two teams with great traditions playing good, hard football. We were fortunate that we were the ones that came out on top."

In the first meeting between the longtime rivals since 1996, it was underdog Shelby (1-2) that came out firing in each half in a game in which George shattered the school single-game passing record by 44 yards; George's 323 yards passing Friday surpassed the previous mark of 279 set by Daylan Fuller in the 2011 season in a game against East Rutherford.

Before many had gotten comfortably seated, George completed the first of his three touchdown passes — a 78-yarder to Antwan Wright on the game's first play from scrimmage.

Then, after South Point had cut a 17-7 lead that came on Luke Hayek's 51-yard field goal to 17-14 at the half, George's fifth throw of the second half — also to Wright — went for 38 yards and a

touchdown that helped Shelby take a 24-14 lead with 3:44 to play in third quarter.

But despite that late deficit, South Point simply reverted to what it does best — consume yardage and time with three straight clinching scoring drives.

Quarterback Jaquan Brooks (136), fullback Tyler Bray (130) and wingback Trey Crenshaw (135) each finished with 100 or more yards rushing — and each tallied touchdowns in a five-minute burst that improved South Point to 3-0 on the season.

Brooks capped an eight-play, 80-yard drive with a six-yard keeper with 14.8 seconds left in the third quarter. Crenshaw raced untouched on a 56-yard run with 9:57 left to play. And Bray bulled in from one yard out with 7:12 left.

"We've been around here long enough to just concern ourselves with what we do," Lineberger said. "Our coaching staff has about 300 years experience, so there was no panic."

During South Point's scoring burst, Shelby's offense sputtered behind a running game that could never get untracked and by six second-half dropped passes that stunted what could've been

an even better passing performance by George.

"We told them before the game that we wanted to play physical on defense," Shelby coach Lance Ware said. "You're not going to shut them down, but we had some chances to score more points and we just made some key mistakes at critical times."

"Credit South Point. They really stopped our running game and made us a little one-dimensional on offense."

Both teams had defensive standouts, as Shelby's Tyrone Allen, Rashawn Petty and Robert Brown made eight solo or first-hit tackles and South Point's Deion Jones had seven and Daishon Davis five. Jones also intercepted a pass on Shelby's final offensive play of the night.

Led by George's 323 yards and three touchdowns passing as he completed 14 of 28 throws, Shelby finished with 378 yards total offense.

Led by its trio of 100-yard rushers, South Point finished with 485 yards total offense.

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## South Point 35, Shelby 24

Shelby 10 7 7 0 — 24

South Point 7 7 7 14 — 35

### First quarter

S—Antwan Wright 78 pass from

R.J. George (Luke Hayek kick),

11:42.

SP—Tyler Bray 7 run (Aaron Camp

kick), 7:53.

S—FG Hayek 51, 4:28.

### Second quarter

S—Ralph Jolly 49 pass from

George (Hayek kick), 11:48.

SP—Jaquan Brooks 18 run (Camp

kick), 5:22.

### Third quarter

S—Wright 38 pass from George

(Hayek kick), 3:44.

SP—Brooks 6 run (Camp kick),

0:14.8.

Fourth quarter

SP—Trey Crenshaw 56 run (Camp

kick), 9:57.

SP—Bray 1 run (Camp kick), 7:12.

	Shelby	SP
First downs	11	21
Rushes-yards	17-55	62-479
Passing yards	323	6
Total yards	378	485
Comp-Att-Int	14-28-1	1-6-0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-0
Penalties-yards	10-64	3-25
Punts-avg.	4-36.8	4-31.3

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING**—Shelby, Raekwon

Washington 10-46, George 5-4,

Jaquavis Brooks 2-5. South Point,

Jaquan Brooks 20-136, Diontrea

King 9-68, Bray 21-130, Ben

Washam 2-13, Crenshaw 7-135,

Team 3-minus 3.

**PASSING**—Shelby, George 14-28-1

323. South Point, Jaquan Brooks

1-6-0 6.

**RECEIVING**—Shelby, Wright 4-116,

Jolly 5-130, Chad Reid 2-48, Kylon

Ross 2-20, Michael Gullatte 1-9.

South Point, King 1-6.