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South Point quarterback Diontree King runs down the sideline past Shelby's Aaron Jolly and Damien Key on a long run that resulted in a Red Raider touchdown during their game Friday night in Belmont. Shelby won the matchup, 35-28, that ended at 11:35 p.m.

CLASH OF STYLE

South Point falls to Shelby during delayed match

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BELMONT — Shelby's high-powered passing attack clashed with South Point's equally potent spread option running game on Friday at Lineberger Stadium in a clash of styles.

In the end, Shelby won 35-28 in a contest that ended at 11:35 p.m. largely due to an 85-minute lightning delay in the first quarter.

The unbeaten Golden Lions (3-0) once trailed 21-7 but scored three touchdowns in the second half, including the game-winning score with 1:42 to play.

Shelby still needed a late defensive stand to clinch the victory; the Golden Lions stopped South Point on downs at the Shelby 16 on the game's final play.

Shelby showed its quick-strike ability from the outset as the Golden Lions went 87 yards in three plays after the



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opening kickoff. Darquez Lee capped the drive with a 37-yard touchdown pass to Jayden Borders.

South Point then took advantage of several Golden Lions mistakes to take a 21-7 lead.

In a game in which Shelby committed four turnovers — South Point had none — and had two touchdowns nullified by penalties, the host Red Raiders were eager to take advantage.

South Point drove 64 yards in nine plays on its first drive — capped by a Diontre King 14-yard TD run — to tie the score.

Later, Ryland Etherton and King added TD runs as the Red Raiders took a 21-7 advantage with 7:52 left in the third quarter.

Shelby responded with a four-play, 56-yard drive capped by Lee's 12-yard TD pass to Darius Fuller with 6:08 left in the third quarter.

The Golden Lions tied it on its next possession as Lee went five yards up the middle for a touchdown with 1:15 left in the third quarter. The eight-play, 64-yard drive that saw two Shelby touchdowns called back on consecutive plays.

Shelby would take a 28-21 lead two possessions later, as Antwan Wright caught a 15-yard TD pass from Lee with 6:26 to play.

But the Golden Lions' fourth and final turnover — a muffed punt — set up South Point's final tying score. One play after Mario Brandon's fumble recovery, King hit Davis Ray for a 39-yard TD pass with 4:03 to play.

However, instead of regaining the game's momentum, Shelby put together its winning drive on a seven-play, 85-yard drive that ended by Xavier Brooks' 5-yard TD run.

The Golden Lions still had to stop South Point, which got three first-down runs by King and a first down pass from King to Davis Ray before Shelby forced three straight incompletions in the game's final 14 seconds.

SHELBY AT SOUTH POINT

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FIRST QUARTER

Shelby — Jayden Borders 37 pass from

Darquez Lee (Ethan Triplett kick), 10:54

SP — Diontre King 14 run (Thomas Lempereur kick), 6:29

SP — Ryland Etherton 2 run (Lempereur kick), 3:18

THIRD QUARTER

SP — King 10 run (Lempereur kick), 7:52

Shelby — Darius Fuller 12 pass from Lee (Triplett kick), 6:08

Shelby — Lee 5 run (Triplett kick), 1:15

FOURTH QUARTER

Shelby — Antwan Wright 15 pass from Lee (Triplett kick), 6:26

SP — Davis Ray 39 pass King (Lempereur kick), 4:03

Shelby — Xavier Brooks 5 run (Triplett kick), 1:42

	Shelby	SP
First downs	20	15
Rushes-yards	26-139	57-234
Passing yards	385	66
Total yards	524	300
Comp-Att-Int	20-32-1	5-14-0
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	5-34	4-40
Punts-avg.	0-0	3-36.7

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — **Shelby**: Xavier Brooks 10-69, Darquez Lee 7-20, Calvin Camp 3-29, Jwan Sims 6-21. **SP**: Ryland Etherton 19-54, Ometrick Leeper 3-10, Nolan Wilson 6-23, Ty Tinker 7-39, Diontre King 22-108.

PASSING — **Shelby**: Lee 20-32-1 385. **SP**: King 5-13-0 66, Team 0-1-0 0.

RECEIVING — **Shelby**: Camp 2-50, Jayden Borders 6-78, Darius Fuller 3-30, Antwan Wright 3-55, Brooks 1-16, Sims 4-131, Kavacia Shell 1-25. **SP**: Davis Ray 2-51, Wilson 3-15.