

Preview

Strength In Numbers

Among the highest honors bestowed on athletes is to have a team for which they've played to retire their jersey number. The accolade signifies the value to the organization of the recognized player and implies that no other could match the high standard they set on the field. In Chicago, no player will ever again don a jersey with the number 34. Running back Walter Payton carried the Bears to a Super Bowl XX victory. Throughout his career, his toughness, skill, and character served as a positive reflection on the organization, prompting the owners to award the star player with the jersey retirement. In more recent history the Denver Broncos and Indianapolis Colts both retired the number 18 worn previously by Quarterback Peyton Manning. Both organizations had had some measure of success over their history, but it was following Manning's arrival and leadership that led the teams to the pinnacle of professional football success. The Colts claimed the Lombardi trophy in Super Bowl XLI, and the Broncos were champions of Super Bowl 50. The University of Tennessee also retired Manning's number 16 in recognition of his success and his ongoing dedication to the school and the football program. These high honors are rare and thus richly deserved by the recipients. But perhaps an even higher honor, certainly a greater privilege, may be realized in football on the high school level. Players from the glory of years passed watch closely, with pride, the players that now take the field clad in jerseys sporting their former numbers. This is a reminder of a legacy formerly established. And the importance of continuing that legacy is not lost on the players that take the field. Traditions continue and at South Point those traditions set the highest standards. The Red Raiders that hit the gridiron do so with a determination unmatched by any opponent. To do less would be to damage a vaulted program. They understand the value of the number they carry. They embrace the responsibility that comes with the honor of wearing a jersey that so many before wore to victory. It's what unites a team with a community. And it's what sustains a program season after season.

And now it's time for the page to turn! The uniform is donned; the number is prominently displayed. The Big Red is set to take the field and embark on a journey that leads them to the pinnacle of high school football success. The "Numbers" are hungry, determined, and united for the goal. The promise of a great season is assured as RaiderNation is ready and eager to show their support!

There's strength in Numbers.

Go Get 'Em, Red!

Notable Facts and Thoughts

South Point hosts the Red Tornadoes of Hickory to kickoff the 2025 season. After posting a 14-1 record last season, the Red Tornadoes will provide a formidable challenge to the Raiders coming out of the gate. Start with a win...and don't stop!