

Crawford Leads Loop Win

Raiders Down 'Pack 21-7

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The longest winning streak by a South Point 3-A opponent against the Red Raiders came to a thudding halt last night at SP Stadium.

South Point, who hadn't beaten Lincolnton and Von Ray Harris since 1958, came up with a big 21-7 Southwest 3-A victory, snapping the Wolfpack's domination of 10 straight wins against them.

Thus South Point upped its Southwest loop mark to 3-1, right behind current division leaders Shelby and East, both with 4-0 marks. Shelby ripped R-S Central last night 35-0 while the Cavaliers had a tough time getting past Crest 13-6.



SCOTT CRAWFORD
He Dials Long Distances

In the other Southwest game, unbeaten Chase, South Point's foe on the road next Friday, continued to roll mightily along, socking one to Burns by a 47-17 count.

South Point's sophomores played like seniors last night and one of them, 160-pound halfback Scott Crawford, teased the big home crowd with possibilities of things to come.

After Lincolnton had jumped off to a 7-0 first quarter lead on a 45-yard interception of a screen pass and resulting touchdown run by defensive end Doug Fore, Crawford went into action.

He took the Lincolnton kickoff on his five, zipped up the middle behind his blockers, burst into the clear, hit the sidelines and went 95 yards and when Joe (The Toe) Metz booted the extra point, it was tied at 7-7.

On the first play from scrimmage following the kickoff, defensive halfback Crawford picked up a Lincolnton fumble and raced 31 yards to paydirt. Metz again converting, giving the Big Red a 14-7 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, Don Davis, playing a standout defensive end, recovered a fumble at the Lincolnton 41 and senior quarterback Rick Cherry led them in, the touchdown coming on a 11-yard pass, Cherry to end Jerry Conard. Metz, who has kicked 13 of 15 extra points, was again true.

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THAT WAS destined to be all the scoring, though South Point tried a 33-yard field goal by Metz in the fourth quarter. It was long enough but wide.

Crawford, as a freshman at Cramerton last year, played second string tackle. But the Raiders' new coach, Jim Biggerstaff, saw his potential as a back in pre-season drills and Scott is responding.

South Point, now 3-2 overall, has scored 103 points while surrendering only 43 and the scoring has been extremely well-balanced, eight different boys having scored 12 or more points.

Cherry ran the option extremely well. He led a Raider offense that gained 220 yards rushing and 98 passing for a total night on offense of 318 yards.

Except for Fore's pass interception and TD run, which came with 16 seconds left in the first quarter, the Raider defense held the Wolfpack pretty much at bay. Lincolnton had surrendered only 31 points entering the game.

"We looked awfully good," said Biggerstaff after the game. "Even without looking at the

films, I know it was an extremely good showing.

"We played Davis at defensive end for the first time and the boy did a marvelous job. There's just no telling how good Crawford can be.

"With any kind of luck at all, we could be 4-0 in our conference. We realize some tough ones lie ahead, starting with Chase, a powerful team, up there next Friday."

Statistics

	S.P.	Line.
First Downs	18	7
Net Yds. Rushing	220	81
Passes	8-14	3-10
Passing Yardage	98	65
Passes Intercepted by	2	2
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Punts	2-36	6-37
Yards Penalized	79	35

Teams	1	2	3	4-T
South Point	7	7	7	0-21
Lincolnton	7	0	0	0-7

Scoring, South Point: Crawford 2 (95-yd. kickoff return, 31-yd. run after fumble recovery); Conard (11-yd. pass from Cherry). PAT: Metz 3 (placements).

Scoring, Lincolnton: Fore (45-yd. pass intercepted). PAT: Weaver (placement).

