

Raiders blitz Shelby to remain undefeated



Crawford scores two in 27-6 win

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The famine is over and it was powerful sweet for the undefeated, untied and undaunted South Point Red Raiders.

South Point won the 'biggie' in rainy, sloshy South Point Stadium Friday night, soaring high on the wings of eagles to a 27-6 pasting of Shelby's Golden Lions.

It was the first Red Raider victory over Shelby since 1959, when the Big Red won a 6-0 decision in the mud. But this one was bigger . . . far bigger.

It enabled Jim Biggerstaff's Big Red Machine, ranked the number three Class 3-A team in the state, to remain undefeated and all but sewed up the regular season title.

South Point's conference mark in the Southwest 3-A is now a glittering 7-0 while Shelby is 5-1-1. Overall, the Raiders are 8-0 and Shelby 5-2-1.

Scott Crawford, despite the wet conditions, scored two of the Big Red touchdowns, ran his scoring total on the year to 130 points, and has now gained 1,214 yards rushing in eight games. He entered the contest with 1,112 yards and added to his total with 104 yards in 22 carries before a good SP Stadium crowd despite the rain.

South Point now stands a good chance of finishing unbeaten for the first time since 1953, when the Big Red went 10-0 before losing to Albemarle in the playoffs 14-6. Biggerstaff, incidentally, was the wingback star on that '53 team.

"Beating Shelby is something we've waited on for a long time," said Biggerstaff. "And we feel mighty good about beating them since they are a good, well-coached outfit."

"I can't say enough about the overall performance of everybody on the team. Our defense stuck it to them and we moved the ball well under real bad conditions."

with shouts of "we're number one" ringing loud and clear.

"They waited a whole year to get back at Shelby," smiled Biggerstaff. "We went up there last year with an unbeaten record and they were laying for us. Tonight, thank goodness, the shoe was on the other foot."

The Red Raiders more than likely will play Shelby again in the post-season playoffs at Shelby. "Actually, I think the bad field condition slowed us down," said Biggerstaff. "We've got a lot of speed we couldn't utilize tonight."

The Big Red, now having scored 267 points on the season compared to the opposition's 41, has remaining league tests against East Rutherford at home next week and Burns on the road November 5. Barring a major shocker, they should finish unbeaten for the first time since '53.

Except for one drive, and they were aided by two penalties in a 48-yard push, Shelby was kept at bay by a stout and stubborn Red Raider defense. The Lions finished with minus rushing yardage in the second half and finished with just 38 net yards rushing for the game.

South Point, aided by Crawford's 104 yards, finished with 177 yards rushing and 82 more passing. In addition to their four touchdowns, the Big Red had two scoring thrusts stopped on the Shelby four and the 55.

A fumble recovery by Jim Forbes at the Shelby 23 set up

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| | S. Point | Shelby |
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| First downs | 10 | 5 |
| Net yards rushing | 177 | 38 |
| Passes | 4-6 | 4-10 |
| Passing yardage | 82 | 33 |
| Passes intercepted by | 1 | 6 |
| Fumbles lost | 0 | 2 |
| Punts | 3-54 | 3-40 |
| Yards penalized | 40 | 40 |

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| South Point | 7 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 27 |
| Shelby | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 |

SCORING SUMMARY
Scoring Touchdowns: South Point: Crawford 2 (runs on runs of 8 and 7 yards); Ivester (17-yard pass from Hannan); Camson (1-yard run).
P.A.T. Grier 3 (placements).
Scoring Touchdowns: Shelby: McMurry (1-yard run).

SLOSHING TOWARD VICTORY . . . is South Point's Scott Crawford, breaking a tackle in the mud for a long gain

Photos by Chuck Beckley

THE RED Raider players whooped it up with a gala celebration minus champagne of course! in the dressing room