

Defense is tough, 14-6

Raiders defeat Ironmen

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CHERRYVILLE — South Point used a tough defense to keep Cherryville in the minus column for total yardage and the Raider offense put two touchdowns on the board as the Big Red took a 14-6 victory over the Ironmen here Friday night.

South Point scored in the first quarter and in the final stanza while Cherryville scored in the third period on a long punt return.

The Raider defense was the key to the game as this unit

constantly held the Ironmen in their own backfield and forced many mistakes on Cherryville's part.

The South Point running backs accounted for 212 yards and helped stage two long clock-eating drives in the fourth quarter.

"It was a typical first game for us," stated South Point coach Jim Biggerstaff after the win. "We made a few mistakes but the defense did a fine job. The penetration of the line on defense was great and that caused a lot of their losses."

"I know we have a long way to go," Biggerstaff continued, "but I'm very encouraged by our performance tonight."

Cherryville coach Jerry Carpenter was very displeased by the number of mistakes his team made and said that South Point took advantage of the Ironmen's mistakes. "We made some bad moves in offense and the penalties cost us because they went in to score after we committed two of them."

South Point took the lead in the game at 1:56 in the first quarter as quarterback Mark

Coley sneaked over from the one. The drive started at the Raider 47 and was highlighted by a 21-yard pass play from Coley to Wayne Froneberger and a 10 yard jolt by Fewell. Dennis Grier took care of the PAT kick.

South Point started a drive late in the second period but it was stranded at the Raider 13 after 13 plays.

The Ironmen got on the scoreboard early in the third period as Tommy Summer returned a punt from his own 22 to the Raider end zone. Summer got two good blocks that sprang to the 50 and it looked as if the big fullback would go down here. He stayed on feet through and sprinted the rest of the way, leaving the South Point defenders far behind.

BIGGERSTAFF commented about Summer's return saying, "We gave up on the play. We had the guy trapped but the players must have thought somebody else was going to make the tackle but nobody did. It was a good run though."

Another drive was started by the Raiders at the South Point 43 with about 11 minutes remaining in the game. The Raiders ran two plays and faced a third-and-five situation on the first series in the drive but Robert Adams responded with a 10

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RAIDERS, P-2-A, Col. 1

	S. P.	Cherry.
First Downs	12	6
Net Yards Rushing	212	-32
Passes	4-7	3-10
Passing Yardage	35	21
Passes Intercepted by	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Punts	6-29	6-30
Yards Penalized	95	45

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Teams	1	2	3	4-T
South Point	7	0	0	7-14
Cherryville	0	0	6	0-6

SCORING SUMMARY

S.P.—Coley 1 run (Grier kick)
C—Summer 72 pun returns (kick failed)
S.P.—Fewell 4 run (Grier kick)

Lincolnton blanks R-S Central, 14-0

By GEORGE GANTT
RUTHERFORDTON — Lincolnton's Wolfpack, rated a strong contender for the South-west 3-A Conference title this year, got off on the right foot in loop warfare here last night with a 14-0 triumph over the R-S Central Hilltoppers.

Lincolnton scored touchdowns in the first and fourth quarters to win it. The last touchdown was set up as a result of a blocked punt.

The first Wolfpack touchdown came on a short 35-yard drive after the Wolfpack recovered one of their four fumble recoveries during the evening. The touchdown came on a 12-yard pass from Billy Murphy to Boyce Briggs and Lindsay kicked the first of his two extra points.

There was no more scoring in

the first half, although the Pack just missed glory-land. They had fourth and goal at the two but got stopped for no gain.

Lincolnton scored its final touchdown when Ralph Conner blocked a Hilltopper punt and the Lincs recovered on the eight. The touchdown came on a

	Linc.	R-S
First Downs	5	5
Net Yards Rushing	81	104
Passes	4-8	5-23
Passing Yardage	50	59
Passes Intercepted by	0	0
Fumbles Lost	4	5
Punts	6-39	8-34
Yards Penalized	55	100

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Teams	1	2	3	4-T
Lincolnton	7	0	0	7-14
R-S Central	0	0	0	0-0

SCORING SUMMARY

Scoring touchdowns, Lincolnton: Norwood (6-yard run); Briggs (12-yard pass from Murphy). PAT: Lindsay 2 (placements).

six-yard run by halfback Doug Norwood.

R-S Central's deepest penetration came in the second quarter when they made a push to the Lincolnton 15 before the aroused Pack defense rose up to thwart the bid.

Halfback Fred Dalrymple led the Wolfpack in rushing, gaining 15 yards in 16 carries. A stand-out on defense was linebacker Randy Mitchem.

Each team had five first downs during the night, while R-S led in yards rushing, 104-81, and yards passing, 59-50. Each team lost four fumbles.

The Wolfpack had good punting for the night, averaging 39 yards in six kicks.

Lincolnton plays its first home game next week against East Rutherford, which opened impressively last week with a 41-0 rout of the Chase Trojans.