

East Rutherford rolls over Red Raiders

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BELMONT — A kid in a South Point Red Raiders jacket walked around at the game's completion, picking up the end zone markers and shaking his head.

"First dang losing season," he muttered under his breath.

All the celebration Friday night here was on the East Rutherford side as the Cavaliers routed South Point, 34-13. The defeat was the Red Raiders' sixth of the year, giving Coach Jim Biggerstaff his first losing season since taking over the South Point football program in 1969.

After the game Biggerstaff sat along in the

coaches' room, head down. He understandably had little to say.

Friday night East Rutherford took advantage of the big play, scoring four of five touchdowns from 50 yards or more. The Cavaliers recovered a South Point fumble on the 50 and Jeff Yelton blasted up the middle for the game's first touchdown with three and one-half minutes gone.

After the extra point failed, the Red Raiders came right back with a big play of their own. Guard Scott Glover took a handoff on a reverse on the kickoff and raced 80 yards to tie the game. Jeff Biggerstaff put South Point ahead, 7-6.

The Cavaliers scored again late in the first quarter on a 56-yard run by tailback Eric Starr, who led the East Rutherford rushing attack with 121

yards. Tommy White kicked the conversion and East Rutherford led at the half, 13-7.

Two third-quarter touchdowns by the Cavaliers pretty much wrapped things up. Mike Conley, who had 82 yards rushing, took a pitch and raced 65 yards down the right sideline. Later in the period Starr took a pitch the opposite way and scored on a 22-yard run.

Trailing, 27-7, South Point came back with one last rally as time ran down. Akron Young capped a 74-yard drive with a 13-yard run, giving him 105 yards rushing on the night.

With just 1:02 remaining Conley took the kickoff and ran 90 yards for the final East Rutherford score.

East Rutherford 34

South Point 13

E. Rutherford	13	0	14	7	—	34
South Point	7	0	0	6	—	13

ER — Yelton 50 run (kick failed)

SP — Glover 80 kick return (J. Biggerstaff kick)

ER — Starr 56 run (White kick)

ER — Conley 65 run (White kick)

ER — Starr 22 run (White kick)

SP — Young 13 run (kick failed)

ER — Conley 90 kick return (White kick)