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South Point running back Todd Armstrong fights for yardage
...during Red Raiders 21-7 win over the Green Wave

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Williams paces Red Raider win

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Fumbles, illegal procedure penalties and leg cramps proved triple trouble to Ashbrook and South Point football forces before more than 4,000 fans at Lineberger Stadium on a hot, humid evening Friday.

Four fumbles proved the downfall for the Green Wave, and the Red Raiders converted three of the recoveries into touchdowns for a 21-7 victory over their neighboring 4-A team.

Nine illegal procedure penalties hampered the South Point offense, including at least one infraction on each touchdown drive, but while slowing down the Raiders they did not completely halt the scoring drives. Another illegal procedure penalty cost Ashbrook an almost certain touchdown early in the third quarter when the Wave was attempting a comeback.

The heat and humidity also caused an untold number of leg cramps for players on both teams, with a player being felled after almost every play in the second half.

Fumbles on the first two possessions of the game dug a hole for the Green Wave, setting up rapid-fire touchdowns by the Raiders.

Don Sanders fumbled on the third play of the game, and Terry Sutton recovered at the Wave 25. Four plays later, quarterback Jeff Williams scored on a nine-yard keeper around left end, with less than four minutes elapsed in the contest.

Four plays after the ensuing kickoff, Sanders fumbled again, with Kyle Miller recovering at the Ashbrook 40 yard line. Eight plays and three illegal procedure penalties later, the Raiders were on the board again.

June Jones ran the final yard after a 37-yard pass from Williams to Boone Davis provided the big yardage into scoring territory. Tim Parrish kicked the extra point for a 13-0 lead with 1:17 remaining in the first quarter.

A third Ashbrook fumble stymied a potential drive after the Wave had picked up two quick first downs on dashes by Tony Hall and Eric Forney.

Midway in the third quarter, the Green Wave fumbled away the ball for a fourth time to thwart another scoring threat after Forney had returned a punt for 23 yards and Hall smashed 21 yards down to the three-yard line.

The illegal procedure illness hit the Wave this time on second down and two to go, pushing Ashbrook back five yards and two plays later Forney fumbled on a fourth down passing situation when he was toppled 17 yards back of the line. David McKinney recovered the ball at the South Point 30 yard line.

The Raiders then put together the best offensive punch of the game, driving 70 yards in 10 plays, highlighted by a 25-yard pass from Williams to Todd Armstrong and 17-yard runs by Todd Crawford and by Williams. Williams completed the drive with a nine-yard scoring pitch to Tim Rector, and then he ran the two-point conversion for a 21-0 lead with 1:51 remaining in the game.

Fumbles began plaguing the Raiders after that, as the Wave twice recovered fumbles by Jones deep in South Point territory. Will Gaines recovered at the 30 yard line, but South Point held at the nine. On the first play, Jones fumbled again and Greg Hollifield recovered, but again the Raiders braced.

Finally, a partially blocked punt by Yul Rainey gave the Wave still a third opportunity from the Raider 24 and on the first down, reserve quarterback Joey Caskey whipped a 24 yard scoring pass to Burge. James Hart booted the extra point with 1:35 remaining in the game.

Ashbrook 0 0 0 7 — 7
 South Point 13 0 0 0 — 21-

SP — Williams, 9 run (kick failed)

SP — Jones, 1 run (Parrish kick)

SP — Rector, 9 pass from Williams (Williams run)

A — Burge, 24 pass from Caskey (Hart kick)

	Ashbrook	South Point
First Downs	7	7
Yards Rushing	88	110
Passing	2-10	4-8
Yards Passing	37	81
Fumbles Lost	3	2
Punting	4-41	6-34
Yards Penalized	20	61

ASHBROOK RUSHING — Hall 7-46, Forney 13-29, Sanders 10-16, Kendrick 2 for -4.

SOUTH POINT RUSHING — Fewell 9-36, Williams 8-31, Armstrong 3-17, Crawford 1-17, Jones 3-10, Gibson 2-6, Richards 3-0.

ASHBROOK PASSING — Caskey 1-1 for 24, Forney 1-9 for 13.

SOUTH POINT PASSING — Williams 4-8 for 81.

ASHBROOK RECEIVING — Burge 3-37.

SOUTH POINT RECEIVING — Rector 2-19, Armstrong 1-25, Davis 1-3.