

Wave, Red Raiders battle to 7-7 tie

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Ashbrook's Green Wave and South Point's Red Raiders, postponed from Friday night because of a thunderstorm, had to wait for an hour Saturday night before their football game started because of a second thunderstorm.

After it was all over, the teams ended just where they began. The Green Wave and the Red Raiders finished in a 7-7 deadlock.

South Point had to come from behind to tie the game, the second tie in the series between the two teams. South Point leads the series with three wins, a loss and two ties.

Ashbrook went into the dressing room with a 7-0 lead, thanks to an alert Brian Dey. The Ashbrook defender pounced on one of South

Point's five lost fumbles on the night on the Red Raider five late in the second period.

After three plays gained no yardage, Ashbrook's Paul Lindler was set to attempt a field goal when South Point was called for off-sides.

the ball at the three, Ashbrook Coach John Kink ~~decided to go for~~ the six points.

Hard-running Paul Parker went over at the 2:45 mark and Lindler's kick was true for the 7-0 lead. South Point had missed a couple of excellent scoring opportunities in the first period. Parker fumbled a pitchout and South Point's June Jones recovered at the Ashbrook 30. After the Raiders picked up a first down to the 17, the Ashbrook defense rose up and held. A 35-yard field goal attempt by Tim Parrish was wide left.

Carl Sims, who had an apparent touchdown in the final period called back because of a penalty, returned a punt from the Ashbrook 38 to the 11. A face mask infraction on the play put the ball on the five. Once again the tenacious Green Wave defense rose to the occasion.

On a third play, quarterback Randy Richards fumbled and Mark Stowe of Ashbrook recovered at the 16. South Point's offense never did get going in the first half. The Raiders were minus one yard rushing at intermission while Ashbrook ground out 66 yards.

The Raiders lost three of their five fumbles in the first half. For the game, South Point had seven turnovers and Ashbrook three.

Ashbrook threatened in the third period, driving from the South Point

47 to the 20 for a first down following a 12-yard run by Joey Caskey and a 15-yard face mask penalty against South Point. However, on fourth and five, Kyle Miller intercepted quarterback Doug Bowen's pass at the 20.

Early in the fourth period, Ashbrook, now 1-0-1 in non-conference games, got a golden opportunity when Vincent Lowery recovered a Jerry Howell fumble following a 15-yard pass reception from Richards. Lowery recovered on the South Point 9. However, after a 17-yard run by Orstell Barnette put the ball on the 10 for a first and goal, Parker fumbled on the next play and the Raiders recovered at the nine.

On its next possession, Amos Williams returned a Raider punt 10 yards to the South Point 36. After a five-yard penalty against the Raiders

placed the ball on the 31, Parker's fumble was recovered by Miller at the 30.

That's when South Point began a 70-yard march to the tying touchdown. A 21-yard run by June Jones put the ball on Ashbrook's 49. Two plays later, Richards hit Mike Williams with a pass to the Wave 32. On the next play, Richards hit halfback Keith Young on the Ashbrook six, and Young slipped into the end zone at the 2:31 mark. Coach Jim Biggerstaff of the Red Raiders, hoping to get another chance to score, elected to go for the tie and got it when Parrish kicked the extra point.

The Raiders did get the ball back. Sims returned a punt 65 yards for what appeared to be a big score with 50 seconds remaining in the contest,

but a clipping penalty nullified the score. It moved the ball back to the 25. South Point picked up three first downs and had the ball on Ashbrook's 25 following a 10-yard run by Richards to the Ashbrook 40. After an incomplete pass and with just six ~~seconds remaining in the game~~, a 41-yard field goal attempt by Parrish was far short.

Ashbrook had 104 yards rushing, led by Parker's 47 in 16 carries and 42 in 16 carries by Barnette. Jones led Ashbrook with 41 yards in nine carries. South Point had 84 yards passing compared to Ashbrook's none.

Ashbrook plays at Kings Mountain next week, while South Point plays host to East Gaston in its Southwestern 3-A Conference opener.

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South Point	0	0	0	7	-	7
Ashbrook	0	7	0	0	-	7

Scoring Summary

A — Parker 3 run (Lindler kick)

SP — Young 28 pass from Richards (Parrish kick)

	Ashbrook	South Point
First Downs	4	6
Rushing	114	84
Passing	0-0-1	3-11-1
Yards Passing	0	89
Fumbles Lost	2	3
Punting	3-31.6	3-35
Yards Penalized	76	47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

Barnes 6-41, Caskie 0-0

SOUTH POINT RUSHING — Richards 3-17, Jones 2-41, Crawford 4-16, Tribble 3-6, Young 1-4, Sims 1-2, Tribble 4-2

ASHBROOK PASSING — None

SOUTH POINT PASSING — Richards 3-9-1 - 79, Tribble 0-2-0

ASHBROOK RECEIVING — None

SOUTH POINT RECEIVING — Williams 3-46, Young 1-28, Howell 1-15