



NOT THIS TIME — South Point receiver Jerry Howell had visions of a nice catch during Friday night's meeting with Ashbrook, as he went high in the air, in the photo at the



left. But Green Wave defender Amos Williams also was up in the air and the two battled for the ball in the middle photo, before they, as well as the ball, tumbled to the



ground in the photo at the right. Ashbrook scored a narrow 13-12 victory over the Red Raiders in front of nearly 5,000 fans at Linberger Stadium

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# Big-play Green Wave scores second win

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Ashbrook's Green Wave keeps on giving its fans fluttering football palpitations.

And for the second consecutive Friday night, the Green Wave came up with the big play when the game was on the line.

Friday night at South Point's Linberger Stadium, the Green Wave halted a host Red Raider two-point conversion attempt with 1:50 remaining on the clock to capture a 13-12 non-conference win.

The week before, coach John Kinlaw's young Green Wave scored a touchdown with no time showing on the clock on a 63-yard scoring bomb to down East Gaston, 26-21.

"These type of games might be exciting for the fans, but we really haven't put anything together on defense yet," said Kinlaw. "We moved the ball well tonight, but when it came time for the big play offensively, we just didn't do it."

"However, I'm mighty happy to be 2-0 on the road against a couple of real good

3-A teams."

Coach Jim Biggerstaff of the Red Raiders said it was anything but a physical game. "I never heard a good hit all night," he said. Kinlaw also admitted that "it wasn't very physical out there."

Biggerstaff said, "I can't say I was pleased with our defensive showing. We moved the ball well. I never thought about going for a tie. We didn't have a timeout left to discuss the two-point play. Ashbrook has a fine team and John (Kinlaw) has a much-improved team over last year."

It was a game in which both teams moved the ball well on sustained drives, only to have something happen. It happened to South Point on four different occasions as the Raiders lost two fumbles and had two passes intercepted. Ashbrook had a pass intercepted and lost a fumble.

Offensively, tailback Keith Young, a 180-pound South Point senior, led the way. Young, who averaged 7.7 yards a carry last season, gained 134 yards on 20 carries.

After a 6-6 halftime tie, Ashbrook took the second half kickoff and marched 62 yards in 13 plays to paydirt. With a first and goal at the South Point four, Jimmy McCurry went over the white stripe on fourth down at the one and Barry Lindler's big extra point pushed Ashbrook ahead at the 5:41 mark, 13-7.

The big play in that drive was an 18-yard pass from Wave quarterback Jesse James to halfback McCurry.

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South Point came right back, marching from its 34 to the Ashbrook 24 on three consecutive first downs. However, on third and two at the 16, fullback Preston Earle was hit, fumbled, and the Green Wave recovered at the South Point five.

Late in the game, South Point marched 59 yards in 10 plays to pull to within 13-12. Two passes from quarterback Scott Lee to split end Jerry Howell covering 11 and 19 yards were key plays, along with a personal foul penalty

against the Wave after the 19-yarder, moving the ball to the Ashbrook 14.

After South Point picked up a first and goal at the two following an eight-yard run by Lee, Young scored two plays later from the one. That's when Ashbrook came up with the big defensive play, stopping Lee short of the goal on the two-point conversion try.

South Point got on the scoreboard first, marching 86 yards in eight plays. Young's runs keyed the drive, and on an option

play, Lee pitched to Young, who raced 35 yards for the touchdown at the 2:59 mark. Howell's extra point kick was wide right.

Ashbrook tied it in the second period on a 54-yard drive in seven plays, with halfback Carvin Petty going over from the three at the 4:58 mark. A bad snap from center foiled the extra point attempt.

The Ashbrook win was the second over South Point in the series between the two teams in seven games. Two have ended in ties.

While Young led all backs with his 134 yards, Ashbrook's attack was balanced. McCurry gained 59 yards in 11 carries, Petty 49 yards in 11 carries, and James and fullback Mark Stowe each picked up 38 yards in eight carries.

The Green Wave seeks its third consecutive win over a Southwestern 3-A Conference foe next week when it plays its first home game against Kings Mountain, while South Point invades East Gaston for its league opener.

Ashbrook	0	6	7	0	—	13
South Point	6	0	0	6	—	12

### Scoring Summary

Ashbrook — Petty 3-yard run (kick failed)

McCurry (Treveller kick)

South Point — Young 35-yard run (kick failed)

Young 1-yard run (run failed)

	South Point	Ashbrook
First Downs	12	11
Rushing	241	185
Passing	6-2-2	5-2-1
Yards Passing	30	22
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Punting	3-35	5-26
Yards Penalized	90	60