

Wave downs Raiders

From staff reports

New season. Same story.

Ashbrook's Green Wave continued its dominance in recent years over South Point at Ashbrook Stadium Friday, scoring two second-period touchdowns enroute to a 14-6 win over the Red Raiders in the head coaching debut for Bill Eccles.

It was Ashbrook's fourth straight win over South Point in a game marred by fumbles, pass interceptions and penalties.

"It was just good to win," Eccles said while accepting congratulations from well-wishers in the dressing room after the game. "I thought we played hard...if not well. We weren't a well-oiled machine. We know we've got work to do."

"There was a lot of hard-hitting out there tonight. I thought that caused the turnovers. I think South Point's got a good ball club."

A bad snap from center set up the Green Wave's first score in the second period. Quarterback Mike Young of the Raiders was chased out of bounds on the Raider 44 after the bad snap.

Five plays later, quarterback Frank Adams raced 26 yards on a sweep wide right at the 9:52 mark and Trent Suggs kicked the first of his two extra points.

Mark Barnette's 54-yard punt which rolled dead at the South Point five set up the Wave's second score. Barnette took Young's punt at the Raider 41 and returned it to the 26.

On the first play Greg Totherow



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Ashbrook quarterback Frank Adams evades a host of would-be tacklers from South Point.

went in from 24 yards out and the Wave was in command with a 14-0 lead with 2:06 remaining in the first half.

It took South Point only three plays to get on the board. Willie Strain picked up 13 to the 37, Young hit Juan Miller on a 14-yarder to the Green Wave 49, then

Young hit Jamie Boyd on a 49-yard scoring strike with just 59 seconds remaining in the half.

Boyd made a great leaping catch just over the hands of two Green Wave defenders and raced into the end zone. Strain's extra point attempt was wide left.

Ashbrook moved from its 30 to

the Red Raider one where it had first and goal to begin the second half. But Shawn McMiller's fumble was recovered by the Raiders on the next play.

Boyd, who was a star in defeat for South Point, raced 43 yards to get the Raiders out of the shadow of their own goal. Later, his 13-

yard run gave South Point a first and ten at the Ashbrook 12. Strain ran to the two, but South Point was penalized to the 21 for holding, one of 10 penalties totaling 115 yards on the night.

Young was then intercepted by Andy Locklear at the Wave six. In

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the fourth period, Ashbrook moved from the midfield stripe to the Raider 22, but South Point rose up and pushed the Wave back to the 25.

Ashbrook had balanced offense. McMiller gained 81 yards, Adams 55 and Totherow 49. Boyd rushed eight times for 95 yards, 92 of them coming in the second half.

Strain had 82 yards rushing, but carried the ball only three times in the second half when Boyd got a hot hand.

South Point 6

Ashbrook 14

South Point	0	6	0	0	—	6
Ashbrook	0	14	0	0	—	14

A — Frank Adams 26 run (Trent Suggs kick)

A — Greg Totherow 24 run (Suggs kick)

SP — Jamie Boyd 49 pass from Mike Young
(kick failed)