

Wolves take 'typical' opening night win

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BELMONT — Lincolnton coach Richard Smith called the Wolves season-opening 22-12 victory at South Point Friday night a typical first game of the season.

Red Raider coach Jim Biggerstaff called the game a good example of a comedy of errors.

For Lincolnton quarterback Bryan Moody, it was an opening night to remember.

In his high school starting de-

but, Moody found a weakness in South Point's secondary and passed, almost at will, for 155 yards and two touchdowns.

"Moody (a junior) did a super job in his first game as a starter," said Smith. "He showed a lot of poise out there. He could have had more yards passing, but we let a lot of them slip through our hands."

Moody completed seven of 16 passes and was not intercepted. Thaddeus Hush was on the receiving end of both scoring

tosses (27 and 13 yards) and finished the night with 90 yards on four receptions.

"Their cornerback was playing too far up," said Hush. "We sent a man around him and I just slipped behind and was wide open."

Lincolnton found the passing lanes open after struggling on the ground early in the game.

A 35-yard pass from Moody to Hush set up Bryan Littlejohn's one-yard plunge with 2:56 left in the first quarter. Moody rolled to

his right and ran untouched for a two-point conversion after South Point was called for an offside penalty when the Wolves lined up for a kick.

It took the Wolves one play to put their second TD on the board early in the second quarter. Moody passed 27 yards to Hush after South Point fumbled a punt deep in its territory.

Lincolnton holder Mike Carpenter fumbled the snap on the kick attempt, but recovered the ball and lobbed a pass toward

Hush who snatched the ball away from two South Point defenders for another two-point conversion.

The Wolves made it 22-0 just before halftime, thanks in part to a second Red Raider fumble. Moody guided the Wolves 40 yards in five plays, hitting Hush from 13 yards with 1:17 left.

South Point got its offense in gear in the second half when Willie Strain broke loose for a spectacular 65-yard run. The

Red Raiders went for two, but were unsuccessful.

Strain, who finished the night with 99 yards, scored from the 1 with 10:11 left in the game. Strain's score came after South Point's Lyle Wilson blocked a Lincolnton punt.

"We can't win playing the way we did (in the first half)," said Biggerstaff. "But I feel like we'll get better. It was mostly young kids who made the mistakes and they are correctible."

Lincolnton 22

South Point 12

Lincolnton	8	16	0	0	—	22
South Point	0	0	6	6	—	12

L — Bryan Littlejohn 1 run (Bryan Moody run)

L — Thaddeus Hush 27 pass from Moody (Hush pass from Mike Carpenter)

L — Hush 13 pass from Moody (kick failed)

S — Willie Strain 65 run (run failed)

S — W. Strain 1 run (pass failed)

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