

Ashbrook's Roderick Bradley gets ready to pounce on his own fumble in a 34-7 win.

Wave opens with big win

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BELMONT - Blame it on the

Getting stronger and stronger as South Point's Red Raiders wilted on a humid evening, Ashbrook's Green Wave used several long scoring plays to pull away for a 34-7 non-conference football victory Friday night.

"Our hosses just got tired," South Point Coach Jim Biggerstaff said. "They've got a lot more hosses and a lot stronger hosses than we have."

The Green Wave, playing their first game of the season, trailed 7-6 at the half, but took care of the deficit quickly.

Junior quarterback James Bowden bootlegged the ball around right end on the opening play of the second half, cutting between South Point's Mike Young and Lyle Wilson to find clear sailing on a 53-yard touchdown jaunt.

Following a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against the Green Wave, Mark Barnett widened Ashbrook's edge to 14-6 by passing to Ron Caldwell for the two-point conversion.

The play that really got the Green Wave rolling, though, came on the Green Wave's first possession of the fourth quarter after a drive stalled at the South Point 44.

The Red Raiders, 0-2, threw on a heavy rush, attempting to block Roderick Bradley's punt. But Bradley sidestepped a would-be tackler, cutting through a wall of defenders along the left sideline to free himself for a 44-yard touchdown run. He then added the PAT, making it 21-7.

After that, the Green Wave tacked on points almost at will, adding touchdown runs of 15 and 12 yards by Jerry Hill in the final seven minutes to turn the game into a lopsided affair.

"It never should have been a rout," Biggerstaff said. "There's no way it should have been a

For the first 30 minutes, the game was anything but a rout as South Point controlled most phases of the game.

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But the Red Raiders were unable to convert the dominance into points, throwing an interception and fumbling the ball away at its own 3 on its first two possessions.

The Green Wave turned that turnover into an easy score as Shawn McMiller burst into the end on the next play, giving Ashb. on the early 6-0 lead.

Driving from its own 19 in the second quarter, the Red Raiders answered to take their only lead on the game. Although eight of the 13 plays on the drive were handoffs to Willie Strain, who finished with 90 yards on 27 carries, it was his brother Jeff who tied the game, scoring on a 1-vard run.

Willie Strain then came on to

boot the extra point, giving South Point a 7-6 lead with 5:05 left in the half.

"When they were playing well, we were fooling around and we were lucky enough to keep it close," Eccles said. "Then we ended up with a couple of big

Bradley paced the Green Wave, rushing seven times for 88 yards. McMiller added 49 yards on nine carries.

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A — Shawn McMiller 3 run (kick failed). SP - Jeff Strain 1 run (Willie Strain kick). A - James Bowden 53 run (Ron Caldwell pass from Mark Barnett). A — Rodenck Bradley 44 run (Bradley kick). A - Jerry Hill 15 run (Bradley kick). A - Hill 12 rün (kick failed).