Raiders stop one Littlejohn, but not two

Wolves slip past South Point, 20-13

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LINCOLNTON — To beat Lincolnton, South Point knew they had to contain Moody and Littlejohn.

They contained the first and shut down the second. But it was the other Littlejohn that did them in, leading the host Wolves to a season-opening 20-13 nonconference prep football win Friday night.

Charles Littlejohn, only a junior, burned the Red Raiders for 148 yards and three touchdowns on six pass receptions, including a 55-yard hookup with quarterback Brian Moody to give the Wolves breathing room with 6:03 to play.

"That young man is probably one of the best athletes to come along here in a long time," said Lincolnton coach Richard Smith. "He's got good hands, good speed, has some strength and size enough to enable him to do some different things."

While running back Bryan Littlejohn was bottled up by the Red Raiders in the first half, gaining only 34 of his team-high 58 yards before intermission, Charles Littlejohn was picking the South Point secondary apart.

With 1:13 left in the first period, he beat South Point's Gerald Hardy for a 47-yard TD strike, staking the Wolves to a 7-0 edge.

In the second period, Littlejohn kept one foot inbounds to haul in an 11-yard scoring toss between a pair of Red Raider defenders, upping the cushion to 14-0 with 3:46 left in the half.

Undaunted, the Red Raiders came roaring back.

T.O. Wilson got South Point on the board, bulling his way into the end zone from 42 yards out midway through the third period. Wilson led all rushers with 94 yards on nine carries, while Moe Crawford added 72 yards on 17 rushes for the Red Raiders.

Charles Littlejohn then juggled a Moody pass into the arms of South Point's Gerald McClure, giving the Raiders the ball at the Lincolnton 22.

Six plays later, Eric Davis punched the ball up the middle for a 2-yard touchdown run on fourth down, cutting the Wolves' lead to 14-13.

South Point elected to go for two points and the lead, but Hardy was pulled down at the 2 on an option run.

"If I had to do it all over again, I'd do it again," said South Point head coach Phil Tate. "If we had gone ahead, I don't think they would have scored on us again."

South Point 13
Lincolnton 20

South Point	0	0	7	6	— 13
Lincolnton	7	7	0	6	— 20

L — Charles Littlejohn 47 pass from Brian Moody (Moody kick).

L — C. Littlejohn 11 pass from Moody (Moody kick)

SP — T.O. Wilson 42 run (Ryan Werner kick)

SP — Eric Davis 2 run (run failed)

L — C. Littlejohn 55 pass from Moody (pass failed)