



# Hunter Huss halts surging South Point

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GASTONIA — Tired of seeing its offense shoot itself in the foot, Hunter Huss' defense took charge.

Behind a tough outing from its defenders, the Huskies slugged out a 14-7 high school football win over visiting South Point.

The Huss defense picked off four Red Raider passes in the fourth quarter with Marcus Campbell returning one 18 yards for the game-winning score early in the final quarter.

"They did a heck of a job," said Huss coach David Bolin, whose team is now 3-0. "When the offense is not moving, the defense wants to go out there and turn it around."

A barrage of penalties effectively shut down the Huss offense. The Huskies drew 12 flags for a 158 yards.

"It seems like everything we did, I didn't watch the run, I'd just look to see where the flag was at," said Bolin.

Despite the penalties, Huss managed to hold a 6-0 edge at the half on a 6-yard dash by Curtis Boyd with 6:21 left in the second quarter.

But the Red Raiders erased that slim margin quickly in the third quarter, seizing the momentum by marching 56 yards in just five plays to open the second half.

Rachon Stowe followed a 30-yard run with a 9-yard scamper around right end for the touchdown, with Ryan Werner adding the point after for a 7-6 Raider lead.

But the tide started to swing back to Huss in the fourth. Maurice Johnson picked off a Hunter Armstrong pass to open the period, giving Huss the ball at the South Point 32.

The drive stalled after reaching the 18, but two plays after South Point regained possession, Campbell stepped in front of a Gerard Hardy toss and breezed untouched into the end zone.

Boyd, who had two touchdowns called back by penalties, then bounced off a tackler in his own backfield and raced for the two-point conversion.

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Hunter Huss receiver Vashon Sadler tries to break the hold of South Point defender Mike Holmes.

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HH — Curtis Boyd 6 run (run failed)

SP — Rachon Stowe 9 run (Ryan Werner kick)

HH — Marcus Campbell 18 interception return (Boyd run)