

Red Raiders roll over Green Wave

Bowens plows past 100-yard mark in victory

■ GASTONIA — Just how good is Derek Bowens?

"He's a good little running back," South Point coach Phil Tate said after his club won at Ashbrook 21-0 Friday night. "He's quick enough to get to the secondary then he'll run over you."

Bowens was quick and powerful enough to rush 12 times for 100 yards and one touchdown.

Rachon Stowe (seven carries, 66 yards) started the scoring for the Red Raiders (2-0) when he scampered from 22 yards out with 6:27 remaining in the first half. Kirk Crawford's extra point enhanced the South Point lead to 7-0.

The Green Wave (1-1) had trouble moving the ball and never really threatened in the first half.

Their troubles continued on the opening kickoff of the second half. Hopie Wright and Kevin Huitt collided, the ball came loose and South Point recovered at the Ashbrook 11.

Three plays later, South Point quarterback Gerard Hardy hit Tait Triplett from six yards out for a 14-0 lead.

Then, on the Green Wave's next possession, Hopie Wright fumbled on first down and the Red Raiders recovered on Ashbrook's 30.

South Point kept running through the Ashbrook defense and Bowens eventually scored on a 13-yard run for a commanding lead.

The Red Raiders defense picked up mightily in the second half. Ashbrook's offense never advanced past the South Point 48-yard line.

"Our defense came to play," Tate said. "It's a good win."



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South Point's Gerard Hardy fights for yardage Friday against the Green Wave.

"We're glad to get it."

South Point not only won, it used a lot of depth in the process.

Nine different Red Raiders had at least one carry while Hardy and senior quarterback Hunter Armstrong split the duty at quarterback.

"Hunter is a good backup," Tate said. "He'd be starting at a lot of places."

Hopie Wright led the Green Wave with 12 carries for 52 yards.

"What concerned me was Wright," Tate said. "He's a

great running back."

Ashbrook quarterback Shannon Armstrong also completed seven of 10 passes for 36 yards.

The Green Wave, in losses to West Charlotte and South Point, have yet to score an offensive touchdown.

The Red Raiders offense piled up 16 first downs while Ashbrook managed eight.

But early in the first half, things looked promising for the Green Wave.

Hardy was sacked on a third-and-8 play from the Ashbrook 21 and Jock Smith recovered for

the Green Wave.

If anything hurt the Red Raiders all night, it was their five fumbles and three lost.

But the mark of a real good team is responding after the turnovers and that's exactly what South Point did.

South Point hosts Hunter Huss next Friday while Ashbrook travels to East Gaston.

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South Point	0	7	14	0	—	21
Ashbrook	0	0	0	0	—	0
SP — Rachon Stowe 22 run (Kirk Crawford kick)						
SP — Tait Triplett 6 pass from Hardy (Crawford kick)						
SP — Bowens 13 run (Crawford kick)						