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Hunter Huss tailback Curtis Boyd, who scored three touchdowns, looks for yardage against South Point.

Huskies, Raiders all tied up

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BELMONT — The scoreboard called it a 21-21 tie. But that didn't mean South Point and Hunter Huss were equally happy about the nonconference football outcome.

"I felt we were going to win all night long," said South Point coach Phil Tate. "Two bad snaps." The second miscue made Hunter Huss very happy. Aiming for a possible gamewinning 21-yard field goal try on the final play, the Red Raiders never got their chance for the win. A low snap eluded holder Hunter Armstrong, who was tackled for an eight-yard loss to end the game.

"We made a great effort and tried to win it, but we just didn't," said a disappointed Tate, whose club is 2-0-1.

The earlier bad snap also cost South Point dearly. A snap high over punter Randy Brown's head resulted in the Red Raiders turning the ball over on downs at their own 42 early in the final quarter.

Trailing 21-13, Hunter Huss benefited from a pass interference call against the

Raiders, then saw quarterback Greg Cathcart complete a 13-yard pass to Aaron Antrum on third-and-9, taking the ball to the 1.

Two plays later, Curtis Boyd scrambled in from the 1 for his third touchdown of the night. Cathcart then threw to a wide-open Robert Friday for the two-point

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conversion, tying the game at 21-21 with 5:42 left.

Forced to punt the ball when their next possession stalled at midfield, the Red Raiders got new life when Gerard Hardy picked off a pass, returning it 33 yards to the Huss 27 with 1:09 to play.

Hardy followed with a 12-yard dash through traffic to the 15,

with three Rachon Stowe carries netting 11 yards, setting up the botched field goal try.

The teams had not agreed to play a potential overtime before the game — Tate wanted to, Huss coach David Bolin didn't — so the game remained deadlocked.

"A tie's better than a loss," said Bolin, whose club is 1-1-1. "I just didn't want to fall two behind. In an overtime, you put it on the 10-yard-line and anything can happen. It's not like I don't like my chances, but it's early in the sea-

son."

The Red Raiders held the upper hand over the first three quarters. Stowe gave them the early lead with a 7-yard TD dash in the first period, with Brown hauling in a 40-yard TD toss from Handly.

Stowe, who finished with a game-high 121 yards on 26 carries, added a 20-yard scoring run around left end in the third quarter, with Kirk Crawford adding his third straight PAT to make it 21-13.

Huss' offense was built around Boyd, who gained 77 yards on 19 rushes. Boyd had a 26-yard TD dash early in the second period and, after a crucial 37-yard pass from Cathcart to Lendell Wright, scored on a 9-yard scamper with 32 seconds left in the first half. Jason Evans booted a PAT after

"In the first half, they hurt us with Boyd on one play and then hurt us on the long pass," said Tate. "But we had a chance to win it and we didn't."

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