

# Special player proves difference for Red Raiders

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BELMONT — Courtney Williams, struggling a bit in his new role as South Point's quarterback, made up the difference on special teams Friday night.

**South Point 8  
Hunter Huss 7**

Williams returned a Hunter Huss kickoff 84 yards for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter as the Red Raiders defeated the Huskies 8-7 in their home opener at Lineberger Stadium.

It was South Point's first win of the

season, while Huss fell to 0-3.

The spectacular run came after the Huskies drove the ball 50 yards into the South Point end zone. Steve Lipscomb scored from the three and Blair Orr's kick put Huss ahead 7-2.

Williams fielded the ensuing kickoff at his 16, swept to his left down the sidelines, then cut inside a host of Huskie defenders at midfield and sprinted to paydirt.

"Coach (Phil) Tate told me to do it," Williams said of his run. "When I saw (the Huss defenders) I didn't think I could make it. Then I saw daylight and with the help of God, I did make it."

"I just said 'whoever gets the ball, run for your life,'" said Tate. "Courtney made a fine return."

For the most part, the game was a defensive standoff with both punters stealing the spotlight. Williams handled South Point's punting chores and lifted 50-plus yard punts all night.

Huss punter Rocky Hunt also booted some beauties that kept the Raiders deep in their own territory. But it was a high snap that sailed over Hunt's head as he stood in his own end zone in the second quarter that did the Huskies in.

The ball rolled out the back of the

end zone and gave South Point its 2-0 lead.

Meanwhile, both offenses struggled. South Point had only three first downs in the game and they all came in the first half. The Raiders were held to minus yards on offense in the second half.

"We struggled on offense, but the Huss defense had a lot to do with that," said Tate. "Huss has one excellent defensive football team."

Hunter Huss	0	0	0	7	-	7
South Point	0	2	0	6	-	8
SP — Safety, ball snapped into end zone						
HH — Steve Lipscomb 3 run (Blair Orr kick)						
SP — Courtney Williams 86 kickoff return (pass failed)						