

DOUBTERS BEWARE

Rebuilding Green Wave undefeated

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BELMONT — When Ashbrook High football coach Bill Eccles finalized his 1995 schedule last spring, it looked like he had a death wish.

The Green Wave, who faced arguably the biggest rebuilding job in Gaston County, were to open their season with four straight playoff teams from 1994, including the previous two Western N.C. 4A champions.

Apparently, Ashbrook's players didn't believe the doomsayers predictions of a slow start.

Following a methodical, hard-hitting 20-6 victory at South Point Friday night, the Green Wave sits at 2-0 as it prepares to open its home schedule next week.

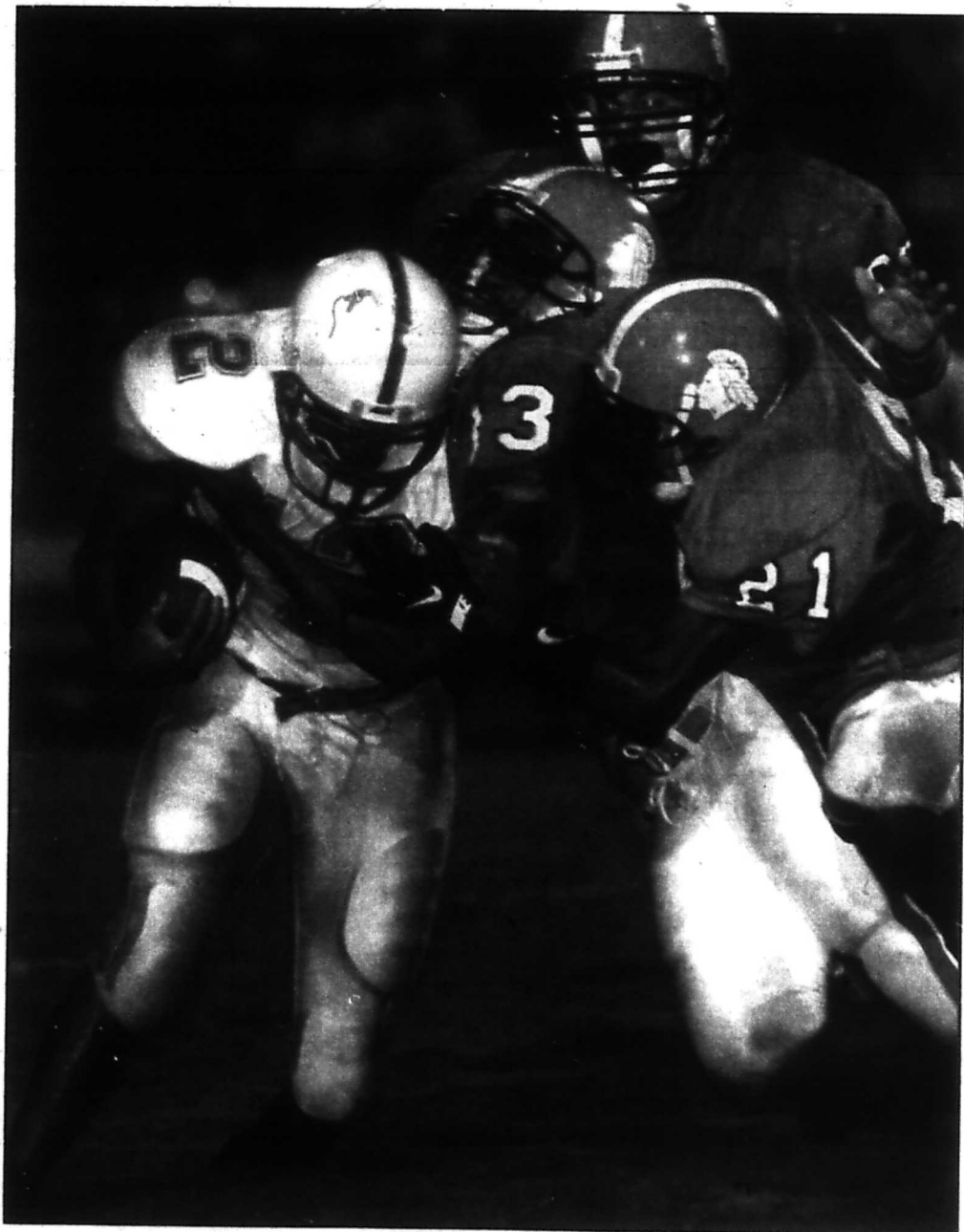
"Others doubted us because of all the players we lost," said quarterback Aaron Hayes, one of 11 new offensive starters. "But we believed we could do it. And we believe we can keep on

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Friday night football

Ashbrook..... 20	New Con..... 40
South Point..... 6	Bess. City..... 8
Hunter Huss..... 31	Bandys..... 33
Burns..... 3	West Lincoln.. 16
Crest..... 28	Clover..... 33
Kings Mtn..... 0	Lewisville..... 20
Cherryville..... 21	Lincolnton..... 28
West Iredell..... 0	East Lincoln..... 9

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Ashbrook RB Randy Shaw (12) runs into South Point's Thurston Johnson (33), Mica Tribble (21).

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doing it the rest of the season."

South Point (1-1) probably battled Ashbrook tougher than South Meck, but the Red Raiders made six turnovers and had critical mistakes of execution that led to each Green Wave touchdown.

Eighty-three yards later, Shaw was untouched and in the end zone.



Early in the second half, Ashbrook virtually sealed the victory with a

After the Green Wave had snuffed out a third-and-two play on the Red Raiders' opening possession of the half, Harris Lineberger blocked Marcus McCollough's boot, then Hayes scooped up the ball and went untouched the remaining 26 yards for the touchdown.

Ashbrook	7	7	6	0	- 20
South Point	0	6	0	0	- 6
A - Stuart Albright 6 pass from Aaron Hayes (George Lamphear kick)					
SP - Wes Holder 12 run (Pass tailed)					
A - Randy Shaw 83 run (Michael Berbert kick)					
A - Hayes 26 blocked punt return (Kick blocked)					