

# Lincolnton defense shuts down Raiders

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LINCOLNTON — Slowly but surely, the Lincolnton Wolves unleashed a mighty offense in Friday night's opener against South Point at Von Ray Harris Field.

Sophomore quarterback Troy Gregory made his first varsity start a success by running for two touchdowns and throwing for another as the Wolves prevailed 24-0.

Junior running back Pedro Horne ran for 100 yards and scored a touchdown as the Wolves simply wore down the Red Raiders.

"We have a lot of kids that we can play and I think that turned out to be an advantage for us tonight," Lincolnton coach Richard Smith said. "Our kids all played hard, but we weren't as tired in the end."

The game started out as a defensive showcase with neither team able to mount an early threat. The game also featured 12 fumbles and a total of 125 yards in penalties.

"Both teams made mistakes," said Smith. "We made an awful lot of them. Three or four times we were called for not having enough players on the line of scrimmage."

"That's something you work on the first day of practice. They'll hear

about that on Monday."

Gregory and his offense showed its first signs of life in the second quarter. Gregory escaped a hard South Point pass rush, breaking away from two tacklers, to connect on a completion to Damjon McLean.

Two plays later, Gregory completed another pass to McLean that he fumbled at the South Point 1.

The field position paid off. The Raiders were unable to move the ball and after a South Point punt, the Wolves picked up three straight first downs. Gregory then hit Matthew Adams for a 25-yard touchdown.

"Gregory did a good job under duress," said Smith. "He has good skills and he'll get better as the season moves along."

The Wolves recovered a fumble at the South Point 28 early in the third quarter and that set the stage for a second-half onslaught.

After fumbling back to the Raiders and then forcing them to punt, Gregory put the Wolves up by two touchdowns when he scored from the 1.

Lincolnton opened the fourth quarter by picking up five straight first downs during a 47-yard drive.

South Point	0	0	0	0	0
Lincolnton	0	6	6	12	24

Lin — Matthew Adams 25 pass from Troy Gregory (run failed)

Lin — Gregory 1 run (pass failed)

Lin — Pedro Horne 1 run (pass failed)

Lin — Gregory 3 run (pass failed)