

Ashbrook wins score-fest over SP

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GASTONIA — Neither Ashbrook nor South Point showed much offense in their season openers a week ago.

They saved it all for Friday night as Ashbrook rolled to a 35-21 victory.

The game marked the most points ever scored in the 19-year rivalry between the two Gaston County schools.

The Green Wave, who didn't score until late in the fourth quarter in its first game, built a 21-6 halftime lead.

The Raiders, who were shut out in their opener, scored the game's first touchdown and later ral-

lied from a 28-6 deficit to come within inches of tying the game.

Quarterback Adriene Hopkins guided the Wave



Hopkins

Jamie Burris led the way with 128, Tetric Cook ran for 110 and Hopkins for 102.

"I didn't know if we could score after our first two scrimmages," said

the Wave to 466 yards of total offense. Three Ashbrook players rushed for more than 100 yards.

Ashbrook coach Bill Eccles. "We didn't score in either scrimmage and it was late in the game before we scored last week.

"This is the most improved bunch during this short period of time that I've ever coached."

South Point broke its scoring drought early by taking the opening kickoff and driving for a touchdown. QB Mica Tribble hit Kelly Brown with a 34-yard scoring strike. The extra point missed and South Point led 6-0.

Ashbrook scored on its next two possessions, with Cook scoring from 20 yards and Hopkins breaking free for a 44-yard run. Hopkins put Ashbrook ahead 21-6 with an 18-yard quarter-

back sneak with 2:37 left before halftime.

The Raiders seemed to have new life as they took the field for the second half. Although the Wave took the second-half kickoff and drove to another score, South Point was undaunted.

Koren Robinson and Marcus McCollough found running room through the Ashbrook defense and led the Raiders to two quick scores.

South Point	6	0	15	7	-	21
Ashbrook	0	21	7	7	-	35
SP — Kelly Brown 34 pass from Mica Tribble (kick failed)						
Ash — Tetric Cook 20 run (George Lamphiear kick)						
Ash — Adriene Hopkins 44 run (Lamphiear kick)						
Ash — Hopkins 18 run (Lamphiear kick)						
Ash — Jamie Burris 3 run (Lamphiear kick)						
SP — Tribble 1 run (Travis Peeler run)						
SP — Koren Robinson 3 run (Brian Ashe kick)						
Ash — Cook 63 run (Lamphiear kick)						