

South Point offense adopts Cavalier attitude

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BELMONT — The record-breaking rivalry between South Point and East Rutherford hit new strides Friday night.

This time, South Point rolled to a 50-28 victory in the highest-scoring game ever played at Lineberger Stadium.

South Point	50
E. Rutherford	28

A year ago, East Rutherford handed the Red Raiders their worst loss in school history, 51-3.

On Friday, the two teams combined for 889 yards of offense as South Point won its third straight game after dropping its first three.

More important for the Raiders is their 2-0 record in the SWC. They head to Kings Mountain next week for a showdown with the unbeaten Mountaineers.

"We've got to play better defense next week against Kings Mountain," said South Point coach John Devine, whose team ran out the clock parked at East Rutherford's 1-yard line. "Tonight, we had so many third-and-short plays that they broke some big plays on."

Believe it or not, there were a few good defensive plays in the game. Very few.

East Rutherford's Paige Jones rushed for a school-record 305 yards. He had two touchdowns, including a

46-yarder. But Jones' longest run of the night was a 65-yard gain in the first half with the score close. The run set up Jones' other touchdown of six yards that made the score 21-14 South Point.

South Point's Koren Robinson answered Jones' run with a 90-yard touchdown on first down following the ensuing kickoff. It was the second-longest run in South Point history and gave the Raiders a 28-14 halftime lead.

Robinson finished the game with 151 yards on 9 carries.

Marcus McCullough had 164 yards and scored twice for the Raiders. His longest run was a 53-yarder in the fourth quarter.

South Point quarterback Micah Tribble nearly broke a couple of kickoff returns. His longest, a 50-yarder, put South Point at East Rutherford's 45 after the Cavaliers (0-6, 0-2) had tied the score at 7-7 early in the first quarter.

The Raiders picked up three straight first downs after Tribble's return and finished the drive with Tribble scoring from the 10.

East Rutherford	7	7	6	8	-	28
South Point	14	14	0	22	-	50

SP — Kelly Brown 11 pass from Micah Tribble (Brian Ashe kick)
 ER — Paige Jones 5 run (Jerome Barksdale kick)
 SP — Micah Tribble 10 run (Ashe kick)
 SP — Marcus McCullough 11 run (Ashe kick)
 ER — Casey Sears 6 run (Barksdale kick)
 SP — Koren Robinson 90 run (Ashe kick)
 ER — Jones 46 run (kick failed)
 SP — Tribble 10 run (McCullough run)
 SP — McCullough 53 run (Ashe kick)
 SP — Robinson 15 run (Ashe kick)
 ER — Jameal Long 22 pass from Sears (Sears run)