

PREP FOOTBALL

Robinson explodes for 308 yards in win over Wolves

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LINCOLNTON — If they gave a Heisman Trophy in high school, South Point's Koren Robinson would have to be an early favorite.

Robinson stepped into rarified air against Lincolnton on Friday night, eclipsing the 300-yard rushing mark and adding four touchdowns in South Point's 41-21 victory.

"Every time Koren touches the ball, he has a chance of scoring," said Raiders coach John Devine.

"He could play for anybody."

Early on, it seemed as if South Point would score every time Robinson handled the ball. On the fifth play of the game, Robinson capped a crisp 71-yard drive with a 37-yard scoring run.

On the Raiders' seventh play, Robinson took a high pitch from quarterback Brian Ashe, side-stepped a Lincolnton defender and outraced the Wolves' secondary for an 85-yard touchdown

and a 13-0 South Point lead.

Then late in the opening quarter, Robinson struck again. This time with his arm, though, taking a pitch from Ashe, rolling to his right and firing a bullet to Kelly Brown in the back of the end zone to give the Red Raiders a 20-point lead.

Lincolnton fought back before halftime, cutting the lead to 20-14 on a scoring pass from quarterback Troy Gregory to Corey Moore and an 8-yard run by Matt Hunter. The score was just 26-14 (thanks to a Robinson 1-yard

plunge) late in the third quarter.

But Gregory was intercepted by South Point's Dion Hall with 22 seconds left in the third, and Ashe completed his first pass of the game two plays later, finding Kelly Brown for a 28-yard score (Brown's second TD catch of the game) and a 33-14 Raiders' lead.

"After giving up those scores in the first half, we hit much better on defense in the second," Devine said. "We've proved we're a team to be reckoned with."

Devine will find out for sure

next week, when South Point (2-0) faces unbeaten Ashbrook.

"They're an excellent team with good speed," Devine said. "We're looking forward to playing them."

South Point	20 0 6 15 — 41
Lincolnton	0 14 0 7 — 21

SP - Koren Robinson 37 run (Brian Ashe kick)

SP - Robinson 85 run (kick failed)

SP - Kelly Brown 19 pass from Robinson (Ashe kick)

Lin-Corey Moore 12 pass from Troy Gregory (kick failed)

Lin-Matt Hunter 8 run (Hunter run)

SP - Robinson 1 run

SP - Brown 28 pass from Ashe (Robinson run)

Lin-Moore 19 pass from TJ Devine (Ross Fletcher kick)

SP - Robinson 43 run