

Raiders roll Huskies

Hunter Huss still winless after 18-0 loss

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GASTONIA — After beating Hunter Huss 18-0, South Point coach John Devine talked about the "good blend" of players on his team.

Of course, it doesn't hurt when you have that one guy who can mince, chop and dice teams single-handedly.

Tailback Koren Robinson added another chapter to his growing legend Friday night, rushing for 138 yards and two touchdowns and throwing a touchdown pass as the Red Raiders improved to 3-1.

"Whenever he touches it, he can go,"

Devine said of his senior star. "The offensive line, knows it only has to make him a little crease and keep their feet and he can do the rest."

"It's good to know you've got that when you need it."

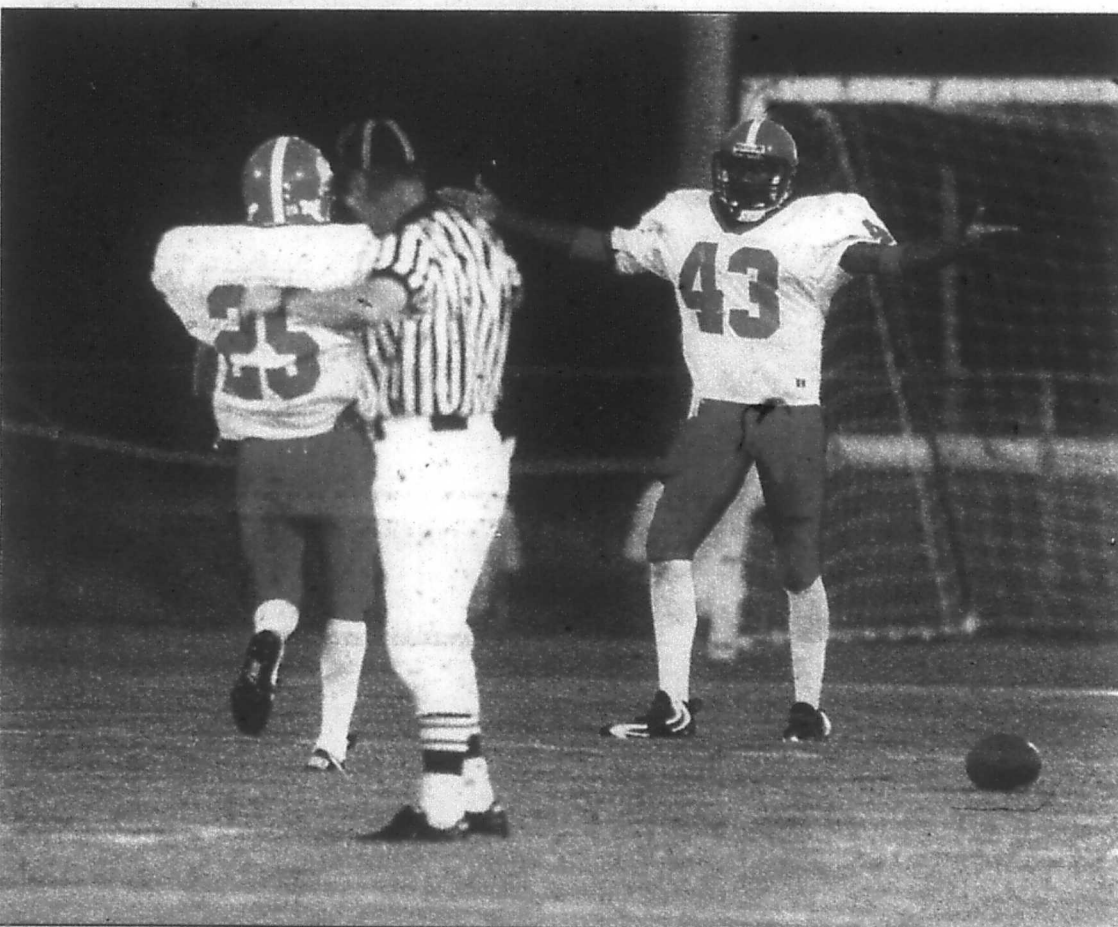
The win seemed proof that the Red Raiders have returned to their old form, while it came at the expense of a program that is struggling to live up to its past.

Friday's shutout loss was the Huskies' third straight, particularly distressing for a team that has been to the playoffs six straight years and won a share of the MEGA 7 title the last three years.

"It's frustrating for the kids," said first-year coach Steve Gardner. "I'm proud of the way our defense played, but they hit the big run and the halfback pass when they needed to."

"They caught us at the right times, and

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South Point's Koren Robinson throws his arms up in celebration after scoring a first-half touchdown against Huss.

Cleveland County crown goes to Golden Lions

By Alan Ford
Freedom News Service

BOILING SPRINGS — When two defenses dominate a game, their offensive

Crest's defense on the field.

By comparison, the Chargers offense was unable to maintain any consistency. Penalties and the inability to protect quar-

ters throughout, with Rusty Blake getting deep help from Markus Tate and Hopper at times. Borders still managed three catches for 80 yards.

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it was all they needed."

True enough, the Huskies' defense was impressive at times.

Robinson got most of his 138 yards on one carry, an 80-yard TD run in the first quarter that gave the Red Raiders a 6-0 lead.

Then, after South Point held the Huskies to a three-and-out, Robinson led his team down the field again, this time finishing the drive with a 32-yard halfback pass to Kelly Brown for a 12-0 lead.

After that, he had little to do with the outcome of the game, but then again, it was more or less decided by the 1:10 mark in the first.

The Red Raiders were held without a first down in the second quarter, as the Huskies forced three three-and-outs of their own. The second half was much of the same, with Robinson gaining only 11 yards after the break.

Of course, freshman quarterback Devon Lowery did a good enough job spelling sore senior Brian Ashe, connecting with Brown on a 30-yard gainer that set up Robinson's final score, a 4-yard run.

Gardner tried to find the silver

lining, but the dark clouds were gathering fast.

"We ran the ball better, we blocked better, and obviously our defense played better," Gardner said. "What we've got to do now is put 48 good minutes together."

"We can't expect good luck to happen to us, we have to make it happen."

The Huskies were led by Tim Baxter, who ran 27 times for 82 yards.

But their inability to pass made defending Baxter an easier proposition.

Huss (0-3) completed its first pass of the year in the third quarter,

when sophomore Jeremy Jefferies connected with Baxter for a 5-yard gain. Jefferies replaced junior Zack Jordan at halftime. For the night, Huss hit 2-of-8 pass attempts for 6 yards and two interceptions.

"Our passing game is still very shaky," Gardner said. "Until we can get to the point where we can mix things up and make people change their defense, they're just going to load up and come at us."

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SP — Koren Robinson 80 run (kick blocked)

SP — Kelly Brown 32 pass from Robinson (run failed)

SP — Robinson 4 run (pass failed)