

Freedom's Sheffield tallies 320 yards in Pats' win over Raiders

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BELMONT — Folks at South Point High's Lineberger Stadium got to see the high-powered running game they expected Friday night.

Only it wasn't hometown favorite Koren Robinson doing the honors.

Freedom's Terry Sheffield, one game removed from an ankle injury, did the running — 320 yards of it — as the Patriots rolled 33-12.

It was one of the stranger games of the year.

South Point, with Freedom key-
ing heavily on 1,000-yard rusher

Robinson, completed two touch-down passes in the first 7½ minutes before the Patriots got Sheffield and their offense untracked.

Two plays		
accounting	Freedom	33
for minus-44	South Point	12
yard s		
stopped		

Freedom's first two drives before Sheffield led an offense that would eventually rack up 487 yards.

"We're up 12-0, and it was like we made them mad or something," said South Point coach John Devine, whose team finished its nonconfer-

ence slate 4-2. "But this game in a nutshell was that they responded to adversity and we didn't."

Sheffield scored on slashing, cutting, tackle-breaking runs of 31, 56 and 12 yards. Quarterback Jake Watson tallied the other touchdowns on runs of 13 and 1 yards.

Robinson, whose season-low 54 yards gives him 1,023 yards this year, saw much of Freedom's running game from the Red Raiders' defensive backfield.

"Our defense is pretty good," Robinson said. "And the plays they run, we run, so we've seen

them 1,000 times. I don't know. I guess it was just him."

Sheffield didn't think he ran well until the second half — or after he'd already racked up 211 yards.

"It took me awhile to get going," said Sheffield, a 6-foot, 161-pound junior who missed last week's overtime loss to Burns with a pinched nerve in his right ankle.

Devine joked that Sheffield should have rested the injury another week.

"Yeah, I told (Freedom coach

Tim McMahon) he should've held him out another week," he said.

McMahon said that Sheffield didn't get OK'd to play until Thursday.

"If it had been a state playoff game, he might've played last week," McMahon said. "But we wanted to be cautious."

Freedom	6	14	13	0	—	33
South Point	12	0	0	0	—	12
SP — Kelly Brown 34 pass from Brian Ashe (Kick failed)						
SP — Brown 30 pass from Ashe (Run failed)						
Fr — Terry Sheffield 31 run (Run failed)						
Fr — Sheffield 56 run (Sam Chapman kick)						
Fr — Jake Watson 13 run (Chapman kick)						
Fr — Sheffield 12 run (Kick failed)						
Fr — Watson 1 run (Chapman kick)						