

South Point's Michael McWhirter splits two Bessemer City defenders as he heads upfield with a punt return that set up a Red Raider score.

South Point buries BC

Devine rushes for three TDs, passes for one

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BESSEMER CITY - It wasn't a good start for South Point, but it was an excellent finish.

Starting quarterback Devon Low-

South Point

ery was injured on the first offensive play of Friday's endow-

ment game between the Red Raiders and Bessemer City.

Then Drew Devine took over and threw an interception. But the Raiders could do no wrong after that as they rolled to a 55-7 victory.

The next time Devine took a snap, he rolled to his right, and thanks to a crushing block by Jeremy Jackson,

SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY'S PREP ACTION **PROVIDENCE** 28 13 **ASHBROOK** ONCORD BANDYS 29 **EAST LINCOLN** 15 WESTLINGOLN **BUNKER HILL** CHERRYVILLE 12

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sprinted to a 46-yard touchdown. Devine then threw a 23-yard scoring pass to Jackson on the following series and, before he was finished, scored on touchdown runs of 15 and one vards.

Devine, a 6-foot, 170-pound junior,

wound up leading South Point with 94 yards rushing.

"It was exciting," Devine said. "We have a lot of depth in our offensive backfield, and it showed lonight. It was a bad start, but after the first series, we did a good job of securing the ball."

Lowery suffered a slight separation of his left shoulder when he was tackled after handing off to Jarien Jackson on South Point's first play. Lowery returned late in the first half, but he sat out the entire second half with ice on his injured shoulder.

"We got dinked up there on the first series," said South Point coach John Devine. "Devon has a little separation on his shoulder, but we think he'll be OK. We felt Drew could come in at any time and get the job

The Raiders used 13 different running backs to pile up 356 rushing. yards.

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Raiders

Bessemer City got on the scoreboard late in the game as a steady rain began falling. The Jackets marched 75 yards with Torrel Partlow scoring from the 9.



Partlow

Partlow led Bessemer City with 94 yards rushing.

The Jackets
didn't have a
good start,
either. Travis
Lee fumbled
the opening
kickoff, and
South Point

kicker Andrew MacChiavello fell on the ball.

Jeremy Jackson, who only carried the ball type out of the Raider backfield red on a 50-yard punt return in the second quarter for his second touchdown.

Chris Stowe, who finished with 81 yards rushing, had a 41-yard touchdown in the third quarter.

Reserves John Alexander and Alvin Williams got in on the action late in the game. Alexander burst through the Jacket defense for a 25-yard score, and Williams added a 17-yarder.

Note

A van carrying the South Point cheerleading squad caught fire en route to the game. The Ford Econoline 350 started acting up and then shut off while the squadwas driving south on Interstate 85.

The van was engulfed in fire when firefighters arrived and was a total loss, according to Lowell Volunteer Fire Department Chief Mel Kelly. The cause of the fire is undetermined, but it is likely mechanical or electrical, Kelly said.

South Point 13 14 21 7 — 55 Bessemer City 0 0 0 7 — 7 First quarter

SP — Drew Devine 46 run (Marquis Forney kick)

SP — Jeremy Jackson 23 pass from Drew Devine (kick failed)

Second quarter

SP — Devine 15 run (Forney kick)

SP — Jackson 50 punt return (Forney kick)

Third quarter

SP — Devine 1 run (Andrew MacChiavello kick)

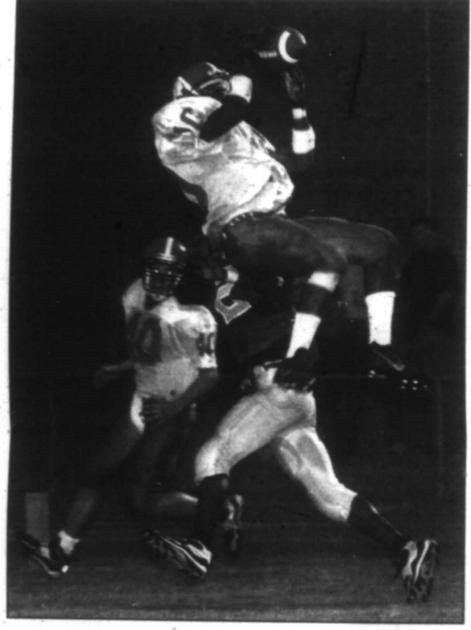
SP — Chris Stowe 41 run (Mac-Chiavello kick)

SP — John Alexander 28 run (MacChiavello kick)

Fourth quarter

SP — Alvin Williams 17 run (MacChiavello kick)

BC — Torrel Partlow 9 run (Chris Neal kick)



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Jeremy Jackson of South Point leaps to catch a touchdown pass.