South Point rolls over Lincolnton

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LINCOLNTON — South Point roared through Lincolnton Friday night like a runaway freight train. With a Chris Stowe-powered engine, the Red Raiders rolled to a 53-21 win over the fiesty Wolves.

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Stowe punished would-be tacklers as he powered his way to 173 yards rushing and three second-quarter touchdowns.

The win pushed the Raiders to 2-0 and left them feeling pretty good about themselves.

Raiders

"There shouldn't be any doubt that we're for real," Stowe said. "If we keep putting 50 points on the board, we're going to get noticed."

The Raiders hit Lincolnton hard early and buried the Wolves under 40 first-half points. Lincolnton (1-1), which came from a 28-point deficit a week earlier to surpsise Concord 35-27, began clawing its way out in the second half.

Quarterback Brian Sigmon, who was intercepted twice in the first half by Devon Lowery, passed the Wolves deep into Raider territory to set up Derek Blake's 1-yard run in the third quarter.

Lincolnton's Robert Lynch broke free for a 69-yard scoring run with 10 minutes left in the game.

"We knew Lincolnton wasn't going to quit," said Stowe, who played linebacker on defense. "Neither team let up. All I was thinking about was score, score when we had the ball. I wanted to get into the end zone and take it to the house."

Jarien Jackson set the tone when he almost returned the opening kickoff down the right sidelines for a score. But Jackson stepped out of bounds at the 36.

All that did was set up Jackson's twin brother Jeremy, who zipped through a hole in the right side of the Raider line and went 64 yards for South Point's first score.

Jarien Jackson came back with a 21-yard touchdown on South Point's next possesion.

Sigmon got the Wolves back in the game when he completed a 15-yard pass to Robert Lynch on a fourth-and-10 call in South Point territory. The Wolves got a break when South Point was called for roughing the passer on the play, and Lincolnton had the ball at the Raider five.

Sigmon ran straight ahead for the score to cut the lead to 13-7.

Jeremy Jackson scored his second touchdown on a 23-yard run just before the first quarter expired to give the Raiders a comfortable 20-7 margin.

Stowe picked up steam and burned the Wolves with runs of one, 27 and four yards to put the Raiders ahead 40-7 by halftime.

"We got some great plays from great players," said South Point coach John Devine. "Stowe, the Jackson twins, all made big plays on offense, and Devon (Lowery) picked off a couple of Brian Sigmon's long passes.

South Point	20	20	0	13	— 53
Lincolnton	7	0	7	7	— 21

First quarter
SP — Jeremy Jackson 64 run (kick failed), 11:39.
SP — Jarien Jackson 21 run (Michael Wilkinson kick) 6:41.
Linc — Brian Sigmon 5 run (Charlie Cagle kick), 5:57.
SP — Jeremy Jackson 23 run (Wilkinson kick), :37.
Second quarter
SP — Chris Stowe 1 run (kick failed), 10:49.
SP — Stowe 27 run (Wilkinson kick), 8:41.
SP — Stowe 4 run (Wilkinson kick), 3:22.
Third quarter
Linc — Derek Blake 1 run (Cagle kick), 2:00.
Fourth quarter
SP — Michael McWhirter 33 pass from Drew Devine (Wilkinson kick), 11:44.
Linc — Robert Lynch 69 run (Cagle kick), 10:00.
SP — Jarien Jackson 21 run (kick failed), 3:33.