

PREP FOOTBALL

South Point is sloppy, still has enough to top Burns

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BELMONT — South Point's practice field is just a hop, skip and a jump behind the visiting bleachers at Lineberger Stadium, just to the left of the Red Raider baseball diamond.

After the Red Raiders' 47-21 win over Burns on Friday night, the South Point players should consider themselves fortunate they didn't spend an hour over there paying for mistakes that a 9-0 team shouldn't have been making.

"I ought to have them back there running right now," South Point coach John Devine said after the Red Raiders accumulated 17 penalties for 148 yards in the win. "We had players holding people all over the place, lining up where they shouldn't. There is no excuse for things like that at this point of the season."

Even as the Red Raiders cruised to a 34-7 halftime edge, the flags were taking their toll. South Point committed seven



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penalties for 50 yards before the Bulldogs were flagged for the first time.

"It seemed as if we were running plays at first and 25 all night," South Point running back Chris Stowe said.

But Stowe made the best of a less-than-perfect situation, scoring on three touchdown runs in the first half and four for the game. On all four, he broke the line of scrimmage on the classic fullback dive and found no opposition awaiting him.

"We were spreading them out all night," Stowe said. "People want to key on Jeremy and Jarien Jackson on the wings, and that's fine. They want to key on me, that's fine, too. We'll just pass over them."

The Raiders had little need for putting the ball in the air Friday. Stowe had 11

rushes for 123 yards in the first half and finished with 156 yards on 14 carries.

Burns, on the other hand, tried to use the pass to find the end zone on a couple of different occasions. Devon Lowery enjoyed taking advantage of Burns quarterback Adam Floyd on a 93-yard interception return for a score in the second quarter.

The Bulldog coaching staff didn't learn its lesson when the team tried to throw at Lowery again on fourth-and-goal from the 7 late in the contest.

"I didn't really look at it as them being disrespectful to me by throwing at me," Lowery said. "But all night we were shutting them down on the ground when they were close to the goal, and they couldn't throw the fade. They kept trying to use a short drop to throw a slant pass to the corner. I said to myself that if they tried to throw that again, I was taking it to the house."

Lowery spoke the truth. He picked off his second pass at the South Point 2 and,

just like the first interception, found the sideline and sprinted in for a score.

Burns 7 0 7 7 — 21

South Point 14 20 6 7 — 47

First quarter

SP — Jarien Jackson 19 run (Michael Wilkinson kick) 9:40

SP — Chris Stowe 33 run (Wilkinson kick) 1:07

Bu — Anthony Briscoe 66 run (Cline Ingle kick) :54

Second quarter

SP — Stowe 10 run (kick failed) 7:43

SP — Devon Lowery 93 interception return (Jeremy Jackson run) 5:42

SP — Stowe 21 run (kick failed) 4:00

Third quarter

Bu — Josh Brown 43 run (Ingle kick) 8:11

SP — Stowe 14 run (run failed) :51

Fourth quarter

Bu — Brown 21 run (Ingle kick) 5:54

SP — Lowery 98 interception return (Wilkinson kick) 2:10