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South Point's Devon Lowery is taken down by Andrews' Noah Alexander.

South Point cruises to second round

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BELMONT — Physically, the game was about even. But it all came down to speed, and South Point simply had too much quickness for High Point Andrews.

Junior quarterback Devon Lowery had the best performance of his career, thanks in part to some super human moves by Jarien

Jackson, completing four of seven passes for 160 yards and two long touchdowns, while running for 116 yards in South Point's 41-7 win in the first round of the 3A state playoffs.

Jeremy Jackson was on the receiving end of a 71-yard pass from Lowery in the first quarter, and twin Jarien Jackson gathered a pass that was batted by an Andrews defender, then spun out of a

tackle to complete a 67-yarder in the third. Jarien Jackson added a 6-yard run in the second quarter.

Jeremy Jackson had two more touchdowns that were called back because of penalties.

South Point (12-0) will move on to the second round of the 3A playoffs when they host Jamestown-Ragsdale next Friday.

"We played with great intensity tonight," said South Point coach

John Devine. "We played hard the entire game."

Trailing 7-0, High Point Andrews (6-5) established an impressive ground game in the first quarter against the Raider defense. The visiting Red Raiders consumed most of the first quarter clock behind the running of 1,000-yard rusher Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay and fullback Bobbie

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Rorie.

Andrews drove to the South Point 35, where it faced a fourth-and-three. But Michael Wilkinson wiped Rorie out in the Andrews backfield for a drive-killing 5-yard loss.

It took South Point seven plays to find the end zone and a 14-0 lead when Lowery scored from 16 yards with 10 seconds remaining in the quarter.

Andrews bounced right back and on its next possession, moved to the South Point 34. Wilkinson came through again and sacked quarterback Adam Mills for a 9-yard loss on a third down play. It went downhill for Andrews from there.

"I knew I had to step it up and make something happen," said Wilkinson, who also had fumble recovery. "Our defense came to life at the right time. Now we're ready to move on in the playoffs.

"This was about the best week of practice we had all season. We know it won't come easy, but we just want to keep winning. This is all like a dream."

South Point virtually put the game away with a pair of touch-

downs in a five-second span. Jarien Jackson hurdled two Andrews defenders and walked on air into the end zone for a 6-yard touchdown with 7:02 left in the first half.

Andrews' Earl Martin fumbled the ensuing kickoff, and Drew Devine scooped up the ball and ran 10 yards for another score and suddenly the Raiders led 28-0.

Chris Stowe put South Point ahead 35-0 before halftime with a 7-yard run.

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First quarter

SP — Jeremy Jackson 71 pass from Devon Lowery (B.J. Richmond kick), 10:12

SP — Lowery 16 run (kick blocked), :10

Second quarter

SP — Jarien Jackson 6 run (Jeremy Jackson run), 7:08

SP — Drew Devine 10 fumble recovery (Richmond kick), 7:03

SP — Chris Stowe 7 run (Richmond kick), 4:13

Third quarter

SP — Jarien Jackson 67 pass from Lowery (kick blocked), 2:27

Fourth quarter

HPA — Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay 52 run (Ryan McDowell kick), 7:47