

South Point's speed too much for Burns in 38-7 win

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LAWNDALE — In football there's just no substitute for speed.

Friday night at Burns, the South Point Red Raiders just had too much speed for the Bulldogs to contain. Thanks to the quick feet of the Raiders' backs, big play after big play resulted in a 38-7 South Point victory.

"They have tremendous athletic ability," said Burns coach Ron Greene. "They were just running through our hands. We couldn't seem to get any pads on them. I attribute that to their speed."

It wasn't merely the speed of one player, either. It was a trio of roadrunners that led to Burns' demise.

Tiger Williams got the ball rolling on the Raiders' first possession with a 64-yard dash, breezing through a gaping hole at the line of scrimmage then outrunning the pursuit. Rasharde Reid displayed his quick feet on a 46-yard scam-

per straight up the middle early in the second period for a 14-0 lead.

But it was quarterback Devon Lowery who did the most damage, rushing for 185 yards on 17 carries. He had a nine-yard pin-ball run before the half that put South Point up 21-0. Lowery seemed tied up at the line of scrimmage, but broke away from the tackle, twisted past another defender then carried two more past the goal line.

Lowery added a 32-yard score and Reid raced down the sideline 72 yards for another in the third quarter.

"(South Point's speed) presents problems for people," said South Point coach John Devine. "We did a great job of neutralizing their offensive line, then our quickness made the difference."

The Raiders cause the type of problems that are hard for a team to prepare.

"We can't duplicate that kind of speed on a practice field," said Greene.

Burns played most of the game without starting quarterback Troy Goss. The sophomore left in the second quarter with a turned ankle. Tajuan Griggs came in following the injury.

The Bulldogs (3-6, 2-2 SWC) got their only score late in the game on an end-around option. Griggs gave the ball to Nelson Woods on what appeared to be a sweep. But Morrio Clark took a handoff from Woods on a reverse. Clark then found Griggs wide open in the flat for an 18-yard touchdown pass.

SWC frontrunner South Point (7-0-1, 4-0 SWC) plays at Kings Mountain on Friday. Burns will try to keep its 3A playoff hopes alive when it visits R-S Central.

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SP — Tiger Williams 64 run (B.J. Richmond kick)

SP — Rasharde Reid 46 run (Richmond kick)

SP — Devon Lowery 9 run (Richmond kick)

SP — Richmond 23 FG

SP — Lowery 32 run (Richmond kick)

SP — Reid 72 run (Richmond kick)

B — Tajuan Griggs 18 pass from Morrio Clark (Cline Ingle kick)

Leaders

Rushing SP: Lowery 17-185, Reid 5-125, Williams 3-74; Burns: Nelson Woods 31-165.

Passing SP: Lowery 1-4-0 19 yards; Burns: Troy Goss 2-3-0 33 yards, Griggs 1-4-0 9 yards, Clark 1-1-0 18 yards TD.

Receiving SP: Williams 1-19; Burns: Clark 1-34, Griggs 1-18, Woods 1-9, Ben Yarboro 1-4.

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