Turnovers plague South Point in loss

■ Top-rated QB throws for 297 yards vs. Raiders

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BELMONT - The stage was set for a last-minute touchdown and a dramatic homecoming victory for South Point.

But things didn't quite work out for the Red Raiders, who fell 12-7 to Benedectine, a private school from Richmond, Va.

With 1:07 left in the game, things looked promising for South Point. The Red Raiders had moved 57 yards on four straight pass completions by quarterback Javar Williams and faced a first-and-goal at the Benedictine 9.

But on the next play, Williams' pitch never made it to Rashard Reid, and Cadet defensive end Tedwin Bassett pounced on the loose ball. It was South Point's fifth turnover of the game.

"We were lucky," said Benedictine coach Gene Smith. "(South Point) moved right down the field on us. Our defense really stepped up and gave it a super effort.

"This will make the long ride home a sweet ride."

The Cadets (6-2) were led by senior quarterback Patrick Dosh, who completed 12 of 30 passes for 297 yards and two touchdowns. Dosh entered the game just 448 yards shy of breaking Ronald Curry's alltime passing record for the state of Virginia.

Dosh, a Division I prospect who has narrowed his collegiate choices to North Carolina and Virginia Tech, threw an 11-yard scoring pass Matt McKenna in the first quarter to put the Cadets ahead 6-0.

BENEDICTINE 12, SOUTH POINT 7

Vernon Hamilton was the recipient of a 33-yard toss from Dosh in the third quarter after a Raider fumble gave the Cadets prime field position. Benedictine went for two after their first PAT was blocked, but the Raider defense sacked Dosh.

In fact, South Point's defense came after the 6-3 215pound quarterback all night. Dosh was sacked four times and knocked to the ground following most of his 30 at-

empts.

"I've been playing quarterback for four years and I've never seen a team with as much defensive speed as South Point," Dosh said. "They really swarm to the ball... I had four or five guys all over me and I would look downfield and all my receivers were covered."

The Raiders (5-4) finally put a drive together late in the third period following the second Cadet touchdown. The big play was a 53-yard scoring play on a pass from Williams to Phillip Stowe.

South Point got a big break when Jonathan Mitchell intercepted a Dosh pass and returned the ball to the Cadet 23.

Reid took the Raiders to the 16, but the drive stalled when the Cadets threw Williams for a 1-yard loss on a fourth-and-3 call.

South Point penetrated Cadet territory on each possesion in the fourth quarter, but the Raiders also furned the ball over each time.

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B — Matt McKenna 11 pass from Patrick Dosh (kick blocked)
 B — Vernon Hamilton 33 pass from Dosh (run failed)

SP — Phillip Stowe 53 pass from . Javar Williams (B.J. Richmond kick)