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South Point running back Joe Brown bursts through the Forestview defense during Friday night's game in Belmont. The junior rushed for 86 yards on 15 carries and scored two touchdowns — his 20th and 21st of the season — and the Red Raiders won 33-0.

## Raiders whip Jaguars

## Big South's best offense reigned in by South Point in 33-0 rout

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BELMONT — South Point's defense dominated Forestview and shut out the Big South 3A's offensive statistical leader 33-0 here Friday night.

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who entered the game aver-

The Jaguars,

aging 357 yards a game, best in the conference, were held out of the end zone and gained only 106 yards against the Red Raiders' defense.

"Bottom line is they whipped us up

front. Period," said Forestview coach Scott Lee, a former assistant at South Point. "Nothing else to be said. You can't run the football if you can't block. And we couldn't block. We couldn't do anything. They just shut the door."

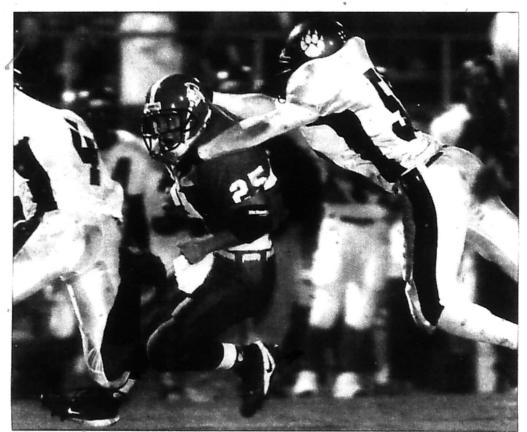
Forestview managed only 66 yards on the ground and 40 through the air, over 250 yards less than the team had been averaging in the previous seven games.

Leading the charge were Red Raiders Sammy Redden, Joe Costner, Andrew Rinehardt, Matt Cornwell, Brian Bradshaw, Nick Williams and Jamie Tuttle "That defensive front was playing unbelievable defense," said South Point coach John Devine. "Everytime they turned around, there was a red hat. They, did a great job shutting down the run, shutting down the Black Bone."

Meanwhile, Forestview's defense didn't have much luck slowing down its triple option counterpart at Lineberger Stadium in Belmont.

"They couldn't shut down the Red Bone tonight," Devine added.

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South Point's Brian McWhirter rushes the ball as Forestview defender Jake Vance dives for the tackle at the end of the first half. McWhirter would later go on to score on a 59-yard run in South Point's 33-0 victory.

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South Point, with the secondbest offense in the BS3A at 355 yards a game, bested that total with 381 yards against a Jag defense which had been allowing just 17.4 points a game.

"I think our defense could have done a better job if they hadn't had to stay on the field so long," Lee said. "You can't keep your defense on the field all night, and that's what we did. We asked our defense to do too much tonight."

The Red Raiders' Joe Brown scored two more touchdowns, his 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of 2002, on runs of 21 and 2 yards, respectively. He finished with 86 yards on 15 attempts.

Brian McWhirter added a touchdown on a long 59-yard scamper, and finished with 106 yards.

South Point quarterback Javar Williams accounted for two scores, one on a 49-yard run and the other on a 27-yard pass to Jimmy Dixon.

Fullback Brian Phillips had the best night for Forestview with 36 yards on the ground.



Forestview's J. R. Armstrong, second from left, tries to carry the ball through South Point defenders Josh Robinson (24) and Matt Cornwell in the first minutes of the game Friday night.

Wingback Jay Carroll added-15 yards rushing.

The win improved South Point to 7-1 overall and 4-0 in the BS3A. Forestview fell to 5-3 overall and 1-2 in the conference.

The Red Raiders are off next week: They return to action Nov. 1 at home against North Gaston. Forestview is at home next week against Ashbrook.

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SP — Joe Brown 21 run (kick failed) SP — Brown 2 run (run failed)

SP — Jimmy Dixon 27 pass from Javar Williams (Andrew Rinehardt kick)

SP — Brian McWhirter 59 run (Rine hardt kick)