

# Raiders rock, roll Wolves

## South Point scores on third play, shuts out Lincolnton

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**LINCOLNTON** — The first 85 seconds told all in visiting South Point's 47-0 rout of Lincolnton Friday night at Battleground Stadium.

Lincolnton's Terrell Phelps bobbled the opening kickoff and never regained control, allowing South Point's Corey Brown to recover at the Lincolnton 22. Three plays later, the Red Raiders were dancing in the end zone.

**SOUTH POINT 47** It was the beginning of a long night for Lincolnton and a night in which South Point could hardly do wrong.

"We had preached to them all week that you had to play a good game ... you had to play almost a perfect game," Lincolnton coach Scott Cloninger said. "Then you do what we did, and I think it hurt them mentally."

The Wolves (3-1) turned the ball over three times, and South Point made them pay.

The Red Raiders (2-1) began three possessions inside the Lincolnton 42 and found the end zone each time.

When Lincolnton did hold onto the ball, it didn't move it very far. South Point's swarming defense held the Wolves to two first downs and 55 yards of total offense. This was a Lincolnton team averaging 299 yards and 37.7 points per game against its first three opponents — Maiden, North Gaston and East Lincolnton.



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South Point's Jamari Crawford disposes of Lincolnton defender Brian Ebert on his way to a short gain during Friday night's game in Lincolnton. The Red Raiders scored on their first four possessions and piled up 424 yards of total offense in a 47-0 rout.

## Harris' legs drag Ironmen all over Rebels

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**CHERRYVILLE** — On the biggest night of his high school football career, Cherryville's Kenneth Harris deflected the attention away from himself.

"It's a team game, and this is a team win," said the 6-4, 190-pound senior after the Ironmen routed rival West Lincolnton 41-6 Friday night at Rudisill Stadium.

**CHERRYVILLE 41**  
**WEST LINCOLN 6**

"It all starts with the linemen. If the linemen don't block, I don't have nothing. The backs don't have nothing. I just catch the ball and run."

Harris did plenty of that against the Rebels. He scored four touchdowns and accounted for 213 total yards as the Ironmen (1-2) handed new coach Richard Davis his first victory.

Not only did Harris score the first four touchdowns of the game, it was the way he scored them that had the Cherryville fans buzzing. He turned two routine receptions into touchdown plays covering 39 and 37 yards. He ran 30 yards for another score on a reverse, and for good measure returned an interception 60 yards for a second-quarter touchdown.

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"That defensive front - they just set the tone," South Point head coach John Devine said. "It's been incredible how they've meshed together and come together as a unit."

Linemen Jerimy Beaty, Sammy Redden, Randy Robinson, Andrew Rinehart and Jamie Tuttle and outside linebacker/defensive end Chris Richards played key roles in shutting down Lincoln's potent running attack.

Darren Wilson, Lincoln's star tailback who had surpassed 100 yards in all three games, managed only 36 yards on 14 carries.

"We pretty well controlled the neutral zone. That was the thing," South Point defensive line coach Phil Tate said. "If you do that, you've got a good chance of stopping any offense, especially a running offense."

It was the second consecutive solid defensive effort for South Point, which surrendered 63 yards and three first downs in a 49-0 win at Kings Mountain last week.

Meanwhile, South Point's offense was just as impressive, scoring on its first four possessions and grounding out 424 yards of total offense.

Senior fullback Joe Brown led a balanced attack, carrying 16 times for 95 yards and three touchdowns. Senior wingback Tyler Gorton added 72 yards on seven carries. Senior quarterback Javar Williams rushed for 60 yards and a pair of scores and completed 5 of 7 passes for 66 yards and a touchdown.



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South Point's Joe Brown runs into the end zone for a touchdown with two minutes left in the second quarter. Brown scored three touchdowns as the Red Raiders stomped Lincoln 47-0.

South Point now looks forward to a matchup at home against Crest — the 3A power from Cleveland County that has defeated the Red Raiders the past two years.

It was the first time Lincoln

suffered a shutout since falling to Mount Pleasant 21-0 in the opening round of last year's 2AA state playoffs.

South Point leads the series 16-5, including a seven-game winning streak in which the

Red Raiders have outscored the Wolves 289-120.

The win could have been costly, as offensive guard Jarrod Fraley and backup quarterback Corey Brown left the game with injuries.

Fraley, a senior, landed on his shoulder late in the second quarter and didn't return, but Devine thinks he'll be ready for next week's game.

Brown's injury appeared more serious. The senior was carried off the field after being tackled on a keeper with 3:43 remaining in the fourth quarter. He had had a brace on his left knee after the game.

Brown had relieved Williams at quarterback late in the third quarter. Tyler Lemmons, a sophomore, replaced Brown under center after the injury.

Lincoln didn't leave unscathed, either. Leading tackler Bradley Dalrymple injured his wrist in the third quarter and didn't return.

And Abner Rangel (sprained ankle) and Darius Jefferies (strained leg) also suffered injuries.

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SP — Javar Williams 15 run (Andrew Rinehart kick)

SP — Williams 8 run (kick failed)

SP — Ivey Watson 14 pass from Williams (Rinehart kick)

SP — Joe Brown 1 run (Rinehart kick)

SP — Brown 6 run (Rinehart kick)

SP — FG Rinehart 27

SP — Brown 5 run (Rinehart kick)

SP — FG Rinehart 23

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