

SPORTS

Raiders make their point

Team completes sweep of Gastonia schools with rout

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GASTONIA — Belmont 3, Gastonia 0.

The South Point Red Raiders completed an impressive sweep of the Gastonia city schools Friday night with a 42-7 drubbing of Forestview at Joe Alala Stadium.

The ingredients and recipe were almost exactly the same as last week's 42-0 win over Ashbrook and a Sept. 26 victory over Hunter Huss by a score of 42-6.

A swarming defense, a dominating offensive line, the fleet-footed Javar Williams and a bevy of backs, including Joe Brown, helped South Point win for the third

straight week over a Gastonia team by a combined score of 126-13.

It also gave the Red Raiders (7-1, 4-0 BS3A) sole possession of first place in the Big South 3A.

"They aren't a pretty good football team. They're a great football team," said Forestview coach Scott Lee, a former player and assistant coach for the Red Raiders. "But you can't give a great football team four turnovers in the first quarter. That just killed us."

Three fumbles and an interception early in the game allowed South Point, the No. 2-ranked team in North Carolina's class 3A, to run out to a 35-0 lead at halftime, and the Jaguars never threatened.

Only a fourth-quarter touchdown by Josh Jackson prevented the shutout. In fact, it was the first Forestview (6-2, 3-1 BS3A) points against South

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Point since 2001's 44-41 double-overtime loss to the Red Raiders, who beat the Jaguars 33-0 last year.

"They laid the ball on the ground a couple times, and forcing a couple of turnovers got us fired up," said South Point coach John Devine. "That's what you've got to do — be an opportunistic team. This team right here can do that."

The Red Raider defense has not only been opportunistic, it has been nearly perfect, allowing only 27 points over the last seven contests.

Meanwhile, Brown, South Point's senior running back, scored three touchdowns and rushed for 100 yards to give him 18 touchdowns in 2003.

Williams only rushed for 65 yards, but tip-toed through the Forestview line for a 16-yard touchdown in what was a truly

amazing run.

Jamari Jeter added a 51-yard touchdown and Tyler Gorton a 17-yard score.

In all, South Point's triple-option attack amassed 350 yards on the ground.

"We've got a bunch of seniors, and they know how to play the game," Devine said. "They play hard. They're working hard. They're a good bunch of kids."

Forestview travels to Ashbrook on Friday. South Point entertains Berry Academy.

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SP — Jamari Jeter 51 run (run failed)

SP — Tyler Gorton 17 run (Andrew Rinehart)

SP — Joe Brown 16 run (Rinehart kick)

SP — Javar Williams 16 run (Rinehart)

SP — Brown 1 run (Rinehart kick)

SP — Brown 38 run (Rinehart kick)

FV — Josh Jackson 62 run (Brett Conner kick)