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Forestview's Jimmy Shumaker, right, can't quite get to South Point quarterback Andrew Rinehart before he pitches the ball on the option play. The Red Raiders kept the Jags at arm's length all night in a 25-6 win.

## **Back on track**

## Determined South Point hands Forestview first conference defeat

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BELMONT —South Point earned a huge bounce-back win and disappointed a Forestview team with its eyes on staying unbeaten in conference play with a 25-6 victory here Friday night at Lineberger Stadium.

The Red Raiders (5-3, 3-1), who lost in Big South 3A action last week for the first time in three years, hit the field with a sense of urgency against their Gaston County rival, wearing all black uniforms for the first time this season.

"We hadn't lost but two football games since 2001 in the conference, and we sure didn't want to lose two of them this year," said South Point head coach John Devine, now 6-0 against the Jaguars. "We want to do our part to get things back on track and start a new streak. I challenged them to be the guys that start the streak that ends in 2020."

Meanwhile, Forestview (5-3, 3-1) had a chance to control its own destiny in the BS3A with a victory over South Point, which would have set up a matchup with Ashbrook (6-2, 4-0) next week with sole possession of first place on the line.

"We don't believe we're out of it," said Forestview head coach Scott Lee, a former player and assistant at South Point. "We're extremely disappointed. They're going to bounce back. We just have to beat Ashbrook next week and get back into the winning column."

With Ashbrook's 35-21 win over East Gaston, the Green Wave take over the top of the BS3A and leave South Point



Jimmy Shumaker, left, tracks down South Point's Cameron McGlenn Friday night.

and Forestview with one loss each. Forestview meets Ashbrook Friday on Forestview's home turf.

The Red Raiders raced out to a 25-0 advantage fairly easily against the Jagüars. Two big plays — a 41-yard fumble recovery by Cameron McGlenn and a 90-yard run by Josh Robinson — set the tone quickly for South Point.

A 1-yard plunge by Bryan Jennings with 31 seconds left in the half gave South Point an 18-0 lead.

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Another fumble recovery for a touchdown — this time by Chuck McCoskey for 17 yards — put the Red Raiders ahead 25-0 in the third quarter.

"We let them scoop up two fumbles and score two touchdowns," Lee said. "You can't give a team like that opportunities. We've got to do a better job of protecting the football."

The Jaguars found paydirt

for the only time of the night when Mark Barnett connected with Josh Martin on a 48-yard scoring strike late in the third

quarter.
The score might have been even more lopsided had Andrew Rinehardt not missed two field goals in the fourth quarter. South Point also failed on three PAT attempts.

Robinson had a game-high 136 yards rushing and Jennings added an even 100.

South Point travels to Charlotte next week to face Berry Academy.

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recovery (pass failed)
SP — Josh Robinson 90 run (pass failed)
SP — Bryan Jennings 1 run (kick failed)

falled)
SP — Chuck McCoskey 17 fumble recovery (Andrew Rinehardt kick)
FV — Josh Martin 48 pass from
Mark Barnett (run failed)