

SOUTH POINT 23, HUNTER HUSS 20, OT

# South Point escapes Huskies

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GASTONIA — South Point survived a scare against Hunter Huss on Friday night, winning 23-20 in overtime.

The Red Raiders escaped with the win despite not scoring a second-half touchdown. Meanwhile, the Huskies (3-3 overall and 1-1 in the Big South 3A/4A) were unable to repeat their feat of a week ago — Huss trailed 21-0 against North Gaston, but rallied to win in overtime 35-34.

Friday, the Huskies' magic ran out and the luck of the Red Raiders kicked in.

"(Overtime games) are always exciting," said South Point coach John Devine. "We're very fortunate. We were just lucky. That's all I can say."

Luck or no luck, South Point (5-1, 2-0) jumped on the Huskies quickly, converting two turnovers into touchdowns, just as North Gaston did to Huss one week earlier.

A Thomas Davie interception

of Huss quarterback Brandon Miller and a Keith Hairston fumble led to Jordan Gilmore touchdowns of 1 and 13 yards in the first quarter.

The Huskies began their second rally in as many weeks on the first possession of the second quarter.

Miller, who threw for 240 yards on 13 completions in 25 attempts, used his legs on a 10-yard run to get the Huskies on the scoreboard.

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Trailing 14-7, Huss allowed the Red Raiders to go on a 97-yard drive at the end of the half, which ended with a 26-yard pass from Tyler Lemons to Cameron McGlenn.

The Huskie defense pitched a shutout in the second half, forcing South Point into three fumbles and three punts over the final two quarters.

"We tried to give it to them," Devine said. "We didn't do a good job of getting them ready."

With the score 20-7 early in the fourth, Huss' Demario Garvin, who had eight catches for 125 yards, hauled in a 34-yard pass from Miller for a touchdown, pulling the Huskies within six points of South Point.

Hairston's 16-yard run with just minutes left tied the game 20-20. However, Miles Lynn's PAT attempt was blocked, and the game was destined for overtime.

Huss couldn't duplicate its previous success in overtime.

"I felt like when we played, we played well enough to win, but we didn't play a whole ballgame," said Huss coach Steve Gardner.

In overtime, Miller was intercepted by Arrington Tribble on third down, leaving the Red Raiders a field goal away from victory. Matthew Mitchell easily made a 27-yarder and South Point came away with the close win.

South Point hosts Ashbrook Friday. Huss travels to East Gaston.

"If we play like we did tonight, it won't be close," Devine said, of the upcoming matchup with the Green Wave.

SP	14	6	0	0	3	— 23
HH	0	7	13	0	0	— 20

SP — Jordan Gilmore 1 run (Matthew Mitchell kick)

SP — Gilmore 13 run (Mitchell kick)

HH — Brandon Miller 10 run (Miles Lynn kick)

SP — Cameron McGlenn 26 pass from Tyler Lemons (kick failed)

HH — Demario Garvin 34 pass from Miller (Lynn kick)

HH — Keith Hairston 16 run (kick failed)

SP — Mitchell 27 field goal