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# Raiders still seek perfect game

## Lackluster first half gives way to outburst

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**BELMONT** — Waddell coach Bennie McMurray admitted after Friday's contest that it would have taken a perfect game to win at Lineberger Stadium.

It seems as if South Point coach John Devine expects perfection every night.

Even after the Red Raiders (7-2) routed Waddell 42-0 on Friday night in a non-conference game, Devine was disappointed with his team's sluggish first half.

"I didn't think we played hard in that first half," the 10-year coach said. "I felt like we weren't playing as hard as we should have."

Holding a 21-point lead at the break, the Red Raiders showed no signs of letting up, notching two defensive touchdowns in two straight series. Linebacker Jonathan Graham picked up a loose ball and returned it 13 yards for a score with 10:42 on the clock. Three plays later, South Point cornerback Cameron McGlenn picked off Darrin Horton's halfback pass and returned it 28 yards for the second defensive score 61 seconds. It was McGlenn's second interception of the game.

"They turned the pressure up in that second half," said Devine of his defensive unit. "...We wanted to turn it up a notch."

South Point's defensive lineman harassed Waddell quarterbacks Miranda McCullough and Horton in the second half, forcing two interceptions and recovering two fumbles. Along with the defensive scores, Joe Hall and Holden Russell came away with sacks and Stan Wilson recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter.

"We wanted to get pressure on them," Devine said. "We threw a couple blitzes at them, sent a couple linebackers. We didn't give them time to set up."

"... If they want to throw it, you can't let them pat the ball and pick and choose receivers. You've got to put the pressure on them and make them move around and make them throw on the run."

Waddell (1-6) couldn't overcome the seven turnovers — four interceptions, three fumbles — despite picking off quarterback Tyler Lemons twice and recovering a fumble.

"Good teams make plays like those," said McMurray, whose team made the third round of the state playoffs last year. "The better the team you are, the more breaks you get."

Lemons completed just two passes on the night — both for touchdowns. The senior connected with Marcus Duckworth on a seam route for a 30-yard score on the second play of the second quarter. Following Waddell's second turnover of the game, Lemons found Brandon Spencer wide open on an inside-slant route for a 47-yard score, giving the Red Raiders the 21-0 lead.

Lemons also scored the Red Raiders' first touchdown of the night on a 16-yard keeper with 5 minutes left in the first quarter. Lemons finished with a team-high 76 yards on 11 carries.

The Red Raiders outrushed Waddell 194-88 as eight different players carried the ball for South Point. Freshman running back James Justice capped the scoring with a 2-yard plunge.

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**SP** — Tyler Lemons 16 run (Matthew Mitchell kick)

**SP** — Marcus Duckworth 30 pass from Lemons (Mitchell kick)

**SP** — Brandon Spencer 47 pass from Lemons (Mitchell kick)

**SP** — Jonathan Graham 13 fumble return (Mitchell kick)

**SP** — Cameron McGlenn 28 interception return (Mitchell kick)

**SP** — James Justice 2 run (Mitchell kick)