

# Raiders turn back Jaguars

## Red Raiders slip past Forestview, keep hopes alive

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BELMONT — Matt Hudspeth rushed for three touchdowns and Desmond Lowery threw for two scores as South Point outlasted Forestview 35-21 Friday here at Lineberger Stadium.

For the Red Raiders (2-6 overall, 2-2 Big South 3A/4A), it was their second straight win after discovering last week they had used an ineligible player for a second time this season and were stripped of three wins. South Point also had a win taken away in a separate incident after beating Lincolnton on Aug. 25.

With back-to-back wins over Ashbrook and the Jaguars (1-7 overall, 0-3 Big South 3A/4A), the Red Raiders keep their slim playoff hopes alive.

A minimum of four wins is required, but not a guarantee for a postseason bid. South Point still has games left against Waddell, North Gaston and Crest.

"It's our playoff time," said South Point coach John Devine. "We've got to win every week. We can't have a letup. We've got to take everyone serious. That's just the way it is."

Hudspeth, who rushed for 100 yards on 16 carries, scored on rushes of 3, 1 and 8 yards, giving him 15 touchdowns on the season.

Lowery connected with Marcus Duckworth on 29-yard scoring pass and with Chris Lane for a 61-yard touchdown. Along with two touchdown passes in last

week's come-from-behind win over the Green Wave, Lowery has thrown for six scores on the season. He also rushed for 77 yards against the Jaguars and completed five of eight passes for 138 yards.

Jaguar quarterback Preston Lyon, a converted wide receiver, weaved his way 68 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter for Forestview's only first-half points.

Trailing 21-7 after three quarters, the Jaguars managed a pair of touchdowns in the fourth quarter to keep the score close.

"We came out and showed some energy I hadn't seen all year," said Forestview coach Wayne Fewell. "We just got beat tonight."

Running back Roshawn Floyd came off the bench and rushed seven times for 49 yards, including a 12-yard touchdown. His fresh legs in the fourth quarter seemed to give Forestview a spark after the Jaguars primarily used freshman backs Keon Williams and Keevon Harris. On the heels of a 202-yard performance against North Gaston last week, Williams added 127 yards in just his second varsity start. Harris rushed for 66 yards and a touchdown.

Lyon completed four of 13 passes for 35 yards and an interception. Harris caught two passes and Tory Ayers grabbed two catches.

F	0	7	0	14	-21
SP	0	13	8	14	-35

SP — Matt Hudspeth 3 run (Matthew Mitchell kick)

F — Preston Lyon 68 run (Lyon kick)

SP — Marcus Duckworth 29 pass from Desmond Lowery (kick failed)

SP — Hudspeth 1 run (Lowery run)

F — Roshawn Floyd 12 run (Lyon kick)

SP — Hudspeth 8 run (Mitchell kick)

SP — Chris Lane 61 pass from Lowery (Mitchell kick)

F — Keon Williams 1 run (Lyon kick)