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No time for teasing Raider Davie

Senior cornerback's two big plays contribute to South Point's victory

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BELMONT — Thomas Davie was tired of being teased by his teammates and the South Point coaching staff.

The three-year scored on a fumble recovery and intercepted a pass on the next possession as South Point (3-6) rolled over Waddell 58-19 in a non-conference game at Lineberger Stadium.

"We tease him because he has a lot of (passes) that he breaks up but he's not making the catches," said South Point coach John Devine of his starting right cornerback. "Tonight, he made two great plays."

Davie scooped up Waddell (2-6) receiver Tommy Meek's fumble and strolled 8 yards into the end zone for South Point's second score of the game. Matt Mitchell's point-after gave the Red Raiders a 14-0 lead with 4:42 left in the stanza.

Waddell quarterback Donterious Dawkins challenged Davie on the first play of the next possession. The senior "stepped between receiver De-Vontae Lawrence and Dawkins' pass, deflected the ball, secured it and raced down the sideline before being knocked

out of bounds at the 4-yard-line with 4:32 left in the first.

"He checked down to the receiver and I caught on to what he was doing," said Davie, who was a little disappointed with not scoring for a second time. "I really wanted to get in the end zone again."

On the next play, South Point quarterback Desmond Lowery ran in from 4 yards out for his second score of the game. Lowery finished with 100 yards rushing and two touchdowns. The sophomore completed three of six passes for 45 yards and a 19-yard touchdown pass to Chris Lane in the third quarter.

"Coach Lineberger talked all week about how we needed to create turnovers to game's," Davie said.

South Point capitalized on six Waddell turnovers, scoring 27 points on three fumbles and three interceptions.

"We want to score in every phase of the game," Devine said. "Defensively is no different than offense, kicking game. We want to put pressure, we want to create short fields for our offense."

Mitchell attempted a Gaston County record-tying 53-yard field goal in the second quarter. The kick had the distance but sailed left. The senior

made a 27-yard field goal earlier in the quarter.

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SP - Desmond Lowery 5 run (Matthew Mitchell kick)

SP - Thomas Davie 8 fumble recovery

(Mitchell kick)

SP - Lowery 4 run (Mitchell kick)

SP - Mitchell 27 FG

SP - Matt Hudspeth 2 run (Mitchell kick)

SP - Marcus Duckworth 46 run Mitchell

W - Tony Littlejohn 3 run (Tyler Fleming kick) SP - Chris Lane 19 pass from Lowery (kick

W - Brandyn Johnson 37 fumble recovery

(kick fails) SP - Josh Justice 9 run (Mitchell kick)

SP - James Justice 11 run (Mitchell kick)

W - DeAngelo Carter 3 run (pass fails)

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