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South Point quarterback Josh Justice, who was filling in for the injured Desmond Lowery, tries to scramble away from Hunter Huss' Joey Blake Friday night.

Justice prevails

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BELMONT — Any notion that South Point might be vulnerable, coming off a short week of practice and without the services of starting quarterback Desmond Lowery, quickly evaporated Friday night at Lineberger Stadium in Belmont.

The Red Raiders (6-1, 2-0 Big South 3A/4A) scored on three of their first four possessions in the first half en route to a 22-0 shutout of Hunter Huss.

South Point, which played a rain-delayed game Monday against East Gaston, showed no real effects of a three-day work week and scored enough points in the first two quarters to hold off a young and talented Huss (4-2, 1-1 BS 3A/4A) squad.

"For a half of football, we executed pretty well," said Red Raider head coach John Devine. "Our defense played extremely well. We bent, but we didn't break.

They've got some good young players and Steve (Gardner) does a great job."

Quarterback Josh Justice found a wide-open Jesse McGaha on a 37-yard pass with 8:52 in the first quarter.

Justice, subbing for starter Desmond Lowery, who twisted a knee earlier in the week against the Warriors, filled in admirably for the senior captain.

"Josh Justice is a great athlete and a very talented football player," Devine said. "I thought he could do a lot of the same things for one night that Desmond could."

Devine said he made the decision about 5:30 Friday afternoon to sit Lowery.

"I watched him run. I gave him some drills to do," he noted, saying he made the decision after the pregame workout.

Aaron Crumbley added a pair of touchdowns on a 27-yard run in the first quarter and a 6-yard run in the second quarter.

Crumbley rushed the ball

17 times in the first half and gained 130 yards.

With no points to show, the Huskies came out throwing in the second half. Quarterback Marshall Williams completed 11 of 21 passes for 103 yards, but three interceptions undid Huss' efforts to find pay dirt against the Red Raider defense.

"We decided to open it up a little bit and see what happened," said Huss coach Steve Gardner. "I thought Marshall did a great job. He stood in there and took some hits."

Williams also rushed the ball 18 times for 41 yards.

Crumbley finished with 164 yards and two touchdowns. Justice ran for 46 yards on 12 carries.

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SP — McGaha 37 pass from

Justice (Justice kick), 8:52

SP — Crumbley 27 run (Justice run), 5:30

SP — Crumbley 6 run (Justice kick), 6:27



South Point's Aaron Crumbley is upended by Hunter Huss' Jawan Williams after a first down run Friday night.