

# Truesdale pick a clincher in Raider victory

## Huss fiesty in tough loss

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GASTONIA — It's about time.

That's what South Point coach John Devine thought when Patrick Truesdale intercepted Marshall Williams in the end zone to seal the Red Raiders' 39-32 win Friday.

Truesdale couldn't have agreed more.

"I had been getting toasted the whole game, so I had to redeem myself," the junior cornerback said.

On a night when both offenses had a field day, the deciding play came from an unlikely source. Truesdale, listed generously at 5-foot-10, gave up probably six inches to Hunter Huss receiver Jonathan Hall and paid the price several times.

Hall, a defensive standout and also a basketball star, caught three passes for 87 yards including two touchdown grabs. But when

Williams looked for him in the end zone with 22.1 seconds remaining, Truesdale was there.

"I started to put him on the bus there for a while," Devine joked. ...

"He got burned several times but he came back with a big play right at the end when you need it."

The interception wrapped up South Point's 14th consecutive Big South Conference victory and kept the Red Raiders (6-1, 2-0) atop the league standings as they seek their third straight Big South title. Huss (4-3, 1-1) had its three game winning streak snapped.

The Big South's first- and second-ranked offenses put on a show, with South Point rolling up 473 yards and Hunter Huss producing 388.

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### Inside the game

Total yards — South Point  
473 (405 rushing, 68 passing)  
Hunter Huss 388 (202 rushing,

186 passing)

Turnovers — South Point 0;  
Hunter Huss 1 (interception)



### Online

See more photos from Friday night's games at VarsityNC.com and GastonGazette.com

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yards, with the completion going for a touchdown to Shane Merrill just before halftime.

Senior fullback Aaron Crumbley added 124 yards and two scores on 28 carries and Scott McWhirter had one of his biggest of the season with 57 yards on six carries, including a 21-yard touchdown run. The Red Raiders rolled up 405 yards on the ground — their highest total of the season.

After a slow start, Hunter Huss' offense also enjoyed a big night led by Williams. The senior quarterback rushed for 136 yards and a touchdown and completed 9 of 18 passes for 186 yards, including the two TD passes to Hall. Hall, Jawan Williams (44 yards) and Quintin Coleman (55 yards) had three catches each.

Tevin Lindsay, back after a one-game absence with a concussion, added 58 yards on eight carries. Lindsay's 9-yard touchdown with 3:03 remaining gave Hunter Huss a shot at the end. The Huskies forced a punt and, after an 11-yard punt, regained possession at

the South Point 46 with 1:05 remaining. Huss reached the South Point 37 and faced third and 1 before Truesdale ended it with his pick.

"I thought he was going to run up and get it," Marshall Williams said. "I was just giving him a chance to be an athlete, but things happen. We've got to move on."

SP 7 13 13 6 — 39  
HH 0 20 0 12 — 32

First quarter

SP—Aaron Crumbley 1 run (Ramon Costner kick), 10:36.

Second quarter

SP—Crumbley 3 run (Costner kick), 7:31.

HH—Marshall Williams 1 run (kick blocked), 6:07.

HH—Jonathan Hall 20 pass from Williams (Williams run), 0:54.2.

SP—Shane Merrill 68 pass from Josh Justice (kick failed), 0:08.6.

HH—Jawan Williams 65 kickoff return (kick failed), 0:00.

Third quarter

SP—Justice 6 run (Costner kick), 10:45.

SP—Scott McWhirter 21 run (kick failed), 5:28.

Fourth quarter

HH—Hall 25 pass from Williams (run failed), 11:29.

SP—Justice 8 run (kick blocked), 7:03.

HH—Tevin Lindsay 9 run (pass failed), 3:03.