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Forestview's Jawan Taylor catches a 39-yard pass on fourth down to keep the Jags' game-winning drive alive against South Point on Friday.

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Forestview beats Red Raiders for first time, takes Big South lead

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GASTONIA — Forestview is over the hump and on top of the world. The Jaguars scored with 6.2 seconds remaining to beat South Point 21-20 Friday, claiming their first victory over the Red Raiders in school history and taking full control of the Big South 3A Conference.

"I'm so glad it's over," said quarterback Jonathan White, referring to the Jaguars' 0-10 record against their nemesis.

The streak came to a dramatic end thanks to an improbable 77-yard scoring drive that left the Jaguars (7-1, 3-0) as the only Big South team without a conference loss and handed South Point (7-2, 3-1) its first league defeat since 2006. Now, the Jaguars are talking about starting a streak in their favor.

Head coach Chris Medlin presented the game ball to first-year principal Audrey Devine, the wife of South Point head coach John Devine. The players responded

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Inside the game

Total yards — South Point 325 (216 rushing, 109 passing); Forestview 280 (114 rushing, 166 passing)

Turnovers — South Point 1 (interception); Forestview 0

Remaining games — South Point is off next week before closing out the regular season against North Gaston and Crest. Forestview travels to Ashbrook next week, plays host to Hunter Huss after that, then finishes the regular season at Kings Mountain.

Catch the replay — The game will be televised tonight at 8 on Time Warner Cable Channel 9. The broadcast, complete with commentary by Sam Smith and Jared Latch, will also be available on channel 1234, Time Warner's free on-demand channel, beginning Monday. Gaston County Schools will also air footage from the game on Time Warner Cable Channel 21 Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

with boisterous approval.

"She's 1-0 against the Red Raiders so we're on a new streak," Medlin said.

The winning came play came on an 11-yard screen pass from White to Darion Hancock, who initially found himself wide open and then bullied through a pair of defenders to the left pylon to knot the score at 20.

Medlin called timeout to make sure his players didn't draw a celebration penalty. Then, Matthew Florence nailed the extra point for the final margin.

"I told (Florence) he was the luckiest guy in Gaston County because he was going to end the streak tonight," Medlin said. "I had no doubt he was going to punch it through."

South Point returned the squib kick to midfield, but time ran out during the return, and the Red Raiders left the field stunned.

Forestview began its miraculous winning drive on its own 23 with 1:59 remaining. White, seldom a passing quarterback, was 4-for-8 on the drive. The key play of the series was a 39-yard pass on fourth and 8 to a diving Jawan Taylor, keeping the drive alive at the South Point 36.

"Jawan is a heck of an athlete," White said. "That's all I can say."

With a late 20-14 lead, South Point appeared well on its way to its 16th straight conference win when it took over possession with 3:22 remaining. But



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Forestview players celebrates their win over South Point on Friday.

the Red Raiders were unable to pick up a first down and elected to punt on fourth and 1 from their own 39 with 1:59 remaining.

Coach Devine said he never considered going for it on that play. He was comfortable putting the game in the hands of a defense that had surrendered only four first downs in the second half before the last drive.

"It was a great football game and our kids showed a lot of character," Devine said. "We got the momentum back in the third quarter and clearly had the momentum that late in the game and (Forestview) made plays."

Forestview took a 14-7 halftime lead but South Point

seized control in the third quarter, blocking a field goal attempt and then tying the game on an 80-yard touchdown pass from Josh Justice to Shane Merrill. The Red Raiders took the lead on a 2-yard run by Aaron Crumbley with 5:31 remaining but on the extra point, the ball slipped off the tee and the kick traveled wide left.

White finished 10-for-22 for 166 yards. Cy Davis caught three passes for 56 yards and Taylor finished with two catches for 49 yards. South Point held Kevin Jeter, the league's leading rusher, to 58 yards on 23 carries even though he had 60 yards by halftime.

Justice led South Point with

143 yards on 15 carries. He completed 3 of 8 passes for 109 yards, all of them to Merrill. Crumbley gained 72 yards on 27 carries and scored twice.

SP	0	7	7	6	-	20
F	0	14	0	7	-	21

Second quarter

SP—Aaron Crumbley 1 run (Joey Mitchell kick), 9:17.

F—Tyreccas Jeter 11 run (Matthew Florence kick), 4:26.

F—Jonathan White 2 run (Florence kick), 0:25.0.

Third quarter

SP—Shane Merrill 80 pass from Josh Justice (Mitchell kick), 4:49.

Fourth quarter

SP—Crumbley 2 run (kick failed), 5:31.

F—Darion Hancock 11 pass from White (Florence kick), 0:06.2

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