

RAIDERS TROUNCE WOLVES

South Point
jumps out to 2-0
record with win

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BELMONT — Friday's game between South Point and Lincolnton didn't have quite the same buzz it did last season when both teams were state preseason contenders.

Considering the Red Raiders lost more than two dozen seniors to graduation and the Wolves sent nine players

to the collegiate ranks, both schools had question marks entering the year.

But, two weeks into a new season, some of the questions are being answered.

South Point seems to have simply reloaded again and a young Lincolnton squad is struggling to find its offense.

The Red Raiders (2-0) scored seven straight touchdowns en route to a 49-8 shellacking of the Wolves (0-2) at Lineberger Stadium in Belmont.

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Lincolnton took the opening kickoff on a 52-yard, 7:39 drive and led 8-0, limiting South Point to only one possession until the final minutes of the first quarter.

"That was our plan," said Lincolnton coach Scott Cloninger. "We just needed to eat the clock. I was very proud of our team. South Point is a very good team and it just snowballed."

Sophomore quarterback Jaquan Brooks scored on a 63-yard touchdown run with 42.2 seconds in the quarter and the Wolves never found the end zone again.

"Lincolnton kept that ball away from us in the first half," said South Point coach Mickey Lineberger. "It took

us a little time to get the offense rolling. Once we started playing we had a pretty good second half."

Brooks finished with two touchdowns and 127 yards as the South Point offense accumulated 354 total yards, 300 on the ground.

Junior running back Tyler Bray rushed for 65 yards and scored two touchdowns on runs of three and 15 yards.

Senior running back Devan Robbins added 56 yards and two touchdowns while backup running back Trey Crenshaw scored on a ten-yard run with 68 seconds left in the game.

Lincolnton's starting quarterback Chavis Russell was injured on the opening series of the game and carried the ball just once afterwards.

Reserve signal-caller Ketawn Ingram took over under center but couldn't get the offense moving.

The Wolves managed only 117 yards and seven first downs.

Running back Darian Roseboro was Lincolnton's top rusher with 45 yards on 12 carries.

Cloninger said Russell hurt his ankle after a four-yard gain on the first play of the game.

"We wanted to see if he could go (later in the game) but he just couldn't push off it," he said.

South Point welcomes East Gaston to Belmont Friday, even though technically it's a home game for the Warriors. Lincolnton travels at Lake Norman Charter.

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First quarter

L—Willie Cobb 7 run (Cobb run), 4:21.

SP—Jaquan Brooks 63 run (Tyler Bray run), 0:42.2.

Second quarter

SP—Bray 3 run (kicked failed), 3:33.

Third quarter

SP—Bray 15 run (Aaron Camp kick), 10:24.

SP—Brooks 25 run (Camp kick), 8:54.

SP—Devan Robbins 11 run (Camp kick), 5:29.

Fourth quarter

SP—Robbins 26 run (Camp kick), 8:54.

SP—Trey Crenshaw 10 run (Camp kick), 1:08.

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| First downs | 7 | 15 |
| Rushes-yards | 48-112 | 33-300 |
| Passing yards | 5 | 54 |
| Total yards | 117 | 354 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 2-3-0 | 3-7-1 |
| Fumbles-lost | 4-1 | 1-0 |
| Penalties-yards | 2-18 | 6-31 |
| Punts-avg. | 6-26 | 1-25 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Lincolnton, Chavis

Russell 2-8, Ketawn Ingram

14-17, Darian Roseboro 12-45,

Cobb 6-12, Quinlyn Harris 3-3,

Justice Charles 3-7, Easter 6-20,

Demetrius Anderson 1-8, Team

1-minus 8. South Point, Bray

12-65, Brooks 7-127, Robbins

4-56, Diontreea King 3-3, Deonte

Gaston 3-23, Crenshaw 4-26.

PASSING—Lincolnton, Ingram

2-3-0 5. South Point, Brooks

3-7-1 54.

RECEIVING—Lincolnton, Mat-

thew Wray 2-5. South Point,

Robbins 1-22, Jeffrey Pearsall

1-13, Gaston 1-19.