

South Point 35, Forestview 21

RAIDERS PULL OUT GRITTY WIN



Bray

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BELMONT — South Point's defense forced two turnovers in the second half and stopped Forestview on downs during a key third quarter drive to hold off the Jaguars 35-21 Friday at Lineberger Stadium.

The Red Raiders led 21-14 at halftime before Forestview tied the game midway through the third quarter on a 13-yard pass from quarterback Logan Bradley to Calvin Johnson.

It would be the last time the Jaguars would find the end zone after playing competitively with

the undefeated Red Raiders (8-0, 4-0 Big South) for nearly the entire game.

South Point picked off Bradley twice — once in the third by Deion Jones and once in the fourth by Richard Dunn — to give the Red Raiders the momentum they needed to close the door on

Forestview's upset bid.

"It was a total team win, but the defense did have some big plays to give us the ball back, and we did play great defense tonight," said South Point coach Mickey Lineberger. "No doubt about it."

Jones' pick led to a three-yard touchdown run by Tyler Bray,

which gave South Point a 28-21 advantage late in the quarter.

On Forestview's next possession, the defense held on fourth and inches with the Jaguars deep in South Point territory, trailing by only one touchdown.

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Taking over from their own 19 yard-line, the Red Raiders went on a 71-yard drive that burned 6:15 off the clock and came out ahead 35-21 on another Bray touchdown with 4:03 left in the fourth quarter.

Dunn's interception of Bradley moments later sealed the victory for South Point and kept them unbeaten on the season.

"We were in the football game until the last five

minutes," said Forestview coach Chris Medlin, "and I lost it for us when it was 28-21. That's my fault and I told the team that. I was probably too aggressive. If I had two plays to take back it would be the reverse on first down and the fourth and one when we threw the ball. We're just as good as that team and we played just as well as them."

The Jaguars (5-3, 1-2 Big South) weren't able to establish the run in the first half, but exploited South Point's

defense with the pass.

Bradley completed ten of 15 passes for 112 yards and connected with Moe Neal three times for 70 yards.

The running game never got off the ground as Forestview managed only 15 yards on 11 carries, yet stayed close on the scoreboard at intermission.

South Point ran its triple-option offense efficiently over the first two quarter, amassing 196 yards — 174 on the ground and 22 through the air.

Bray carried the ball ten times for 106 yards and caught two passes for 22 yards in the half.

Bradley finished 16-for-25 with two touchdowns and 176 yards. He also rushed for a score on a one-yard run in the first quarter.

Bray went on to gain 235 yards and scored three touchdowns on the night.

South Point's offense out-gained Forestview 379-213 and won the rushing battle 345-37.

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South Point 6 15 7 7 — 35

First quarter

SP—Devan Robbins 15 run (kick failed), 9:27.

F—Bishop Ford 6 pass from Logan Bradley (Colton Rouse kick), 6:55.

F—Bradley 1 run (Rouse kick), 3:45.

Second quarter

SP—Deonte Gaston 22 run (Gaston run), 10:21.

SP—Tyler Bray 11 pass from Jaquan Brooks (Aaron Camp kick), 0:44.4.

Third quarter

F—Johnson 13 pass from Bradley (Rouse kick), 8:22.

SP—Bray 1 run (Camp kick), 0:56.5.

Fourth quarter

SP—Bray 2 run (Camp kick), 4:03.

	F	SP
First downs	9	18
Rushes-yards	21-37	57-345
Passing yards	176	34
Total yards	213	379
Comp-Att-Int	16-25-2	3-5-1
Fumbles-lost	2-0	4-1
Penalties-yards	2-30	10-85
Punts-avg.	3-18	1-39

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Forestview, Ford 11-28, Bradley 6-11, Moe Neal 2-minus 8, Montavis Rogers 2-6. South Point, Bray 31-235, Brooks 15-37, Robbins 6-46, Gaston 5-27.

PASSING—Forestview, Bradley 16-25-2 176. South Point, Brooks 3-4-1 34. Bray 0-1-0 0.

RECEIVING—Forestview, Ford 3-20, Neal 4-78, Mykelti Armstrong 4-46, Calvin Johnson 2-19, C.J. Bumgarner 1-minus 1, Rogers 2-14. South Point, Bray 3-34.