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South Point's Deean Robbins runs upfield for a big gain during their first-round playoff game against Berry Academy Friday night. Robbins scored three times and accounted for 152 yards of offense in the victory. His teammate, Tyler Bray, had another three touchdowns and 174 yards rushing.

# NOT THIS YEAR

AFTER LAST YEAR'S EARLY EXIT, RED RAIDERS ROLL OVER BERRY

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BERMONT — Just like last year, South Point ended its regular season with a 10-0 record.

Unlike last year, the Red Raiders rolled to victory in their first-round playoff game in a 55-25 N.C. Class 3AA win over Charlotte's Berry Academy.

"We used just one word all week in practice: 'Woodlinton,'" said senior wingback Deean Robbins in reference to last year's 23-17 opening-round loss to Woodlinton that ruined a 10-0 regular season. "We came out pretty good and fast and had high intensity because we didn't want that to happen again."

South Point (11-0) came out like gangbusters, scoring touchdowns on its first four offensive possessions — and in only 15 plays — to take a 26-0 lead with 46:2 seconds left in the first quarter.

The result ensures a Big South 3A Conference championship game rematch in next week's second round playoff game at home against Crest (9-2), which rolled past league rival Ashbrook 58-14 in its opening-round contest.

"I'm excited and pumped about the opportunity," said Robbins, named earlier this week at WSOE-Channel 9 of Charlotte's Big 22 player of the year. "We'll have to come and play hard because we know it'll be a tough game."

South Point trailed at the half, but won 42-24 at Crest last week to wrap up its sixth straight Big South championship.

And Red Raiders coach Mickey Lineberger will look for a more complete effort, even as he was pleased with South Point's early play on Friday.

"It was great to get out so fast," Lineberger said. "But in one way, it was bad. It seemed like we relaxed too much because those points came too easy."

Robbins scored three touchdowns and accounted for 152 yards of offense — he had 66 yards and two scores on four carries and 86 yards and one score on two receptions.

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South Point quarterback Jaquan Brooks looks for running room during their first-round playoff game against Berry Academy Friday night.

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Tyler Bray added three touchdowns and 174 yards rushing on 17 carries. Jaquan Brooks had 30 yards rushing and a career-high 138 yards passing with two touchdowns. Reserve Trey Crenshaw had 109 yards rushing on 14 carries. And Deonte Gaston and Jeffrey Pearsall also had touchdowns as South Point rolled up 560 yards total offense.

“Our backfield has more speed and athleticism that we’ve ever had since we started running this offense,” said Lineberger of the triple-option “Red Bone” attack South Point has used since 1998. “I was happy to see so many guys get touches and get scores.”

Berry Academy (4-7) showed some offensive firepower of its own against the state’s No. 2-ranked 3A team.

Quarterback Donald Cook-Brown led the way with 241 yards passing and two

touchdowns and another touchdown on a running play. But Cook-Brown was picked off four times – twice by Tanner Muse and once apiece by Donnie Hunter and Deion Jones.

The Cardinals finished with 321 yards total offense, with Jones (seven solo or first-hit tackles), Daishon Davis (six), Mykel Davis (six), Aaron Biggerstaff (five) and Donovan Stowe (five) leading the way.

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**South Point 55,  
Berry Academy 25**

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**First quarter**

SP—Tyler Bray 69 run (Aaron Camp kick), 11:43.  
SP—Devan Robbins 29 run (Camp kick), 10:00.  
SP—Robbins 16 run (kick failed), 8:04.  
SP—Robbins 58 pass from Jaquan Brooks (kick failed), 0:46.2.

**Second quarter**

BA—Donald Cook-Brown 3 run (Parvez Mumtaz kick), 9:58.  
SP—Bray 29 run (Camp kick), 5:07.  
BA—Kelvin Brim 2 pass from Cook-Brown (kick failed), 0:25.5.

**Third quarter**

SP—Bray 1 run (Bray run), 6:12.  
SP—Jeffrey Pearsall 39 pass from Brooks (Camp kick), 1:23.

**Fourth quarter**

BA—Rafael Leak 21 fumble return (pass failed), 9:52.  
SP—Deonte Gaston 30 run (Camp kick), 6:03.  
BA—Curtis Williams 8 pass from Cook-Brown (pass failed), 5:19.

	<b>Berry</b>	<b>SP</b>
First downs	17	23
Rushes-yards	24-80	50-422
Passing yards	241	138
Total yards	321	560
Comp-Att-Int	25-37-4	5-7-0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-yards	4-30	4-40
Punts-avg.	1-36	0-0

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING**—Berry, Dontry James 14-66, Cook-Brown 8-8, Williams 1-4, Omar Baker 1-2. South Point, Bray 17-174, Robbins 4-66, Brooks 9-30, Gaston 4-34, Trey Crenshaw 14-109, Diontrea King 2-9.

**PASSING**—Berry, Cook-Brown 25-37-4 241. South Point, Brooks 5-7-0 138.

**RECEIVING**—Berry, Brim 8-89, James 5-26, Baker 3-24, Victor Harris 3-49, Mayline Medley 2-27, Williams 4-26. South Point, Gaston 1-8, Robbins 2-86, Pearsall 2-44.