

South Point 52, A.C. Reynolds 35

BRAY SCORES 4 TDS, RAIDERS 5-0

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ASHEVILLE — Like one other team this season, A.C. Reynolds hung tough with South Point. And just like that other team, the Rockets fell victim to big plays as South Point came back down the mountain with a 52-35 win on Friday.

Senior fullback Tyler Bray rumbled for 270 yards and four touchdowns (2, 12, 52 and 68 yards) and quarterback Jaquan Brooks added 148 yards and



Bray

a 43-yard touchdown run to help South Point (5-0) completed a perfect run through its non-conference schedule.

"We beat a good football team tonight," Red Raiders coach Mickey Lineberger said.

"We made some mistakes that we usually don't make, but that's a team with some weapons that is capable

of scoring a lot of points. It turned into a shoot-out. We learned some lessons tonight, I'm just glad we didn't have to lose a game to do it."

Diontre King (40 and 70 yards) also scored long touchdowns in the second half after Max Neisler hit a 47-yard field goal in the final minute of the first half for South Point, the state's second-ranked 3A team.

Levi Ledford passed for 238 yards and two touchdowns and ran for a third score for

Reynolds (3-2), who played without leading rusher Jave Jones (486 yards, eight touchdowns). The school announced Thursday that the junior has been suspended four games for an unspecified violation of team rules.

Without him, Rico Dowdle had 17 carries for 84 yards and a touchdown, while A.J. Logan toted the ball 11 times for 121 yards and a touchdown.

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It wasn't enough to stand in between the Red Raiders and their 31st consecutive regular-season win.

"I'm proud of the way our kids fought tonight," Reynolds coach Shane Laws said. "I love my kids to death. We just didn't play very well. We made a lot of mistakes on both sides of the ball."

Things got off to a promising start for Reynolds at its own Dalton Stadium.

Khiry Lytle caught his first touchdown pass of the season (28 yards) from Ledford at the 2:52 mark of the first quarter.

South Point took only 18 seconds to answer on Bray's

first touchdown run.

The Rockets then jumped on top 14-7 in the second quarter when Dowdle scampered for a 2-yard score. The touchdown was set up by a muffed punt that the Rockets' Andrew Long recovered on the doorstep of the Red Raiders' end zone.

South Point scored the final 10 points of the first half and never trailed again.

Lytle also had a fourth-quarter interception that he returned to the Red Raiders' 13-yard line. That set up a 3-yard touchdown pass from Ledford to C.J. Allen with 7:19 remaining. Cameron Burton also recovered a fourth-down fumble.

South Point 52,**Asheville Reynolds 35****South Point 7 10 21 14 — 52****Reynolds 7 7 7 14 — 35****First quarter**

ACR—Khiry Lytle 28 pass from

Levi Ledford (Thomas Blakey
kick), 2:52.SP—Tyler Bray 68 run (Aaron Camp
kick), 2:34.**Second quarter**ACR—Rico Dowdle 2 run (Blakey
kick), 8:38.SP—Bray 52 run (Camp kick),
7:19.

SP—FG Neisler 47, 0:33.3.

Third quarterSP—Diontreia King 70 run (Camp
kick), 7:38.

SP—Bray 2 run (Camp kick), 3:56.

ACR—Ledford 4 run (Blakey kick),
2:11.SP—Jaquan Brooks 43 run (Camp
kick), 1:24.**Fourth quarter**ACR—A.J. Logan 15 run (Blakey
kick), 10:28.SP—King 40 run (Camp kick),
9:53.ACR—C.J. Allen 3 pass from
Ledford (Blakey kick), 7:19.SP—Bray 12 run (Camp kick),
1:47.

	SP	ACR
First downs	19	29
Rushes-yards	43-560	47-266
Passing yards	43	238
Total yards	603	503
Comp-Att-Int	2-6-1	21-36-2
Fumbles-lost	5-2	5-0
Penalties-yards	4-40	9-84
Punts-avg.	2-42.5	3-40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**RUSHING**—South Point, Bray 23-
273, Brooks 8-54, King 8-171, Trey
Crenshaw 2-46, Ben Washam 2-16.
A.C. Reynolds, Ledford 19-54, Logan
11-121, Dowdle 17-91.**PASSING**—South Point, Brooks
2-6-1 43. A.C. Reynolds, Ledford
21-36-2 238.**RECEIVING**—South Point, King 1-5,
Crenshaw 1-38. A.C. Reynolds,
Dowdle 5-77, Lytle 4-56, Allen
4-48, others unavailable.