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South Point's Jaquan Brooks dives for a first down in Friday's win over Ashbrook. The quarterback ran for a career-high 207 yards and passed for a touchdown.

'B' squad blasts Wave

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BELMONT — After a first-half tie, one play seemed to change everything.

Jaquan Brooks scored on an 80-yard run on the first play of the second half and South Point never looked back in a 48-14 home win against Ashbrook Friday at Lineberger Stadium.

"It just pushed the intensity level way high," Brooks said. "I mean, we were kind of low. We had to fill in some wrinkles in the first half and our intensity level went up after that run."

The play was the first of four South Point touchdowns in the



Ashbrook's Shardel Givens, bottom, and a teammate work to bring down South Point's Tyler Bray in Friday's game. Bray and Brooks combined for six touchdowns in the win.

third quarter as the Red Raiders (8-0, 3-0) rolled in what many expected to be a closer game against another conference unbeaten. South Point had won this matchup by 17 last year but only after scoring two fourth-quarter touchdowns.

The big burst came earlier this time as Brooks' 80-yarder seemed to send the teams in opposite directions momentum-wise.

Brooks, a junior quarterback, faked left to fullback Tyler Bray and then kept it up

the middle where he found an opening. Brooks darted to the left sideline and outraced all nearby defenders to the end zone for a 21-14 South Point lead.

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"We used Tyler for a little bait because he draws a crowd," South Point coach Mickey Lineberger said. "We blocked it to perfection and Jaquan's got great speed. He runs a 4.4(-second) 40(-yard dash), and tonight he directed this offense to perfection."

Brooks scored three touchdowns on the ground and finished with a career-high 207 yards on 19 carries. He also threw a touchdown pass while leading South Point to a 459-yard offensive night — more yards than Ashbrook has given up to any opponent this season.

"I give big credit to my linemen because they did an excellent job tonight," Brooks said, referring to Taylor Ginn, Josh Perrigo, Jacob Hoyle, Matt Mellette and Brian Miller.

Bray rushed for 98 yards and three touchdowns and now stands 100 yards shy of the Gaston County career rushing record. Diontree King caught the touchdown pass from Brooks, a

57-yarder, and also rushed for 51 yards on eight carries.

"They came out and turned it up and we looked flat as we could be," Ashbrook coach Greg Hill said.

South Point forced three turnovers — all of them interceptions. Donnie Hunter, J.T. Star and Tanner Muse had the interceptions. South Point turned it over twice on a pair of fumbles.

The game sends South Point into another key Big South 2A/3A Conference matchup next week at Forestview, which stayed unbeaten in league play with a win against North Gaston on Friday.

Ashbrook (4-3, 1-1) saw its four-game winning streak snapped and will look to rebound next week at home against East Gaston. The Green Wave was looking for its first win against South Point since 2005.

The first half was the battle many expected, and it started as a defensive struggle with five straight punts. The

offenses got going in a hurry after that as Brooks scored on an eight-yard run on the first play of the second quarter to cap an eight-play, 61-yard drive that gave South Point a 7-0 lead with Aaron Camp's extra point.

It took Ashbrook only 20 seconds to answer as Isaac Wright's 87-yard kickoff return set up Austin Mitchell's 12-yard TD pass to Isaiah Burris on the next play. Matt Cloyd's extra point tied it at 7 at the 11:35 mark of the second quarter.

Two punts and two turnovers later, South Point took advantage of a short field and covered 22 yards on four plays to reclaim the lead. Bray's leaping 2-yard TD run and Camp's extra point gave the Red Raiders a 14-7 lead with 5:08 before halftime.

Ashbrook tied it on a 13-play, 71-yard drive that ended with Marquis Myers' 4-yard TD run with 54.9 seconds left before halftime.

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**South Point 48,
Ashbrook 14**

Ashbrook **0 14 0 0 — 14**
South Point **0 14 27 7 — 48**

Second quarter

SP—Jaquan Brooks 8 run (Aaron Camp kick), 11:55.
A—Isaiah Burris 12 pass from Austin Mitchell (Matt Cloyd kick), 11:35.
SP—Tyler Bray 2 run (Camp kick), 5:08.
A—Marquis Myers 4 run (Cloyd kick), 0:54.9

Third quarter

SP—Brooks 80 run (Camp kick), 11:46.
SP—Bray 1 run (Camp kick), 3:12.
SP—Brooks 7 run (Camp kick), 2:27.
SP—Diontrea King 57 pass from Brooks (kick blocked), 0:55.2

Fourth quarter

SP—Bray 18 run (Camp kick), 7:37.

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First downs	11	16
Rushes-yards	41-165	51-398
Passing yards	67	61
Total yards	232	459
Comp-Att-Int	12-23-3	2-4-0
Fumbles-lost	2-0	4-2
Penalties-yards	4-45	6-40
Punts-avg.	6-30.8	4-31.8

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Ashbrook, Trey Brice 6-50, Myers 10-44, Kristien Bell 9-36, Cameron Davis 10-24, Mitchell 4-10, Burris 2-1. South Point, Brooks 19-207, Bray 16-98, King 8-51, Trey Crenshaw 6-37, Jeffrey Pearsall 1-6, Team 1-minus 1.

PASSING—Ashbrook, Mitchell 9-19-2 59; Brice 3-4-1 8. South Point, Brooks 2-4-0 61.

RECEIVING—Ashbrook, Zac McElhaney 3-28, Bell 3-13, Burris 1-12, Marcellus Smith 1-11, Davis 2-4, Montrell Davis 2-minus 1. South Point, King 1-57, Tyler Green 1-4.