

South Point 55, Lake Norman Charter 0

South Point blasts Knights to go 10-0

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BELMONT — Early in the second quarter of Friday night's Lake Norman Charter at South Point football game, the visiting Knights were whistled for a penalty for having too many men on the field.

It caused South Point's longtime public address announcer Kenny Williams to turn off his microphone and say, "We don't care" to those in the press box.

His sentiments probably reflected many of those in the partisan crowd at Lineberger Stadium as the Red Raiders rolled to a 55-0 victory that was so easy the team fell into some bad habits.

"We jumped on them so quick that we got a little sloppy and didn't execute as well as we'd like at times," said South Point coach Mickey Lineberger, whose team improved to 10-0 in a season for the eighth time in the school's 45-year history. "But when you score as quickly as we did, that's going to happen."

"Overall, I had to be pleased with how we played, especially with the defense for getting the shutout."

How easy was it for the Red Raiders?

South Point scored touchdowns on three of its first four offensive plays from scrimmage, returned a punt for a touchdown and a pass interception for another score in a dominating 35-0 first quarter.

The Red Raiders' early dominance led both teams to agree to a running clock late in the second quarter — or after South Point had taken a 42-0 lead.

The clock ran throughout the second half as well, allowing the game to end in about two hours.

South Point ran only 29 offensive plays, but racked up 370 yards, eight first downs and six touchdowns. Six of the Red Raiders' offensive plays went for 34 or more yards.

Tyler Bray rushed for 139 yards and two touchdowns. Jaquan Brooks had a touchdown pass to Jeffrey Pearsall and a touchdown run. Tanner Muse had two touchdowns — one on a 50-yard punt return and another on a 34-yard scoring run. Diontree King scooped on a 71-yard run on the game's first play from scrimmage. And Yale Loucks had a 30-yard touchdown interception return.

The Red Raiders' defense limited Lake Norman Charter to 110 yards total offense, 115 of it passing, and maintained the shutout when a Knights' fake field goal attempt pass fell incomplete on the game's final play.

Deion Jones led the South Point defense with six solo or first-hit tackles, including five for losses. Also for the Red Raiders, Daishon Davis had four tackles and Loucks, Donnie Hunter and Charleston Odum three apiece. Odum also had a fumble recovery.

The victory gives South Point a chance for its first 11-0 regular season record with a win next week at North Gaston.

"We want to go into the playoffs undefeated," Lineberger said of the Nov. 15 start of the state playoffs. "We talk all the time about finishing and we want to finish strong."

"And I'm sure we'll get a challenge from coach Patton and North Gaston next week."

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First quarter

SP—Diontreia King 71 run (Aaron Camp kick), 11:35.

SP—Tanner Muse 50 punt return (Camp kick), 8:37.

SP—Jeffrey Pearsall 46 pass from Jaquan Brooks (Camp kick), 8:23.

SP—Yale Loucks 30 interception return (Camp kick), 6:40.

SP—Brooks 49 run (Camp kick), 4:00.

Second quarter

SP—Muse 34 run (Camp kick), 8:49.

Third quarter

SP—Tyler Bray 2 run (Camp kick), 5:27.

Fourth quarter

SP—Bray 58 run (kick failed), 11:20.

	LNC	SP
First downs	6	8
Rushes-yards	18-(-2)	22-313
Passing yards	115	57
Total yards	113	370
Comp-Att-Int	12-16-1	2-7-0
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-yards	5-30	4-35
Punts-avg.	7-31.3	2-27.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Lake Norman Charter, Kurt Wronsky 8-10, Kodi Moses 3-minus 3, Michael Dorsainvil 6-minus 4, Neil Baugh 1-minus 5. South Point, Bray 12-139, Brooks 3-68, King 3-67, Muse 1-34, Tyler Hall 3-5.

PASSING—Lake Norman Charter, Dorsainvil 12-15-1 115; J.C. Brooks 0-1-0 0. South Point, Brooks 2-6-0 57; King 0-1-0 0.

RECEIVING—Lake Norman Charter, Jarique Jones 1-16, Baugh 6-64, Wronsky 2-0, Petey Fabian 3-35. South Point, Pearsall 1-46, King 1-11.