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South Point's Jaquan Brooks rushes for a long touchdown at North Gaston on Friday night.

# RAIDERS ROLL 11

## SP collects another Big South title, now waits

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DALLAS — Now, the waiting begins for South Point.

After dispatching North Gaston 48-10 Friday night at Truak Stadium to finish the regular season 11-0, the Red Raiders will anxiously wait a week to see if they will get a No. 1 overall playoff seeding.

South Point, which won its record 26th straight Big South Conference game, expects to be a N.C. Class 3A playoff team when post-season pairings are announced next Saturday. But the Red Raiders won't know for sure until the N.C. High School Athletic Association

announces enrollment figures sometime next week.

"There's really no telling where we'll be," South Point Mickey Lineberger said. "We've tried to draw it up before and we've been wrong every time so we'll just wait and see like everybody else."

Until then, Lineberger hopes his team will enjoy a week of relaxation in hopes of re-charging its batteries for a playoff run.

"Eleven weeks is a tough grind," Lineberger said. "We want to rest next week and try to get rejuvenated."

South Point (11-0, 6-0) will head into the playoffs with its offense on a roll.

How hot are the Red Raiders?

Four of South Point's first six plays from scrimmage resulted in touchdowns, including touchdown runs of 89 and 74 yards by elusive junior quarterback Jaquan Brooks.

The Red Raiders finished with 528 yards total offense in only 41 plays. Brooks led the way with 183 yards and two touchdowns rushing and 74 yards and one touchdown passing. Also scoring touchdowns for the Red Raiders were Diontree King, Tanner Muse, Tyler Bray and Tyler Hall. King scored on a 20-yard TD run and on a 29-yard scoring pass from Brooks.

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North Gaston's Raquan Brown is tackled by South Point defenders.

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North Gaston (5-5, 1-4) did rack up 330 yards total offense, with senior Alex Patton passing for 274 yards, including a 24-yard TD pass to Raquan Brown. Brown caught seven passes for 111 yards with Ethan Wiggins catching eight passes for 101 yards.

"We thought we had a good scheme, but we didn't have very good technique," North Gaston coach Mike Patton said of South Point's offense. "And when you give them a seam, they're got

enough talent and athletes to take advantage of it."

Defensively, Daishon Davis' nine solo or first-hit tackles and one interception led South Point. Deion Jones added five stops, including a sack, and had a pass interception.

Chancelor Ellis, Andra McKoy, Lathan Bumgarner and Micah Meeks had four tackles apiece to lead North Gaston's defense.

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**South Point 48,****North Gaston 10****South Point 21 13 0 14 — 48****North Gaston 0 10 0 0 — 10****First quarter**

SP—Jaquan Brooks 89 run (Aaron Camp kick), 11:04.

SP—Tanner Muse 58 run (Camp kick), 7:18.

SP—Brooks 7 run (Camp kick), 3:58.

**Second quarter**

SP—Tyler Bray 59 run (Camp kick), 11:38.

NG—Ra'Quan Brown 24 pass from Alex Patton (Christian Stewart kick), 1:27.

SP—Diontree King 20 run (kick failed), 0:48.3

NG—FG Stewart 39, 0:03.3.

**Fourth quarter**

SP—King 29 pass from Brooks (Camp kick), 9:36.

SP—Tyler Hall 34 run (Camp kick), 7:06.

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|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| First downs     | 13        | 20        |
| Rushes-yards    | 34-442    | 24-56     |
| Passing yards   | 86        | 274       |
| Total yards     | 528       | 330       |
| Comp-Att-Int    | 4-7-0     | 25-50-2   |
| Fumbles-lost    | 1-0       | 0-0       |
| Penalties-yards | 7-75      | 6-55      |
| Punts-avg.      | 2-35.0    | 4-34.0    |

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING**—South Point, Brooks 11-183, Muse 3-72, Bray 5-77, King 3-43, Hall 11-69, Trey Freeman 1-minus 2. North Gaston, Patton 11-16, Josh Kahlig 10-34, Brandon Stowe 2-8, Raquan Brown 1-minus 2.

**PASSING**—South Point, Brooks 3-6-0 74; King 1-1-0 12. North Gaston, Patton 25-50-2 274.

**RECEIVING**—South Point, Tyler Green 1-8, Jeffrey Pearsall 1-37, Muse 1-12, King 1-29. North Gaston, Ra'Quan Brown 7-111, Stowe 4-17, Ethan Wiggins 8-101, Jaleel Daniels 4-25, Rakeem Brown 2-20.