

# CREST ROCKS RED RAIDERS



## Dominant D helps Chargers end streak against South Point

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BELMONT — None of the Crest players had lost eight in a row against South Point and neither had fifth-year head coach Mark Barnes. But the winless run against the Red Raiders had haunted the Chargers program as a whole since 2006, and that drought ended in a big way with a thorough 35-13 whipping on opening night Friday at Lineberger Stadium.

"We played the best game that we have played against them in a long time," Barnes said. "We got some breaks tonight. They turned the ball over, we got them in some long yardage situations and got them out of their element."

Crest's defensive front dominated all night and the Chargers (1-6) scored on their first three possessions, sending a clear message this would be their night.

Tre Harrison rushed for 95 yards and three touchdowns and Willie Green II passed for 148 yards and two touchdowns to lead a Crest offense that gained 271 yards despite three second-half fumbles. Tybain Odom caught both TD passes, one covering 86 yards and the other a six-yarder.

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South Point's Jeffrey Pearall fumbles the ball late in the first half that led to a Crest touchdown during their game Friday night.

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But the game ball belonged to a defense that disrupted South Point's triple-option offense from the beginning, holding the Red Raiders to 141 yards. South Point quarterback Jaquan Brooks, who rushed for 153 yards and a touchdown in last season's 35-16 win, managed a measly two yards on 15 carries.

"We were just being aggressive and cohesive," Crest outside linebacker and senior captain Jaleel Feaster said. "Just making sure that we try to get to the ball every play and play aggressive."

Justin Foster joined Feaster at outside linebacker. The inside linebackers

were Aaron Ramseur and Malik Hopper, and the defensive front was made up of Jared Brooks, Omar Brooks and Chris Willis.

South Point junior fullback Ryland Etherton had a decent night in his varsity debut, rushing for 93 yards on 24 carries, but the rest of the team provided only 48 yards.

"We dominated the line of scrimmage I thought tonight, especially when they had the ball," Barnes said. "We could play the dive, we could play the quarterback and we got them out of rhythm, and we've never been able to do that to them before."

The game marked South Point's first opening-night loss since 2010, the year before Mickey

Lineberger took over as head coach. The program lost for only the fourth time during Lineberger's tenure, dropping to 35-4.

"Adversity sort of reveals character and we're going to see how we react under these adverse conditions," Lineberger said. "It wasn't one guy, it wasn't two guys, it was the whole team."

Crest's last win in the series came in 2006. South Point's eight straight wins after that including a playoff victory in 2012.

The game began 37 minutes late because of an officials' scheduling error. Officials didn't show up until just before 8, and the game kicked off at 8:07 after each team was allowed to stretch on the field again.

**Crest 35, South Point 13****Crest 7 21 7 0 — 35****South Point 0 0 7 6 — 13****First quarter**

C—Tre Harbison 2 run (Alex Trejo kick), 5:40.

**Second quarter**

C—Tyshun Odom 86 pass from Willie Green II (Trejo kick), 11:11.

C—Harbison 3 run (Trejo kick), 6:21.

C—Odom 6 pass from Green (Trejo kick), 0:31.5

**Third quarter**

C—Harbison 2 run (Trejo kick), 8:40.

SP—Ryland Etherton 5 run (Nick Farmer kick), 2:16

**Fourth quarter**

SP—Davis Ray 5 pass from Jaquan

Brooks (kick blocked), 6:05.

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First downs	12	10
Rushes-yards	30-103	46-101
Passing yards	168	40
Total yards	271	141
Comp-Att-Int	7-11-0	4-9-2
Fumbles-lost	4-3	2-1
Penalties-yards	3-25	4-21
Punts-avg.	2-38.0	3-32.7

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING**—Crest, Harbison 17-95,

Devonte Huskey 1-16, Malik Vinson

5-12, Traquan Hopper 2-11, P.J.

Brooks 1-3, Green 1-0, Cameron

Peeler 2-minus 7, Team 1-minus 27.

South Point, Etherton 24-93, Ben

Washam 5-6, Brooks 15-2, Nolan

Wilson 1-1, Jeffrey Pearsall 1-minus 1.

**PASSING**—Crest, Green 6-10-0 148;

Peeler 1-1-0 20. South Point, Brooks 4-9-2 40.

**RECEIVING**—Crest, Odom 2-92,

Preston Huskey 1-29, Wesley Bullard

1-20, Hopper 1-15, Quentin Thomp-

son 1-7, Harbison 1-5. South Point,

Donovan Stowe 1-20, Jeffrey Pearsall

1-11, Ray 1-5, Nolan Wilson 1-4.