

South Point 49,  
Lake Norman Charter 0

# Red Raiders bounce back to win big

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HUNTERSVILLE —

South Point overcame a rare league loss last week to roll over outmanned Lake Norman Charter on Friday and keep pace in a tight Big South Conference race.

The visiting Red Raiders gave the Knights a 49-0 whipping behind Ryland Etherton's 155 yards rushing, along with 97 yards and two touchdowns on six carries from Tanner Muse.

South Point (5-4, 4-1) scored five touchdowns on the ground and got two more through the air on eight pass attempts.

"We got to play a whole lot of kids; that was good," said happy Raiders coach Mickey Lineberger. "We had fun. We played great defense and great offense, and good special teams. It was a very balanced and total team win."

South Point quarterback Jaquan Brooks started a 21-point first quarter with a 39-yard gallop to the end zone just two minutes into the game. Max Neisler kicked the first of his seven extra points for the Red Raiders, who were off to the races from that point.

Etherton's 29-yard score and Jeffrey Pearsall's 14-yard reception from Brooks contributed to a big first half that included Davis Ray's 24-yard TD catch from reserve QB Nolan Wilson, and Muse's first score on a 14-yard dash with 1:02 to go in the half.

"We've been working on [the passing game] all year and we're getting better at it," Lineberger said. "That's been a weakness. They put all those people in the box we might as well take advantage of it."

Brooks completed 3-of-4 passes for 54 yards, while Muse connected with Pearsall on a 27-yard option pass, and also had a 31-yard reception to go with his usual hard-hitting defense from the secondary.

"He's getting better every game [on the offensive side]," Lineberger said of Muse. "Jaquan, our quarterback, threw the ball well, and Nolan jumped in there and he threw some. I'm pleased with that."

The Red Raiders scored twice more in the second half on Muse's second TD from 40 yards, followed by a 39-yard sprint to the end zone by sophomore Harold Brandon, a recent call up from the junior varsity.

Lake Norman Charter (3-6, 1-4) was led by senior QB Will Monti's 14 pass completions in 28 attempts for 78 yards.

Despite last week's disappointing loss, South Point is still in the running for an eighth conference title in as many years. The Raiders are home to North Gaston next week on Halloween night.

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#### **First quarter**

SP—Jaquan Brooks 39 run (Max Neisler kick), 10:08.

SP—Ryland Etherton 29 run (Neisler kick), 5:39.

SP—Jeffrey Pearsall 14 pass from Brooks (Neisler kick), 0:11.4.

#### **Second quarter**

SP—Davis Ray 24 pass from Nolan Wilson (Neisler kick), 9:33.

SP—Tanner Muse 14 run (Neisler kick), 1:02.

#### **Third quarter**

SP—Muse 40 run (Neisler kick), 7:13.

#### **Fourth quarter**

SP—Harold Brandon 39 run (Neisler kick), 6:36.

	<b>SP</b>	<b>LNC</b>
First downs	20	3
Rushes-yards	47-364	15-(-4)
Passing yards	105	78
Total yards	469	74
Comp-Att-Int	5-8-0	14-28-0
Fumbles-lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties-yards	6-60	4-55
Punts-avg.	1-47	7-34.29

#### **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING**—South Point, Etherton 22-155, Muse 6-97, Brandon 3-46, Brooks 2-38, Donovan Stowe 6-25, Ty Tinker 5-12, Pearsall 1-1, Wilson 1-minus 2, Neeral Patel 1-minus 8. Lake Norman Charter, Sean Dugan 8-9, Matt Francomano 3-6, Carter McLellan 1-2, Will Monti 3-minus 21.

**PASSING**—South Point, Brooks 3-4-0-54, Muse 1-1-0 27, Wilson 1-3-0 24. Lake Norman Charter, Monti 14-28-0 78.

**RECEIVING**—South Point, Pearsall 2-41, Muse 1-31, Ray 1-24, Etherton 1-9. Lake Norman Charter, Jonathan Craven 4-8, Jake Young 3-32, Francomano 3-15, Connor Noble 2-15, Dugan 2-8.