Red Raiders crush Storm

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CRAMERTON — South Point scored five times in the first quarter and cruised to a 75-0 thrashing of Stuart Cramer in Big South Conference action here Friday night.

The Storm (1-10, 0-7) was no match for the powerful Red Raiders (7-4, 6-1) who seem to be hitting on all cylinders heading into

the playoffs.

"I think we're peaking at the right time," said South Point coach Mickey Lineberger. "We're definitely getting better. We played hard in all phases of the game."

Lineberger could see that the Storm was outmatched, but he still wanted to keep his starters sharp for the playoffs.

"Our starters played a half and they deserved to get to do that," Lineberger said. "We still haven't played our best. I think our best is yet to come."

South Point got its first three touchdowns from senior sensation Tanner Muse, who scored on runs of 11 and 15 yards and then returned an interception 17 yards for his third touchdown in just over six minutes of play. Jeffrey Pearsall caught a 48 yard pass from Jaquan

Brooks to push the score to 28-0 and Ryland Etherton scored from a yard out with 1:44 left to give the Red Raiders a 35-0 first quarter lead.

Muse scored his fourth touchdown of the night on a 20-yard run to open the second quarter and Donovan Stowe pushed the lead to 49-0 on a 10-yard run with 6:55 left. Etherton closed out the first half scoring with another one-

yard plunge.

Stowe scored again in the third quarter on a five-yard run and Preetesh Patel took a fumble eight yards into the end zone on the next series to make it 69-0. Clay Julen got the final score of the game as he fell on a fumble in the end zone with 5:48 left to play.

South Point was dominant defensively as well, picking off three passes and recovering two fumbles while holding the Storm to zero net rushing yards and only 133 yards through the air.

"There were a couple of times we didn't take care of the ball," Stuart Cramer coach Ben McMillan said. "We've had a lot of injuries and we've made a lot of mistakes this season, but we'll learn. I think we've got a bright future."

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First quarter

SP—Tanner Muse 11 run (Max Neisler kick), 11:01.

KICK), 11:01. SP—Muse 15 run (Neisler kick), 5:57.

SP-Muse 17 interception return

(Neisler kick), 5:44.

SP-Jeffrey Pearsall 48 pass from

Jaquan Brooks (Neisler kick), 2:35.

SP—Ryland Etherton 1 run (Neisler kick), 1:44.

Second quarter

SP—Muse 20 run (Neisler kick), 11:52. SP—Donovan Stowe 10 run (Neisler

kick), 6:55.

(Neisler kick), 2:20.

SP-Etherton 1 run (kick blocked), 1:44.

Third quarter

SP—Stowe 5 run (Neisler kick), 5:14. SP—Preetesh Patel 8 fumble return

Fourth quarter

SP—Clay Julen fumble recovery in end zone (kick failed), 5:48.

	SP	SC
First downs	18	8
Rushes-yards	31-237	17-9
Passing yards	48	122
Total yards	285	131
Comp-Att-Int	1-1-0	12-21-3
Fumbles-lost	1-0	4-2
Penalties-yards	2-25	7-65
Punts-avg.	0	3-13.3

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—South Point, Tanner Muse 3-38, Jeffrey Pearsall 1-22, Ryland Etherton 11-69, Ben Washam 3-45, Jaquan Brooks 3-6, Donovan Stowe 5-25, Nolan Wilson 2-16, Ty Tinker 3-16. Stuart Cramer, Jahkeem Brand 5-3, Austin Creagh 2-minus 22, Corey Stowe 4-13, Darnell Johnson 3-5, Devion Moore 2-11, Gabe Washington 1-minus 1.

PASSING—South Point, Jaquan Brooks 1-1-0 48. Stuart Cramer, Corey Stowe 2-2-0 53; Austin Creagh 10-19-3 69. RECEIVING—South Point, Jeffrey Pearsall 1-48. Stuart Cramer, Isaiah Foust 4-47, Colt Davidson 3-28, Jahkeem Brand 1-minus 2, Corey Stowe 1-11, Cameron Lewis 3-38.