

# Conference perfection

## Red Raiders stay hot, win 8th straight game

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BELMONT — Two weeks ago, South Point High clinched its 21st conference title in its 47-year history.

On Friday, the Red Raiders were efficient and effective in rolling past nearby Stuart Cramer, 56-0, to wrap up their 15th perfect conference record.

South Point (9-2, 7-0 Big South 2A/3A) will find out about its postseason fate today. As a league champion, the Red Raiders are certain of at least one home playoff game.

"I think we got better tonight," South Point coach Mickey Lineberger said. "I think we improved in all three phases and we got to give a lot of young guys some playing time."

South Point scored on five of its six first-half possessions to roll up a 35-0 halftime lead before cruising to the second straight blowout win over a school located only 3.3 miles away. The Red Raiders won, 75-0, at Stuart Cramer last year in their first varsity meeting.

Quarterback Diontreia King led the 523-yard offense with 121 yards rushing

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and three touchdowns and 70 yards passing. Ryland Etherton added 121 yards rushing and two touchdowns. And Ometrick Leeper, Nolan Wilson and Jake Alexander also scored touchdowns for South Point.

The rest was up to a Red Raiders' defense that recorded its fourth shutout of the season and third in a row.

Alexander's five solo or first-hit tackles led the way. Nick Farmer and

Nathan Hamilton added four stops apiece as South Point limited the Storm to 92 yards total offense and five first downs on 40 plays.

"Anytime you can pitch three straight shutouts, you feel good," Lineberger said. "And the offense played well and the special teams played well. It was a total team win."

For Stuart Cramer, the loss ended the Storm's regular season at 5-6, 2-4 and leaves it wondering about its playoff fate.

The N.C. High School Athletic Association has never been certain of how to deal with the combination

classification conferences with which it allows to re-exist.

And Stuart Cramer coach Ben McMillan said he and his team will go into today wondering whether or not five wins will be enough for them to make postseason play.

"I hope it's enough," McMillan said. "But we're just not real sure."

Jaylen Rocquemoore's 16 yards rushing and 64 yards passing accounted for all but 12 of the Storm's offensive yardage while Darnell Johnson (10 tackles) and Robert Truesdale (eight tackles, one fumble recovery) led the defense.

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**First quarter****SP** — Diontreia King 8 run (Thomas Lempereur kick), 7:03.**SP** — King 15 run (Lempereur kick), 4:39.**Second quarter****SP** — Ometrick Leeper 7 run (Lempereur kick), 6:29.**SP** — Ryland Etherton 15 run (Lempereur kick), 2:13.**SP** — King 27 run (Lempereur kick), 0:27.5.**Third quarter****SP** — Etherton 17 run (Lempereur kick), 10:17.**SP** — Nolan Wilson 21 run (Lempereur kick), 0:00.**Fourth quarter****SP** — Jake Alexander 1 run (Lempereur kick), 0:40.4.

	<b>SC</b>	<b>SP</b>
First downs	5	22
Rushes-yards	19-28	45-437
Passing yards	64	86
Total yards	92	523
Comp-Att-Int	9-21-2	3-6-1
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	0-0	3-40
Punts-avg	6-35.0	0-0

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS****RUSHING** — **SC:** Jahkeem Brand 4-10, Jaylen Rocquemore 11-16, Corey Stowe 4-2. **SP:** Nolan Wilson 5-55, Ryland Etherton 13-121, Diontreia King 8-121, Ometrick Leeper 6-42, Ty Tinker 3-41, Mario Brandon 4-16, Jake Alexander 6-41.**PASSING** — **SC:** Rocquemore 9-21-2 64. **SP:** King 2-5-1 70, Scottie Lee 1-1-0 16.**RECEIVING** — **SC:** Isaiah Foust 5-34, Wade McLain 2-13, Stowe 2-17. **SP:** Walker Featherston 1-49, Wilson 1-21, Ty Tinker 1-16.