

# Hunter Huss upsets Red Raiders

Huskies score special teams, offensive and defensive touchdowns

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BELMONT — Entering Friday's meeting of Big South 2A/3A Conference unbeaten in Belmont, few gave the visitors much of a chance at victory.

Hunter Huss knew that when it came to Lineberger Stadium — and players like senior Akeythio Carson want it to stay that way even after the Huskies' 21-16 victory.

"I still think we're the underdogs," said Carson, whose pass interception in his own end zone on the final play of the game clinched the Huss victory. "Nobody picked us to win this game and we like it that way. We want to keep it that way and we want to keep working hard to prove people wrong."

Carson played a huge role in a victory in which the Huskies (3-3, 2-0) scored a special teams touchdown, an offensive touchdown and a defensive touchdown to record their first win against South Point (2-4, 1-1) since 2006.



Hunter Huss linebacker Marcus Mauney tackles South Point's Mario Brandon Friday night at Lineberger Stadium in Belmont. The Huskies defeated South Point 21-16, their first win over the Red Raiders since 2006. BRIAN MAYHEW/SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

"I'm not going to ever apologize for a win," said Huss coach Jamar McKoy, whose team has won its last three games since a 0-3 start. "We got a touchdown in all three phases of the game, so we did well in all three phases, which is what we want to do every week."

That started in the first quarter after South Point got the first of its three field goals from Thomas Lempereur.

Carson took the ensuing kickoff 87 yards to give Huss the lead for good.

"Kwayvion Griggs gave me a good block early and then the field kind of opened up for me," said Carson, who finished with 115 total return yards, two pass interceptions and seven solo or first-hit tackles.

After South Point closed

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South Point fullback Jake Alexander runs for a long gain against Hunter Huss on Friday night at Lineberger Stadium in Belmont. PHOTOS BY BRIAN MAYHEW / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

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within 7-6 in the middle of the second quarter, Huss drove 69 yards in 11 plays to score just before the halftime buzzer on Zo Wallace's 6-yard touchdown pass to Tony Davis.

After another Lempeur field goal on the Red Raiders' first possession of the second half — he had field goals of 24, 24 and 25 yards — South Point appeared poised to take the lead after Huss' only turnover of the game.

Nick Muse picked off a pass and returned it 42 yards to the Huss 3. But two plays later, the Huskies' defense forced a fumble on a fullback plunge and Tez Price came up with the loose football and returned it 98 yards for the biggest score of the night.



Hunter Huss quarterback Zoe Wallace scrambles and tries to avoid the South Point defense Friday night at Lineberger Stadium in Belmont.

own 28 with 2:39 to play, Scottie Lee directed a five-play, 62-yard drive that ended with a 31-yard touchdown pass to Muse as the Huss lead shrank to 21-16.

Then after forcing another punt and taking over at its own 21, South Point reached the Huss 35 in two long

led by Jaquavious Butler's 80 yards on 23 carries and Wallace's 50 yards passing and 21 yards rushing. Chase Williamson (eight tackles), Queves Graham (seven), Devin Harrell (seven) and Kenron Powell (five) joined Carson in leading the Huskies' defense.

For South Point, Lee's

"We've got to finish those drives," South Point coach Mickey Lineberger said. "We kicked three field goals, fumbled and got stopped on downs inside the 10. We've got to do better than that."

Despite facing the 21-9 deficit well into the fourth quarter, South Point managed to make the final seconds interesting.

After taking over at its

incomplete passes and a quarterback sack, Lee's final desperation throw into the end zone was picked off by Carson for the game-clincher.

"I'm proud that we kept fighting," Lineberger said. "A lot of teams would've given up at 21-9 that late in the game."

Hunter Huss finished with 174 yards total offense

193 yards passing and Jake Alexander's 130 yards rushing accounted for almost all of the Red Raiders' 335 yards total offense.

On defense, Nick Muse had eight tackles and a pass interception and he also had five catches for 94 yards.

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**HUNTER HUSS 21, SOUTH POINT 16**  
**Score By Quarter:**

	1	2	3	4	F
HUNTER HUSS	7	7	7	0	21
SOUTH POINT	3	3	3	7	16

**Scoring Summary:**

**First quarter**

SP—Thomas Lempereur 24 FG. 2:38  
HH—Akeythio Carson 87 kickoff return  
(Trevor Hargett kick). 2:23

**Second quarter**

SP—Lempereur 24 FG. 7:35  
HH—Tony Davis 6 pass from Zo Wallace  
(Hargett kick). 0:12.1

**Third quarter**

SP—Lempereur 25 FG. 7:56  
HH—Tez Price 98 fumble return (Hargett  
kick). 5:23

**Fourth quarter**

SP—Nick Muse 33 pass from Scottie Lee  
(Lempereur kick). 1:55

**Team Stats:**

	HH	SP
First downs	8	12
Rushes-yards	34-124	42-142
Passing yards	50	193
Total yards	174	335
Comp-Att-Int	3-9-1	9-22-2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties	7-50	4-30

**Hunter Huss Individual Stats:**

**Rushing**

Name	Att	Yards	TDs
Jaquavious Butler	23	80	0
Zo Wallace	6	21	0
Dallas Danner	2	5	0
Tony Davis	2	15	0
Queves Graham	1	3	0

**Passing**

Name	Comp	Att	Yards	TD	Int
Zo Wallace	3	9	50	1	1

**Receiving**

Name	Rec	Yards	TDs
Kwayvion Griggs	1	23	0
Antwanez Barnett	1	21	0
Tony Davis	1	6	1

**South Point Individual Stats:**

**Rushing**

Name	Att	Yards	TDs
Jake Alexander	28	130	0
Caleb Gibson	3	14	0
Nick Farmer	2	7	0
Mario Brandon	1	3	0
Scottie Lee	4	1	0
Ty Tinker	2	1	0
Max Mead	2	-14	0

**Passing**

Name	Comp	Att	Yards	TD	Int
Scottie Lee	9	22	193	1	2

**Receiving**

Name	Rec	Yards	TDs
Nick Muse	5	94	1
Nathan Silver	2	51	0
Max Mead	1	39	0
Ray Grier	1	9	0