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South Point's Nick Muse drags a pair of Forestview defenders upfield after catching a pass during their game Friday night. PHOTOS BY JOHN CLARK/THE GAZETTE

Red Raiders put together best game of year in rout of county rival



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BELMONT — Following Friday night's, 45-3, Big South 2A/3A victory over visiting Forestview High, the South Point High varsity football team has put the rest of the league on notice: the Red Raiders are coming.

Junior quarterback Scottie Lee ran for two touchdowns and threw for another and junior running backs Jake Alexander (100 yards and two touchdowns) and Ty Tinker



South Point's Nathan Silver breaks up a pass intended for Forestview's Jared Carter.



South Point's Nick Muse congratulates Matthew Robinson after he recovered a Forestview fumble.

(105 yards, one touchdown) each ran for 100 yards to lead a Red Raiders offense that amassed 406 yards of total offense with 303 of those yards coming on the ground.

South Point, which was the state 3A runner-up a year ago, evened its record at 4-4 overall (3-1 in Big South 2A/3A) and is finally starting to get healthy and gel.

"It takes a while to get the pieces to the puzzle together," said South Point head coach Mickey Lineberger. "We had a lot of growing pains as we had to grow up a little. We had to get some reps at fullback and quarterback. Our defense has played pretty solid all year. We had to develop some receivers that can catch the ball. We also had a lot of injuries, but every day we've gotten a little better, a little bit closer to where we want to be. Tonight was by far the best game we've played this year."

Forestview, which fell to 5-2 overall (3-1 in Big South 2A/3A), was held to 136 yards of total offense by a physical South Point defense. The Jaguars, who came in averaging

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169 yards per game rushing, were limited to 65 yards on the ground by the Red Raiders.

"We're disappointed," said Forestview head coach Chris Medlin. "It's just one of those things. They get rolling on you and it can get away from you and obviously that's what happened tonight. A lot of the credit goes to them."

The game started out as a defensive struggle for the first 10 minutes of the opening quarter as both teams exchanged punts on a series of possessions.

South Point, however, was able to strike first on a big play with 1:16 left in the first quarter as Lee

connected with freshman receiver Ray Grier on a 66-yard scoring pass down the right sideline to give the Red Raiders a 7-0 lead.

On the ensuing kickoff, Forestview fumbled, setting up the Red Raiders with a first-and-10 from the Jaguars 30-yard line.

Two plays later, following a Lee 25-yard run to the 5-yard line, Alexander took it into the end zone for his first score of the night to give the Red Raiders a 14-0 lead and they never looked back.

"They couldn't recover after the fumbled kickoff," said Lee, who completed 4 of 5 passes for 103 yards and a touchdown, while rushing for 44 yards and two scores. "It was such a big momentum change. When something like that happens, it sometimes

turns the game around. We got a bunch of momentum and we punched it in."

Lee's 14-yard run in the second quarter and a Thomas Lempereur 29-yard field goal gave the Red Raiders a 24-0 lead at halftime.

In the second half it was all South Point as the Red Raiders extended their lead to 38-3 after three quarters of play, exhibiting the dominance many in Belmont have become accustomed to seeing over the years.

"We're coming together as a team," Lee said. "The rest of the conference better look out because the Red Raiders are coming."

South Point will visit Lake Norman Charter next week while Forestview will host Ashbrook.



Forestview's Jayveon Love is gang tackled by South Point's Nick Muse, Nathan Hamilton and Max Mead during their game Friday night. JOHN CLARK/THE GAZETTE

SOUTH POINT 45, FORESTVIEW 3

Score By Quarter:

	1	2	3	4	F
FORESTVIEW	0	0	3	0	3
SOUTH POINT	14	10	14	7	45

SCORING SUMMARY:

First quarter

SP—Ray Grier 66-yd pass from Scottie Lee (Thomas Lempereur kick). 1:16
SP—Jake Alexander 5-yd run (Thomas Lempereur kick). 0:32.3

Second quarter

SP—Scottie Lee 14-yd run (Thomas Lempereur kick). 6:07
SP—Thomas Lempereur 29-yd FG. 1:01

Third quarter

SP—Ty Tinker 30-yd run (Thomas Lempereur kick). 9:35
F—Holt Cloninger 33-yd FG. 4:35
SP—Jake Alexander 9-yd run (Thomas Lempereur kick). 0:25.4

Fourth quarter

SP—Scottie Lee 11-yd run (Thomas Lempereur kick). 8:42

TEAM STATS:

	F	SP
First downs	9	21
Rushes-yards	26-65	45-303
Passing yards	71	103
Total yards	136	406
Comp-Att-Int	9-19-1	4-5
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties	9-90	5-46

FORESTVIEW INDIVIDUAL STATS:

Rushing

Name	Att	Yards	TDs
Chapperal Smith	5	25	0
Jayveon Love	12	24	0
Semarjae Williams	2	18	0
Cameron Jackson	2	5	0
Nathan Whitaker	1	4	0
Mac England	4	-11	0

Passing

Name	Comp	Att	Yards	TD	Int
Mac England	5	13	42	0	1
Jake Lee	4	6	29	0	0

Receiving

Name	Rec	Yards	TDs
Jared Carter	5	48	0
Semarjae Williams	1	9	0
Dakota Caughey	1	6	0
Jake Long	1	5	0
Jayveon Love	1	3	0

SOUTH POINT INDIVIDUAL STATS:

Rushing

Name	Att	Yards	TDs
Ty Tinker	20	105	1
Jake Alexander	10	100	2
Scottie Lee	7	44	2
Nick Farmer	2	26	0
Mario Brandon	3	20	0
Caleb Gibson	3	8	0

Passing

Name	Comp	Att	Yards	TD	Int
Scottie Lee	4	5	103	1	0

Receiving

Name	Rec	Yards	TDs
Ray Grier	2	70	1
Nathan Silver	1	21	0
Nick Muse	1	12	0