

Big Red Machine getting tuned up

South Point rushes for 353 yards, routs Lake Norman Charter

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HUNTERSVILLE — South Point likes to call themselves The Big Red Machine when things are going good, and everything went well in Friday's 48-0 romp at Lake Norman Charter.

Junior fullback Jake Alexander inched closer to 1,000 yards on the season with 153 yards rushing and four touchdowns on 15 carries in just over half a game.

Junior quarterback Scottie Lee connected on his first three passes for 67 yards and a touchdown, and South Point

rushed for 353 total yards. Only one carry resulted in negative yards through four quarters.

"We're getting better," said Red Raiders coach Mickey Lineberger. "We improved from last week, so the best is yet to come."

South Point (5-4, 4-1) received the opening kickoff and moved 66 yards in five plays from scrimmage for the game's first score.

The Raiders scored twice more in the first quarter after Thomas Lempereur tacked on the first of his six PATs, and had a 35-0 cushion at halftime.

Tight end Nick Muse

hauled in a 21-yard TD reception for the first score of the game and senior Max Mead reached paydirt on an 81-yard punt return in the first quarter.

Three of Alexander's scores were in the first half. Recent call-up Naseem Jones had 54 yards on the ground and added a fourth quarter, 2-yard score while running behind the reserves.

"It's good to pitch a shutout," Lineberger said while giving credit to his defense, and also to his unsung QB. "We threw the ball well when we needed to, and we ran the ball. It was a total team effort."

"We've been playing with a chip on our shoulder," he added, noted that

his team was still smarting from a home conference loss to Hunter Huss on Sept. 30.

"Our offense is just now starting to click. It took us a little longer than we wanted it to, but we're finally getting where we need to be. It looks pretty good for the playoffs and the rest of the season."

Senior fullback Sean Dugan kept the legs churning after a slow start to gain 35 yards rushing on 10 carries to lead the Knights' offense.

The Red Raiders are back at home next week against rival North Gaston.

Lake Norman Charter (4-5, 0-5), which has been struggling offensively all month, has a road game next week at Ashbrook.

**SOUTH POINT 48,
LAKE NORMAN CHARTER 0**

Score By Quarter:

	1	2	3	4	F
SOUTH POINT	21	14	7	6	48
LNC	0	0	0	0	0

Scoring Summary:

First quarter

SP—Nick Muse 21 pass from Scottie Lee (Thomas Lempereur kick). 10:14
SP—Max Mead 81 punt return (Lempereur kick). 2:37
SP—Jake Alexander 19 run (Lempereur kick). 0:09.8

Second quarter

SP—Alexander 3 run (Lempereur kick). 6:32
SP—Alexander 8 run (Lempereur kick). 1:32

Third quarter

SP—Alexander 1 run (Lempereur kick). 10:07

Fourth quarter

SP—Naseem Jones 2 run (kick failed). 4:45

Team Stats:

	SP	LNC
First downs	19	8
Rushes-yards	44-353	22-57
Passing yards	67	47
Total yards	420	104
Comp-Att-Int	3-7-1	6-18-2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties	6-50	1-15

South Point Individual Stats:

Rushing

Name	Att	Yards	TDs
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Jake Alexander	15	153	4
Naseem Jones	11	54	1
Caleb Gibson	5	50	1
Mario Brandon	3	35	0
Scottie Lee	2	20	0
Nick Farmer	2	18	0
#27	3	12	0
Keaton Hale	3	11	0

Passing					
Name	Comp	Att	Yards	TD	Int
Scottie Lee	3	7	67	1	1

Receiving			
Name	Rec	Yards	TDs
Ray Grier	1	24	0
Nick Farmer	1	22	0
Nick Muse	1	21	1

LNC Individual Stats:

Rushing			
Name	Att	Yards	TDs
Sean Dugan	10	35	0
Jaden Goodman	3	18	0
Teddy Spooner	2	7	0
Owen Thomas	2	6	0
Jake Moody	1	1	0
Will Watts	1	-3	0
Davis Wilder	1	-3	0
Tyler Stankiewicz	2	-4	0

Passing					
Name	Comp	Att	Yards	TD	Int
Teddy Spooner	5	13	27	0	2
Cade O'Connell	1	5	20	0	0

Receiving			
Name	Rec	Yards	TDs
Jackson Newton	3	29	0
Jake Moody	1	8	0
Max Bilstein	1	5	0
Davis Wilder	1	5	0