

South Point continues dominant run

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BELMONT — Friday night, the South Point defense allowed just 163 yards of total offense to Tuscola. They picked off four passes, scored a touchdown on a Nick Muse pick-six, limited the Mountaineers to just six first downs and held their sixth straight opponent to single digits as the Raiders rolled to a 45-6 win.

But according to senior cornerback Nick Farmer, defensive coordinator Adam Hodge won't be focusing on all that in practice on Monday.

"Coach Hodge, he gets on us pretty good, so we don't want to mess up and make him mad. He don't let us off easy," Farmer said. "Six points, that makes him mad. We just got to keep working."

That emphasis on perfection has served the Red Raiders well this season. They turned in a dominant performance Friday night not just on the defensive side of the ball, but offensively as well.

Jake Alexander ran for 183 yards and two touchdowns on



South Point's Nick Muse (33) intercepts a Tuscola pass and returns it for a touchdown Friday night. BILL BOSTICK/SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

29 carries, Scottie Lee threw for one touchdown and passed for another, and the Raiders (9-4) cruised into a third-round matchup next week with Pisgah.

"Tonight was Jake Alexander's finest football game. He ran like a thoroughbred," said South Point coach Mickey Lineberger.

"Scottie (Lee) ran the triple option better than he has any other time and he had great passes when he threw the ball. Our offensive line dominated the line of scrimmage against a very good defensive football team."

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The Red Raiders fell behind early on 6-0 when Lee threw an interception on their opening possession, and the Mountaineers drove down for a touchdown midway through the first quarter.

But immediately following the score, South Point went on a 12-play, 70-yard drive that ended with an 8-yard Alexander touchdown run and took the lead for good. The defense would not allow another point, and it was the first of four straight TD drives for the offense.

"We were frustrated," senior linebacker Nick Muse said. "When they scored, we messed up on our coverage and they got in the end zone. Some leaders went to the sideline, told the team it's going to be alright. The



South Point's Nick Farmer (9) makes a solid tackle on Tuscola's Josh Allison (17) on Friday night. BILL BOSTICK/SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

offense responded and got some points on there, and we knew we weren't going

to give up any more."

Muse, who celebrated his 18th birthday Friday

night, created some points of his own in the third quarter when he picked off a Grayson Perkins pass and brought it back 15 yards for a touchdown. That made the score 35-6, and the Raiders would add 10 more late in the game on a Thomas Lempereur field goal and Lee-to-Ray Grier touchdown pass.

This is South Point's seventh straight win, all coming by a margin of at least 30 points. Since the Red Raiders fell to 2-4 with a loss to Huss on Sept. 30, South Point has outscored its opponents by a combined total of 369-27. In the playoffs, they've outscored opponents 104-6.

The Mountaineers end their season 11-2. Pisgah, South Point's next opponent, is the only team to beat Tuscola this year besides the Red Raiders after the Bears beat the Mountaineers 23-20 in overtime on Oct. 14.

SOUTH POINT 45, TUSCOLA 6

Score By Quarter

	1	2	3	4	F
TUSCOLA	6	0	0	0	6
SOUTH POINT	7	14	17	7	45

Scoring Summary:

First quarter
T - Grayson Perkins 2 run (kick blocked) 5:25
SP - Jake Alexander 8 run (Thomas Lempereur kick) 0:24
Second quarter
SP - Alexander 26 run (Lempereur kick) 4:50
SP - Lee 8 run (Lempereur kick) 1:06
Third quarter
SP - Nick Farmer 9 run (Lempereur kick) 10:47
SP - Nick Muse 15 interception return (Lempereur kick) 6:09
SP - Thomas Lempereur 26-yard field goal 13.6
Fourth quarter
SP - Ray Grier 25 pass from Scottie Lee (Lempereur kick) 11:21

Team Stats:

	THS	SP
First downs	6	15
Rushes-yards	29-94	56-311
Passing yards	69	35
Total yards	163	346
Comp-Att-Int	9-17-4	3-5-1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties	1-9	1-4

Tuscola individual statistics

Rushing			
Name	Att	Yards	TDs
Caleb Ferguson	15	66	0
Roman Jenkins	7	19	0
Brent Turner	2	0	0
Grayson Perkins	5	9	1

Passing					
Name	Comp	Att	Yards	TD	Int
Grayson Perkins	9	17	69	0	4

Receiving			
Name	Rec	Yards	TDs
Roman Jenkins	1	17	0
Brent Turner	1	26	0
Josh Allison	2	6	0
Caleb Ferguson	2	-2	0

South Point individual statistics

Rushing			
Name	Att	Yards	TDs
Jake Alexander	29	183	2
Caleb Gibson	4	45	0
Scottie Lee	8	41	1
Ty Tinker	5	16	0
Keaton Hale	4	11	0
Nick Farmer	1	9	1
Naseem Jones	2	7	0
Mario Brandon	1	4	0
CJ Jennings	1	-1	0
Team	1	-4	0

Passing			
Name	Comp	Att	Yards
TD	Int		
Scottie Lee	3	5	34
1	1		

Receiving			
Name	Rec	Yards	TDs
Ray Grier	1	25	1
Nick Muse	1	8	0
Ty Tinker	1	1	0