

South Point battles through rain, storm delays to win on Chargers' home turf

The toughest opponent for both the Crest Chargers and South Point Red Raiders Friday night proved to be the weather.

In the end, South Point held on for a 22-14 win in a contest that didn't end until after 11:30 p.m.

The pre-game hype had mostly to do with the two new head coaches in the contest. Adam Hodge had taken the reins following Mickey Lineberger's retirement following South Point's state championship season. Nick Eddins accepted the job at Crest in the spring following Will Clark's departure.

Yet before the first half was even completed between the two perennial football powers, there had been three delays due to lightning. The large crowd at Sid Bryson Stadium was expecting to see some top-level high school football but a driving rainstorm in the first quarter, as well as the delays, put a damper on the proceedings.

South Point was able to build a 16-0 first-half advantage, taking advantage of some early Charger mistakes. Crest had to fall on an errant snap for a safety, then the Red Raiders followed with a 43-yard scoring drive. Ray Grier took a pitchout and circled right end for the final 11 yards

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for the score. South Point quarterback Scott Lee then passed to Jake Alexander out of the backfield for a two-point conversion.

The Red Raiders followed with another long march. When that fizzled, South Point's Cade Ratliff came on to drill a 41-yard field goal with 8:15 left in the half.

Crest had just punted back to South Point when the weather cropped up again, and the game didn't resume until after 10 p.m. Ratliff drilled a 40-yard field goal

with 1:14 left in the half to push the margin to 16-0.

The Red Raiders went on a time-consuming drive midway in the third quarter with Alexander punching in from the 1-yard line for a 22-0 margin.

Crest got on the board after a 34-yard pass from Kemmerlin to Tyshun Hosch late in the third quarter. Kemmerlin then punched it in on 4th-and-one to make it 22-7.

The Chargers got a break when South Point mishandled a punt attempt. Crest took over at the 35 and on first down Jamaud Geter zoomed to the 9-yard line. Moments later Davion Pryor scored from the 9 with 5:02 remaining to make it 22-14.



Crest's Peyton Kemmerlin carries the ball away from South Point's Sean Burns and Tyler Kotula during their game at Crest High School on Friday. [BRITTANY RANDOLPH/THE STAR]



Crest's Nate Blanton closes in on South Point ball carrier Scottie Lee during their game at Crest High School on Friday. [BRITTANY RANDOLPH/THE STAR]

South Point	10	6	6	0	-	22
Crest	0	0	0	14	-	14

First Quarter

SP—Safety; Snap covered in end zone 4:09

SP—Ray Grier 11 run (Jake Alexander pass from Scott Lee) 1:50

Second Quarter

SP – Cade Ratliff 41 field goal 8:15

SP – Cade Ratliff 40 field goal 1:14

Third Quarter

SP—Alexander 1 run (pass failed) 6:13

Fourth Quarter

Cr—Peyton Kemmerlin 1 run (Evan Davis kick) 10:47

Cr—Davion Pryor 9 run (Davis kick) 5:02

Teams	SP	C
First Downs	17	9
Rushes-yards	58-281	28-86
Passing-yards	40	71
Total yards	321	157
Comp-Att-Int	2-4-0	6-12-1
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-0
Penalties-yards	13-115	5-38

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - SP: Jake Alexander 36-180, Scottie Lee 15-69, Caleb Gibson 2-17, Ray Greir 2-15, Ty Tinker 1-9, Mario Brandon 1-(-5), Nick Gange 1-(-4). C: Jalin Graham 11-38; Jamaud Geter 2-27, Davion Prior 3-14, Peyton Kemmerlin 10-10, Sanchez Spikes 1-6, Team 1-(-9).

PASSING - SP: Scottie Lee 2-4-0 40. C: Peyton Kemmerlin 6-12-1 71.

RECEIVING - SP: Ray Grier 2-40. C: Tyshon Hosch 4-66, Nijhal Odom 1-5, Lannden Zanders 1-0.