



South Point's Ray Grier is tackled by Forestview's Anthony Nance after catching a pass for a big gain Friday at Forestview High School. [JOHN CLARK/THE GASTON GAZETTE]

South Point shuts out Forestview 42-0

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GASTONIA — South Point senior Matt Robinson was a freshman on the junior varsity team when Forestview last beat South Point. In that 2014 game, the Jaguars came into Belmont and ended a five-year Raider unbeaten streak in the Big South Conference.

Robinson and the other freshmen were watching from the sidelines, studying their positions as Forestview came away with a 34-31 overtime win.

"I was just watching how



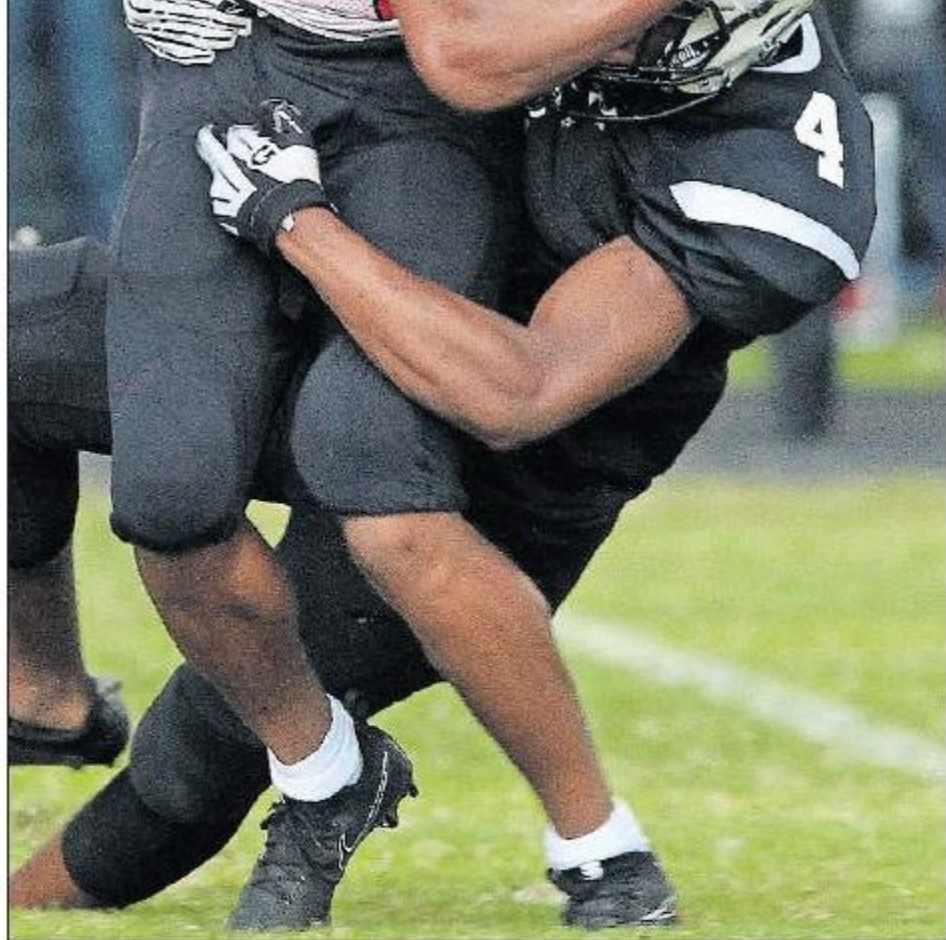
I was just watching how intense it was. That was Tanner Muse's senior year. He was getting the defense pumped up. Moe Neal was getting (Forestview's) offense pumped up. It was just a battle, it came down to the trenches, they just finished stronger," Robinson said. "That pushed us this year."

In the three years since that game, those JV freshman watching from the sidelines have grown up into senior leaders for this year's Raiders — and they've done their part to atone for that loss.

Friday night, South Point scored on its first possession when Jake Alexander found the end zone on a 1-yard rush less than three minutes into the game. That was plenty of offense for the Raiders, who shut out Forestview 42-0 and improved to 3-0 on the season.

This is the third straight win

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South Point's Ray Grier fumbles the ball as he is tackled by Forestview's Cameron Jackson on Friday at Forestview High School.

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SOUTH POINT

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for the Raiders in the series since that overtime loss. In 2015, South Point took a 34-7 win. Last year, it was a 45-3 victory.

South Point's triple-option "Redbone" offense did much of its damage through the air in the first half. Scottie Lee completed his four passes off the game, all went for big chunks of yardage, and two floated into the arms of sophomore Ray Grier for touchdowns of 39 and 48 yards.

Lee finished the game 4-for-7 with 156 yards passing. Alexander ran the ball 24 times for 121 yards and two scores, and the Raiders scored their first defensive touchdown of the year when Nate Hamilton scooped up a fumbled punt and returned it for the score.

Coach Adam Hodge said Friday night's performance is an improvement on Week 1, when he was "livid" with his team's play in a 22-14 win over Crest, but even after a shut out, there's always work to do on Monday.

"You just find the little things you did wrong. Instead

of looking at the score look at how many yards they got ... find every little ol' detail you can find and say hey we can't do that," Hodge said.

Forestview's best chance to score came on the first possession of the third quarter. Jake Lee found Jake Long for a 44-yard pass to put the Jags inside the 5-yard line, but Mario Brandon intercepted Lee's pass on the goal line to end the threat. Lee finished the game 11-for-23 passing with 128 yards. Jake Long led all Forestview receivers with five catches for 77 yards.

Forestview (1-2) will travel to Ashbrook next week.

"We're going to get better, we're going to keep at it. They fought all night long, our guys did, against an extremely good team," said Jaguars coach Chris Medlin. "We'll just keep focusing on us for next week, trying to get better because Ashbrook I'm sure will be a big challenge."

South Point, meanwhile, will host undefeated Clover next week in Belmont. The Blue Eagles' game scheduled for Friday night at home against Hunter Huss was postponed to 7 p.m. Saturday.

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South Point's Jake Alexander runs upfield during the game against Forestview on Friday at Forestview High School. [JOHN CLARK/THE GASTON GAZETTE]

South Point	14	7	7	14	-	42
Forestview	0	0	0	0	-	0

First Quarter

SP - Jake Alexander 1 run (Cade Ratliff kick), 9:36

SP - Ray Grier 39 pass from Scottie Lee (Ratliff kick), 2:57

Second Quarter

SP - Grier 48 pass from Lee (Ratliff kick), 5:00

Third Quarter

SP - Nate Hamilton 15 fumble return (Ratliff kick), 2:45

Fourth Quarter

SP - Alexander 2 run (Ratliff kick), 7:40

SP - Tinker 4 run (Ratliff kick), 1:27

Teams	SP	FV
First Downs	9	8
Rushes-yards	43-227	18-55
Passing-yards	156	128
Total yards	383	183
Comp-Att-Int	4-7-0	11-26-2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties-yards	10-82	11-80

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - SP: Jake Alexander 24-121, Ty Tinker 6-34, Ray Grier 1-30, Scottie Lee 7-2, Keaton Hale 3-11, Caleb Gibson 2-29. FV: Holt Cloninger 1-46, Aaron Bennett 2-11, Tommy Phillips 5-11, Jalen Neely-Baldwin 1-(-1), Jake Lee: 8-(-1).

PASSING - SP: Scottie Lee 4-7-0 156. FV: Jake Lee 11-23-2 128; Tommy Phillips 0-3-0 0.

RECEIVING - SP: Ray Grier 3-132, Caleb Gibson 1-24. FV: Jalen Neely-Baldwin 5-39, Turner Edwards 1-12, Jake Long 5-77.