



South Point fullback Jake Alexander breaks free for a long touchdown run late in the first half against Stuart Cramer. The Red Raiders defeated the Storm 41-14 to improve to 5-0 on the season. [BRIAN MAYHEW PHOTOS / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE]

Alexander leads South Point past rival

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BELMONT — With 7:48 left in the third quarter, Stuart Cramer had the breakthrough.

Quarterback Luke Carpenter hit tight end Kendall Karr in stride down the sideline for a 79-yard touchdown pass, and after three-and-a-half scoreless games, the Storm had their first touchdown against rival South Point.

but suddenly everything was going Stuart Cramer's way. On the ensuing kickoff, the Storm recovered a fumble, and they were on the march again, looking to cut it to a one-score game.

Except South Point didn't play along.

Instead of losing its nerve and letting that dramatic comeback story play out, the Red Raiders just did what experienced, tested and good teams do — they calmed down, got back to work, and made a play.

Cramer on that next possession, and when the Storm lined up for a field goal, Matthew Robinson busted through the middle of the offensive line, reaching up a hand to block the kick. That set up a 54-yard South Point touchdown drive to make the lead comfortable again. In the fourth quarter, when the Raiders needed to finish off the win, they drove 98 yards on their last possession for a touchdown and a 41-14 victory.

South Point had built a 21-0
lead before that touchdown,

and made a play.

The Raiders stopped Stuart

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South Point stayed perfect on the season, and stayed perfect in the rivalry, defeating Stuart Cramer for the fourth straight year. Senior Jake Alexander led the way on offense, running the ball 29 times for 259 yards and four touchdowns.

"That's the senior leadership you're looking for. You're looking for that guy to say (on the last possession), 'OK. The ball's on the 2, we're going to go. I'm going to go as hard as I can go and I'm going to do my job as hard as I can do it,'" said South Point coach Adam Hodge. "That's what I want all

the time."

South Point had to fight harder against the Storm than it did in years past. The contest was a one-possession game for most of the first half, and Stuart Cramer stayed in contention until the fourth quarter. South Point senior quarterback Scottie Lee said the offense had to dig deep to come up with the plays it needed late in the game.

"We faced a lot of adversity, some things didn't go the way we wanted, Stuart Cramer had a good defense, they stopped us 3-and-out a couple times but we just had to keep fighting," Lee said.

Stuart Cramer's identity is not to be a passing team, but the Storm coaches found a play they liked with Carpenter and Karr. The pair connected for



Stuart Cramer's Demorrian Lindsay brings down South Point's Ray Grier Friday night in Belmont. [BRIAN MAYHEW / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE]

two touchdowns — first on the 79-yard strike early in the third, then again with 9:56 left in the fourth quarter on a 30-yard

pass.

Carpenter finished 4-for-10 for 155 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. Karr had

two catches for 109 yards and two scores.

Stuart Cramer coach Ben McMillan said after the game he's not counting any moral victories.

"We're not looking at the past, not trying to live in the past. This is a new team, new attitude, we felt like we had our chances there," McMillan said.

The schedule doesn't get any easier for Stuart Cramer (3-1), as the Storm prepare to host Kings Mountain next week to open conference play. South Point (5-0) has a week off before welcoming Ashbrook and long-time assistant Brian Andrews to Lineberger Stadium on Friday, Sept. 29.

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South Point's Phillip Davis tackles Stuart Cramer's Kaiser Kayton Friday night in Belmont.

Stuart Cramer	0	0	7	7	-	14
South Point	7	7	13	14	-	41

First Quarter

SP - Ty Tinker 35 pass from Scottie Lee (Cade Ratliff kick), 7:16

Second Quarter

SP - Jake Alexander 43 run (Ratliff kick), 1:00

Third Quarter

SP - Akexander 44 run (Ratliff kick), 8:44

SC - Kendall Karr 79 pass from Luke Carpenter (Devin Baldwin kick), 7:48

SP - Alexander 6 run (kick failed), 2:26

Fourth Quarter

SC - Karr 30 pass from Carpenter (Baldwin kick), 9:56

SP - Alexander 50 run (Ratliff kick), 7:41

SP - Tinker 2 run (Ratliff kick), 1:41

Teams	SC	SP
First Downs	8	17
Rushes-yards	36-136	50-350
Passing-yards	164	53
Total yards	300	403
Comp-Att-Int	5-13-2	3-7-1
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	9-83	5-50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - SC: Kaiser Kayton 8-19, Tyreese Morris 6-18, Jaylen Rocemore 14-72, Team 1-(-1), Ethan Lurry 4-8, Luke Carpenter 2-15, Damarrick Floyd 1-5. SP: Jake Alexander 29-259, Scottie Lee 12-62, Ty Tinker 5-10, Mario Brandon 3-12, Caleb Gibson 1-7.

PASSING - SC: Luke Carpenter 4-10-2 155, Jaylen Rocquemore 1-3-0 9. SP: Scottie Lee 3-7-1 53.

RECEIVING - SC: Kendall Karr 2-109, Ethan Lurry 2-46, Kaiser Kayton 1-9. SP: Ty Tinker 1-35, Ray Grier 2-18.