

Red Raiders Improve to 6-0

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BELMONT — When Jake Alexander was giving his post-game media interviews after South Point's win over Ashbrook on Friday night, some of his teammates popped in to grab a quick selfie with the senior running back.

"We won't be satisfied until we're 16-0," Alexander said as offensive linemen Ethan Jackson, Victor Hernandez and Riley Nichols surrounded him. Jackson extended his arm with phone in hand and smiled for

the iPhone camera.

Alexander deserved the paparazzi treatment — and the offensive line deserved to have a little bit of fun — after a hard-hitting and physically taxing 35-13 victory over the Green Wave.

South Point never trailed, scoring first on an Alexander 2-yard touchdown run with 7:09 in the first quarter, but the Green Wave answered that early touchdown with a British Brooks score on the next possession. When South Point went up 21-6 early in the third quarter, Ashbrook bounced back once again with an 80-yard drive to keep it a one-score game at 21-13.

Eventually, Alexander and quarterback Scottie Lee caught Ashbrook on a couple missed assignments and South Point ran away, tacking on two late touchdowns in the comfortable victory. Alexander rushed for 267 yards and three touchdowns on 22 carries — including 219 yards after the halftime break.

"I feel like we go into the locker room after the first half, get everything out, all the pre-game jitters, and we come out and try to dominate," Alexander said.

Lee added 86 rush yards on 11 carries and scored twice for the

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Red Raiders. On defense, South Point came into the game without one starter — cornerback Devon King — and lost defensive tackle Phillip Davis to a knee injury on the first Ashbrook play from scrimmage. Despite the injuries, South Point held Ashbrook to 271 total yards.

South Point coach Adam Hodge said junior nose guard Khimek Stukes did a nice job filling in for Davis after the early injury.

“You better be ready and he was. Coach Tate does a great job on the defensive front getting those guys ready. He’s been doing it for 50 years,” Hodge said.

Ashbrook was led by senior running back British Brooks, who rushed for 129 yards and a touchdown despite leaving near the end of the third quarter with a shoulder injury.

Green Wave coach Brian Andrews said

he was happy with the team’s effort as Ashbrook prepares for five straight games in the Big South Conference to close the regular season.

“I’m so proud of the way my kids played. I love this team, I told our guys the best is yet to come,” Andrews said. “What you just did tonight, is you showed everybody you can play.”

Ashbrook (3-3) is in a four way tie atop the Big South Conference with a 2-0 record, along with Huss, Crest and Kings Mountain. The Green

Wave host the Chargers next week.

South Point (6-0) will begin conference play next week at home against East Gaston. Before the game, the Red Raiders will recognize former coach Jim Biggerstaff, who was recently inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. South Point will invite Biggerstaff, his family, former players and coaches to join the longtime coach on the field before the game.

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Jake Alexander of South Point runs the ball during the Red Raiders' 35-13 win over Ashbrook on Friday in Belmont. [BILL BOSTICK/SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE]

Ashbrook	6	0	7	0	-	13
South Point	7	7	14	7	-	35

First Quarter

SP - Jake Alexander 2 run (Cade Ratliff kick), 7:09

A - British Brooks 4 run (kick failed), 1:33

Second Quarter

SP - Scottie Lee 14 run (Ratliff kick), 5:32

Third Quarter

SP - Lee 29 run (Ratliff kick), 10:42

A - Antwon McClee 2 run (Korbin Proctor kick), 6:42

SP - Alexander 40 run (Ratliff kick), 1:02

Fourth Quarter

SP - Alexander 25 run (Ratliff kick), 3:45

Teams	A	SP
First Downs	19	13
Rushes-yards	45-199	41-364
Passing-yards	72	12
Total yards	271	376
Comp-Att-Int	5-12-0	1-4-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	2-15	6-55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - A: British Brooks 20-129, Hayden Welle 8-34, D'Andre Britt 3-8, Tyresse Nicholas 11-32, Cameron June 2-(-6), Antwon McClee 1-2. SP: Jake Alexander 22-267, Scottie Lee 11-86, Keaton Hale 5-(-1), Ty Tinker 3-12.

PASSING - A: Hayden Welle 5-12-0 72. SP: Scottie Lee 1-4-0, 12.

RECEIVING - A: Elijah Fife 3-38, D'Andre Britt 2-34. SP: Ray Grier 1-12.