

Jones, Red Raiders roll

South Point fullback racks up 259 yards and four TDs against Storm

CRAMERTON — Ever since South Point High School employed the “Red Bone” offense in 1998, its coaches always have tried to find a durable, effective runner at fullback.

South Point again has found that player in junior Naseem Jones, who rushed 38 times for 259 yards and four touchdowns on Thursday in a 33-7 win over Stuart Cramer.

“South Point’s got a strong tradition of fullbacks over the years,” Red Raiders coach Adam Hodge said. “And I’ve challenged Naseem to take on that role. He’s doing a great job for us.”

The victory continued the Red Raiders’ dominance over their closest rivalry by proximity (3.1 miles). South Point has won all five straight meetings in the series against the Storm by a combined 248-21 margin with three shutouts.

The game was moved up one day due to Hurricane Florence.

Turning point:

Stuart Cramer took the opening kickoff and drove to South Point's 33 before being stopped on downs. The Red Raiders then made their first possession a 10-play, 74-yard scoring drive that ended with Jones first touchdown – and gave South Point the lead for good.

“They’re always a good football team and tough to stop offensively,” Cramer coach Ben McMillan said of South Point. “Tonight, they got rolling there in the second half and we struggled. They executed and we didn’t.”

Star of the game:

Jones rushed 38 times for 259 yards and scored on touchdown runs of 5, 34, 25 and 1 yards.

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Notes:

Ray Grier, South Point's 6-foot-2, 206-pound junior receiver who has received several NCAA Division I scholarship offers didn't play on Thursday. Grier was serving the first game of a three-game suspension for what Hodge called "an internal matter."...

South Point racked up 422 yards total offense and 20 first downs in 59 offensive snaps. Cramer finished with 216 total yards in 47 plays with 11 first downs. After halftime, when South Point led 14-7, the Red Raiders outgained Cramer 221 to 46...

Tanner Canterbury led the South Point with six solo or first-hit tackles, including a quarterback sack. Josh Bogen and Devon King added five tackles and King also had a 59-yard touchdown pass reception from Keaton Hale....



South Point's Tanner Canterbury tackles Stuart Cramer quarterback Luke Carpenter in Thursday night's game.

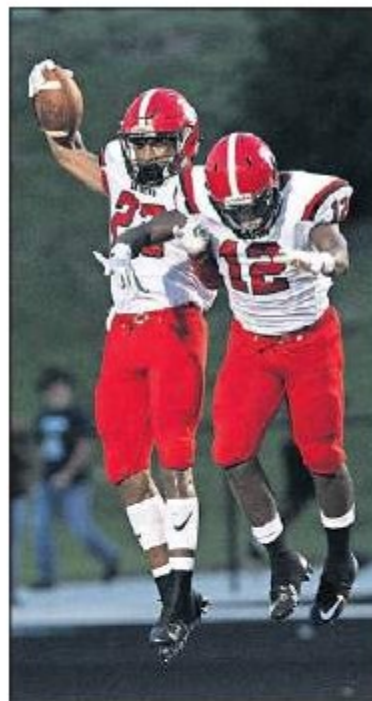
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For Cramer, Devan Polk (10), Jaylin Truesdale (eight) and Carter Merrill (six) were the top tacklers.

What's next: South Point

(3-2) is off. Stuart Cramer (3-1) visits Kings Mountain

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South Point's Devon King (23) and Jamari Leeper 912 celebrate King's touchdown at Stuart Cramer Thursday night.





South Point's Naseem Jones carries the ball for a long gain deep into Stuart Cramer territory in Thursday night's game. The Red Raiders defeated the Storm 33-7. [PHOTOS BY BRIAN MAYHEW / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE]



**South Point
defenders
Trevon Jones
(33) and
Josh Hicks
(31) bring
down Stuart
Cramer's
Tyreese
Morris in
Thursday
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SOUTH POINT 33, STUART CRAMER 7

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Second quarter

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Third quarter
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