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Junior Hall breaks into the clear on his way to first-quarter touchdown run.

## Wave does damage early; pounds South Point 42-6

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Ashbrook's Green Wave took care of business early in Friday night's season-opening high school football game against the South Point Red Raiders and breezed to a 42-6 victory

Junior Hall rambled 58 yards for a touchdown on the game's second play from scrimmage, then scored again on a three-yard run midway through the first quarter.

The Green Wave scored a third touchdown just before the first quarter ended — and except for the fact there were three quarters left to play — the game was over.

Hall, who finished the game with 142 yards on eight carries, had five carries for 130 yards when the first quarter ended. He was used sparingly the rest of the game.

Placekicker Lino Mantecon was 6 for 6 in the conversion department for the Green Waye.

When we scored those touchdowns early in the game, it broke things open and sort of took them (South Point) out of their game Ashbrook coach John Kinlaw said Had we not scored two touchdowns so early in the game, it might have been different."

The younger Red Raiders struggled through most of the game. The only first down South Point managed in the first half was due to an Ashbrook face mask penalty.

The Red Raiders got a first down rushing in the third quarter, but did not get things going until late in the game when Keith Robbins capped a 67-yard, 13-play drive with a 1-yard run. A pass interference and another face mask by the Green Wave defense aided in that drive.

"It was a nice opening game for us," said Kinlaw. "Steve Alexander executed the offense real well and we did a great job defensively.

"We like to play as many people as we can and we got the opportunity to play a lot of people (tonight)."

Alexander completed three of four passes for 108 yards and rushed for 53 yards on four carries. His 57-yard scoring run with 7:46 left in the first half provided the Green Wave with its fourth touchdown of the game.

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Mark Johnson, who saw a good bit of action in the Ashbrook offensive backfield, scored his team's third touchdown with 6 seconds left in the first quarter. A 66-yard run by Hall set up that score.

Alexander completed the longest pass of his career in the third quarter, a 52-yard scoring bomb to split end Randy Pagan. That score came with 8:13 remaining in the quarter.

Ashbrook's final touchdown came when South Point quarterback Chris Cornelius fumbled for the seventh time. The ball fell into the South Point end zone and defensive lineman Paul Domville recovered for the score. That came with 5:40 left in the game.

Ashbrook's offense compiled a total of 403 yards total offense as opposed to 80 total yards for South Point.

The Red Raider defense did give Ashbrook problems deep in South Point territory. Three times the Green Wave was stopped inside South Point's 15 yard line.

"Jim (Biggerstaff) has a lot of young players on defense and they gave us a hard time with their goal line defense," said Kinlaw.

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