

# Red Raiders shock Ashbrook



## Hardy's two TDs lead South Point

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BELMONT — Gerard Hardy scored two touchdowns, and that proved to be enough for South Point, as the Red Raiders stunned Ashbrook 17-13 Friday at Lineberger Stadium.

It was South Point's first victory over the Green Wave since 1984, and only their fifth win over Ashbrook in the 14-year history of the rivalry.

"We beat an excellent, excellent football team tonight," said Red Raider coach Phil Tate. "The win in Ahsokie in 1979 (when South Point won the state 3-A title) was a sweet victory. But this one is just as sweet."

The Red Raider defense, aided by two Ashbrook holding penalties in the final minutes, stopped the potent Green Wave option twice to preserve the win.

Hardy, who scored from 24 yards in the second quarter, scored from the 5 with 7:02 left in the third period to give the Raiders a surprising 17-6 lead.

Ashbrook bounced right back on the next series as Spencer Ellis came off the bench to hit Bryan Froneberger for a 58-yard touchdown pass.

"South Point played extremely well," said Ashbrook coach Bill Eccles. "We did some things extremely well, too. We had a few fundamental breakdowns, but we were beaten by a very good South Point football team."

South Point established its running game after taking the opening kickoff. The Raiders drove from their 34 to the Ashbrook 7-yard line in 11 plays.

Ryan Werner put the Raiders ahead 3-0 with a 28-yard field goal when the drive stalled.

The Wave's Hopie Wright nearly broke the South Point kickoff. Werner saved a touchdown with a tackle at midfield.

Ashbrook marched to the South Point 1, but Toney Werts fumbled and Stowe recovered for South Point in the end zone.

■ **HUSS WINS:** Curtis Boyd, a junior running back, scored on two touchdown runs of 13 and 54 yards leading the undefeated Huskies to a 14-3 non-conference victory over Shelby. /3C

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South Point's T.O. Wilson made the Green Wave blue by helping the Red Raiders to a 17-13 upset.

Summary in Scoreboard, 4C

# Ashbrook 13

## South Point 17

Ashbrook	0	6	7	0	—	13
South Point	3	7	7	0	—	17

.. SP — Ryan Werner FG 28

Ash — Cricket McCaskill 55 run (kick failed)

SP — Gerard Hardy 24 run (Werner kick)

SP — Hardy 5 run (Werner kick)

Ash — Bryan Froneberger 58 pass from  
Spencer Ellis (Mark Hux kick)