

Bulldogs hand SP second league loss

Robinson held to season-low yardage

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BELMONT — Burns had already taken names before it arrived at Lineberger Stadium Saturday night, and the Bulldogs methodically disposed of South Point for a 21-7 SWC 3A victory.

The loss may have wiped out South Point's playoff hopes, while the win turned the season around for Burns.

The Bulldogs are 5-3 overall and 2-1 in the SWC. South Point fell to 5-4 and 1-2.

"We knew we had to do five things to win this ballgame," said Burns coach Ron Greene. "The first was to stop their fullback Thurston Johnson.

"Second, we had to stop their quarterback (Brian) Ashe. He had been running the option well and we had to take that away. The third thing was to take away their pitch, and fourth was to keep the ball out of (receiver) Kelly Brown's hands.

"Fifth, we couldn't let Koren Robinson get loose. That was their big five players and we had to stop them all to have a chance here. South Point has a fine tradition and we've been through some battles on this field.

"Not too many teams can come in here and walk away as winners."

Burns held Robinson to a season-low 53 yards. Meanwhile, the Bulldogs piled up incredible yardage with Greg Melker gaining 152 yards and John Logan running for 106.

"You've got to play four quarters of football in this league or you're going to get your tail beat," said South Point coach John Devine, whose team kept Burns out of the end zone in the second half. "Burns was big up front and they put a lot of pressure on us offensively.

"We got frustrated early in the game and Burns just fed off our frustration, which is what a good team will do."

Burns wasted no time, scoring on its first possession, when Mel-

er scored from 8 yards.

Landrum Addison added a 4-yard run in the second quarter, and Melker gave Burns its final touchdown from 9 yards out with 2:28 remaining before halftime.

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South Point 0 0 0 7 — 7

Bu — Greg Melker 8 run (Brandon Winecoff kick)

Bu — Landrum Addison 6 run (Winecoff kick)

Bu — Melker 9 run (Winecoff kick)

SP — Koren Robinson 12 run (Brian Ashe kick)

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