

# Raiders retain focus in rout

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GASTONIA — Any notion that South Point might be overlooking Hunter Huss toward next week's showdown with Ashbrook was greatly exaggerated.

The Red Raiders (5-1, 2-0 BS3A) easily cruised past the Huskies 42-6 Friday night in anticipation of a monumental matchup with the Green Wave, the defending 2002 3AA state champions.

South Point's Tyler Gorton scored on a 55-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage, igniting a Red Raiders' attack that never let up.

Joe Brown, who rushed for 164 yards, scored three times to pace last year's Big South 3A conference champs. Brown's three touchdowns gave him 13 on the season.

Javar Williams added a 3-yard run, and Brian Jennings scored a late touchdown to round out South Point's offensive manhandling of Hunter Huss.

"It was an old-fashioned butt-kicking, basically," said Hunter Huss coach Steve Gardner, whose team fell to 4-2 and 1-1 in the BS3A. "I thought we did a lot of good things in the first half defensively."

South Point led 14-0 at half-time on Gorton's long run and the first of three Brown touchdowns, racking up 224 yards of total offense to just 54 for the Huskies.

"We sort of drug around in the first half," said South Point coach John Devine. "We missed a couple opportunities. After we got things adjusted and had the right type of motivation after halftime, things started to roll for us."

The Red Raiders answered the challenge and scored 28 second-half points to rout Hunter Huss.

So what did Devine tell his players at intermission?

"I told them I was going to run them until their tongues hung out if I didn't see improvement," he said.

Brown scored two more times in the second half, from 1 and 5 yards, respectively. Williams' sixth touchdown of the season came in the third quarter from the 6-yard line. Jennings 1-yard run came in mop-up duty.

The Huskies prevented the shutout with a 29-yard pass from quarterback D.J. Knox to Jeff Sanders with 2:02 left.

Gorton got the most of his carries, rushing for 90 yards on just three attempts. Williams was solid directing the triple-option and rushed for 72 yards. He also completed four passes on six attempts for 40 yards.

Johntae Woods, who had rushed for nearly 400 yards the previous two games, was held to 60 yards.

Hunter Huss travels to East Gaston on Friday. South Point, winners over Ashbrook in last year's regular season, host the Green Wave at Lineberger Stadium.

"Ashbrook's next, but we're gonna celebrate over Huss tonight," Devine said.

South Point and Ashbrook both represented the BS3A in the state playoffs in 2002, but were in separate 3A playoffs. The Red Raiders fell in the semifinals to Carver.

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<b>HH</b>	<b>0 0 0 6 - 6</b>
SP - Tyler Gorton 55 run (Andrew Rinehart kick)	
SP - Joe Brown 3 run (Rinehart kick)	
SP - Brown 1 run (Rinehart kick)	
SP - Javar Williams 3 run (Rinehart kick)	
SP - Brown 5 run (Rinehart kick)	
HH - Jeff Sanders 29 pass from D.J. Knox (kick failed)	
SP - Brian Jennings 1 run (Rinehart kick)	