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South Point quarterback Desmond Lowery scrambles for yardage against Burns on Friday night. Lowery carried the ball 16 times, totalled 61 yards and scored a touchdown as the Red Raiders slipped past Burns, 31-23, in Lawndale on Friday night.

# Ground Assault

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Camp's scrambling kept the Red Raider defense off balance, especially in the second half.

"We finally stayed back and picked one off," Devine said. "(Camp) kept moving around back there and made some big plays. He's a fine player."

Burns took an early 3-0 lead on a 24-yard field goal by Ethan Martin, but the Red Raiders roared back on their opening possession, driving 63 yards in six plays with Hudspeth going over from the 1 for the touchdown. After stopping Burns on fourth down late in the first quarter, the Red Raiders put together their longest drive of the night, driving 80 yards in 16 plays as Lowery scored from 5 yards out to cap a drive that consumed over seven minutes off the clock.

Matt Mitchell kicked a 38-yard field goal on the first

South Point drive of the second half to push the lead to 17-3, but Burns came back with an 80-yard drive of its own as Brian Scott scored on a 10-yard run to cut the lead to 17-9. The Red Raiders played ball control again on the next series, keeping the ball for almost five minutes as Justice capped a 65-yard drive with a 1-yard run that ran the score to 24-9.

Burns came back on its next drive with Camp going over from the 3 to cut the lead to 24-16. But Brandon Spencer returned the ensuing kickoff 49 yards to give South Point excellent field position at the Burns 29 and Justice put the final Red Raider touchdown of the night on the board with 4:38 left.

"We finally played 48 minutes of football," Devine said. "They kept battling back, but our guys hung in there."

South Point is at East Gaston next week while the Bulldogs (1-3) travel to Forestview.

## South Point 31, Burns 23

Red Raiders 7 7 3 14 - 31

Bulldogs 3 0 6 14 - 23

B-EG Ethan Martin 24

SP-Matt Hudspeth 1 run (Matt Mitchell kick)

SP-Desmond Lowery 5 run (Mitchell kick)

SP-FG Mitchell 38

B-Brian Scott 10 run (kick failed)

SP-James Justice 1 run (Mitchell kick)

B-Lance Camp 3 run (Martin kick)

SP-Justice 2 run (Mitchell kick)

B-Scott 4 run (Mitchell kick)

	SP	B
First downs	14	14
Rushes-yards	57-311	22-95
Passing yards	0	274
Comp-Att-Int	0-2-0	11-25-2
Fumbles-lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	10-69	3-15

### Individual statistics

**RUSHING**-South Point, Hudspeth 16-115, Marcus Duckworth 3-10, Lowery 16-61, Stan Wilson 1-4, Justice 17-59, Jesse Magaha 4-62. Burns, Harvey Kee 6-22, Camp 14-59, Scott 2-14.

**PASSING**-South Point, Lowery 0-2-0. Burns, Camp 11-25-2, 274.

**RECEIVING**-South Point, none. Burns, Tyler Gill 2-45, Keron Phelps 3-56, O'Bryant Degree 2-36, Santa Hopper 3-111, Donovan Williams 1-24.