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South Point's Deonte Gaston runs the ball Friday night against the Bulldogs at Burns High School. After a tough first half, the Red Raiders rebounds to beat Burns.

Raiders roll

South Point challenged early, but recovers

By Clark Leonard

LAWNDALE - The South Point High football team remained unbeaten by breaking open a close game in the third quarter for a 37-10 win at Burns on Friday night.

The Bulldogs held slight advantages in yardge and first downs in the first half but trailed 17-10 going to the locker room. That was largely because South Point held Burns to three points on a pair of second-quarter possessions that reached the Red Raider 5-yard line or closer.

"You can't get inside the 10 and not score," Burns coach Matt Beam said.

Then, after a 59-yard Burns march to open the second half stalled at South Point's 14, the Red Raiders (4-0) broke through to block a field goal and reclaim the momentum for good.

Seven plays later, Tyler Bray's second touchdown run from inside the 1 capped an 86-yard drive and pushed it to 23-10 in the visitors' favor. Bray also had a 53-yard run on the fourth play of that possession.

"After the blocked field goal, everybody

started to get into the game," Bray said. "Our line started blocking better. Our backs started running better. After that, it all clicked for us."

Burns fumbled on the ensuing kickoff, and on the very next play, Red Raider quarterback Jaquan Brooks hit a wide-open Devan Robbins in stride for a 48-yard touchdown on a catchand-run. That pushed it to 30-10 at the 4:58.3 mark of the third quarter.

The Bulldogs (1-3) finished with two fumbles, as did the Red Raiders.

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"If you turn it over against a good team, you're going to get beat," Beam said.

Brooks added a 5-yard touchdown run on the first play of the fourth to finish the contest's scoring.

"We played better in the second half," South Point coach Mickey Lineberger said. "We played with more confidence in the second half."

Burns' Tylan Ruff had the game's initial touchdown in the first quarter on a 2-yard run before Bray's first score tied it 7-all on the ensuing seven-play drive.

A 22-yard Cody Dorsey field goal with 2:08.1 remaining in the first half set off a series of scores before the break

Robbins helped South



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A pack of Burns defenders bring down South Point's Tyler Bray during a game at Burns Friday night.

Point respond quickly, with a 23-yard run to give his team its first lead just 38.1 seconds later.

Then, a quick three-andout and an eight-yard punt by the Bulldogs allowed the Red Raiders' Aaron Camp to push his team's lead to 17-10 with a 40-yard field goal on the final play of the half.

Burns hosts Q-Foundation next Friday, and South Point opens Big South 3A Conference play at Kings Mountain.

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First quarter

B—Tylan Ruff 2 run (Cody Dorsey kick), 5:01.8. SP—Tyler Bray 1 run (Aaron

Camp kick), 2:09.9.

Second quarter

B-FG Dorsey 22, 2:08.1.

SP-Devan Robbins 23 run (Camp kick), 1:30.

SP-FG Camp 40, 0:00.

Third quarter

SP-Bray 1 run (conversion failed), 5:13.5.

SP-Robbins 48 pass from Jaquan Brooks (Camp kick), 4:58.3.

Fourth quarter

SP-Jaguan Brooks 5 run (Camp kick), 11:55.9.

	SP	В
First downs	13	14
Rushes-yards	42-261	35-175
Passing yards	79	60
Total yards	340	235
Comp-Att-Int	2-5-0	14-26-0
Fumbles-lost	2-2	3-2
Penalties-yards	4-18	4-26
Punts-avg.	4-37.3	5-26.4
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		

RUSHING-South Point, Bray 22-142, Jaquan Brooks 9-71, Robbins 2-34, Deonte Gaston 4-11, Trey Crenshaw 3-3, Team 2-0. Burns, Chris Montgomery 15-101, Ruff 16-42, Darrius Lowe 4-32.

PASSING-South Point, Jaquan Brooks 2-5-0 79. Burns,

Montgomery 14-26-0 60.

RECEIVING-South Point, Robbins 1-48, Bray 1-31. Burns, Travon Hunt 6-39, Gilbert Brooks 3-7, Reggie Schenck 2-19, Ruff

2-minus 5, Lowe 1-0.