



South Point's Ray Grier is pursued by Forestview's Jason Young as he looks toward the end zone. Grier was able beat the defense to the end zone for one of his touchdowns during the Red Raiders' win over the Jaguars. [BILL BOSTICK/SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE]

Red Raiders blow past Forestview 46-20 at home

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BELMONT — Avaunted running game has been a part of South Point football lore for a couple decades.

It is unlikely, however, the Red Raiders have possessed a receiver with the big play potential held by junior wideout Ray Grier. Grier flashed some of that potential on Friday, catching two touchdown passes and returning a punt for another score in South Point's 46-20 win over Forestview.

The highly touted receiver started the scoring frenzy with a 46-yard touchdown catch. He'd add to that in the second quarter, courtesy of a 7-yard scoring grab.

"I mean ... if they are going to bring the corner we're going to

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throw it his way," said South Point football coach Adam Hodge. "He's a solid receiver and creates some problems for opposing defenses when they key on the run."

Turning point: With South Point on the move, a fumble by fullback Naseem Jones was recovered by Forestview at the 1-yard line. After a penalty got the Jaguars out the shadow of their own end zone, they returned the favor with the Red Raiders taking over at the Forestview 6-yard line.

Two plays later, South Point's Jamani Leeper connected with Ray Grier for a 7-yardtouchdown - the receiver's second score of the contest.

"I'll take the effort our team offered any day," said Forestview football coach Chris Medlin. "But we can't continue to hurt ourselves with mistakes like the ones we made tonight. If we show the fight and not make the mistakes, we won't leave sad next week like we are (Friday)."

Star of the game: South Point wideout Ray Grier caught three passes for 63 yards and two touchdowns, in addition to a 63-yard punt return for another score.

Notes: Jamani Leeper did his part to keep the South Point boat afloat as starting quarterback Keaton Hale recovers from a sprained knee. In his second start, Leeper rushed for had four touchdowns on the night - running for two and passing for two more. ... Forestview did not earn its initial first down of the game until late in the second quarter. ... South Point sat a large share of its starters for much of the second half.

What's next: South Point (2-1) heads across the South Carolina border to take on Clover. As for Forestview (1-2), it kicks offBigSouth 3A play by hosting crosstown rival Ashbrook.

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