Season Ends; South Point Falls to West Lincoln, 29-21

In the days to come, what now resonates as disappointment in a season of goals unfulfilled will turn to appreciation for the accomplishments realized. It's never easy to end a season with fewer points on a scoreboard in a single, must-win game. But that very game is the one in which every team in the state strives to play. The 2019 South Point Red Raiders football season ended with a 29-21 setback to West Lincoln, the Rebels riding a wave of emotion stemming from their historical firsts in school playoff history. Seasons meet inevitable conclusions. It is the realization of a cold, hard, sudden end that brings tears and, in time, demands reflection. The Red Raiders' season will be marked as one in which the team had to rely upon the program's proud tradition to fight back against countless struggles experienced from the outset. Injuries are often shied away from as excuses, but the reality is, players are forced into new roles and to take on different responsibilities when teammates are physically unable to perform. Given that truth, perhaps the most significant accomplishment of South Point this season has been the improved drive of the players to step up. This team, perhaps more than any other gave evidence of their willingness to give every ounce of their fortitude to uphold the storied pride of Red Raiders football. The record will not reflect the type of success expected on the gridiron. But the value in lessons learned will carry forward and help strengthen a solid foundation upon which future champions are built and future championships are claimed. For their efforts and contributions to the team, we recognize the Seniors that represented South Point to best of their abilities. Alex Campbell, Peyton Chaney, Elijah Daniels, Nick Gange, Zion Holley, and Jaheim Huntley will be forever linked to a tradition that so many emulate but few achieve. Naseem Jones, Devon King, Jammari Lewis, Hunter Mason, Justin Morgan, Collin Owensby, and Ray Rose gave of themselves to help sustain the pride that comes with having worn a Red Raiders uniform. These young men displayed their best example of what it takes to be a Red Raider. Their determination will not go unnoticed and their contributions will not be forgotten. At some point of the season, whether in practice, or any game in which they played, these Seniors proudly represented South Point football. And that alone forever links them to an exclusive and greatly admired group.

The 2019 football season ended far too soon for South Point. Goals became elusive, but accomplishments were realized. With efforts recognized and lessons learned, the proud tradition of the South Point Red Raiders football program continues. The sun will continue to rise. And the red hats will still be there when we next need use of them. Time to reflect. Time to learn. Time to be PROUD! Still wearing the Red!

Go Get 'Em, Red!