

Game Recap

South Point Falls...Forestview Prevails, 41-21

Three things are guaranteed at every football game played. A coin will be tossed, a whistle will sound the start of play, and a final horn will signal a game's end. What happens in between rests entirely on the shoulders of the players. And if the load is too great to carry, adjustments are necessary. The Red Raiders carried an expectation of continued dominance into the contest against the Forestview Jaguars. Unfortunately for South Point, a measure of that expectation should have been replaced with a more determined effort. The Jaguars seized the early momentum and continued to pound their way to victory over a team they have had next to no success against in the program's history. The 41-21 win marked only the third time in 23 tries that Forestview handed the Raiders a loss. And while the season is far from over, and many goals remain in place for the South Point squad, this low-point demands a turnaround.

South Point began play with then ball and failed to break through on the first two plays from scrimmage. Facing a third and eight on the opening drive, the Jaguars picked off a pass and took over at the Raiders' 15-yardline. Three plays later, the Jags had the early 7-0 lead. On the ensuing drive, FB Naseem Jones burst up the middle for an 80 yard scoring run that evened the tally. And when South Point forced a 38-yard field goal attempt on the second Forestview possession, there seemed no reason to believe that the Raiders could be soon backed against the ropes. But following a Raiders' three-and-out and a quick strike on the Jaguars next possession, the tone for the battle had been set. The first quarter ended with Forestview ahead 17-7.

On a drive that began in the first stanza, Forestview extended their advantage to 24-7 three minutes into the second. By this time the inability of the Red 'O' to stay on the field was having an adverse effect on the Red 'D' in terms of trying to stop the Jaguars attack. A 36-yard field goal pushed the lead to 27-7 for Forestview. A one yard plunge by QB Javus Davis closed the gap to 27-14 and this score would send the teams to the half.

Forestview padded their lead on the opening drive of the third quarter. Davis punched through on a 5-yard run to close within 34-21, but it would be the last points the Raiders would muster. The Jaguars added a touchdown early in the fourth and cruised to the victory.

Coins, whistles, and horns mark the only guarantees in a football game. The contest's outcome is based solely on the on-field effort. At 1-3 on the season, South Point is still in search of their 'A' game. It will only be realized when the team comes together and makes the decision to be as good as they can be. Coach has challenged the team. Time for eleven men to step up. And the turnaround must come this week...Stuart Cramer is on deck.

Go Get 'Em, Red!

Notable Facts and Thoughts

South Point holds a 5-0 edge over rival Stuart Cramer and has outscored the Storm 268-21 in those contests. Expect Cramer to bring their best. Expect the Raiders to be better.