

SPORTS

Pointe South makes last-second stand

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The difference between Pointe South and Riverdale middle schools Tuesday afternoon was an inch. Riverdale needed it; Pointe South couldn't give it up.

Pointe South won.

The Vikings made a goalline stand on the final two plays to preserve a dramatic come-from-behind 8-6 victory. The Spartans had two tries to win the game in the final seconds, but both runs came up an inch short.

"It wasn't one player that made the play, it was everybody doing their job protecting that last six inches," said Pointe South coach Bob Ryan. "That was a great team effort."

Riverdale led 6-0 on a 47-yard run by Jeanie Jones, but the Vikings came back with a 5-yard TD run by Andy Wright and the all-important two-point conversion run by Corri Thomas with just 2:30 remaining to play.

The Spartans did everything but score on their final drive.



Riverdale quarterback Nicholas Williams (r) tries to escape the pass rush of Pointe South's Cedric Williams Tuesday afternoon.

"When the clock ran out, we were on the 1-inch line," said Riverdale coach Rickey Hershey. "We had two runs from about four inches out and we didn't get in. What a game. We played well."

"This was a tough loss to take. I'm proud of the way the kids fought back (on the final drive). There weren't a lot of penalties and both teams played extremely hard."

In other games Tuesday, Lovejoy beat Adamson 36-0, Mundy's Mill ran past Jonesboro 36-0, Babb bounced Morrow 26-6 and Kendrick beat North Clayton 30-22.

Next Tuesday, Adamson travels to Jonesboro; Babb plays Mundy's Mill at Kiwanis Stadium, Forest Park hosts Morrow and Pointe South travels to Kendrick. Riverdale, Lovejoy and North Clayton have bye weeks.

Lovejoy 36, Adamson 0

The Cougars, who only won a single game last year, improved to 3-0 with a big effort on the road.

Lovejoy, which has out-scored its first three opponents by the combined scores of 102-6, got touchdown runs of 60, 75 and 48 yards by Lamaricus Bufford. Dyrin Williams added a 52-yard interception and a 48-yard run for touchdowns.

on just 6 carries for Lovejoy, which has next week off.

Dun Christopher and Alton Barfield were the leaders on the Cougars defense, according to coach Richard Simmons.

Mundy's Mill 36, Jonesboro 0

The Razorbacks improved to 3-0 at the expense of the defending county champions.

Mundy's Mill opened the scoring with an 8-yard pass from Chris Parker to Michael Gilliam. Josh Doyle then hit a 45-yard TD pass to Gilliam to give the Razorbacks a 16-0



Photos by Wayne Purman

Pointe South's Tuqwan Taylor (16) runs behind the block of John Anthony (11) Tuesday afternoon while Riverdale's Kevin Wilson (54) applies pressure. Pointe South won 8-6, making a goalline stand on the final two plays of the game.

lead at intermission.

Patrick Dugger scored on a 25-yard run in the third quarter to blow the game open, then Doyle passed to Tashard Choice for a 50-yard score. Choice closed out the scoring with a 1-yard run.

The Bears, who haven't scored yet this season, dropped to 0-3.

Babb 26, Morrow 6

The Bulldogs returned the opening kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown and coasted to an easy victory over its county rival.

Babb, now 2-0, got its spark from Taboris Jordan. He started the game with a long touchdown return and later he added a 45-yard run for a score. Leo Riley ran 22 yards for

another touchdown for the Bulldogs and Stanley Thomas closed out the scoring with an 8-yard punt.

Kendrick 30, North Clayton 22

The Comets celebrated the opening of its football stadium with a victory.

Kendrick improved to 2-0, while the Tigers fell to 0-3.