

Late drive by East Gaston topples Red Raiders



South Point's Keith Young (24) on the run
...trying to elude host of East Gaston tacklers

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East Gaston's Warriors drove 63-yards in the waning moments of a penalty-plagued Southwest 3-A Conference game Friday night at Arrowhead Stadium to capture an exciting 13-8 victory over the South Point Red Raiders.

Junior fullback Greg Mobley carried over from the three yard line with 2:06 remaining to overcome an 8-6 deficit. A two-point conversion attempt failed.

The big play in the winning drive was a 29-yard pass from standout senior quarterback Tom Adams to slot-back Paul Harris. Adams also picked up two first downs on wide runs in the winning drive.

South Point was penalized 120 yards in the game and East 110 in the game.

Mobley scored both East Gaston TDs. He is a standout junior up from the jayvee ranks.

East drove 74 yards in four plays in the second period to take a 7-0 lead. The key play in that push was a 39-yard pass from Adams to Leon Shipp. Mobley later went over from 13 yards out, with 9:19 left in the half. Bobby Russell kicked the extra point to give the Warriors a 7-0 halftime lead.

East Gaston's other penetration in the first half was to the South Point 24, just before the half. A penalty pushed East back to the 31, before the Warriors got back to the 24 as the half ended.

South Point's deepest penetration in the first two quarters was to the East Gaston 31.

After the 7-0 East lead at the half, the second half turned into an exciting affair.

Starting late in the third period, South Point drove 75-yards in 12 plays and was sparked by

standout senior tailback Keith Young, who went over from the two with 8:57 left in the game, to pull South Point within one point.

An interference call on an incomplete pass gave the Raiders a second chance on the conversion attempt and on the next try, they went to Young, who ran it over from the two, to put the Raiders of Jim Biggerstaff up 8-7.

East came right back with the 63-yard game-winning drive to win it.

Young was the game's leading ground gainer, with 118-yards in 22 carries, to go with his 134-yards last week in a 13-12 loss to Ashbrook.

For the Warriors, now 1-0 in the SWC and 1-1 overall, Adams was the leading rusher, with 82-yards in 11 carries.

Darrell Fair picked up 61 in 11 carries for Jerry Adams' Warriors and Mobley had 49-yards on 14 carries.

South Point is now 0-1 in the league and 0-2 overall, threatened after East's go-ahead touchdown. A Scott Lee pass of 33-yard pass carried from South Point 30 to the East 37, to keep the Raiders in contention with less than two minute left.

However, three plays later, Steve Belcher intercepted a Lee pass at the Warrior 28 and East ran out the clock.

Defensively, 215-pound senior linebacker Jeff Lee of East, was outstanding defensively for the Warriors.

South Point returns home to take on unbeaten North Gaston at Lineberger.

East Gaston travels to Kings Mountain for its second league encounter.

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East Gaston

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Scoring Summary

East Gaston — Mobley 13-yard run (Russell kick)
Mobley 3-yard run (Young kick)
South Point — Young 2-yard run (Young 2-point)

	East Gaston	South Point
First Downs	12	11
Rushing	105	107
Passing	3-9-0	6-12-2
Yards Passing	69	99
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Punting	4-39	2-41
Yards Penalized	110	120