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James Wright (right) of East Gaston ties up South Point's Mark Young  
... Warriors crushed cross-country rival Raiders 32-0 for first win of 1982 season

## First 1982 win for Warriors

# East Gaston devastates South Point

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East Gaston's Warriors flexed their muscles Friday night at Lineberger Stadium in Belmont, handing the host South Point Red Raiders a 32-0 setback in the opening Southwestern 3A Conference game for both teams.

For the Warriors, it was a case of quarterback Henderson (Henny) Wallace and wingback Leon Shipp teaming up for a bundle of offense.

Shipp, a 175-pound receiver and outstanding linebacker, caught four passes good for 156 yards in the first half, intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble, and in general was an imp on a cobweb leash as far as South Point's defensive secondary was concerned.

Offensively, East Gaston totaled 218 yards passing and 147 rushing for a game total of 365 yards. The Warriors got on the scoreboard first, driving 67 yards in four plays, climaxed by a 1-yard run by Wallace. A 24-yard pass from Wallace to Shipp set up the touchdown, which came at the 1:18 mark of the first quarter. Shipp caught a pass from Wallace for the two-point conversion.

East Gaston, with an imaginative offense, used a flea-flicker pass play which turned into a bomb with 9:46 remaining in the first

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period. Wallace tossed the ball to Jimmy Wright, who passed down field to a wide open Shipp on a 72-yard scoring play. Larry Wallace ran for the two-point conversion.

With 2:29 remaining in the half, the Warriors, who handed South Point its worst defeat ever in the 10-year series between the two teams, were on the board again on a 10-yard run by Wright. Bobby Russell kicked the extra point and East Gaston held a commanding 23-0 halftime lead.

Another scoring bomb from East Gaston its fourth and final touchdown in the third period. This time Wallace passed 53 yards to Scott Jones for the score at the 7:45 mark. Russell's extra point attempt missed, but he kicked a 20-yard field goal with only seconds remaining in the third period for the final 32-0 count.

South Point's Akron Young was the game's leading rusher, gaining 159 yards in 29

carries. Robert Connor led East Gaston's rushers with 58 yards in nine carries.

The Red Raiders were plagued by turnovers, losing four fumbles and having two passes intercepted. South Point was penalized 14 times for 112 yards.

It was the second straight shutout defeat by South Point, having lost to Ashbrook 20-0 last week. East Gaston is 1-1, having bounced back from an Aug. 27 defeat at the hands of Ashbrook, 28-0.

South Point drove to the East Gaston 3-yard line in the second period and to the Warrior four in the fourth period before being thwarted both times.

"We continue to make mistakes, but we are improving," said Coach Jerry Adams of East Gaston. "We worked hard. I'd like to give credit to my assistant coaches for getting the kids ready to play. They responded well from that opening loss. We knew we had to control the ball. South Point hit well and gave a tremendous effort. We just feel real good about this win."

Coach Jim Biggerstaff of South Point said, "They hurt us with the quick touchdowns. Our pass defense just wasn't there. Wallace and Shipp hurt us too. We've got a lot of work to do."

# Warriors 32

## Red Raiders 0

E. Gaston	8	15	9	0	—	32
South Point	0	0	0	0	—	9

- EG — Wallace 1 run (Shipp pass from Wallace)
- EG — Shipp 72 pass from Wright (Abernathy run)
- EG — Abernathy 10 run (Russell kick)
- EG — Jones 53 pass from Wallace (kick failed)
- EG — Russell 20 FG