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Larry Wallace of East Gaston takes off around end
... Warrior quarterback led victory with two TD passes

Warriors' late score turns out the lights

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MOUNT HOLLY — East Gaston's Warriors, after a power failure at the stadium delayed the fourth quarter for an hour and 12 minutes, scored a game-clinching touchdown on a 6-yard run by halfback James Wright to take a 20-10 Southwestern JA conference victory over the South Point Red Raiders Friday night.

Wright's touchdown came with 36 seconds remaining in the game. He had scored an apparent touchdown on a 54-yard run earlier in the series, but it was nullified by a clipping penalty that moved the ball back to the Red Raider 34.

Wright and the Warriors were able to recover from that setback and pushed it in for the game clincher.

The power failure came as the third quarter ended, with South Point in possession of the ball on its own 35.

Coach Jerry Adams of the Warriors, whose team is now 2-0 on the season, said, "We finally got something moving on the ground. We moved the ball 72 yards when it counted and Wright really showed his mettle." The big plays in the drive were runs of 25 and 29 yards by Wright.

The Red Raiders held a 10-3 halftime lead on the strength of a 25-yard field goal by sophomore Mike Dudko, and a 5-yard run by Chris Wooten.

East Gaston took a 7-3 lead with 2:06 remaining in the first period when quarterback Larry Wallace hit halfback Duncan Dill with a 33-yard scoring pass. Clint Wiles booted the extra point after East

Gaston had marched 72 yards in three plays.

Late in the second period, South Point went 71 yards in 12 plays with Wooten going over from the 5 with 39 seconds left. Dudko kicked the extra point and South Point led 10-7.

Wallace hit end Randy Evans on a 49-yard scoring strike with 5:11 remaining in the second period to give the Warriors a 13-10 lead.

The lights went out through the stadium as well as in Mount Holly and parts of Charlotte at 9:26 p.m. South Point had the ball at 35 after an 18-yard run by fullback Steve Thompson as the quarter ended.

Seventy-two minutes later, the game resumed, with South Point moving to the Warrior 35 before Tonja Watson's fumble was recovered by Sean Hager.

East Gaston started its final touchdown march after James Hank's fumble was recovered at the East Gaston 28.

Wright led the way for East Gaston with 120 yards rushing on 13 carries. Deal had 80 yards in 10 carries.

For South Point, Steve Thompson rushed for 73 yards in 13 carries. Wooten had 55 yards on 15 carries.

Each team had 10 first downs, but East Gaston had the edge in rushing with 293 yards to 193 for the Red Raiders.

South Point is now 1-1 on the season and East Gaston is 2-0. South Point plays next at home against North Gaston, while East Gaston travels to Kings Mountain.

C — D. Keitt 29 run (Foster pass to Phillips)

South Point 10

East Gaston 20

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East Gaston	07	00	06	07	—	20

SP — Ducko 25 field goal

EG — Dill 25 pass from Wallace (Wiles kick)

SP — Wooten 5 run (Ducko kick)

EG — Evans 49 pas from Wallace (kick failed)

EG — Wright 6 run (Wiles kick)