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East Gaston's Robbie Hart (20) looks for a block from teammate Kirk Lee.

# Warriors topple Raiders

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**BELMONT** — East Gaston's Robbie Hart scored his team's first three touchdowns here Friday night at Lineberger Stadium, leading the Warriors to a 34-12 romp over South Point's winless Red Raiders.

After South Point took an early 6-0 lead, Hart scored on a 3-yard run, broke loose on an 86 yard jaunt, and later tallied on a 5-yard run.

For the night, Hart totaled 144 yards in 14 carries in helping lead East Gaston to its second win of the season in three starts. South Point has dropped three straight non-conference games.

Coach Duane Alderman of East Gaston said, "We really put emphasis on this game after we were badly beaten by Ashbrook last week. We knew we had to rebound and play well.

"I thought our team responded to the challenge. We're at the same point we were last year when we were 2-1 going into league play. We just want the results to be different this year.

"I knew we could move the ball on South Point. Defensively, I thought we did a better job in the second half than we did in the first half. We ran the ball real well. It was a good win for us.

"I thought the 86-yard run by Hart broke open the game."

Coach Jim Biggerstaff of South Point said he was disappointed with his team's effort.

"We really didn't do much to stop them," he said. "We're pretty much down right now. It's not a good way to get ready for a good East Rutherford team here next week."

South Point marched 71 yards in nine plays the first time it had the ball. A 46-yard run by Scott Floyd

to East Gaston's 10 set up the touchdown, a 7-yard quarterback keeper on a run wide to the right by Chris Cornelius.

East Gaston drove 60 yards for the go-ahead score, a 15-yard penalty on a running into the kicker infraction aiding that drive. Hart later scored from three yards out with 20 seconds remaining in the first period. Chuck Smith's extra point put East Gaston ahead for good, 7-6. The Warriors marched 60 yards in 13 plays in that drive, and Hart set up his score by racing 11 yards to the 3.

Hart broke loose from tacklers at the line of scrimmage to race 86 yards at the 6:13 mark of the second period for a 14-6 Warrior halftime lead.

East Gaston struck for two third period touchdowns to put the game on ice. Hart scored from

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five yards out at the 9:49 mark and Lee Cook later tallied on an 11-yard run at the 6:16 mark.

East Gaston tallied its final touchdown on a 2-yard run by quarterback Kenneth Hilton. South Point's other score came on

a 54-yard run in the fourth period by Keith Robbins.

The Warriors, who host North Mecklenburg next week, piled up 257 yards rushing and added 85 more through the air for 342 total yards. Robbins gained 137 yards rushing in 16 carries for South Point, which finished with 246 yards rushing.

# East Gaston 34

## South Point 12

East Gaston	7	7	13	7	— 34
South Point	6	0	0	6	— 12

SP — Chris Cornelius 7 run (run failed)

EG — Robbie Hart 3 run (Chuck Smith kick)

EG — Hart 86 run (Smith kick)

EG — Hart 5 run (kick failed)

EG — Lee Cook 11 run (Jon Michael kick)

EG — Kenneth Hilton 2 run (Smith kick)

SP — Keith Robbins 54 run (run failed)