

Red Raiders, Warriors finish in dead heat

From Staff Reports

BELMONT — It was an unbelievable game with an unreal finish. In a night fashioned for offense with East Gaston's passing game and South Point's running game, it ended right where it started.

The two arch-rivals battled to a 27-27 tie in a game which had more twists and turns than a hula dancer.

East Gaston, which fought back from an early 13-0 deficit before a full house at Lineberger Stadium,

apparently had the game won with 1:04 remaining when quarterback Stonn Moore hit tight end Johnny Cartee on a 7-yard scoring strike, pushing the score to 27-21, Warriors. But Chad Stewart left the gate open when he was wide with the extra point after booting a big one with 4:52 remaining which tied the game, 21-21.

A short kickoff gave South Point the ball at its own 46. On second down, Jamie Boyd raced to the Warrior 26 for a first down with 22 seconds left. After a Mike Young incomplection, only 12 seconds re-

mained. Then Young faded and heaved one into the end zone. Boyd was behind the defender and made the catch on the run to tie the game at 27-27.

But with a chance to win the game, Boyd's extra point attempt was wide left, his second miss of the night.

"The Lord blessed us when their kicker (Boyd) missed," Warrior coach Duane Alderman said. "We would liked to have won, and we're disappointed we didn't, but I think this gives us a positive attitude going into our conference

opener next week."

Coach Jim Biggerstaff of the Raiders said, "We haven't discovered how to win yet (the Raiders are 0-2-1 and the Warriors 1-1-1). We're disappointed. To us, it was just like a loss. I was real proud of the way we came back to tie, but our kicking game, which was supposed to be our strong suit before the season, hasn't come around."

Moore had an outstanding night, rushing for 30 yards on nine carries, scoring two touchdowns, and hitting on 13 of 23 passes for 154

yards and two other scores.

On the other side of the line, Willie Strain had a big game for the Raiders. He scored three of his team's touchdowns and rushed for 165 yards in 25 carries. Boyd finished with 85 yards in eight carries.

Strain's runs of three and five yards in the first period pushed South Point ahead 13-0. But East Gaston bounced back, driving 55 yards with 3:53 remaining in the half. Moore scored on a 4-yard run.

The Warriors had the ball with

on the Raider four with 27 seconds remaining in the half but Troy Sharpe intercepted Moore in the end zone.

With 2:34 left in the third period, Moore went in from the one following a 75-yard drive and Dominick Davis ran for the two-point conversion after a bad snap from center forced him to run wide left into the end zone. That turned out to be a key play.

Strain then raced 73 yards to put South Point up 21-14 at the 1:55 mark as he also ran for the two-point conversion.

East Gaston 27 **South Point 27**

East Gaston	0	6	8	13	— 27
South Point	13	0	8	6	— 27

SP — Willie Strain 3 run (Jamie Boyd kick)

SP — Strain 5 run (kick failed)

EG — Stonn Moore 4 run (kick failed)

EG — Moore 1 run (Dominick Davis run)

SP — Strain 73 run (Strain run)

EG — Johnny Cartee 7 pass from Moore (Chad Stewart kick)

EG — Cartee 7 pass from Moore (kick failed)

SP — Boyd 31 pass from Young (kick failed)

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