

South Point cruises past East



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South Point's Rachon Stowe (21) hurdles Hunter Armstrong (11) looking for room to run.

Linemen blow open big holes for Raiders' backs

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MOUNT HOLLY — They play in the trenches.

Recognition is rare. They do all the little things that help win football games.

"They" are offensive linemen and they plowed a path for South Point's backs Friday evening in the Red Raiders' 41-6 win over East Gaston.

T.O. Wilson scampered for 156 yards and two touchdowns on just 11 carries. Wilson's two scores were on runs of 62 and 54 yards.

Rachon Stowe also rushed for 106 yards on 11 carries.

That about says it all.

"T.O. got some good trap blocks," South Point coach Phil Tate said. "Anybody can run with that kind of blocking."

Jason Self, Robbie Walters and company opened up holes all evening for the running backs, making things tough on the Warriors.

"We were beat up physically bad," admitted East Gaston coach Earl Lingafeldt. "I thought we came back in the second half and played good. We have to go back and start again.

"South Point is a very aggressive, physical team. They get after you. We knew that going in. If we're going to beat people, we have to play hard and we can't give the ball up."⁴⁵

The Warriors gave the ball up three times on fumbles and watched Wilson run through their defense en route to a 21-0 lead.

Just 59 seconds into the game, Wilson went 62 yards off right tackle for a 6-0 lead.

Rachon Stowe made it 13-0 when he plunged in from two yards out with 2:33 left in the first quarter. Ryan Werner's second extra point enhanced the lead to 14-0.

Wilson's 3-yard touchdown moved the Raider advantage to 20-0.

East Gaston (0-4) cut the lead to 21-6 on Charles Mitchell's 5-yard run late in the second quarter but the extra point was blocked.

The Red Raiders (2-2) had a first-and-10 from the East Gaston 31 when reserve quarterback Hunter Armstrong hooked up with Randy Brown a 31-yard pass for a score.

Summary in Scoreboard, 4C

South Point 41

East Gaston 6

South Point	14	20	0	7	—	41
East Gaston	0	6	0	0	—	6

SP — T.O. Wilson 62 run (Ryan Werner kick)

SP — Rathon Stowe 2 run (Werner kick)

SP — Wilson 3 run (Werner kick)

EG — Charles Mitchell 5 run (kick failed)

SP — Randy Brown 31 pass from Hunter Armstrong (Werner kick)

SP — Wilson 54 run (kick failed)

SP — Derek Bowens 2 run (Werner kick)