

# Warriors make believers out of Red Raiders, 21-16

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BELMONT — For those who entered Lineberger Field not believing in the East Gaston's football team, likely did when they left.

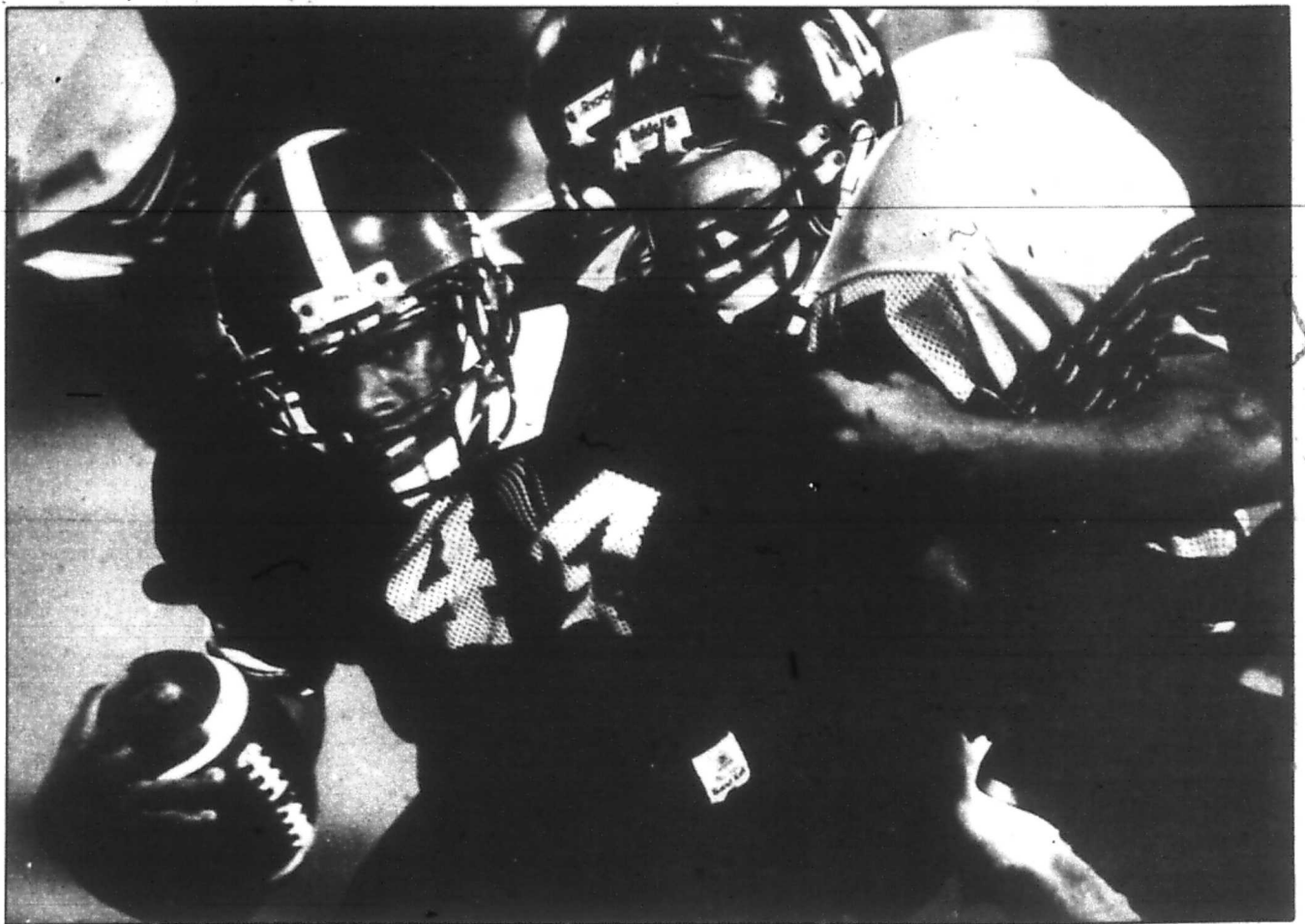
The Warriors, who were just 1-29 over the past three years, stunned an unbeaten South Point team 21-16 in front of a huge crowd for their third straight victory.

The victory improves the Warriors to 3-1, their best start since a 3-1 beginning in 1986, which is also the last season East Gaston beat the Red Raiders.

"This is a tremendous win for the program," said East Gaston coach Earl Lingafeldt. "Words just can't explain this one."

"If they didn't believe, they do now." East Gaston trailed just one time in

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Courtney Williams of South Point tries to elude the grasp of East Gaston's defensive end Pat McPherson.

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the game, 7-6, but the Warriors had to hold off a strong Red Raider comeback at the end.

After Kirk Crawford's 8-yard touchdown reception moved South Point within a touchdown, Crawford also recovered South Point's onside kick to give the Red Raiders the ball at the East Gaston 45.

However, Johnny Adams came

up with an interception inside the 25 with less than a minute remaining to seal the win.

East Gaston turned away South Point several times during the game, including a first quarter drive that ended on the 3. The Warriors' defense stayed on the field all but four plays of the third quarter, but South Point could only manage a field goal to cut the margin to 14-10.

"It was just a great effort," Lingafeldt said. "I don't know

what else I could've asked them to do. We made some really big plays to stop them down there in our territory."

Adams, the Warriors' quarterback who rushed for two touchdowns, put the finishing touches on the offensive night with a 42-yard run to put East ahead 21-10.

East Gaston shocked the crowd and the Red Raiders early in the first quarter with a 53-yard run by Jamel Wash-

ington during their second drive.

"This is a tough place to play," Lingafeldt said. "There's a lot of tradition and pride in this one. They've got a good team. This is a tough one for anybody to lose."

East Gaston	6	8	0	7	-	21
South Point	0	7	0	9	-	9

EG - Jamel Washington 47 yard run (kick failed)  
 SP - Gerard Hardy 2-yard run (Kirk Crawford kick)  
 EG - Johnny Adams 9-yard run (Adams run)  
 SP - Crawford 29-yard FG  
 EG - Adams 42 yard run (Gus Brown kick)  
 SP - Crawford 8-yard pass from Hunter Armstrong (pass failed)