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South Point's William Hannon is dragged down by East Rutherford defenders.

Cavaliers escape with win

■ BELMONT — The last two minutes of the South Point-East Rutherford football game Friday night was stunning.

Momentum kept switching, crazy plays turned into touchdowns, cheers turned into silence ...

The Cavaliers (2-0, 6-0) escaped out of Belmont with an 18-14 win over the Red Raiders (1-1, 3-2-1) in an important SWC 3-A opener.

Every fan who saw the game at Lineberger Stadium definitely got their money's worth.

The amazing turn of events took place at the beginning of the fourth quarter. South Point trailed 10-7 but drove 68 yards in 11 plays capped off by Courtney Williams' 5-yard touchdown run for a 14-10 lead.

But on the ensuing kickoff, Dennis Morris returned the ball 60 yards all the way to the South Point 39.

Then on first down, East Rutherford quarterback P.J. McEntire threw a 13-yard pass to Keith Washburn. Red Raider Rachon Stowe hit Washburn, jarring the ball loose.

It seemed like the ball stayed on the ground forever ... And Cavalier running back Demont Lowrance scooped it up and scampered 26 yards for the go-ahead touchdown.

Morris ran in the two-point conversion for an 18-14 lead.

"It was unreal, absolutely unreal," South Point coach Phil Tate said.

The Red Raiders, however, didn't quit. With 1:29 remaining, South Point began its final drive from its own 20. Eventually, South Point had a second-and-goal from the East Rutherford 8 yard line.

But Gerard Hardy's pass was intercepted and the Cavaliers ran out the clock.

"The difference was we made more mistakes than they did," Tate said. "It was one of those games -- when you lose -- you're a game down (in conference play) to everyone. We've got to win the rest of them. It's that simple. You can't afford to lose two."

Andy Jasner

East Rutherford	3	7	0	8	— 18
South Point	0	0	0	14	— 14

ER — Keith Washburn 25 FG
ER — Washburn 20 run (Washburn kick)
SP — Derek Bowens 1 run (Kirk Crawford kick)
SP — Courtney Williams 5 run (Crawford kick)
ER — Demont Lowrance 26 fumble return (Dennis Morris run)