

Not one, not two, but three 100-yard rushers lift Raiders

■ MOUNT HOLLY — South Point shook off the emotion, then played hard-nosed football Friday night.

The Red Raiders struggled to a 12-6 halftime lead, then got things in high gear as three runners topped the 100-yard mark in the second half, turning the rivalry with East Gaston into a rout.

"We were too jacked up on offense the first half and too passive on defense," said South Point coach Phil Tate.

"Their fullback and tailback are good runners and ran a little wild on us."

In the second half, though, the Red Raiders (4-0) were doing all the running. Quarterback Shannon Armstrong tucked the ball in for TD runs of 27 and 17 yards, Courtney Williams added a 16-yard scoring dash and Don Stowe put the icing on the cake, bulling his way in from the 2.

Armstrong, who also scored on a 1-yard plunge in the first period, finished with 113 yards on 10 carries for the Red Raiders, who rushed for 381 yards as a team.

Charles Pettis, contributor of a 32-yard TD run in the second quarter, added 110 yards on nine rushes and Williams

chipped in 103 on 14 attempts.

"We wanted to throw the ball a little more tonight, but (Armstrong) kept it some on some of the pass plays. They might have looked like options, but he just pulled it down when he saw the opening," Tate said.

The host Warriors (0-4) didn't go down easily, however. An 80-yard drive on its second possession of the game ended on a 2-yard burst by Jamel Washington, staking East Gaston to a short-lived 6-0 lead.

Things went downhill after that for the Warriors, who managed just 57 yards of offense the rest of the game. Michael McElwaine led the attack, gaining 103 yards on 14 carries.

"We played hard. That's all you can ask them to do," said East Gaston coach Earl Lingafeldt. "We played a good football team and we knew that, but I think we scared them a little bit."

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South Point	6	6	8	21	-	41
East Gaston	6	0	0	0	-	6
EG — Jamel Washington	2	run	(kick failed)			
SP — Shannon Armstrong	1	run	(kick failed)			
SP — Charles Pettis	32	run	(pass failed)			
SP — Armstrong	27	run	(Reggie McLean pass from Armstrong)			
SP — Armstrong	17	run	(Courtney Williams kick)			
SP — Williams	16	run	(kick blocked)			
SP — Don Stowe	2	run	(Williams kick)			