

# Raiders handed first loss

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FOREST CITY — Fourth-ranked East Rutherford relied on the big play on offense and a make-them-work defensive philosophy to edge sixth-ranked South Point 28-25 in a Southwestern 3-A Conference battle Friday night.

<b>E. Rutherford</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>South Point</b>	<b>25</b>

The Cavaliers (2-0, 6-0) scored three times on plays of more than 50 yards to help ward off a South Point offense which out-gained them (370-315), but could not outscore them.

East Rutherford's defense, while surrendering a season-high 25 points, did not allow the Red Raiders any quick-strike opportunities.

South Point scored all its touchdowns after time-consuming drives and the clock ultimately ran out on it.

"You can't give up the home runs," South Point coach Phil Tate said. "We were back in the game twice and gave up the big play. We lost to a good

## FRIDAY'S PREP SCORES

East Rutherford 28, South Point 25  
Mooresville 17, Bessemer City 7  
Shelby 27, Lincolnton 21  
Hunter Huss 43, Independence 23  
Ashbrook 41, East Gaston 7  
Burns 49, North Gaston 11  
Maiden 20, East Lincoln 19  
Chase 24, Cherryville 0  
Dutch Fork 21, Clover 14

team. I said going in the team going in would be a good football team and the team that lost would be a good football team."

The Cavaliers used a wide-open football attack to build a 21-10 halftime lead, highlighted by a Dameron Daniel 86-yard kickoff return after the Red Raiders had drawn within 14-10. East then held off

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the hard-charging Raiders in the second half.

South Point (1-1, 5-1) took the second-half kickoff and marched from its own 25, going the distance in 12 plays with Courtney

Williams shouldering most of the duty. He carried eight times in the drive, accounting for 43 yards.

Fullback Carles Pettis finished it off with a 3-yard high-step into the end zone. Kirk Crawford's PAT drew the Raiders within 21-17 with six minutes left in the third period and the momentum

firmly in hand.

South Point

East Rutherford

ER — Dameon Daniel 13 run (pass failed)

SP — Kirk Crawford FG 27

ER — Earl Thompson 59 pass from P.J. McEntyre (McEntyre run)


SP — Carles Pettis 3 run (Crawford kick)

ER — Daniel 86 kickoff return (Jonathan Frost kick)

SP — Pettis 3 run (Crawford kick)

ER — Petrick Barksdale 56 run (Frost kick)

SP — Shannon Armstrong 1 run (Reggie McLean pass from Armstrong)



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