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South Point's Courtney Williams gallops in for his third touchdown Friday night.

# Red Raiders roll Warriors

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BELMONT — South Point played "follow the leader" in its 53-8 win over East Gaston Friday night at Lineberger Stadium.

Courtney Williams scored on a 58-yard run less than

three minutes into the

game and his teammates followed that trend all night long.

"It was just our night," Red Raiders coach Phil Tate said.

After Williams — who tallied three touchdowns — scored first, Charles Pettis rumbled into the end zone from the 1 for a 12-0 lead. East Gaston was forced to punt on its next series and Williams took advantage, returning it 73 yards for an 18-0 lead.

The Warriors cut the lead to 18-8 with 4:05 remaining in the second quarter when Tyrone Curry scored on a 2-yard TD run. James McDowell's two-point conversion pass from quarterback Terry Wallace kept them

close.

But South Point responded 12 seconds later.

On the ensuing kickoff, Reggie McLean scampered 87 yards for the score. Don Stowe's two-point conversion enhanced the Red Raiders' lead to 26-8.

And they never looked back.

Williams, Stowe, Wes Holder and Davey Wheeler all scored rushing touchdowns in the second half.

It was definitely a frustrating night for East Gaston, according to coach Earl Lingafeldt.

"We didn't tackle a lick," he said. "If you don't tackle, what else can you do? It's not like we don't work on it."

The Red Raiders eluded tackles time and time again, led by Williams' 113 yards rushing on eight carries. Stowe contributed 87 yards on 12 carries and 5-foot-4, 150-pound junior Holder added 62 yards on six carries.

"He's a tough little runner," Tate said of Holder. "He's nicknamed 'Scrappy.'"

South Point's defense was scrappy and held the Warriors to 95 yards rushing on



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East Gaston's Terry Wallace breaks through the South Point defense.

40 carries.

Even the Red Raiders' second- and third-string defense stifled East Gaston.

McDowell led the Warriors with 37 yards on nine carries.

South Point plays at North Gaston Friday while East Gaston travels to Huss.

East Gaston	0	8	0	0	8
South Point	18	8	13	14	53

SP — Courtney Williams 58 run (kick failed)  
 SP — Charles Pettis 1 run (kick failed)  
 SP — Williams 73 punt return (kick failed)  
 EG — Tyrone Curry 2 run (James McDowell pass from Terry Wallace)  
 SP — Reggie McLean 87 kickoff return (Don Stowe run)  
 SP — Williams 11 run (kick failed)  
 SP — Stowe 7 run (Williams kick)  
 SP — Wes Holder 4 run (Pepper Martin kick)  
 SP — Davey Wheeler 1 run (Martin kick)