

Red Raiders overcome errors to shut out East Gaston 21-0

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BELMONT — The South Point Red Raiders must be a bunch of swell guys.

They would have to be to let the East Gaston Warriors hang around for so long Friday night at Linberger Stadium.

The Red Raiders didn't turn into rude hosts until Koren Robinson sprinted 49 yards for a score early in the fourth quarter to propel

them to a 21-0 win.

The victory is the first of the season for South Point (1-3) and its first-year coach, John Devine. Meanwhile, East Gaston (0-4) and coach Tom Adams are still searching for their first win.

South Point led 7-0 through three quarters. The Red Raiders gave up just a single first-half first down and 38 total yards. In contrast, they piled up 177 yards on the

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ground heading into the final quarter.

But four first-half turnovers kept the Warriors' chances alive.

The Red Raiders fumbled at the East Gaston 8-yard line, threw an interception in the end zone, and fumbled at their own 43 and again at the East Gaston 45.

"We just have to learn to eliminate ourselves as the opponent," Devine said. "Our turnovers allowed them to stay in the game with us."

Robinson gave South Point a 7-0 lead in the opening quarter when he bulled his way into the end zone from one yard out with 17 seconds left.

But that was the end of the scoring in the half. The Red Raiders fell victim to a string of errors and the Warriors couldn't muster any offense.

To go with their four first-half turnovers, the Red Raiders also had a 56-yard punt return for an apparent touchdown by Mica Tribble called back because of a penalty.

East Gaston put together one impressive drive. The Warriors drove to the South Point 15 —

one of just three times they entered South Point territory – but the turnover bug found its way into the East Gaston system.

On second down, quarterback Christian Bowles pitched the ball to Mark Currence a little high and wide. South Point linebacker Durand Armstrong pounced on the ball and the threat was over.

Robinson then tacked on his 49-yard TD run to put the game away with 10:11 left.

East Gaston	0	0	0	0	-0
South Point	7	0	0	14	-21

SP — Koren Robinson 1 run (Brian Ashe kick)
SP — Robinson 49 run (Ashe kick)
SP — Marcus McCollough 3 run (Ashe kick)