

## South Point wins battle of runners

Raiders defense stands tall, while Robinson rushes for 171 yards, two TDs

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**MOUNT HOLLY** — It was a game featuring two of the area's best offensive players. But it all came down to a defensive stand by South Point as it held off East Gaston 21-14 Friday.

Trailing by a touchdown, East Gaston faced second and goal at the South Point 2 late in the third quarter in what had become an offensive showdown.

But the Raiders slammed the door, holding the Warriors to no gain on three straight running plays.

"That was a great goal-line stand," said South Point coach John Devine, whose team improved to 4-1. "It was the difference in the game."

The Warriors set the tone for an offensive track meet when they took the second-half kickoff and quickly moved 58 yards in seven plays to tie the game at 14.

Behind the running of Marquis Adams and Donald McCorkle, the Warriors picked up six first downs in seven snaps.

Adams, who was held to 18 yards in the first half, finished with 133.

His counterpart, Koren Robinson, led the Raiders downfield on the next series.

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Robinson's 11-yard run put the Raiders back into the lead at 21-14.

Robinson finished with 171 yards and two touchdowns.

The loss dropped East Gaston to 1-3 under first-year coach Tommy Pruett.

"Mistakes have been the biggest problem with this team," Pruett said. "It's mistakes that have kept us from being 4-0."

Pruett was referring to a miscommunication in the huddle during South Point's goal-line stand.

He was also talking about two mishandled punt attempts. The first led to South Point's initial score.

East Gaston faced fourth and one at its 41 on its first possession of the game.

After trying to draw the Raiders offside on a long count, the Warriors went to their punt formation.

Punter Deandre McCorkle ran with the ball instead of kicking and was dropped at the East Gaston 37.

Five plays later, Robinson scored his first touchdown, a reverse-field 6-yard sprint.

Vinson Foxx took the ensu-

### Tale of the tape



Robinson



Adams

The last two single-game rushing recordholders squared off Friday night as South Point's Koren Robinson and East Gaston's Marquis Adams led their teams. Their numbers in South Point's 21-14 win:

- Robinson, 43 carries, 171 yards, two TDs
- Adams, 18 carries, 133 yards

ing kickoff 95 yards to tie the game, but the punting plague would strike again.

Facing fourth and four at its 28 midway into the fourth quarter, McCorkle bobbled the snap and ran instead of kicking. He appeared to make the first down this time, but a measurement indicated he was short by half a blade of grass.

South Point broke the 7-7 tie with a 6½-minute drive in the second quarter.

The Raiders started at their 31 and drove to paydirt in 11 plays.

Travis Peeler scored his first touchdown of the season from the 1 with 34 seconds remaining in the first half.

South Point 7770 — 21

East Gaston 7070 — 14

SP — Koren Robinson 6 run (Brian Ashe kick)

EG — Vinson Foxx 94 kickoff return (Tanou Chitamath kick)

SP — Travis Peeler 1 run (Ashe kick)

EG — Casey McCotter 1 run (Chitamath kick)

SP — Robinson 11 run (Ashe kick)