

New-look South Point runs through Warriors

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BELMONT — It was Black Friday at South Point's Lineberger Stadium and that wasn't good for rival East Gaston.

The black-clad Red Raiders added a few new offensive twists to go with their new look and place-kicker Phillip Wright set two school records as South Point routed the Warriors 33-14.

Wright kicked four field goals, including a record 52-yarder.

Jeremiah Jackson showed his versatility by running for a touchdown, catching a touchdown pass and returning an interception for a score. Jackson, normally relegated to running duties on offense, caught four passes from quarterback Devon Lowery for 79 yards, while rushing for 97.

"We knew that anytime South Point got

past the 30, they were a scoring threat," said East Gaston coach Thomas Pruitt. "But we sure gave them enough opportunities. We turned the ball over three times, and they wind up scoring each time.

"Wright kicked four field goals, but if we hadn't turned the ball over and gave them 21 points, we would have won the game 14-12.

"Coaches analyze the game and that's how I analyze this one."

South Point improved to 4-1, while East Gaston fell to 1-4.

"We're starting to mature and they're still experiencing growing pains," said South Point coach John Devine. "Devon Lowery did a good job moving our offense and that's because the guys up front did a good job moving off the ball."

It was evident from the start that the

ball was bouncing South Point's way.

The Warriors took the opening kickoff and picked two quick first downs on their first two plays. Then a holding penalty nullified a run by Jamoral McCorkle that would have put the Warriors in South Point territory.

Instead they wound up punting.

Then South Point's Jackson fumbled the punt, only to fall on it himself, gaining six yards in the process.

After a scoreless first quarter, South Point's Brad Adams broke up the middle for a 35-yard gain to set up Wright's first field goal, a 23-yarder.

Jackson intercepted a Casey McCotter pass and returned it 43 yards for a score.

After the Warriors fumbled on their next possession, Jackson caught a 15-yard scoring pass from Lowery to give the

Raiders a 17-0 lead at halftime.

East Gaston finally broke the ice in the fourth quarter when Jamoral McCorkle found the end zone from 21 yards out.

Dalmanche ~~xxx~~ scored again for the Warriors on a 25-yard screen pass from Miles Hedrick with 22 seconds left in the game.

East Gaston 0 0 0 14 — 14
South Point 0 17 10 6 — 33
SP — Phillip Wright 23 FG
SP — Jeremiah Jackson 43 interception return
(Wright kick)
SP — Jackson 15 pass from Devon Lowery (Wright
kick)
SP — Wright 31 FG
SP — Jackson 21 run (Wright kick)
EG — Jamgral McCorkle 21 run (run failed)
SP — Wright 28 FG
SP — Wright 52 FG
EG — Dalmanche Foxx 24 pass from Miles Hedrick
(Shannon Reid run)