

Raiders maul East Gaston

By Mike Cearley

Gazette Correspondent

MOUNT HOLLY — South Point took all the revelry out of the rivalry as the Red Raiders buried East Gaston 62-8 Friday night at Arrowhead Stadium.

Chris Stowe rushed for a career-best 273

► **South Point 62** yards and two touch-
East Gaston 8 downs, and Jeremy
Jackson rushed for two
scores and caught a
touchdown pass from Devin Lowery as time
expired in the first half.

The win was South Point's fourth straight over the Warriors, and the Raiders lead the series against the Warriors 18-7-2. The Raiders (5-0) are off to their best start since 1993.

"This team just gets better and better every week," Jackson said. "We have to keep getting better because we start conference play next week."

South Point's relentless speed was simply too much for East Gaston (1-4). The Warriors broke for big plays three times during the game, and each time seemed to have clear sailing into the end zone.

Please see **Raiders/5C**



Melissa Miller/The Gazette

Chris Stowe of South Point pounds for yardage against East Gaston.

▼ FROM 1C

Raiders

East Gaston's only touchdown came in the third quarter after Dalmanche Foxx gained 61 yards on a screen pass from quarterback Miles Hedrick. Foxx weaved through the Raider defense and broke away at midfield but was caught and tackled at the 1 by Jeremy Jackson and Marquis Forney.

"When we caught him on the 1, I was sure we had a shutout," Jackson said. "But we let them get one in on us."

Cory Forney scored from the 1 on a third-down call after Hedrick was stopped twice on a quarterback sneak. Foxx ran in for a two-point conversion to make the score 33-7 in favor of South Point.

Jackson took the ensuing kickoff across midfield to the 47, and four plays later he scored from the 10.

"We have 4.5 speed all across our backfield," said South Point coach John Devine. "Everything was clicking for us tonight. Everything we tried worked."

South Point scored on its first offensive series with Jackson culminating a 68-yard opening drive

with a 10-yard scoring run.

South Point took a two-touchdown lead when Drew Devine threw a screen pass to Jarien Jackson, who raced 32 yards for a score. The extra point was botched on a bad snap and South Point led 13-0.

East Gaston got its first big opportunity late in the first quarter when Hedrick threw a strike to Foxx, who got open behind the Raider defense. Lowery chased Foxx down, but the play netted the Warriors 56 yards and set them up at South Point's 32.

The Warriors had no more fire power in that drive as it fizzled without any further gain.

South Point broke the game open in the second quarter with a three-touchdown outburst. Devine scored from 4 yards, then Stowe

from 23 and Jeremy Jackson on a 34-yard pass from Lowery.

South Point (5-0) 13 20 7 22 — 62

East Gaston (1-4) 0 0 8 0 — 8

First quarter

SP — Jeremy Jackson 10 run (kick failed), 10:36.

SP — Jarien Jackson 32 pass from Drew Devine (Michael Wilkinson kick), 4:41.

Second quarter

SP — Devine 4 run (Wilkinson kick), 9:25.

SP — Chris Stowe 23 run (run failed), 6:35.

SP — Jeremy Jackson 34 pass from Devin Lowery (Wilkinson kick), 0:00.

Third quarter

EG — Cory Forney 1 run (Dalmanche Foxx run), 9:39.

SP — Jeremy Jackson 18 run (Wilkinson kick), 6:47.

Fourth quarter

SP — Stowe 2 run (Wilkinson kick), 10:51.

SP — Lowery 31 run (Wilkinson kick), 9:18.

SP — Tiger Williams 45 run (run failed), 6:29.

SP — Safety (East Gaston's Miles Hedrick called for intentional grounding in end zone).



Carpet Brokers

(704) 827-8488

Complete Flooring Specialist

Wholesale carpet direct from mills to you.

Materials Only or Full Service Installation

Coronet • Shaw • Queen • Aladden

FREE ESTIMATES