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South Point's Travis Davie tackles East Gaston's Josh Doster on Monday in Mount Holly.

Monday scorefest

Red Raider offense unstoppable in Big South opener

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MOUNT HOLLY — South Point High rolled from the outset of Monday's 49-0 Big South 3A/4A Conference opener at rival East Gaston.

The Red Raiders improved to 5-1 overall by scoring on their first five offensive possession in a game postponed from last Friday

by rainy weather and deaths of two East Gaston students less than a mile from the school.

A moment of silence and song tribute before the game gave the start of the contest a somber feel.

But South Point came out clicking, as Jesse McGaha raced 60 yards on the game's first play from scrimmage to give the Red Raiders a prime scoring opportu-

nity from the Warriors 1. Two plays later, Aaron Crumbley scored on a 1-yard plunge.

Later, the Red Raiders completed scoring drives of two plays for 18 yards, three plays for 92 yards, three plays for 65 yards, eight plays for 65 yards, seven plays for 85 yards and two plays for 57 yards.

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South Point quarterback Desmond Lowery rushed for 137 yards, but twisted his knee late in Monday's 49-0 win.

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Daron Murphy scored on a 21-yard scoring pass from Desmond Lowery to cap the second scoring drive, then Lowery (29-yard run), Spencer Wiles (41-yard wingback pass from Josh Justice), Lowery (11-yard run), Crumbley (46-yard run) and Josh Justice (49-yard run) tallied the other scores.

The only worry for South Point was Lowery's twisted knee late in the game when he was blocking for the Red Raiders' punt team. Lowery, the up man on South Point's punt protection team, said he injured himself blocking a would-be East Gaston punt-blocker.

"I just twisted my leg," said Lowery, who had an icepack on his right knee at game's end. "But I'll be alright. I'm just going to have to workout the soreness."

A more definitive word on Lowery's condition won't come until today — or after he is checked out further by team doctors.

"Sure, we're concerned," said South Point coach John Devine, whose team next plays Hunter Huss Friday at home. "We're just going to have him looked at and tested. He'll be fine. It just scared him a bit. He looks like he was walking around fine."

Before Lowery's late-game injury — which came with 4:51 to play — he and backup quarterback Josh Justice were nearly flawless in running South Point's "Red Bone" offense that chummed for 473 yards and 17 first downs in 40 plays.

"I just read what the defense gave me," said Lowery, who had 137 yards on nine carries and threw a 21-yard touchdown pass. "It came down to our offensive line. Those guys up front are what did it. That's No. 74 (Daniel Biggerstaff), No. 60 (Josh Grier), No. 50 (Greg ...)

For East Gaston, which fell to 0-2, 0-5, Thadus Benton picked up 88 hard-earned yards on 24 carries out of the Warriors' wishbone offensive attack. East Gaston tallied 140 yards on 48 plays, but could get no closer than the South Point 15.

"East Gaston came right at us," Devine said of the Warriors. "They tried to punch us in the nose with that offense. And that No. 1 (Benton) is a tough kid. They played hard and didn't quit. We just executed well. When we do that, we can play against a lot of people."

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First quarter

SP — Aaron Crumbley 1 run (James Justice kick), 10:48

SP — Daron Murphy 21 pass from Desmond Lowery (James Justice kick), 5:57

Second quarter

SP — Lowery 29 run (James Justice kick), 11:02

SP — Spencer Wiles 41 pass from Josh Justice (James Justice kick), 8:29

SP — Lowery 11 run (James Justice kick), 1:54

Third quarter

SP — Crumbley 14 run (James Justice kick), 2:00

Fourth quarter

SP — Josh Justice 49 run (James Justice kick), 10:48

	SP	EG
First downs	17	9
Rushes-yards	34-411	45-133
Passing yards	62	7
Comp-Att-Int	2-6-0	1-3-0
Fumbles-lost	2-0	3-1
Penalties-yards	7-55	3-32

Individual statistics

RUSHING — SR, Jesse McGaha 1-60, Crumbley 12-113, Josh Justice 6-70, Lowery 9-137, Josh Hice 3-12, Jelani Bonner 2-18, Scott McWhirter 1-1. **EG**, Josh Doster 16-52, Thadus Benton 24-88, Andy Harris 2-minus 3, Maiketh Redd 2-2, Chris Graham 1-minus 6.

PASSING — SR, Lowery 1-5-0 21, Josh Justice 1-1-0 41. **EG**, Doster 1-3-0 7.

RECEIVING — SR, Murphy 1-21, Wiles 1-41. **EG**, Redd 1-7.

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Lancaster), No. 73 (Will Gullledge) and No. 70 (Brett Walden)."

South Point had 411 yards rushing and 62 yards passing. Crumbley complemented Lowery's running game with 113 yards on 12 carries.

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