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South Point running back Troy Leeper tries to stay on his feet after being hit by East Gaston defender Jeffrey Moore during Saturday's win.

# Bet on Red

Leeper  
scores four  
TDs for 3-0

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BELMONT — After a pesky storm shifted Black Friday to Saturday, South Point and East Gaston players had to get mentally ready all over again. South Point looked every bit like its

having the game called," senior quarterback Patrick Home said. "I think that fired us up a little bit for tonight."

Troy Leeper rushed for 132 yards and four touchdowns and Tyler Bray added 136 yards and a TD on the ground as the Red Raiders (3-0)

# RAIDERS FOR 3-0 South Point

usual Friday self, coasting to a 63-6 home win over its eastern Gaston County rival.  
"We were a little disappointed last night

stayed undefeated entering next week's home showdown against Bums.

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South Point scored on all seven possessions and even found the end zone on special teams when Ramon Costner covered 58 yards on a second-quarter punt return.

Devan Robbins scored twice — once by air and once by ground — and reserve Dan Johnson tacked on a late rushing TD to provide the final margin.

A night earlier, teams had finished pregame warmups when the storm struck, forcing the delay and eventually postponement of the game.

To get ready for the makeup game, the South Point coaching staff asked the players to report to the school at 9:30 Saturday morning. The players had biscuits, watched film and had a team meeting.

"We're not going to let them lay in the bed all day and come in there groggy," head coach Mickey Lineberger said.

The morning session lasted about 90 minutes, then the players returned to school at 3 p.m. for the usual pregame routine.

There's no doubt the players were ready. South Point led 42-0 at the half, and Leeper had already amassed 106 yards and four touchdowns. The Red Raiders finished with 450 total yards (367 rushing) out

## Inside the game

**Black "Saturday:"** Wearing black jerseys, red pants and red helmets for the rivalry game, South Point won for the fifth straight time in the series.

**Big money:** A huge crowd on both sides of the stadium and on the track resulted in a high-dollar half-and-half prize. The winner pocketed \$433.

**QB shuffle:** East Gaston again rotated between QBs Jarke Hopkins and Colt Crane. Hopkins took most of the snaps, rushing for 118 yards and passing for 43.

of their triple-option offense. Home completed 4 of 6 passes for 83 yards and a TD. He also rushed for 70 yards and set the tone with a 38-yard gain on the game's first play.

East Gaston (1-2) wasn't without its bright spots. Quarterback Jarke Hopkins rushed for 118 yards and passed for 43. Chris McDowell added 68 yards on the ground. Gary Gore scored the only touchdown on a 1-yard run on the first possession of the second half. The play capped a seven-play, 71-yard drive.

The Warriors play host to East Lincoln next week.

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**East Gaston 6**

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**First quarter**

SP—Troy Leeper 1 run (Dayton Rogers kick), 10:43.

SP—Leeper 11 run (Rogers kick), 2:36.

**Second quarter**

SP—Devan Robbins 40 pass from Patrick Home (Rogers kick), 11:28.

SP—Ramon Costner 58 punt return (Rogers kick), 9:46.