

South Point 56, East Gaston 7

A RED RAIDER ROMP

South Point scores
quick, tops Warriors
in Black Friday battle

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BELMONT — The rivalry game between East Gaston and South Point known as Black Friday turned out to be a black and blue Friday for the Warriors. The Red Raiders manhandled East Gaston 56-7 at Lineberger Stadium for their seventh straight win over the Warriors in the two school's first Big South conference game matchup since 2008.

South Point (6-0, 1-0 Big South 3A) scored every way imaginable including taking the first play from scrimmage 56 yards for a touchdown on Tyler Bray's breakaway jaunt.

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South Point's Trey Crenshaw reaches up for a catch en route to a touchdown in Friday's 56-7 win.

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Bray, who would become South Point's all-time leading rusher after a 50-yard run with 25.9 seconds left in the first half, gained 127 yards on nine carries and scored two touchdowns on the ground while returning a kickoff 76 yards for a score in the third quarter on his record-setting night.

"That's some feat because there have been a lot of great ones come through here," South Point coach Mickey Lineberger said, of Bray's surpassing of Aaron Crumbley's career rushing record of 4,644 yards. "That's a real, real big accomplishment. I'm real proud of him. He's one of the best football players I've ever been around. He's a fierce competitor and I'm glad to see him have success."

Bray's long touchdown run 32 seconds into the game set the tone for the rest of the evening.

On the Red Raiders' third play from scrimmage, Dontrea King scampered 46 yards into the end zone and the rout was on.

South Point led 42-0



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East Gaston's Kendall Jeffries is tackled by South Point defensive back J.T. Star in Friday's game.

midway through the third quarter before East Gaston got on the scoreboard for the only time of the night on a 13-yard run by Trevor Townsend.

East Gaston (0-5, 0-1 Big South 3A) entered the contest winless and decimated by injuries.

Freshman quarterback Josh Benfield, a backup on the junior varsity team, was the Warriors' fifth signal-caller under center this season.

Still, East Gaston coach Sean Joyce made no excuses

for his team.

"Not even going to talk about injuries," he said. "The guys we had out there played their hearts out. I'm very proud of the way we played. (South Point) could have put a hundred on us if they wanted. We were outmatched but so be it. It didn't matter."

Benfield completed four of 15 passes for 58 yards with an interception in his varsity debut. Dontavis Walker was the most productive member of the offense, rushing for 81 yards on 17 carries.

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First quarter

SP—Tyler Bray 56 run (Aaron Camp kick), 11:28.

SP—Diontree King 46 run (Camp kick), 8:58.

SP—Trey Crenshaw 36 pass from Jaquan Brooks (Camp kick), 4:42.

Second quarter

SP—Jeffrey Pearsall 21 pass from Brooks (Camp kick), 9:53.

SP—J.T. Star 16 interception return (Camp kick), 8:46.

Third quarter

SP—Bray 5 run (Camp kick), 5:56.

EG—Trevor Townsend 16 run (Matt Marks kick), 2:34.

SP—Bray 76 kickoff return (Camp kick), 2:16.

Fourth quarter

SP—Crenshaw 5 run (Camp kick), 6:20.

	EG	SP
First downs	13	18
Rushes-yards	34-83	36-412
Passing yards	58	96
Total yards	141	508
Comp-Att-Int	4-15-1	4-7-0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	3-3
Penalties-yards	1-5	7-57
Punts-avg.	7-33.9	0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—East Gaston, Morgan Ensley 6-1, Josh Benfield 1-minus 4, Dontavis Walker 17-81, B.J. Robbins 4-17, Kendall Jefferies 3-minus 14, Townsend 1-13, Charlie Brewington 2-minus 11. South Point, Bray 9-127, King 9-142, Brooks 7-32, Crenshaw 7-68, Charleston Odom 1-minus 3, Pearsall 3-46.

PASSING—East Gaston, Benfield 4-15-1 58. South Point, Brooks 4-7-0 96.

RECEIVING—East Gaston, Brewington 1-4, Bailey Crane 3-54. South Point, Tyler Green 1-34, Crenshaw 1-36, Pearsall 1-21, Bray 1-5.