

Red Raiders crush cross-town rival

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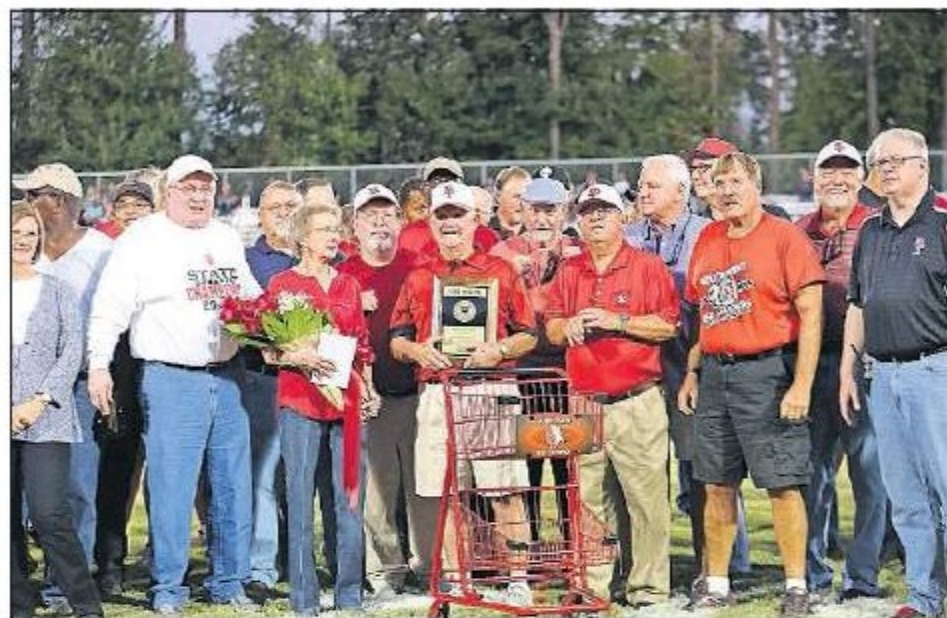
BELMONT — Scottie Lee's 58-yard touchdown run got South Point started and the Red Raiders never let up on a warm, moonlit Friday evening, crushing cross-town rival East Gaston 56-0 at Lineberger Stadium.

South Point (7-0), the defending 3A state champions now playing in the 2A class, moved to 1-0 in the Southwestern Conference opener for both teams.

Sophomore wideout Ray Grier caught two first-half touchdown passes for the Raiders and had four receptions for 114 yards, while Lee completed six passes in nine throws for 141 yards and the two scores to Grier.

"He had a big night," Red Raiders first-year coach Adam Hodge said of Grier, who also scored on a second-quarter punt return and had a return of 40 yards early in the third. "He needs to be a big-time player [for us]. He was tonight."

Despite a big first half from junior fullback Brodie Hilton, East Gaston's best chance for points came before a penalty nullified what would have been a 42-yard touchdown pass on the Warriors'



ABOVE: Long time South Point football coach Jim Biggerstaff is recognized for being selected for the NCHSAA Hall of Fame prior to the game against East Gaston on Friday night in Belmont. **RIGHT:** South Point's Ray Grier catches a Scottie Lee pass in the endzone for a touchdown against East Gaston on Friday night in Belmont. The Red Raiders defeated rival East Gaston 56-0 in their annual 'Black Friday' contest. [BRIAN MAYHEW PHOTOS / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE]

second possession of the game. Hilton finished with 79 yards on the ground and sophomore QB Kobe Creamer passed for 102 yards on 16 completions.

South Point runner Jake Alexander was held to 60 yards rushing but found the end zone twice on short runs, once in the second quarter and another in the third.

Reserve quarterback Keaton Hale ended the third quarter

with a 50-yard TD burst and senior Ty Tinker closed out scoring with the Raiders' last touchdown, a 12-yard run with 7:35 to play.

"We don't care who gets the credit; we just want to score," said Hodge, who was pleased to see several of his players get touches in his team's "Red-bone" offense. "Take what they give you. That's what you do when you run the triple [option offense], you take what

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"You've got to have a lot of selfless people and offensive linemen who don't get [their name mentioned]. They work hard every day."

South Point learned earlier this week that senior lineman Phillip Davis is lost for the season with a torn meniscus in his knee that will require surgery.

"That's the way it is," Hodge said. "It means somebody's got to step up. Who's the next guy in line, we'll get him ready. Coach Tate does a great job with those defensive linemen so he'll have them ready to go I'm sure."

South Point is home again next week against East Rutherford.

East Gaston (1-6, 0-1) will host Chase at Arrowhead Stadium.

East Gaston	0	0	0	0	-	0
South Point	14	21	14	7	-	56

First Quarter

SP—Scottie Lee 58 run (Cade Ratliff kick), 8:57.

SP—Ray Grier 22 pass from Lee (Ratliff kick), 1:57.

Second Quarter

SP—Grier 40 pass from Lee (Ratliff kick), 10:18.

SP—Jake Alexander 9 run (Ratliff kick), 2:27.

SP—Grier 47 punt return (Ratliff kick), 1:43.

Third Quarter

SP—Alexander 1 run (David O'Hanlon kick), 9:03.

SP—Keaton Hale 50 run (O'Hanlon kick), 0:00.

Fourth Quarter

SP—Ty Tinker 12 run (O'Hanlon kick), 7:35.

Teams	EG	SP
First Downs	12	16
Rushes-yards	31-80	30-259
Passing-yards	102	141
Total yards	182	400
Comp-Att-Int	16-31-1	6-9-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	7-70	5-60

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - EG: Brodie Hilton 13-79, K.J. Dagout 2-5, Nick Gwinn 1-5, Kobe Creamer 15-(-9). SP: Scottie Lee 3-72, Keaton Hale 3-61, Jake Alexander 13-67, Ty Tinker 6-39, Naseem Jones 3-14, Javis Davis 2-6.

PASSING - EG: Kobe Creamer 16-30-1, 102; Preston Osborne 0-1-0, 0. Scottie Lee 6-9-0, 141.

RECEIVING - EG: K.J. Dagout 9-55, Jalen Creamer 4-43, Jake Thomas 1-4, Preston Osborne 1-2, Brodie Hilton 1-(-2). SP: Ray Grier 4-114, Charles Cason 1-20, Jake Alexander 1-7.