

Raiders tie East Gaston

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It was a game of flags, fumbles and very little for either team to cheer about on offense.

The South Point-East Gaston game ended in a 0-0 tie as Lineberger Stadium was dedicated and filled to capacity with screaming fans last night.

Upwards of 7,000 fans witnessed the 0-0 stalemate, the first game of what promises to be an interesting series between the two schools.

The Red Raiders, kept bottled up in their own territory most of the first half, had the game's best chance to score in the fourth quarter.

The Raiders moved from their own 20 to the East-Gaston 43, following a 16-yard pass from quarterback Mark Coley to halfback Wayne Fewell.

However, East Gaston held up well as it did all night on defense, stopped the Big Red on the 41 and Butch Rankin punted into the end zone.

The Warriors of Dick Thompson were penalized to the 10 and on second down, they fumbled and tackle William Bowers recovered for the Raiders on the East Gaston eight.

On the first play, East Gaston's Phil Johnson, who played a great game all night, hit Fewell for a two-yard loss for the key play. Coley on the option gained to the eight, but a play later lost back to the 15 attempting to pass.

Dennis Grier went in for an apparent 33-yard field goal try, but the Big Red was penalized five yards to the 20 for taking too long to get the play underway.

On the fake field goal, Coley's pass to Fewell was not good and East Gaston took over. The Raiders had one more chance.

FEWELL'S 25-yard punt return with about two minutes left gave the Raiders the ball back on the East Gaston 23. But four plays later, three of them unsuccessful pass plays, the Warriors had the ball back and that was the game.

The Raiders had the better of it in the statistical column but it's the scoreboard that counts. The Big Red had 145 yards rushing to only 23 for the Warriors. Neither team was a threat through the air.

As for penalties, the game was replete with them as the officials threw flag after flag. The Raiders were penalized 119 yards and East Gaston 100, most of the infractions being of the 15-yard variety.

Raiders were penalized 15 of those yards for showing up late to start the second half, which put them in one of the many holes they had stayed in up until midway of the third quarter.

East Gaston just missed scoring the game's only touchdown in the second quarter. Smith of the Warriors, who also played well on defense, picked up a Coley fumble at the Easton Gaston 45 and appeared headed for a touchdown.

However, halfback Robert Adams had a slight angle on Smith and caught him at the Red Raider 15. The Raiders, tough on defense too, rose up to thwart that serious threat.

In four plays, the Warriors got only to the eight and the Raiders took over. After South Point kicked out, the Warriors had fine field position on the

Big Red 44.

Two straight first downs gave the Warriors a first down on the Raider 18. However, sophomore quarterback Mack Green was injured on the first play from there on a pass and the Raiders three plays later had tossed the Warriors back to the 24.

The Raiders had only five first downs at the half and East Gaston Four. The Warriors failed to pick up a first down in the second half and the Raiders had five.

Both teams will be sharpening up their offenses for games next week. South Point hosts Kings Mountain in a Southwest 3-A Conference test while East Gaston plays at Hibriten. Both beams now sport 2-0-1 records.

Green did some wonderful kicking for East Gaston, punting seven times for 40 yards. Passing statistics were practically non-existent. The Raiders made good on just two of nine for 16 yards (one of those gaining no yardage) and East Gaston connected on just two of eight for 31 yards.



FEWELL CARRIES—Halfback Wayne Fewell is tripped up here after a short gain by an unidentified East Gaston Warrior during South Point-East Gaston game last night at Lineberger Stadium before a crowd estimated at 7,000. At left is Dennis Grier of the Big Red. The game ended in a 0-0 tie.



Photos by Chuck Beckley

DURHAM RUNS FOR WARRIORS—Halfback Tracey Durham of East Gaston's Warriors runs off the right side of the South Point line during game last night at newly-dedicated

Lineberger Stadium. In far right for Raiders is defensive end William Clark. The game ended in a 0-0 stalemate.

Football results

Ashbrook 7, Hunter Huss 6
South Point 0, East Gaston 0
Kings Mountain 14, East Rutherford 7
North Gaston 28, Bessemer City 8
Shelby 42, Lincolnton 13
Burns 12, Cherryville 0
Newton-Conover 35, Valdese 0

Cards romp by Pirates in 10-4 win

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Ted Simmons' three-run double sparked the St. Louis Cardinals to a 10-National League baseball victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates Friday night, keeping the Pirates' East Division magic number at three.

Simmons, who has 93 run batted in, added a fourth RB with a sixth-inning single. Simmons came through with his big double in a game