

# Team Blocking Improvement Seen During Adel Walkaway

Valdosta High School Wildcats with two victories—neither a conclusive test of their strength—in their 1952 column have an open date Friday night, but any thoughts on the part of players of easy sledding in practice and training might just as well be written off as wishful thinking, dreaming or just plain nonsense.

For, coming up on the agenda for the following Friday, the Wildcats will find themselves face-to-face with an invasion of their homeland by those terrors from Fitzgerald, an eleven that always has been a hard one for the Valdostans to handle.

And there is an especial bit of interest in the game.

Fitzgerald is the home town of VHS coach Wright Bazemore.

He'd just about lose anything in preference to dropping that game to the home town. And his men are right with him in that matter.

In connection with the week with no game, Bazemore said last night "we'll probably practice Friday night." That might be regarded as something of an understatement, as those who know the Cat mentor pretty well know that his men will practice Friday, as they will practice today, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and so on until the time for the game with the Fitz boys.

Rehashing the game of the past Friday night, when the Valdostans romped their merry way at Cleveland Field to a 47-0 score over Adel in the first half—and then quit scoring — observers found some promising developments.

As compared with the first game of the season, the week before when the Cats brushed off Baxley, there, under a 28-0 score, downfield blocking was noticed to have shown improvement in the main.

Interception of passes, defensive play and hard tactics against the opponents were regarded as the bright spot—if such a spot could be detected in the one-sided affair.

Toting the load in that phase of the game were such men as Earl Walker and Wetherington, at ends; Paul McNeal and James Warren, tackles; Ray Moore and Floyd Rogers, guards (and Parramore, center.)

The first two games of the season, with Baxley and Adel, have not proved any kind of a solid test of the Valdosta strength. But as the season moves along, the opponents will be tougher.

Bazemore sees a real test coming up in the Fitzgerald game due in part to the rivalry that has existed between Valdosta and Fitzgerald teams since he has been coach here.

Too, time will be playing a part in that both the Valdosta and Fitz squads will be better season-

ed in the art of maul and mash on the gridiron and should be showing more and more toward the state of perfection of coordination and control that is the goal of every grid mentor for his men.

Meantime, high school officials and members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, who are in charge of the gate and seating at the home games have assured holders of season tickets that the matter of overflowing the space set aside for reserved seats will be given attention and straightened out by the time for the next game.

And the lighting system for the night game which was a little on the ailing side for the Adel affair will be given proper treatment. The big lights will be shining well before time for the kick-off.



# Wildcat Rest Short; Hard Drills Slated Next Week

Wanted—a better look at the Valdosta Wildcats in a football game. Who wants it? Coach Wright Bazemore.

"We've played two games now," Bazemore said yesterday, "and we still don't know what we've got. Take the Adel game. Their squad was young and inexperienced and hampered by injuries to three or four key men. We piled up a score early, then didn't have a chance really to test either the offensive or defensive setups the rest of the game."

The Wildcats have an open date this week, but Bazemore hasn't let up on his drills. Yesterday's workout indicated that defense is Valdosta's biggest problem.

With the first-string defensive team working against an attacking reserve unit, holding power of the regulars was spotty. Early in the session, ball carriers consistently clipped off short gains, but were stopped by some hard-hitting linebackers, headed by Ray Moore.

The wall tightened considerably as drills progressed, with tackles James Warren and Paul McNeil charging hard and heavy. Both linemen were slicing through to break up plays consistently.

Bazemore said his boys would take it easy today with only a light workout after tough practices Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday's drill was hampered by rain.

"We'll start in rough again, though," the coach promised, "next week."

When the regulars took over on the offense the picture bright-

ened. Each of the top backfield four—Sammy Hardin, Red Fleming, Noel George and Bobby Renfro—hit for plenty of yardage behind fancy blocking, marked by the driving interference of Warren and Moore.

Running plays clicked best through tackle and around end. Several up-the-middle plays were attempted but guards Fomby and Billy Hardin weren't being moved out.

Starting center Herman Parramore sat out practice work yesterday nursing a bad cold. John Harris took over Parramore's post on defense.

No other key players were sidelined.

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## CLASS A KINGS

# Valdosta Awaits Future Tough Tests

By JACK JACKSON

Wright Bazemore's Valdosta Wildcats already have two victories on the 1952 season, but the affable mentor who directed his club to the Georgia Class A title a year ago figures he has some rough sledding ahead in Region 1-A East's pennant race.

"Actually, we haven't met some of the best teams in our league, yet," Wright avers, "and we really



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Cook High (47-0). The former was a regional game.

Valdosta graduated six regulars from the 1951 club that battered Newnan in the state finals. It returns four first rate backs and a quartet of standout linemen around which its newest edition is constructed.

Sammy Hardin and Red Fleming, the former a four-year quarterback, were the backfield standouts of the Cook victory, but Noel George and Bobby Renfro are just as effective. Up front, all-stater James Warren at tackle, Ray Moore at guard,

ly won't know just how we're going to fare until we do. Our games with folks like Douglas, Fitzgerald, Jesup and Waycross are still to come.

Victims of the Wildcat so far have been Baxley (28-0) and

(Herman Parimore at center) and Jim Walker at end are particularly experienced and outstanding.

The Wildcats take a week off this time, then go after Fitzgerald and Douglas on straight Fridays. Non-loop contests with Tifton, Moultrie and Thomasville follow before the climactic three final starts against Jeff Davis, Jesup and Waycross.

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That race, incidentally, may be one of the state's best. Waycross looked good in beating Savannah, 19-0, Friday while Jesup scored its second straight decision over an AA team, turning back Benedictine, 22-6. Douglas, beaten by Tifton the week before, made its first league start a good one when it dumped Fitzgerald, 20-13.

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# Hardin, Fleming Lead Valdosta Over Adel

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VALDOSTA, Ga., Sept. 20—Sammy Hardin and Red Fleming led Valdosta to a 47-0 rout of Adel here Friday night as the Wildcats wound up their scoring in the first half and coasted to victory.

In the first quarter, Hardin intercepted a pass and scored, then followed the feat with a 50-yard scamper with Noel George adding the extra point.

Fleming followed in the scoring column by picking up two fumbles for two touchdowns. The first recovery ended in a 45-yard scoring run, and the second resulted in a 40-yard touchdown play. George again kicked the extra point.

In the second quarter, George tallied on a 25-yard scoring play. John O'Neal then dashed 75 yards for another and George converted. Just before halftime, Herbert Hardy caught a pass for 25 yards and another Valdosta score.

Bobby Allen and Tom Lindsey led what there was of the Adel defense. Lee Greer and Bobby Renfroe sparked the rugged Valdosta line.



# Wildcats Crush Little Hornet Team

## VHS Rumbles to Easy Victory Over Out-Classed Adel Eleven

By JACK TURNER

Report of a drama critic...

The audience was enthusiastic in agreement. Director Wright Bazemore's latest production, "Wildcats of 1952," is a smash hit, destined for a long and successful run on the stage of the Class A football theatre.

After a brief but impressive road tour, a one-night stand in Baxley where they were received 28-0, the Wildcats presented their premier home performance last evening at Cleveland Field before a full house of over 3,000 spectators.

Revealing a ready talent for converting aggressiveness into touchdowns, the Wildcat first-liners piled up seven scores before intermission and then left the

The reserved seat section at Cleveland Field Stadium will be enlarged at once to take care of all holders of season tickets who are entitled to seats there, Valdosta High Schools officials said today.

At last night's game with Adel, it developed the section not set aside for reserved seats is not sufficient to seat all ticket holders.

play mostly to understudies who wound up the third and fourth acts for a 47-0 victory over hopelessly out-gunned Adel.

Actually the contest last night could only be considered a preview of what may lie in store for the VHS gridders. Pitted, by the unevenness of the Georgia High School Association's classifying system, against the Cook County High team, Valdosta scored at will—and, as it nearly developed in the third quarter, almost against their will.

Coach Frank Reiff's Hornets, in their own element, would have been severely handicapped by lack of experience and injuries, which mounted as the game wore on. But thrown against the superior odds of Valdosta the spunky Adel boys could muster no more punch than Podunk U. against mighty Maryland.

To digress for a moment, the happenings of last night only served once more to point up the very apparent need for a more discerning and fairly-matched conference system.

Adel doubtlessly bears no great desire to compete amongst lopsided odds. And, likewise, only those with a lust for blood can derive satisfaction from seeing Valdosta roll over out-classed opposition in a manner which produces false expectations against the teams which can provide a real test.

But back to the story... The game last night was a warm-up and the outcome was apparent in the opening seconds.

Delayed by a power shortage, the VHS band entertained the crowd until 9:21 when Red Fleming kicked off for Valdosta. On the very first play from scrimmage, Adel's Bobbie Allen at-

tempted a short pass which found its way into the waiting arms of Sammy Hardin.

With the interception tucked away beneath his arm, the Valdosta quarterback scooted 35 yards for the first touchdown. Noel George attempted the conversion, with no success.

Again Fleming kicked off. And this time, Adel managed to run four plays for no gain before Allen punted to the Valdosta 45-yard line. Bobby Renfroe tried the left side for a first down at the Adel 35. Hardin faked a handoff and, on a naked reverse, raced to the right side, picked up his blocking and went all the way, 35 yards to the second marker in less than three minutes. This time, George booted the point.

Adel took Fleming's kickoff back for five yards to their 40, where Jerry Purvis fumbled. Fleming recovered and clicked off 35 yards to the end zone. George converted.

Fleming, who had a night for himself, repeated the act a short while later. Allen plunged into the line for Adel and while the players were heaping the pile-up higher, Fleming walked into the Adel backfield, spied the ball lying free and unobserved. He snatched it up and while most of the players thought they had both runner and ball buried beneath the struggling mass of humanity, Fleming was touchdown bound, 35 yards. George's kick was good and the first quarter ended with Valdosta 27 to 0 over Adel.

Taking an Adel punt, the Wildcats moved from their own 35, crossed the 50-yard stripe as the quarter ended and then moved in four plays to the Hornet seven-yard line. George carried it across, then kicked the point.

Lee Greer set up the fourth Wildcat TD when he pulled in Allen's pass on his own 23 and returned to the Adel 48. A 15-yard clipping penalty set the Cats back to their 37. Robert Hughes hit the line for no gain and then Hardin handed off on a double reverse to George to John Robert O'Neal, who sprinted all the way, to paydirt. George's PAT was good again and Valdosta led 41-0.

The final tally came when Adel's Gene Williams, back to punt, received a bad snap from center. It was fourth down and Valdosta took over on the Adel 30 yard line.

Willie Webb, who showed himself nicely as a ball handler, picked up his own fumble, eluded a trap and lobbed a long pass which Herbert Hardy took off an Adel defender's fing tips for the score. George's kick was low.

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## Hardin, Lead V Over A

Special to Atlanta

VALDOSTA, Sammy Hardin led Valdosta to a 47-0 victory over Adel here Friday night.

In the first quarter, Hardin intercepted a pass and followed the fumble with a scamper with the extra point.

Fleming followed the column by picking up the ball for two first recovery yard scoring resulted in a play. George booted the extra point.

In the second quarter, John O'Neal threw for another touchdown. Just before Hardy caught and another

Bobby Allen led what they called a defense. Lee Renfroe sparked the Valdosta line.

Valdosta finished up at the half, 47-0.

On orders from Coach Bazemore—so it was reported—not to score in the second half, except on a field goal, the Wildcats looked ahead to future games and worked mainly on perfecting their plays.

But in the third period, circumstances nearly upset their plans. Fleming, plunging through the Adel forward wall, suddenly found himself in the clear with no one to stop him. After picking up enough ground for a first down, however, the fullback slipped to his knee, grounding the ball. Had he been able to keep his footing, it would have meant his third TD of the contest.

Clearing the bench systematically the Valdosta coaches had the opportunity to study each player under fire. The results were gratifying.

In the fourth quarter, as the Valdosta machine rolled to the Hornet 20-yard stripe, George attempted a field goal which fell short of the cross piece by a matter of inches.

Adel did not get inside the Valdosta 30-yard line. Only once were they able to scrap their way past the 45. That march came in the second quarter. Led by Allen, the quarterback, Purvis and Tommy Ed Lindsey, the Hornets fought their way from their own 34 to the Valdosta 33 in eight plays that netted two first downs and 34 yards of rushing.

### THE YARDSTICK

VALDOSTA		ADEL
12	First Downs	2
250	Yds. Gained	69
	Rushing	
30	Yds. Gained	0
	Passing	
2	Passes Attpt.	2
1	Passes Comp.	0
2	Passes Intcp.	1
0	Punt Average	26.5
40	Penalties	5
2	Fumb. Recov.	1

Score by quarters:

Adel 0 0 0 0-0  
Valdosta 27 20 0 0-47

Scoring touchdowns: Harding 2, Fleming 2, George, Hardy, O'Neal. Conversions: George 5.

Subs: Greer, Massey, Webb, Hughes, Gober, Tatum, Lindstrom, Warlick, Max Taylor, Guess, Robert Taylor, Hardy, Billy Hardin, Fomby Hardin, Harris, Schroyer, Laws, Boone, Downing, Melham, Smith, Brady, Postell, Hall, Bennett, Williams, Marshall.

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# Downfield Blocking Wins Praise For Wildcats From Bazemore

With Cook County High of Adel hovering on the Friday night horizon, the Valdosta Wildcats were slated to ease into a lighter tempo this afternoon, to "rest up" for their home slate opener with signal drills and timing exercises.

Pointing for their second Class A triumph of the young season when they square off against Coach Frank Reiff's Hornets tomorrow night in Cleveland Field, the defending State Champs have hustled through "one of the toughest weeks of practice this year," according to Coach Wright Bazemore.

And the thing which brings sparkles to the coaches' eyes is the fact that the blocking, which had been singled out as a chief weakness in last Friday's 28-0 victory over Baxley, has never

been better.

"Our blocking has been as sharp as I've seen it this season," said the Valdosta mentor, "especially in our workouts on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons."

The spirit this week in the Wildcat camp has been at its highest point and it has been a general observation that if the VHS gridders can carry their practice pace into the upcoming games, they'll be odds-on favorites to live up to their pre-season rave notices.

So far along in the season, the Valdosta defense has been the target for praise. Manned by as rugged a bunch of gridiron stalwarts as can be found in the Class A circle, the sturdy Wildcat forward echelon and its scrappy fleet of backfield "pluggers," promise to give Valdosta High an even better, more formidable defense than last year.

But this week the Wildcat offensive machine has taken over the show. With the way paved by aggressive "hole making" in the line and devastating downfield blocking, Wildcat runners have been clicking consistently through the defenders for long gains.

It is the downfield blocking which has been particularly sparkling. And one reason noted for its brilliance has been the impromptu contest between the offensive players.

When a play is run to the left, the right side tears down field. And when the play is to the right, the left side tries to get down faster than the right side did.

It is a unique system and typical of championship play; one that will award its prizes when the chips are down in actual combat.

Already the system has brought praise to the Wildcats' performance. In the line, big Paul McNeal and James Warren at the tackles and Floyd Rogers at guard, are probably the most improved blockers over last year.

And when these boys head downfield, they block anything in sight. It's dangerous for spectators to wander too close to the sidelines.

End play has been sharp, with Jimmy Walker and Ronnie Wetherington, two of the best

flankers to come along in some time, developing rapidly into demons as blockers.

Rounding out the front wall are guard Ray Moore, a consistently tough path-maker and all-state candidate Herman Parramore, whose accurate snaps from center have been a main factor in the smoothness of the Wildcat offensive.

The backfield has made rapid advances toward precision performance now that Noel George and Bobby Renfro have learned they can block equally as well as they lug the leather. And the "arrival" of Red Fleming gives the Cats, as his showing this week would indicate, a fullback who can stack up with any on the Valdosta schedule.

Sammy Hardin, polished and learned field general, becomes more shifty in the ball handling department as the days go by. Hardin, co-captains the Wildcat squad with Herman Parramore.

Latest change in the Valdosta lineup see Johnny Harris giving up his tackle berth in favor of a guard position and the Hardin twins, Fomby and Billy, moving from guard to tackle slots.

Sept. 18.



# CALHOUN GRABS TEAM, BAZEMORE COACH NOD

## Jackets Surprise With 18-0 Romp Over Bremen; Valdosta Rolls On

By JACK JACKSON

Valdosta's Wright Bazemore and a defensive-minded band of Yellow Jackets from Calhoun High share Georgia's prep honors this week end.

Bazemore comes away Coach of the Week for his Wildcats' 50-6 thrashing of a good Tifton eleven and Calhoun gets the nod for the upset of the week by blanking Bremen 18-0 in what had been tabbed as an even Region 4-C contest.

This Valdosta team must be one of those things. A veteran Tifton observer called it "the best team ever to play here" after Friday's game, one which saw Tifton bring a 3-1 mark onto the field including a 13-6 decision over highly regarded Cairo.

Briefly, this is what Bazemore's team has to its credit thus far: 28-0 over Baxley, 47-0 over Cook High, 39-6 over Fitzgerald, 55-0 over Douglas and 50-6 over Tifton. Yet to be met are Moultrie, Thomasville, Jeff Davis, Jesup and Waycross, all toughies with the possible exception of Jeff Davis.

Before the season, Bazemore,

who saw his team win the state A crown last time, said he should have Valdosta's best since 1947. No one argues with him now.

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**OTHERS WHO** rated serious consideration for coaching honors include Les Fouts of GMA, 7-6 victor over Albany; Alf Anderson of Dalton, 21-6 winner over Rome; Glenn Wade of Rossville, 14-13 over Spalding; Vassa Cate, Waycross,

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# Wildcats Play in Tifton Tonight; More Than 450 Valdosta Fans to Attend

Seeking their fifth successive victory in the current football campaign, Wright Bazemore's Valdosta Wildcats journey to Tifton this evening for an encounter with the aroused Blue Devils of Pig Davis.

With their "breather" games bunched at the start of the schedule, the Cats take on Tifton as the first of a string of tough opponents for the rest of the year.

The Blue Devils have licked two outfits that have also been victims of the Wildcats—Douglas and Adel—and can also boast a triumph over powerful Cairo. Lone blot on Tifton's record is a 24-13 loss to the Bulldogs of Thomasville.

Valdosta's first stringers, neither taxed nor tested fully in the first quarter of games, may have to go all out against tonight's foe.

A Valdosta-Tifton battle has been a meeting of champions the past two years. In 1950 the Wildcats were handed their only loss of the season by Tifton, 33-13, but they gained revenge by edging the Blue Devils 21-20 in a playoff clash. Last season both teams again won their regional crowns, but Valdosta clipped Tifton, 6-0 in a regular season tilt, and 20-7 in the playoffs.

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Jon Hall, representing the Valdosta Jaycees, reports that 450 reserved seat tickets for Valdosta

fans have already been sold, but that those who were unable to buy tickets here can obtain good seats at the stadium.

A motorcade of local supporters was scheduled to form at the Sallas-Mahone School at 5:45 p. m. this evening. Jimmy Moseley, Jaycee Motorcade Master, estimated that 50 automobiles would participate.

Leaving Valdosta at 6:30 p. m., the motorcade was to be conducted by cars from the Sheriff's department, city police, and state patrol. The Tifton Police Chief stated earlier that he would personally meet the local contingent and conduct the cars to a reserved parking area.



# Wildcats—

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ball into the air and Mattoon picked it out on the 30 and raced the rest of the way. Klein added the extra point with 3:16 left in the game.

Murdzia blocked George's kick, with only minutes to go. West Springfield recovered. Plumb tossed to tackle Howard Chandler, but the pass was ruled no good because of an illegal receiver. Plumb raced to 35 with 12 seconds to go, but failed to call time out and the game ended with Valdosta bringing the Peanut Bowl championship back to the state once again.

The lineups:

West Springfield—Ends—Blanchard, Mattoon, Morrissey. Tackles—Chandler, Harlow, Schweizer. Guards—Kindig, Murdzia, Pernice, Sosnowich. Center — Laboranti. Backs—Plumb, Klein, Harrington, Rolandini, Harrington, LaBranche, Leigner, Malley, Rose, Mattoon, Shields.

Valdosta—Ends—Wetherington, Walker, Hardy. Tackles—McNeil, Hardin, Warren, B. Hardin. Guards — Warlick, Rogers, Moore, Harris. Backs—S. Hardin, Renfroe, Greer, George, Massey, Webb, Flemming, Hughes, O'Neal, Taylor.

Score by periods:

West Springfield	0	6	13	7—26
Valdosta	14	7	0	7—28

Scoring touchdowns: West Springfield—Blanchard 2, Klein, Mattoon. PAT—Blanchard (run), Klein (run). Valdosta — George 2, Renfroe, Wetherington. PAT—George 4 (placement).





# KICKING AROUND

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**VIC DUNAWAY**

Sports Editor, The Times

With most of the teams having two or three games under their belts now, the regional prep football picture still is not much clearer than it was before the season opened.

Of eight remaining Valdosta opponents, for example, no fewer than six are still undefeated. Jeff Davis and Jesup have already won three games; Tifton, Moultrie and Waycross have two victories; and Thomasville has won one and tied one.

This weekend, however, heads will begin to fall. Friday Thomasville takes on Tifton. And before any of the three meet the Wildcats, Davis, Jesup and Waycross will all have chances to knock each other out of the undefeated circle.

Incidentally, the three teams last named are the only remaining opponents on Valdosta's eastern division, Region (1)-A schedule. By virtue of victories over Savannah and Nashville—neither of which were in region play—Waycross can be classed as the toughest prospective opponent at this point.

Jesup has yet to play a class A game, having ranged above and below to bring in their present 3-0-0 record. The Yellow Jackets toppled AA Glynn and Benedictine in their first two outings, then invaded class B circles to rack up Soperton.

With consecutive wins over Adel, Nashville and Alma, Jeff Davis is in the same boat as Jesup — no decision in conference play.

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**THE TIFTON-THOMASVILLE** meeting in Thomasville Friday night will have a double interest for the Wildcats. Aside from the fact that both are future opponents, that meeting could possibly decide the western division championship, or at least tip the cards as to Cairo's chief competitor for the title.

**THE WILDCATS'** chief concern at present, however, is not any of the undefeated teams on their schedule, but an outfit that has already been handed one loss. Subject team is of course, Fitzgerald's Purple Hurricanes, who whip into Valdosta for a game Friday night.

The Hurricanes opened their campaign with a win over hapless Cordele, then bowed to Douglas. But this is one of those games where records matter little, and the good people of Fitzgerald are reportedly whooping the game up as if it meant the state championship.

Already they have boasted that there will be more Fitzgeraldites in the stands than Valdostans' but that's spreading it a little deep.

**WHETHER A WIN** for the Dodgers in the opening game of the World Series will give them that extra shot in the arm to grab their first championship, or whether the surprising occurrence will so confuse the Bums that they'll stumble hopelessly the rest of the set, remains to be seen.

Anyway, it is something new for Brooklyn—a place where everything supposedly has happened already. Everything, that is, except a world championship.

It seems that the Dodgers have won several National League titles through the years without ever copping the big series. Now they're taking a lesson from Ol' Jersey Joe Walcott. Joe went after his championship so many times that he threatened to box more rounds as a challenger than the average titlist boxes as champion. But he finally unloaded the big punch and became the champ.

Yesterday the Dodgers unloaded



# *Wildcats to Battle Fitzgerald Hurricanes* *Here Friday Night; Hard Practices Slated* **Team to Stress Blocking, Defensive Work In Drills**

In preparation for the game that could bring perhaps the sweetest victory of the year, Valdosta's Wildcats were slated to get back into the practice groove this afternoon after a light session Friday and a "vacation" over the weekend.

The Fitzgerald Purple Hurricanes, perennially one of Valdosta's most rugged rivals, moves into Cleveland Field Friday night, all fired up to tame the roaring Wildcats.

Coach Wright Bazemore promised rugged workout for his squad all this week.

Like the Valdostans, Fitzgerald was idle last Friday. In previous games the Hurricane racked up Cordele, but bowed to the Douglas Pirates.

Still, Fitzgerald is not expected to bow meekly to a Wildcat army that has piled up 75 points while holding the opposition scoreless in its first two battles. The lads from Coach Bazemore's home town would like nothing better than to put a damper on Valdosta's hopes of bringing in a second straight state championship.

Bazemore reports that Fitzgerald is boasting of plans to have more fans at the game than Valdosta. "If they do," the coach comments, "we'll need a bigger stadium for the game, because I'm certain we're going to have a terrific turnout."

## **Will Stress Blocking**

Practices through the week will probably stress defensive work

and downfield blocking. Both were spotty in the opener with Baxley two weeks ago. Although improvement was apparent in the Adel game, Bazemore feels his line still is not clicking as well as it might.

The No. 1 defensive unit is set up with Jimmy Walker and Red Fleming at ends, James Warren and Paul McNeil at tackles, Herman Parramore in the middle of the line, Lee Greer, Ray Moore and Larry Massey as linebackers, Sammy Hardin and Bobby Renfro at halfbacks and Earl Gober at safety.

The attack will be manned by essentially the same performers as in the previous two tilts, with Hardin at quarter, Renfro and Noel George at half, Fleming at fullback, Walker and Ronald Wetherington on the flanks, McNeil and Warren at tackle, Moore and Floyd Rogers at guard and Parramore at center.

With both its victories over division opponetns, Valdosta leads the western half, Region 1 - A standings. Fitzgerald is winless in the division, its lone decision being the defeat by Douglas. Cordele, the Hurricanes' other opponent is listed in the region's eastern setup.



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## Bazemore's Crew to Get First Real Test of Year

Coach Wright Bazemore's Valdosta Wildcats were sharpening their claws today in preparation for their first big football game of the year.

Fitzgerald's Purple Hurricanes, always a tough rival for Valdosta to handle, move into Cleveland Field tomorrow night.

Although Fitzgerald has already lost one game, while the Wildcats are undefeated in two contests, the game may prove to be one of the most important of the year for Bazemore's crew. In past years, the Fitzgerald mob has proved that previous showings meant nothing while battling Valdosta.

Another point; Fitzgerald has already been in a couple of tight contests and can reasonably be expected to have picked up a little savy here and there.

Neither of the Wildcats' two previous opponents have offered much in the way of competition. So onesided were the games, in fact, that Coach Bazemore has been moaning that neither contest even gave him a good look at his team's shortcomings.

Practices for the past two weeks have stressed blocking and defensive work, both of which looked rather shoddy in

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