

'Dosta, Waycross Continue Neck-and-Neck Region Race

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Waycross and Valdosta continued their undefeated stride this weekend and it may be that the only team to stop either of them will be the other.

The Bulldogs downed Fitzgerald 39-6 while their opponent for the Region 1-A title, Valdosta, was victorious 48-6 over Jeff Davis. Both teams have one more chance to lose before mixing it up among themselves. Waycross meets Thomasville of the western division next week while Valdosta will entertain third place Jesup.

Thomasville won a hastily scheduled game with Jesup last night 21-14. The Bulldogs, Thomasville variety, were slated to meet Moultrie of Region 1-AA but the game was cancelled Thursday by Thomasville health officials because of polio around Moultrie.

Americus continued in the running for the 1-A western division title by subduing third place Tifton 21-7.

Americus started on the opening play from scrimmage when Ted Baldwin hauled the ball 54 yards before being brought down

on the three. Wall carried over for the score.

Undefeated and untied College Park added insurance to its 2-A championship by downing Russell High of Region 4-AA 19-12. The Rams came from behind in the final quarter with three touchdowns for the winning margin.

In a 4-A western division match, Athens drubbed Cartersville 25-13 and pushed the Bartow County eleven deeper in the cellar. Athens is second from the bottom.

Avondale clinched second place in 2-A with a 13-7 victory over Druid Hills. Third place Hapeville defeated fifth place Chamblee 25-7. Cordele took a 13-0 game from Adel in an intersectional tilt.

Ellijay and Rockmart will play for the championship of Region 3-A in Rome on Nov. 21. Officials of the two schools got together late yesterday and set the date. Both teams are tied for the regional lead. Rockmart downed Region 4-A Newnan 35-13 last night. Ellijay was trounced by Copper Hill, Tenn., 25-7.

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John Robert O'Neal carried the mail exactly twice as many times as any other Wildcat back — a total of six.

Jeff Davis, working from variations of the spread, showed a surprisingly strong offense, built almost entirely on quarterback Rayford Phillips. Phillips carried 19 times and ground out 101 yards. Only once, however, did he make an appreciable gain against Wildcat first string defenders, that in the first quarter when he broke loose, romped 40 yards to the Wildcat 15, and would have scored but for Hardin's last-ditch tackle.

Two of the most sensational plays turned in by the Wildcats all year—one each by Larry Mas-

attempted a short pass to the right side. Massey waylaid the ball on his own five and lugged it 95 yards to a score.

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Valdosta won the toss and chose to kick. Phillips took George's boot and returned to his own ten. Barton made two in as many tries, then Phillips racked up six before being forced to punt.

George lugged the punt back to the Davis 43. Hardin promptly handed off to Renfroe who scooted 28 yards to the 15. Hardin ran a bootleg around right end for the remaining yardage. George kicked true and it was 7-0 after just two Wildcat plays.

Again the Jackets were unable to move—except backwards. They lost 11 yards in three plays and Phillips punted again. The ball was grounded on Valdosta's 44.

Hardin missed Renfroe with a pass, but Renfroe took to the ground and made nine. Another toss, this time to Walker, also failed, so Hardin sneaked over

left guard for seven and Valdosta's first down. George cut off left tackle and disposed of the remaining 27. His kick was again good and the score was 14-0.

Quinn carted the kickoff back to his 28. Two running plays by Phillips lost two yards, then a freakish set of happening gained 10 for Jeff Davis. Phillips' pass was stolen by Massey, who fumbled as he was tackled, and the Jackets recovered on their 45. Phillips took off on his 40-yard run through the right side, but the threat fizzled as Massey again intercepted, but this time carried 95 yards to Valdosta's 20th point. George's kick was wide.

As the second quarter started, Hardin turned in the third 'Cat pass interception and set his team up on the opposing 31. Renfroe plunged to the 30, then Red Fleming took a pitchout and went all the way. After George's conversion it was 27-0.

A pattern. George kicked off again. The Jackets were stalemated again. Phillips punted again and the 'Cats took charge on the Hazlehurst 44. Fleming broke loose once more and, with the help of an important block by Walker, sailed in. George converted. Score: 34-0.

Phillips led the Jackets to one first down after the kickoff, but was forced to punt again. Valdosta reserves threatened just before the half on a 27-yard jaunt by Hughes and an 11-yarder by O'Neal, but time ran out.

A couple of plays after the second half kickoff, Davis left the spread momentarily to delve into the split-T. On his own 16, Phillips slid down the right side of the line on the quarterback optional play. Phillips was hit and attempted a lateral to one of his halfbacks. But the ball fell into the hands of Larry Massey, who

skipped 12 yards into the end zone, making it 41-0 after George's kick split the uprights.

A Phillips punt and a fumble by Fleming gave the ball to the home teams on the Valdosta 41. Phillips scampered 29 and the Jackets were again threatened. But they turned to the air and Bobby Renfroe intercepted on the goal and carried the length of the field for the final Valdosta score. George booted the 48th point.

Jeff Davis controlled the ball most of the time in the fourth period, but Wildcat reserves got possession long enough for O'Neal to run 23 and 27 yards on two occasions. Webb picked up 17 in two tries, but failed to complete any of four passes.

The Jackets pushed from their own 25 and finally scored early in the last period. During the drive, Phillips picked up 10 yards each on two runs, and passed to Quinn and Barton for 27 more. The payoff pitch was a 14 yarder to Barton.

Phillips and company pushed from their 32 to midfield halfway through the last stanza, but O'Neal intercepted. The Wildcats, however, gave the ball back after one first down.

Phillips bulled 10, 7 and 4 yards on successive plays as the game ended.

STATISTICS

	Valdosta	Jeff Davis
First Downs	7	9
Yds. Rushing	297	143
Passes Att.	7	20
Passes Comp.	0	6
Yds. Passing	0	63
Opp. Passes Int.	5	0
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Yds. Penalized	30	0

Score by quarters:

Valdosta	20	14	14	0
Jeff Davis	0	0	0	6

Scoring touchdowns: Valdosta —Hardin, George, Fleming 2, Massey 2, Renfroe. Jeff Davis—Barton.

Conversions: Valdosta — George 6.

STARTING LINEUPS

Valdosta		Jeff Davis
Walker	LE	Finley
Warren	LT	Lewis
Moore	LG	Thompson
Parramore	C	Connell
Rogers	RG	Evans
McNeil	RT	Mills
Wetherington	RE	Quinn
Hardin	QB	Phillips
George	LH	Ray
Renfroe	RH	Barton
Fleming	FB	Goldman

Jeff Davis Coach Joins Chorus Of Praise for Mighty Valdosta

Wildcat Stomp Jackets, 48-6; Renfroe, Massey Star, Phillips Leads Losers

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HAZLEHURST, Ga., Nov. 8—After Valdosta High had scored a 48-6 victory over host Jeff Davis here Friday night, Coach Ross Roundtree joined in the ever-increasing chorus which is singing the praises of the 1952 Valdosta team.

He said, "Valdosta is the best high school team in the state regardless of classification."

Roundtree said the all-vanquishing Valdostians had the most beautiful and devastating blocking he had ever seen on a high school team.

Valdosta, on the other hand, had

some praise for the locals. Wright Bazemore said Jeff Davis is the only team that had been able to penetrate his line thus far this year. He was high in his praise of Jeff Davis quarterback Rayford Phillips, who picked up 126 net yards on 16 rushes and gained an

additional 67 yards on six completed passes. Valdosta capitalized on every break in the first half to gain a 34-0 halftime advantage. Only two of the scores came on sustained drives.

In the second quarter Jeff Davis put on a sustained drive helped by Phillips' 45-yard dash to the Wildcat 10. From there Phillips shot a short pass which Valdosta's Larry Massey intercepted on his five. He danced around for his interference to form and then loped 95 yards behind a beautiful convoy of blockers.

Shortly after 3rd period got under way the great team from Lowndes County showed they could do it again. Jeff Davis drove down again and again Phillips passed. This time Bobby Renfroe intercepted on his goal line, picked up his blockers and pranced 100 yards to score. Jeff Davis' only tally came in final quarter on a 15-yard pass play from Phillips to half-back Glenn Barton.

Valdosta's heavy star-studded line played outstanding ball all night. They rushed Phillips unmercifully on his pass attempts. The Valdosta defense has now given up only 25 points in eight games while their offense has rolled up 336 points.

Valdosta's covey of backfield men all turned in sterling performances. The thundering cleats of Massey, Renfroe, Noel George and Red Fleming have not yet and are not likely to be stopped this year.

The Jeff Davis line, not to be completely outdone, stopped a couple of Wildcat drives in the shadow of their goal in the last half. Glenn Barton was outstanding offensively and defensively for Jeff Davis. Little Billy Ray ran well against the stout Valdosta line.

Score by quarters:
 Valdosta 20 14 14 0
 Jeff Davis 0 0 0 6
 Valdosta: Touchdowns—Renfroe 2, Massey 3, Fleming and George. Extra Points—George, 6.
 Jeff Davis: Touchdown—Barton.

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Locals Boast Three Wins Over Tough Foreign Foes

After a three week "vacation" with foreign teams, Valdosta's unbeaten, untied Wildcats return to regional wars this coming Friday night as they travel to Hazelhurst for a meeting with the scrappy Jeff Davis Jackets.

While Coach Wright Bazemore's Valdostans were sweeping aside three opponents in Regions 1-AA and 1-A (West), Waycross hopped on two division rivals and grabbed a one-game lead over the locals in 1-A (East) standings. Waycross now boasts four league victories without a defeat, while Val-

dosta has posted but three. In over all records both teams have come through seven contests unbeaten.

The Wildcats should have little trouble in overcoming Jeff Davis Friday. The Jackets are winless in the Region, having fallen to three opponents. Following Hazelhurst, Valdosta closes out the season with a pair of tough regional foes—Jesup, and the big one, Waycross.

Jeff Davis, playing its first year in class A ball, owns victories over Adel, Nashville, and Alma, and has bowed to Douglas, Fitzgerald, Jesup and Waycross. The loss to Waycross, last Friday, came by

a 33-14 count. Valdosta's showing against the Jackets might give some indication of what to expect in the Waycross encounter, Nov. 21.

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Valdosta has not played a Region 1-A (East) opponent since Oct. 10, when they battered Douglas here at Cleveland Field. Since then they have administered the first defeat to Moultrie (1-AA), and Thomasville (1-A, West), and also trounced a good Tifton team.

By scoring 34 points against Thomasville Friday, Bazemore's bunch ran their total to 285, or an

average of slightly less than 41 per game. Thomasville clicked for seven points and extended the opposition total to 19. No opponent, however, has yet tallied against the Wildcats' first defensive outfit.

Coach Bazemore, obviously well-pleased with his team's showing to date, intends to continue his schedule of drills, in order to keep his team at a sharp edge. Jeff Davis may not give trouble, but Jesup and Waycross are both respectable outfits who will be pointing their sights at an upset.

Nov 3.

Richmond, Valdosta Top-Rated in AA, A

Camilla and Hawkinsville Retain B, C Lead in Poll

By BILL MCGROTHA

Richmond Academy and Valdosta, two defending state champions, along with Camilla and Hawkinsville, continue to hold front-running spots in the four prep classifications rated weekly by The Constitution.

The Musketeers of Richmond retained their AA leadership with a 31-0 tripping of Savannah. Valdosta's Wildcats stayed on top in A with a 48-6 thumping of Jeff Davis. Camilla's Panthers whacked Pelham, 33-6, to remain at the B helm, and the Hawkinsville Red Devils kept their No. 1 C ranking with a 14-7 victory over Cochran.

Upper standings in all classifications are virtually the same as last week, since the challenging teams maintained the pace of the leaders.

Albany, Murphy, Rossville, Lanier, Decatur, Grady, Cedartown and Dalton fall in behind Richmond in Class AA in the order listed. Both Cedartown and Dalton dropped decisions during the week but there was not enough standout work by the unrated teams to disturb their No. 8 and No. 9 standings. North Fulton fell to third-ranked Murphy, 19-0, and relinquished its No. 10 berth to the idle Moultrie Packers, who own a 4-1-0 record.

Like AA, class A stands the same from No. 1 through No. 9. Trailing Valdosta, in order, are: College Park, Waycross, Morgan County, Americus, LaGrange, Rockmart, Toccoa and Avondale. Thomasville defeated Jesup, 21-14, and took the No. 10 position from the loser. The first nine teams in the classification all added victories to their strings.

And in class B, the listings stood for the first eight. All triumphed, except Dawson, who was idle. Milton, Villa Rica, Hogansville, Carrollton, Jonesboro, Dawson and Washington follow leading Camilla.

Dublin bowed to Swainsboro and

HOW THEY RATE IN THE STATE

CLASS AA

1. Richmond Academy (8-0-0).
2. Albany (7-1-0).
3. Murphy (8-1-0).
4. Rossville (8-2-0).
5. Lanier (7-2-0).
6. Decatur (7-2-0).
7. Grady (6-1-0).
8. Cedartown (5-2-2).
9. Dalton (5-2-2).
10. Moultrie (4-1-0).

CLASS A

1. Valdosta (8-0-0).
2. College Park (9-0-0).
3. Waycross (8-0-0).
4. Morgan County (9-0-0).
5. Americus (7-0-1).
6. LaGrange (6-3-0).
7. Rockmart (7-1-0).
8. Toccoa (7-1-0).
9. Avondale (7-1-1).
10. Thomasville (6-1-1).

CLASS B

1. Camilla (7-0-0).
2. Milton (9-0-0).
3. Villa Rica (7-1-0).
4. Hogansville (6-1-0).
5. Carrollton (7-1-1).
6. Jonesboro (7-2-0).
7. Dawson (6-0-1).
8. Washington (6-0-1).
9. Clarkston (7-1-1).
10. Quitman (7-1-0).

CLASS C

1. Hawkinsville (8-0-1).
2. Calhoun (6-0-1).
3. Fort Valley (6-0-2).
4. Warrenton (7-1-0).
5. Eatonton (6-2-0).
6. Bremen (6-1-1).
7. Tennille (5-2-1).
8. Tallapoosa (6-3-0).
9. Waynesboro (4-3-1).
10. Monticello (4-3-0).

Clarkston took the No. 9 spot from the Irish. Quitman tumbled Wacona and gained Clarkston's vacated tenth rank.

The first four survived a shake-up in class C, with Calhoun, Fort Valley, Warrenton ranking 2-3-4 behind No. 1 Hawkinsville. Eatonton defeated Tennille and gained the loser's No. 5 spot. Tennille dropped to seventh. Bremen jumped from seventh to Eatonton's old No. 6 spot. Tallapoosa, Waynesboro and Monticello were victorious and held to their 8-9-10 positions.

Visitors Have Lost Only To Waycross In Region

With just two obstacles remaining between themselves and the Region 1-A (East) football championship, The Valdosta Wildcats began polishing their weapons today in preparation for the first—Jesup's Yellow Jackets who invade Cleveland Field Friday.

The Yellow Jackets are presently No. 3 in region standings with three wins and one loss. Their only defeat in the region was at the hands of first-place Waycross by a one touchdown margin. Last Friday the Yellow Jackets played a hurriedly scheduled game in Thomasville and absorbed a 21-14 setback.

Jesup, however, is a rugged bunch that has included a pair of class AA teams in its six victims—Benedictine and Glynn Academy. Also, Wildcat supporters will remember the 1950 season when Valdosta played host to Jesup, which was then a class B outfit. The Wildcats were undefeated and Jesup had lost twice, but Bazemore's crew was hard put to wrestle a 27-20 win from the Yellow Jackets.

Should Jesup pull an unlikely upset Friday night, Valdosta would have to lump Waycross to throw the race into a three-way tie. If the Wildcats do away with the Yellow Jackets as expected, then the Waycross encounter two weeks hence will provide the undisputed champ.

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The Wildcats shelled their fourth region opponent, Jeff Davis, Friday night, while Waycross kept a one-game advantage going for Fitzgerald. Waycross is from the fold this coming

Friday, giving Valdosta a chance to pull even.

The Valdosta attack, which has averaged 42 points a game, should be in top condition for Jesup. Bobby Renfroe, hampered recently by a bruised back, showed his return to form by a 100-yard touchdown gallop against Jeff Davis. Joining with Renfroe, will be hard-running Noel George and Red Fleming, plus the smooth working field general, Sammy Hardin. John Robert O'Neal, Max Taylor and Robert Hughes are also ready for action.

(Paving the way up front will be center Herman Parramore, along with Jimmy Walker, Ron Wetherington, Ray Moore, James Warren, Paul McNeal and Floyd Rogers. That lineup performed so well against Jeff Davis that coach Ross Rountree is said to have called the performance "the best high school blocking I ever saw."

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Parramore, Walker, Warren, McNeal and Moore are slated for double duty on defense. Defensively they will again be joined by Fleming at end and Larry Massey, Lee Greer and Earl Gober back of the line.

With Gober at safety, Massey and Greer short and Renfroe and Hardin in between, the Wildcats have not been hurt through the air yet.

Wildcats Host Jesup Yellow Jackets in Contest Friday

Massey, Renfroe Notch 95, 100-Yd. Interception Runs

HAZLEHURST — Valdosta Wildcat backs galloped elusively through fog, smoke and defending football players at Cook Stadium here last night, and piled a 48-6 score on the Jeff Davis Jackets.

The win pushed Valdosta's region record to 4-0, and extended their season string to eight triumphs without defeat.

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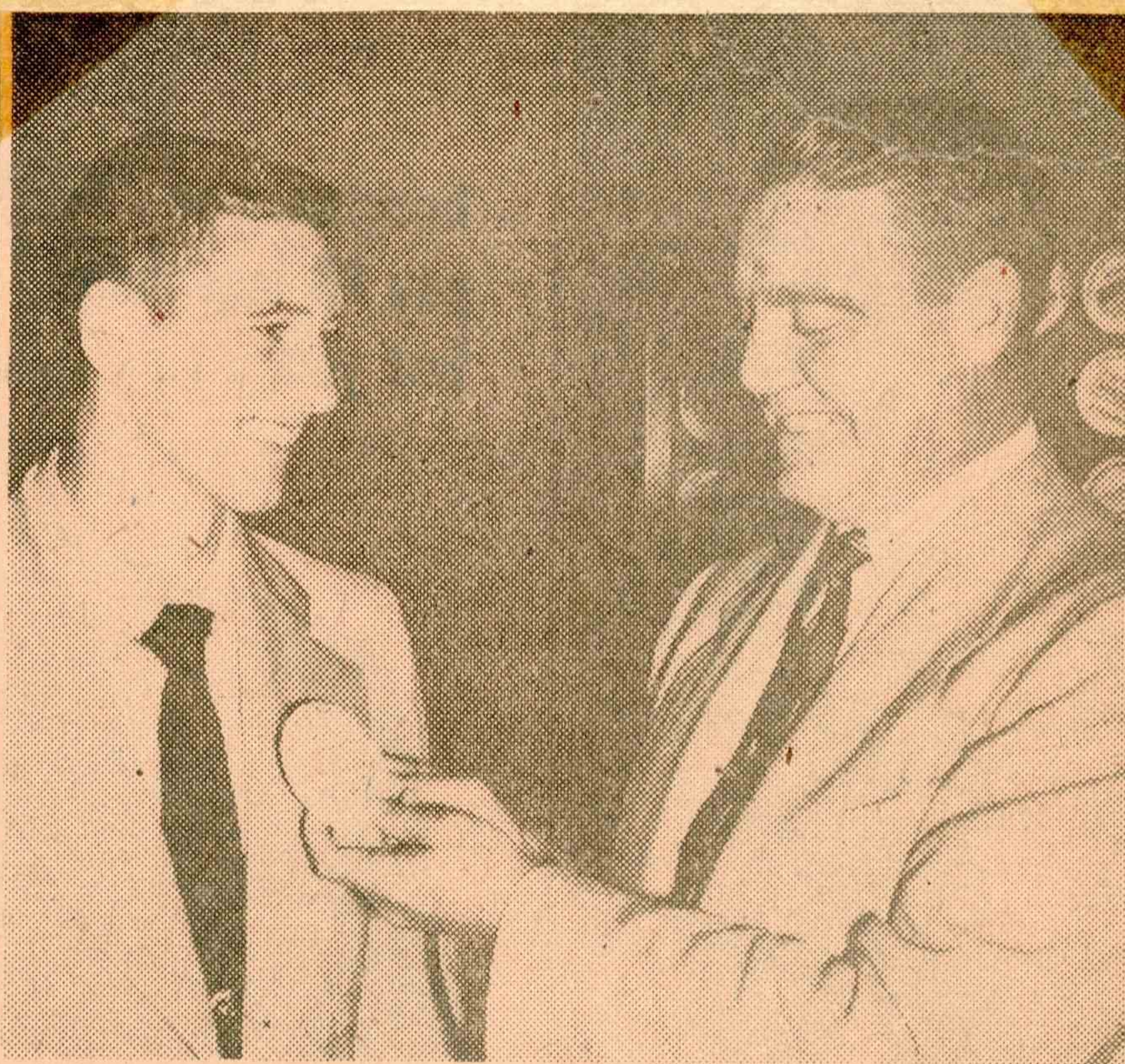
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WILDCATS ROMP OVER JEFF DAVIS JACKETS, 48-6



Staff Photo—Van Tooi

WELCOME NORTH, BROTHER Sid Scarborough, athletic director of city high schools, makes Jimmy Walker an Atlanta Touchdown Club "member for a day" by pinning the Valdosta High end with an official identification button. Walker and Richmond Academy's Johnny Menger—in absentia—were honored as lineman and back of the week at the club's meeting here Monday.

Noel George Paces Ground Attack That Nets 354 Yds.

BY VIC DUNAWAY
Times Sports Editor

Barring the imposition of a certain female known as Lady Luck, the Valdosta Wildcats have only to hurdle Waycross to wrap up the championship of Region 1-A.

Bazemore's battalion proved that last night as they systematically powered out a 34-7 triumph over the visiting Thomasville Bulldogs at Cleveland Field. Thomasville is the equal of any team the region's western division could possibly throw at the 'Cats in a championship playoff.

The Bulldogs were undefeated before they ran head-on into a portable concrete wall the Wildcats use as a line. Erskine Mills' visitors, sending backs like Doug Binion and Buzzy Watkins into the Valdosta defense, managed to sway that wall a little more than any previous opponents, but it was never in real danger of breaking.

A 38-yard run by Watkins carried to the Wildcats 39 in the first quarter. Two consecutive penalties and a 12-yard spurt by Binion placed Thomasville on the

STARTING LINEUPS

Valdosta	Pos.	T'ville
Walker	LE	Forrester
Warren	LT	Gould
Moore	LG	Hunter
Parramore	C	Braswell
Rogers	RG	Musselwhite
McNeal	RT	Taylor
Wetherington	RE	Johnson
Hardin	QB	Mays
George	LH	Binion
Renfroe	RH	Watkins
O'Neil	FB	Grant

'Cat 17 in the same stanza. Both times the defense refused to grant another inch. Still, it was the farthest anyone had ever penetrated against the regular defenders.

It was definitely in line play that the outcome was spun last night. While the defensive unit was effectively protecting the goal, the offensive forwards repeatedly smashed openings that the Wildcat backs, headed in the running department by Noel George, found for terrific gains.

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Renfroe clicked off 11 yards. But he and George netted only one in the next three tries and George punted again.

Binion punted once more three plays later, but the Wildcats ended the see-saw with a 63-yard scoring drive. O'Neil made 20, Fleming contributed five, and George made 16 more. A 15-yard roughing penalty helped the cause, and George bulled nine yards to the one, from where O'Neil took it over. Again George converted, making it 20-0.

Thomasville started a drive that eventually went to the Wildcat 17 before Hughes intercepted a Mays pass. An 18-yard Mays-to-Binion aerial, and a 12-yard run by Binion were the big noises in the drive.

There was no time for a play before the end of the half.

Valdosta took the second half kickoff and relentlessly rolled to another score. George, Renfroe and Fleming carried the burden of the march, George finally making the last 15 and converting.

Thomasville was compelled to punt again shortly after the kickoff and Valdosta took over on the Bulldog 47. George made four, then Fleming romped 33 after taking a pitchout from Hardin. A 15 yard penalty set them back to the 19, but Hardin, continuing his sensational passing, hit Jimmy Walter in the end zone. George kicked the final Wildcat point.

Thomasville registered their only score after the kickoff on a beautiful pass-play from Mays to Binion. Binion took the short toss at midfield and eluded the Wildcat secondary in a play that covered 67 yards. Johnson's kick entered the uprights.

Neither team built a real threat thereafter, although the Wildcat reserves, sparked by a ten-yard run by Hughes, and a 20-yard pass from Willey Webb to Larry Tatum, rolled 44 yards in the last quarter before giving up the ball on the Thomasville 25.

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108	Yds. Gain. Passing 100

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While the Wildcat line was plenty tough, their performance was equalled by the linebacking trio of Lee Greer, Ray Moore and Larry Massey. Quick to analyze Bulldog plays, one of three was always around when needed. They assisted in throwing Thomasville backs for considerable losses, and were in the mixup on two occasions when the visitors elected to try for a yard or less on fourth down. Neither time did they make it. In the fourth quarter, Warren Mays pitched out to Watkins. Greer hit Watkins the same time as the ball did, only with much more impact.

Thomasville's chief defensive weapon was 165 pounds of guard named Bobby Musselwhite. Playing middle linebacker, Musselwhite somehow overlooked his disadvantage in size and refused to be taken out. Binion, Watkins and Marion Bush were hard-tackling defenders in the secondary.

In addition, Binion's fine punting, temporarily pushed Thomasville out of several holes, and at least served to lengthen the distance between Valdosta and the goal.

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With the ball on their own 33 after George's opening kickoff, Binion caught the Wildcat secondary out of position as he heaved an aerial intended for Mays. Mays was clear but the toss was over his head. Watkins hit the line for four and Grant racked up five before Binion punted.

Valdosta took over on its own 37. O'Neil clicked off 13 and George romped for 20. Two penalties, however, set the hometowners back until Sammy Hardin hit George with a screen pass that carried 33 yards to the six. Renfroe ate that distance in one try and George converted.

Losing two yards in three plays after kickoff, Thomasville booted again and George carried back to the Valdosta 37. Center Parramore kept on the first play and surprised the Bulldogs enough to travel 63 yards for the second score. George kicked wide.

Binion made eight after the next kickoff and Watkins followed immediately with a 38-yard jaunt and the initial first down for the visitors. Three plays, including a Mays-to-Johnson pass made nine but Binion failed to make the yard on fourth down and the Cats took charge.

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108	Yds. Gain. Passing	100
18	First Downs	6
10	Passes Attempted	12
6	Passes Completed	3
1	Opp. Pass. Inter.	0
3	Fumbles	2
0	Opp. Fum. Rec.	1
60	Yards Penalized	35
25	Punt Average	38

Scoring: TD—Valdosta, Renfroe, Parramore, O'Neil, George, Walker. Thomasville, Binion.

PAT — Valdosta, George, 4. Thomasville, Johnson.

Scores by Quarters

Valdosta	13	7	14	0
Thomasville	0	0	0	7

VALDOSTA ROMPS IN 34-7 VICTORY

George, Walker, Renfroe, O'Neal,
Parrimore Score on Thomasville

Special to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

VALDOSTA, Ga., Nov. 1—Valdosta High continued on its merry, unbeaten march to the state Class A championship Friday night with a 34-7 decision over previously undefeated Thomasville.

The Wildcats of Coach Wright Bazemore tallied twice in the first period, once in the second, twice more in the third and gave up a lone marker to the visiting Bulldogs in the fourth.

Valdosta scored the first time it got its hands on the ball, marching 64 yards in six plays. Noel George carried for 16 and 20 yards in the drive and caught a pass from Sammy Hardin for 35 more to put the ball on the one, where Bobby Renfroe dived over. George then made his first of four successful conversions.

(The next time the Wildcats got the ball, they scored again, with Herman Parrimore racing 62 yards on the guard-around play.)

O'Neal sped 45 yards to give Valdosta a 20-0 advantage at half-time.

The Wildcats took the third pe-

riod kickoff and marched 65 yards for another score. Battering through the center of the Bulldog line, the Wildcats moved to the 12, from where George went over.

Later in the same period, Hardin passed to end Jimmy Walker for another.

Thomasville finally found the key to the Valdosta goal line in the fourth quarter when Warren Mayes pinpointed Douglas Binion with an aerial. The play was good for 67 yards and a TD.

Outstanding defensive players for the victors were Lee Greer, Paul MacNeal, Ray Moore and James Warren. Thomasville all-round standouts were Mays, Binion, Marion Bush and Bobby Muselwhite.

Valdosta13	7	14	0—34
Thomasville0	0	0	7—7

Atlanta Journal

Wildcats Take on Thomasville Her Both Clubs Top Respective Region

Only thing standing between the Valdosta Wildcats and their 11th straight gridiron victory tonight at Cleveland Field is a pesky bunch of Thomasville Bulldogs who have refused to take their predicted place as a "so-so" ball team.

The Wildcat-Bulldog scrap is set for tonight at 8 p. m.

Erskine Mills' Thomasvillians, after the loss of all-southern back Jimmy Harper and most of last year's first string, were lightly regarded before the start of the season. Americus was expected to breeze past the Bulldogs in the opening tilt, but Mills' team overcame a two-touchdown deficit in the last period and notched a 20-20 tie.

Since then, the Bulldogs have decisively won five straight ball games and now lead Region 1-A (Western Division).

Valdosta is knotted with Waycross for top place in the Eastern Division. The Wildcat - Bulldog battle won't affect the regional standings, but it will be a good

indicator of what to expect in the post-season inter-divisional battle for Region championship.

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The Wildcats own a string of five consecutive victories over Thomasville. In their long and colorful rivalry—one of the oldest in the state—Valdosta holds the upper hand with 22 triumphs, 12 defeats and four ties.

Last year's contest went to Coach Bazemore's Valdostans by a 27-7 count.

The key to the contest may lie in defense, since records show Valdosta opponents have scored a meager 12 points, while the Bulldogs have allowed 53. Offensively it is pretty much even. The

Wildcats have piled up 251 counters with Thomasville notching 230.

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If there is any difference in the two backfields, it lies almost entirely at quarterback where Sammy Hardin performs brilliantly for Valdosta. Thomasville's field general, Warren Mays, is playing his first year as a regular, but doing a fine job considering his lack of experience.

At halfback it is about even, with Bobby Renfroe and Noel George opposing Doug Binion and Buzzy Watkins of Thomasville. Co-captain Charlie Grant fills the fullback slot capably for the visitors, as does Red Fleming for Valdosta.

Up front, Bazemore's outfit has a big advantage both on weight and experience. Bobby Musselwhite and Frank Hunter, guards, are the Bulldogs' only two lettermen linemen, but Musselwhite often is as effective as two or three defenders.

Valdosta on the other hand, has the efficient Jimmy Walker and Ron Wetherington on the flanks (and such performers as Herman Parramore, Ray Moore, Floyd Rogers, James Warren and Paul McNeil in between.

Probable starting lineups:

Valdosta	POS.	Thomasville
Walker	LE	Johnson
Warren	LT	Gould
Moore	LG	Hunter
Parramore*	C	Braswell
Rogers	RG	Musselwhite
McNeil	LT	Taylor
Wetherington	LE	Davis
Hardin*	QB	Mays
George	LH	Binion*
Renfroe	RH	Watkins
Fleming	FB	Grant*

(*-denotes co-captains.)

Bulldogs Claim 'David' Role in Play

Thomasville Regards Wildcats As 'All-Time Dream Team'

By Ed Kelly

Thomasville Times-Enterprise

THOMASVILLE — Once in a lifetime, if he's lucky, a football coach may come up with at least one unbeaten football team.

Wright Bazemore, to the contrary, seems to make a habit of producing unbeaten squads of championship caliber. And the Thomasville Bulldogs have become reconciled to the fact that this year Bazemore has his all-time "Dream Team."

As a result, Friday night's tussle with the mighty Wildcats is not anticipated with glee. Thomasville fans are looking on the coming battle as a sort of David and Goliath affair—giant versus boy.

Erskine Mills has likened the game to a "man going bear hunting with a switch."

"You've got to have big guns when you go after big game," Mills lamented, "and we simply don't have them this year. Our ball carriers, although good in their own league, will be lucky to get back to the line of scrimmage against Valdosta's powerful defense."

The heavy Wildcat line presents an awesome picture to Mills and his much lighter squad. The Bulldogs, if weighed wringing wet, would average no more than 170 pounds, Mills pointed out.

"And contrary to current rumors," he added, "there is not a player on the Thomasville squad who could do the 100-yard dash in less than 10.7 in a track event."

Halfbacks Doug Binion and Buzzy Watkins and fullback Charlie Grant are hard runners, true. Binion is shifty and deceptive. Watkins runs almost at a right angle, with his head down and feet flying. It's a fine backfield—but the line is below par.

Only guards Bobby Musselwhite and Frank Hunter were first-stringers last year. Elsewhere, experience is critically short. Quarterback Warren Mays never played a full game until 1952 season opened. Most of the second-string members came up this year from the Junior High team.

All of which means that Valdosta will hold the edge not only in size and depth, but also in game-telling experience. In their own weight class the Bulldogs can hold their own. But the heavy Valdosta defense offers little hope for Thomasville runners to move along the ground.

The fact that the Bulldogs have sailed through six games undefeated is primarily due to their fine backfield and that intangible substance known as spirit and will-to-win. They are extremely scrappy and they don't give up. They have been forced to come from behind in every game but two. In the Americus encounter, which they tied 20-20, the Bulldogs were trailing by two touchdowns in the third quarter.

Big guns in Thomasville's offensive unit are Binion and Watkins, who are capable of going all the way on any play. Binion, especially, often looks like an eel—fast, slippery and dangerous. Binion is a "natural" athlete, the

kind who's at his best when the chips are down.

Watkins lacks Binion's finesse, but he is probably the hardest-driving halfback the Bulldogs have had since their fabulous Gus Letchas was graduated. He has a quick take-off and he is hard to bring down.

Binion and Watkins usually operate around the flanks. Thomasville's down-the-middle man is fullback Charlie Grant, a 170-pound senior. Grant is the fastest man on the squad and packs a big wallop in his 6'1" frame. And he can be rugged on defense.

But the keystone to the whole works is Musselwhite, a chunky 165-pound guard who has frequently been called a "playing coach." Musselwhite is the de-

fensive genius and he has proved his worth in every game. He's probably the most spirited player on the squad as well as the most rugged. Last year, Musselwhite was nearly individually responsible for stopping everything the powerful Moultrie Packers sent in his general direction.

Nevertheless, the odds are overwhelming against the Bulldogs. Despite Binion, Watkins, Grant, Musselwhite and Hunter, the weight chart has become their nemesis.

Here's the way it looks:

Ends — Richard Johnson, 160, and Eugene Davis, 165.

Tackles — Davis Gould, 185, and Edwin Taylor, 167.

Guards — Bobby Musselwhite, 165, and Frank Hunter, 168.

Center — James Braswell, 155.

Quarterback — Warren Mays, 155.

Halfbacks — Douglas Binion, 160, and Buzzy Watkins, 160.

Fullback — Charlie Grant, 170.

Oct 30.

Oct. 31

Carrollton's Maddox, Valdosta Earn Honors

By ERNIE HYND

Carrollton's Hugh Maddox and Wright Bazemore's high-powered Valdosta eleven take honors this Monday as the Constitution's Coach and Team of the week.

Maddox had his team primed just right to knock Villa Rica from the unbeaten ranks, 12-7, and move in as top squad in 3-B North and (Bazemore's jaeger-naut rolled over previously undefeated Moultrie of 1-AA, 33-0.)

What's more it was those hard-plugging line people who seldom appear in the headlines who essentially made the difference in both games.

Tackle Steve Radcliff played a terrific defensive game and recovered one of the two fumbles which led to Carrollton's two touchdowns against Villa Rica. (And tackle Paul McNeal of Valdosta did equally well defensively and recovered a teammate's bobble in the end zone to break the scoring ice against Moultrie.)

In winning this important 3-B game, Maddox continued to establish himself as a coach who can produce for the big games. His other wins this season, almost all close against good teams, bears the point out.

Carrollton opened by handing West Point its first region loss in three years, 7-0. Then against three of the region's best, he came through with a 6-6 count with Pepperell, 6-0 over Trion and 7-6 over Hogansville. Model, 14-0, and Lakeview, 26-7, were comparatively easy, then the big one over Villa Rica.

Other Carrollton defensive standouts besides Radcliff were fullback Bobby Browning, halfback Wendell Muse and tackle Bruce Threadgill. (Down south, Bazemore's eleven was held to one TD in the first half but ran almost at will to get revenge for last year's defeat and shatter Moultrie's 13-game win string which started with the opening tilt of 1951.

Besides McNeal, defensive standouts who produced offensively were end Jimmy Walker who scooped up a Packer fumble and rushed 24 yards for one TD and Lee Greer who intercepted a long pass to set up another tally.

Only undefeated Waycross seems capable at the moment of derailing Valdosta's championship express, which impresses equally well on offense and defense. To date in games against Baxley, Adel, Fitzgerald, Douglas, Tifton and Moultrie, Bazemore's eleven has a 42-point offensive average and two-point defensive count.



Wright Bazemore



Johnny Menger



Lucian Tatum



Hugh Maddox

PREP HONOR ROLL

PAUL MCNEAL, Valdosta—Played outstanding offensive and defensive game, and recovered end zone fumble for Wildcats' first touchdown in 33-0 rout of previously unbeaten Moultrie.

LINDSEY BASS, Tifton—Big end who did the most to smother Bainbridge offense in Tifton's 32-7 romp at Bainbridge. Sonny Lipsey scored two for offensive honors.

BUSTER POPE, Waycross—Picked up a fumble and galloped to the touchdown that broke Douglas' back in Waycross' 26-13 victory.

BUD WHITE, Pepperell—Bullied in from one yard out for three touchdowns in Pepperell's 27-13 victory over Gordon Lee.

BILLY LOGAN, Benedictine—Romped to one TD and added many more yards in Benedictine's 20-6 decision over Glennville.

LEON SMITH, Jesup—Hard-driving center who successfully operated the center-keep play to keep Jesup from being upset by Jeff Davis. His was the only tally in the 7-0 game.

TOM STOKES, Cochran—Quarterback who sneaked for Cochran's winning touchdown in their 13-7 decision over Folkston.

BURTON SCONYERS, Metter—Toed the all-important point which gave Metter a 7-6 comeback victory over Soperton. Hunk Lanier intercepted a Soperton pass at the Soperton 26 and Bule Lovett got the tying TD.

JIMMY BAREFIELD, Waynesboro—Broke the scoring ice and got Waynesboro off to their first win in 16 years over arch rival Louisville. Final score, 35-7.

DANNY PAULK, CHARLIE BARNES, Ocilla—Quarterback-to-end combination which scored three TDs in Ocilla's 31-0 rout of Alma. First went 38, second 27 and finale 61.

BENNY TROLLINGER, Cairo—Intercepted a pass and romped 45 yards to the first TD of Cairo's 34-0 victory over Cook High.

LAMAR WATSON, Camilla—Speedster who along with Lloyd Smithwick, Eugene Chambliss and Fred Bateman scored a TD in Camilla's big 28-point first quarter against Blakely. The undefeated Camillans went on to win, 46-0.

MICKEY LEWIS, HUGH FLOYD, Baxley—Passers who did the most damage as Baxley racked up 11 of 14 completions for 179 yards to massacre Fitzgerald, 35-6. Floyd scored one TD on a 15-yard burst and each

man threw a touchdown in the one-sided decision.

MIKE HAMPTON, Quitman—Scored one touchdown and got both extra points in injury-riddled Quitman's 14-0 win over Pellham.

JOHNNY MENDER, Richmond—One-man gang who directed and paced his team to a 14-7 jinx-breaking victory over Lanier in Macon. Menger, described by coach Harry Milligan as "the best back I've ever coached" faked beautifully, punted well, threw for one TD and played great defensive ball to help keep his team unbeaten.

ELWYN COLEMAN, Swainsboro—Rugged defender who led his team in blanking Millen, 24-0. Jack Lawson got two of the TDs.

GOO GOO HEIDT, Albany—Tallied four times and amassed many yards in Albany's 38-0 shutout of Baker. He scored from the one, 32 and 39 and took a pass from the 28.

JIMMY COOK, GMA—Scored three touchdowns and sprinted for runs of 32, 47 and 60 yards to aid others in GMA's 66-14 mauling of Tennessee Military Institute.

BILLY HESTER, GENE PURCELL, Murphy—Hester was the high-flying Eagles' outstanding lineman on both offense and defense and Purcell sparked the offensive backs, scoring one TD. He also kicked four extra points.

ALLEN BORNE, BOBBY SHIRLEY, Riverside—Fullback Borne broke clear for TD runs of 76 and 50 yards. Quarterback Shirley completed six of 12 passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns in Riverside's 34-13 win over Sewanee.

HARVEY GREEN, Rome—End who caught several important passes including a 13-yard TD shot and led the defensive charge as Rome clipped Marietta, 20-6.

RICHARD ALLEN, Brown—Quarterback who completed 11 of 18 passes for 154 yards and two touchdowns as Brown raced by Fulton, 29-6.

STEVE RADCLIFF, Carrollton—Recovered one of the two fumbles that set up Carrollton's touchdowns in their 12-7 upset of Villa Rica. Radcliff, Wendell Muse, Bruce Threadgill and Bobby Browning were Carrollton's defensive standouts.

HAROLD REESE, Smith—Threw for one TD and sneaked for the other in the 12-7 upset of North Fulton. The Smithies defensive standouts were tackles Jerry Davis and Hugh Gibson and guard Charlie Hartsfield.

HARVEY BURNS, Lakeview—Bucked for the all-important point that gave Lakeview a 13-12 victory over Model. Lebron Hyde scored both Lakeview TDs.

BUBBA HURST, Columbus—Broke loose on a 57-yard dash to bring his team from a 20-19 deficit to a 25-20 win over Robert E. Lee. Rudy Boyd got two imp touchdowns.

LUCIAN TATUM, Decatur—Linebacker who consistently smashed Spalding attempts in the Bulldogs' 42-14 rout. Tatum recovered a fumble to set up the first Decatur tally and intercepted a pass which lead to the fourth.

JOE HEMPFIELD, Commerce—Scored two touchdowns and converted two important PATs in Commerce's 20-18 win over Elberton.

MARVIN GRAVES, TED COLLINS, Calhoun—Tackle and center who did most to hold Ga. School for the Deaf scoreless while quarterback Bob Agee was tossing Calhoun to a 31-0 victory.

BOBBY THOMAS, JOHN MILLER, McDonough—Guard and end who stood out defensively in McDonough's 13-6 victory over Roswell.

CHARLES BYARS, Griffin—Hurled and guided his Gold Wave to a 34-0 victory over Hapeville. Tommy Gresham was his top groundsman.

MORTON DOCKINS, Clarksville—Scored three touchdowns in his team's 34-7 rout of Buford.

BUDDY SHEPPARD, Lithonia—Drop-kicked his second successful extra point to give Lithonia a 20-20 tie with Conyers.

HAROLD KIERBOW, Manchester—Scored on runs of 10 and 40 yards to pace Manchester by Fayetteville, 34-0.

SHORTY JONES, Blackshear—Scored two six-pointers in Blackshear's 1-B romp over Pearson, 39-13.

EMMETT ALLEN, College Park—Elusive halfback who scored twice as College Park romped to its seventh straight victory of the season, whipping Monroe, 19-0.

BUDDY LECKIE, Morgan County—Tackle who blocked and recovered a Winder punt which set up Morgan County's one touchdown, 7-0 victory over Winder.

SAM CRISCO, Lavonia—Sophomore back who raced 95 yards for the TD which gave Lavonia a 21-14 victory over Jefferson.

MICAJAH BAGWELL, Tallapoosa—End who along with linebackers Norman Owens

and Roger Wood led Tallapoosa's defense against Buchanan. Archie Allen got two TDs in the 33-7 win.

JESSE HOWELL, West Point—Rannie Smith's chief scorer as the Pointer guided his team to a 19-13 win over Jonesboro. Howell tallied all three TDs, scoring on two and three-yard bucks and a 90-yard pass play from Smith.

BOBBY GARMANY, BOBBY WILLIAMS, Hogansville—Scored twice each in Hogansville's 26-6 triumph over Forsyth.

HERB SHUTTE, Druid Hills—Bulldogs' aereal marksman who completed 10 of 16 passes to lead his team by Chamblee, 41-28.

CHARLIE LANFORD, Tucker—Scored two touchdowns, one a 25-yard run, the other on a 25-yard pass, and was the outstanding defensive man in Tucker's 47-14 win over Stone Mountain.

Oct 27.
Atlanta Con

Visitors Have Racked Up 230 Points in Six Games

Valdosta's undefeated Wildcats return home Friday after two weeks of foreign wars to take on another undefeated eleven, Erskine Mills' Bulldogs of Thomasville.

Named "Team of the Week" by the Atlanta Constitution after a 33-0 drubbing of a Moultrie team that was looking for its 12th consecutive win, Valdosta can expect no "breather" against Thomasville.

The Bulldogs have been an enigmatic and highly unpredictable bunch this campaign. Generally overlooked by football forecasters in season previews, Thomasville now heads Region 1-A's Western Division with a record of five victories and a tie, the deadlock coming against strong Americus.

Like the Wildcats, Thomasville has built a reputation as a top-notch offensive aggregation. In six contests, Mill's squad has piled up a total of 230 points. Valdosta has tallied 253. The Bulldogs, have allowed the opposition over 50 points, while only 12 have been counted against the locals.

Valdosta will undoubtedly go into the game as decided favorites on the basis of comparative scores. Thomasville tripped Tifton, 24-13. Then the Wildcats came along with a 50-6 rout of the same team. Against Adel, Valdosta racked up 47 points, while Thomasville managed only 35. Adel scored in neither contest.

Despite past performances, Wildcat coach Wright Bazemore is wary of the Bulldogs.

"Mills has Binion, Musselwhite and Hunter on his team. Any club with boys like that is bound to be tough."

The references are to Doug Binion, an All - State end last year and now a fine running and passing left halfback and to Bobby Musselwhite and Frank Hunter, both linemen. Musselwhite, a

chunky heavily-muscled senior, plays guard on offense and line-backer on defense. Hunter lines up at tackle.

With Binion in the backfield are Warren Mays at quarter, co-captain Charlie Grant at full and Buzzy Watkins at right half. Watkins, along with Binion, has been the running spark of the Bulldogs and has turned in several lengthy touchdown gallops.

The Wildcats have yet to face a team with a real long-run threat.

Bazemore's powerful defensive line will be counted on heavily to prevent breakaway runs. Red Fleming and Jimmy Walker protect the flanks, with James Warren, Herman Parramore and Paul McNeil guarding the centers.

If Thomasville scatbacks elude that rugged forewall, they will still have to contend with a supremely capable linebacking trio composed of Ray Moore, Lee Greer and Larry Massey.

Sammy Hardin, Noel George, Bobby Renfroe, Red Fleming, John Robert O'Neal, et al, will again hold up Valdosta's side offensively.

Martin Theatres to Award 'Popular Player' Trophy



MARTIN TROPHY—To be presented to the most popular Wildcat football player. Public balloting is now being conducted. Award winner will be announced at the end of the season.

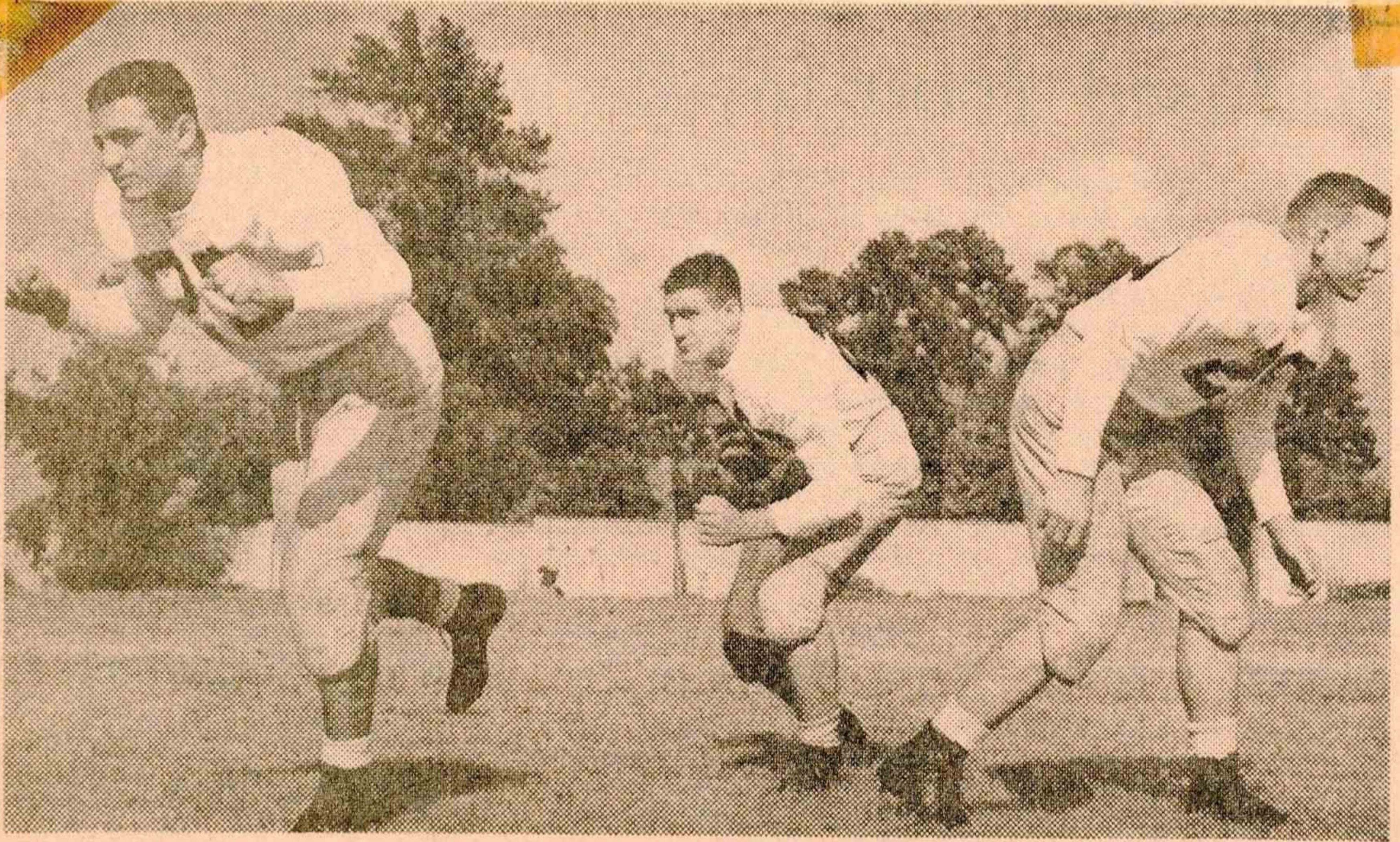
Voting is now open to determine the Valdosta High school football player who will receive the impressive Martin Theatres trophy as the most popular Wildcat player of the year.

Individuals ballots may be obtained from the Daily Times, the Dosta Outlook, or from football programs sold at Cleveland Field. Each person is limited to one ballot only.

With only some three weeks remaining in the season, Martin Theatre management stresses the importance of prompt voting. All ballots must be deposited in the box in the lobby of the Ritz Theatre.

Ballots will be counted within a day or so after the close of the season, and arrangements made with the coach for presentation of the trophy on the stage of the Ritz. Exact dates and times will be announced later.

The trophy, a yearly award by the Martin people, is shown on these pages. A series of similar trophies is presented by Martin Theatres throughout south Georgia.



Special Constitution Photo

THREE RUSHING STARS OF VALDOSTA'S FORMIDABLE POWERHOUSE

Noel George (L) and Red Fleming (R) Break as Bobby Renfroe Takes Ball

Bazemore Sees Valdosta As Underdogs Friday Nite

Valdosta's undefeated Wildcats may run up against a tartar when they tackle Knuck McCrary's also unbeaten Packers in their Moultrie back yard tomorrow night. One thing appears certain: it will be a rough test for both outfits. And coach Wright Bazemore, his staff, and all the footballers are looking for the worst.

"We know only too well what local opinion is," says Bazemore. "But we have to go into the game feeling we're the underdogs."

"After all, Moultrie is an AA school whose enrollment just about triples ours. The football team hasn't lost a game since a one-point defeat by state AA champion Jordan in its opening game last year."

Figuring the Moultrie team is a problem. The Packers are undefeated in three games, having missed two consecutive contests because of a polio threat. Just how much that layoff affected their play is hard to determine, but an observer at the Moultrie-Thomaston game last Friday said the Packers, "looked like they were playing their first game of the season, and probably wouldn't reach mid-season form until the end of the year."

Still, the Packers defeated the Thomaston outfit — a team that had pinned a worse defeat on Jordan than Moultrie had done, and a team that lost to Albany by only 11 points.

Coach Bazemore has stressed pass defense in Wildcat drills this week, since the Packers have clung almost entirely to the air-planes to muster a scoring punch in past games. The graduation of Ramblin' Ray Mercer from last year's powerful teams, seems to have taken away the entire Moultrie ground game. Packer runners managed only some 40 yards against Thomaston.

A tricky quarterback named

Dykes Barber, who loves to throw long touchdown passes, paces Moultrie's offense. Barber's favorite target is rangy end Gibson Newton, who has grabbed passes for the Packers' last four tallies.

The Wildcats are still managing to get by without any serious physical ailments, but several of the players are nursing minor aches and pains. Sammy Hardin, James Warren, Ray Moore, and some of the other first stringers are afflicted with charlie horses or bruises.

Despite those complaints, it seems, at least right now, that Bazemore will be able to start his regulars tomorrow evening.

Led by Noel George, Bobby Renfro, Red Fleming and John Robert O'Neal, the Wildcat running game should have a very

definite edge over anything the Packers can muster. But another point to consider is that the Moultrie line will certainly be rougher than the Wildcat backs have seen all year.

The home team appears to have the edge in passing, but if Sammy Hardin should be forced to rely heavily on the airways, he is capable of making a fine showing. Hardin's main contribution to date has been masterful deception and direction of the ground attack. He has thrown infrequently, but with accuracy.

Linebacker Ray Moore leads a Wildcat defensive team that is expected to add to the woes of Moultrie runners. Moore, despite his comparatively light weight of 175 pounds, is a deadly tackler and a good analyst of enemy plays. On offense, he doubles as a fine guard and downfield blocker.

James Warren, Paul McNeal, Jimmy Walker and Herman Parramore are other reasons why no opponent has yet gained more than exercise against the Valdosta forwards.

Oct 24.

Unbeaten Valdosta Rolls, 33-0 Over Vaunted Moultrie Club

'Cats Stop AA Club as George, Hardin, Renfroe Brand Club 'Great'

MOULTRIE, Ga., Oct. 25—Valdosta's Wildcats showed a vastly superior team here Friday night as they broke the backs of the Moultrie Packers in the second half to win, 33-0, before an overflow crowd of about 5,000 fans.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats were able to score only once in the first half, but they came roaring back to score 13 points in each of the final periods. Moultrie never seriously threatened.

Noel George climaxed a Wildcat drive from Valdosta 41-yard line by crashing over late in the opening quarter. He fumbled but tackle Paul McNeal fell on the ball for a touchdown.

Both teams appeared evenly matched after that with Moultrie taking the offensive edge in both passing and running. The passing team of Dykes Barber to Sweet Newton clicked only once for 15 yards.

The tide changed after the half with George smashing over from the two-yard line. A few minutes

later end Jimmy Walker scooped up a Packer fumble and rushed 24 yards to paydirt.

A 39-yard pass completion from Sammy Hardin to Bobby Renfroe brought the fourth score early in the fourth period. Lee Greer in-

tercepted a long Barber pass intended for Newton to set up the final tally. Red Fleming broke loose on a 27-yard jaunt, and George bulled over from the nine to score.

The defeat was the first for the AA Packers in 13 regular season outings.

Score by quarters:				
Valdosta	7	0	13	13—33
Moultrie	0	0	0	0—0
Touchdowns: Valdosta—McNeal, George				
2, Walker, Renfroe. PAT: Valdosta—				
George 3.				

This was in the Atlanta journal

White Team Wins 13-6

Wildcat Game Scrimmage Preview Best Defense in Class A Football for 1952

Coach Wright Bazemore's Valdosta Wildcats should have one of the best defensive elevens in Class A circles this year, if yesterday's game condition scrimmage at Cleveland Field was any indication.

The Wildcats, prepping for the season's opener Sept. 12 in Baxley, staged a furious battle of defenses yesterday that saw the offensive sides of both the Red and White squads stopped cold.

Sammy Hardin's white jerseyed team eventually took a 13-6 decision from the Red shirts, captained by Herman Parramore, but all 19 points in the contest were scored as a result of defensive play.

In the first quarter, guard Billy Hardin broke through the Red team's line to block Wayne Hardy's punt. Noel George scooped up

the ball and raced five yards for the score. George booted the conversion.

Jimmy Walker slapped a pass out of Hardin's hands in the second quarter and Lee Greer recovered to race 25 yards for a White team score. Larry Massey attempted the conversion, but was unsuccessful.

The contest moved along with only a grinding advance by either team as the rugged forward elements and sturdy secondaries took turns stopping the other side, until the final quarter.

Maxwell Taylor plucked Mas-

sey's aerial on the Red team's 20-yard line and sped down the sidelines for paydirt. George's point after was low.

The game, originally scheduled to be played under the lights was moved up to 4 o'clock at the last minute in order not to clash with the Valdosta-Albany baseball game here last night.

Bazemore, who liked what he saw yesterday afternoon, indicated that next week will be devoted to timing and signal drills. The Wildcats will have three practice days next week before they taper off Thursday for the Friday opener.

Yesterday's scrimmage revealed a wealth of stopping power that could well be a deciding factor in the Valdostans' quest for their se-

cond straight State A championship.

The White team was built around ends Earl Gober and Robert Taylor, tackles Paul McNeil and James Warren, guards Floyd Rogers and Billy Hardin and center Harry Lindstrom. In the backfield was Bazemore's "heavy" bunch, Red Fleming, George, Hardin and John Robert O'Neal.

The Red eleven was composed of ends Ronnie Wetherington and Jimmy Walker, tackles, Johnny Harris, Sonny Schroer and Eddie Laws, guards Ray Moore and Billy Warlick, and center and defensive guard Herman Parramore, while in the secondary was the "light" squad, Lee Greer, Willie Webb, Bobby Renfroe, Jimmy Hughes and Larry Massey.

It would be difficult to single out any one player as the most outstanding of the afternoon. But for occasional breakthroughs when one man got the jump on the rest, the two teams tackled in packs as an indistinguishable maze of football material stormed through to mob the runner.

Longest ground gain for the Red team in addition to Greer's 20-yard TD sprint was a 15-yard run by Hughes after his side had recovered a White fumble. With both outfits sticking mostly to a grinding ground game with the Whites paced by George and O'Neal, and the Red shirts led by Massey, Hughes and Renfroe.

KEYNOTE: OFFENSE

Sept. 10

WILDCATS PREP FOR INAUGURAL

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Coach Wright Bazemore had one more heavy scrimmage on tap for his Valdosta Wildcats this afternoon at Cleveland Field before the squad tapers off in anticipation of Friday night's season inaugural in Baxley.

While the VHS Coach seemed on the verge of optimism when questioned about his defending State A champs' chances this weekend, he cautioned that it would be "dangerous to underrate" the Bulldogs.

"The first game of the season is always a tough one," he said. "It decides which foot you start out on.

"Baxley may be a small school, but you can only put 11 players on the field at a time and you can count on Baxley fielding a scrappy bunch. Then, too, too Baxley will have an edge on its home field."

It has been with these thoughts in mind that the Valdosta footballers have run through their practice paces.

Grouped in a circle for daily warm-up exercises, the Wildcats go through their calisthenics to the rhythmic chant of "Let's get Baxley, let's get Baxley."

With the Valdosta defense already well set during the two weeks just spent at the Valdosta Touchdown Club camp, Bazemore has switched the emphasis this week to offense.

"We're still a little ragged in spots," he said, "but as a whole, our offense is shaping up well."

Running well the past two head-knocking days have been fullback Jimmy Hughes, a freshman who made the jump from Coach Buck Thomas' junior High team of last year; hard charging halfbacks Noel George, Bobby Renfro and John Robert O'Neal; and utility man Larry Massey.

Sammy Hardin has won praise from Bazemore for his ability to "fake your britches off." Hardin, the veteran field general, has been ably assisted in his pass pitching endeavors by a trio of sticky fingered ends, Jimmy Walker, Ronnie Wetherington and Earl

Gober.

And in the line, amidst all the standout stalwarts of the outer perimeter, Bill Warlick has continually caught the eyes of the coaches with his rugged guard play.

Bazemore indicated he had a "pretty good idea" of his starting lineup for Friday night's game. However, he said "I'll probably change my mind four ways before then.

"We've got two full teams and a bench full of reserves and with the spirit they've got, nobody can lock up a starting position.

"One thing is certain, we may not use a two platoon system this fall, but we'll surely do a lot of substituting. And that's something we haven't been able to do in a long time."

September 10.

Rugged Vidgers, Duke McCrary

Former V To First

There will be nothing at day night in Moultrie—but

For all the outcome of this game means, Valdosta could go on and win the state Class A championship and Moultrie could take AA sweepstakes. With these boys in different classifications, there is nothing to gain region-wise.

But every other way you look at it, this game has IT!

Moultrie mentor Knuck McCrary, native Valdostan, dished his hometown team the first setback at the hands of a Moultrie outfit in over 20 years last season when the Packers gained a 19-6 verdict. Under wily Wright Bazemore, who tutored McCrary as an assistant coach when Knuck was a senior in his playing days at Valdosta High, the Wildcats survived the shock and won the Class A title of the state.

Before McCrary came along, Valdosta repeatedly through the years dashed promising Packer teams.

Now the Wildcats have a power group that looms large as a repeat state champ. Currently in the second season under McCrary, Moultrie has lost only one with him around—and that was the first one, 13-12, to Jordan at the opening of the 1951 season.

All other south Georgia contests this week take a back seat to this one, region or no. Among the choice and prime: **Baker at Albany**—Indians figure to bounce back in 1-AA after losing to GMA; **Savannah at Brunswick**—strictly for fun; **Thomasville at Colquitt**—Erskine Mills Bulldogs yet unbeaten, but Valdosta is upcoming next week; **Waycross at Douglas**—



Wright Bazemore

Knuck McCrary

Vassa Cate has some more Bulldogs yet unbeaten; **Richmond at Laniers**—Musketeers expect to have Poets talking to themselves; **Dawson at Cuthbert**—Green Wave rolls on.

Elsewhere in the state: **Carrollton at Villa Rica**—maybe for the state Class B championship; **West Point at Jonesboro** and **Hogansville at Forsyth**—these four will argue long about the foregoing statement; **LaGrange at Cartersville**—Oliver Hunnicutt just wants to win those 3-A games this year; **Spalding at Decatur**—one of those yeee-oww games and a big one in 4-AA; **Rockmart at Ellijay**—Yellow Jackets, still unbeaten, figure this is 1950 and if they win this one they're in the 3-A clear.

The Terrapins split their T's and anything else that gets in the way these days.

Georgia Tech over Vanderbilt: The Commodores have fooled us all year and can do it again by beating a fine Tech team.

Oklahoma over Kansas State: Our percentage could fatten up on games like this. The Sooners in a romp.

Notre Dame over North Carolina: The Irish have zigged when

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WUG OUT 33-0

Second Half Rally Tags First Loss on Packers

By VIC DUNAWAY
Times Sports Editor

MOULTRIE—Held to almost even terms by a fast and stubborn Packer line in the first half here last night, Valdosta's Wildcats pulled the stopper after intermission and piled up two touchdowns in each of the third and fourth stanzas.

At the end, Coach Wright Bazemore's visitors possessed a 33-0 triumph over the previously unbeaten Moultrie team.

A tremendous bi-partisan crowd overflowed the 4,000 seats in the Moultrie park for the contest between leaders of two regions. Seating space was gone long before game time, but the spectators kept coming. They formed a

An inch either way might have meant a tie score, and the crowd still expected a tussle in the second half.

George kicked off again to open the third quarter and Gayle Manley returned from his 10 to his 27. Hiers picked up one, and a 16-yard penalty gave the Packers a first down on their 43. Barber immediately began to fill the air with footballs. After one incomplete attempt, Manley snagged a toss for 13. But Gober intercepted the next heave and the Wildcats took possession on their own 42.

Red Fleming, on the first play, tucked a pitch-out under his arm and skirted the left side for 43 yards—the longest run of the day. The play ended on the Packer 15. George, Renfro and Hardin combined to make a first down on the six, and George finally plunged over from the one. Again the kick was good.

(Before the third quarter had ended, Herman Parramoye broke through, hit Manley hard on the Moultrie 23, and jarred him loose from the ball.) Walker picked up the wayward oval and trotted alone into the end zone for the third score. Manley blocked George's kick to hold the score to 20-0.

Fourth period action for Valdosta started on the Wildcat 43 after Moultrie had punted. Sammy Hardin personally took charge from there. He hit Renfro for a 23 yard gain on a first-play pass. Hardin ran the next attempt for nine, then decided to try the same pass play. It clicked again for 35 yards and a score. The count settled at 26-0 as George booted wide.

The Packers took the kickoff and kept possession long enough for two plays before Greer intercepted a pass. Flemming immediately proceeded to strengthen his claim as most effective runner of the evening by turning in a 72-yard, left end run that went to the enemy nine. Noel George took a handoff, found a hole through center, cut back to the left and crossed standing up for the final tally. His placement made it 33-0.

Packer backs Jones and Gay turned in individual gains of 14 and 10 yards respectively soon after the next kickoff, but the Wildcat 45 was the closest they could come to a score. The home team was on its own 41 at the finish.

Gayle Manley seemed to be practically the whole Moultrie team, both on offense and defense. The bulling fullback played nearly the whole game, pushing and scrapping for extra yardage through the line, and acting as chief defender from his linebacker post.

SCORING: Valdosta, McNeal George 2, Walker, Renfro on pass from Hardin. PAT: George 3.

Score By Quarters				
	1	2	3	Total
Valdosta	7	0	13	20
Moultrie	0	0	0	0

STATISTICS

Valdosta		Moultrie
10	First Downs	6
202	Yards Rushing	101
69	Yards Passing	29
8	Pass Attempt.	10
3	Pass Completed	3
3	Opp. Pass. Inter.	1
3	Fumbles	4
3	Opp. Fumbles Rec.	1
28	Punt Average	39
45	Penalties	50

solid ring around the playing area, standing two and three deep back of both end zones. They perched atop the baseball fences and on the roof of the concession stand. At least 300 of them found seats in the baseball bleachers, well back of the regular seats but high enough for fair visibility.

The crowd expected a rough, tight battle and for one half they got just that. After Noel George booted the opening kickoff, both outfits ran two series of plays with neither picking up a first down.

In the closing minutes of the opening period, Bazemore's bunch found the correct offensive combination and drove 89 yards to the first score. Neither outfit managed to move in the second chapter.

Tension was high on both sides of the fence as the teams left the field at halftime with Valdosta leading, 7-0. Especially enthusiastic were the Moultrie fans, for the Packers had been a strong second-half time in previous games. Two of their three wins had been accomplished by late rallies.

But it was the Wildcats that did the rallying in the last half. Their offense blossomed into a coordinated, determined machine that shot for two quick touchdowns in the third quarter and another in the final division.

And the Valdosta offense completely befuddled the home bunch. Moultrie runners banged continually against a solid wall in the vicinity of the scrimmage line, and the passing fared little better. The Packer aerial combination of Dykes Barber to "Sweetie" Newton, chief offensive weapon in past tilts, hurt the Wildcats not at all.

Barber threw ten times. Three of the tosses found their mark, three more were appropriated by Valdosta backs, and the remaining four were incomplete.

Moultrie never managed to push past the Valdosta 35 yard line in the entire game.

It was an all-around effort that shackled the Packer offense, but here and there a standout performance could be spotted. Ray Moore was exceptional at offensive guard, but on the defense he really found his range. From his linebacker position he quickly abandoned play after play, knif-

diagnosed play after play, knifing in to drop the runner, or falling back on pass defense.

Jimmy Walker cavorted in the Moultrie backfield and protected his end position effectively. Earl Gober and Lee Greer were stalwarts in the secondary.

Valdosta's initial scoring drive started on their own 41 after an exchange of punts had brought a deadlock until late in the first quarter. Noel George broke over the left side and travelled 22 yards to the Moultrie 36, and the first first down of the game.

Fleming made eight, then Hardin, Renfro and George tacked together consistent short gains to move the ball to the Moultrie 5. George carried over from there, but he needed Paul McNeil to fall on his fumble in the end zone and account for the score. George's kick split the uprights for a 7-0 lead.

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Defense marked the second period for both combatants. Longest Valdosta gain of that portion was an 11-yard pass from Sammy Hardin to Walker. Best Moultrie was able to do was a 16-yard completion from Barber to Newton.

But one play, just before the half, brought every Moultrie fan to his feet. From his own 20, Barber faded to pass. Newton dodged to the middle and sped straight downfield—and past the entire Valdosta secondary. The toss was true, but both Gober and Greer leaped high as the leather sailed over their heads, and one of them managed to deflect it out of Newton's anxious arms.

WILDCATS WILL TANGLE FRIDAY

Bazemore Sets Intra-Squad Tussle Under Lights At Cleveland Field

By JACK TURNER

Heading into the final phase of summer camp, the Valdosta High Wildcats were slated to butt heads again this afternoon as Coach Wright Bazemore whips his squad into shape for the season's opener against Baxley, just nine days away, Sept. 12.

Slowed somewhat the past two days by hot weather, Bazemore hoped to make up for lost time with a two-hour long "heavy one" today.

The Wildcats will taper off Thursday, then cut loose again Friday night under the lights at Cleveland Field in an intra-squad scrimmage that will preview the Valdostans' 1952 prospects.

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Bazemore has been pleased with the work accomplished in the Valdosta Touchdown Club's annual two-week camp this year. According to the coach, "We can get more done in two weeks out here in the country than we could in three or four weeks in town."

With 40 huskies suited out, Bazemore and his aides Herschell Hamill, Al Clark and jayvee coach Bill Davis have been sending the grid hopefuls through three drills a day, aimed primarily at setting the fundamentals in order.

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"The main thing we're interested in here" said Bazemore, "is blocking and tackling and getting into shape. We will have Friday night and three days next week before the Baxley game to work on our timing and polishing."

"The spirit has been wonderful and I guess we must have had all the injuries last year to last us for a while. At least, we haven't had any really bad ones so far this summer," the coach added.

Other than the usual aches and bruises, the Wildcats have no one on the permanently disabled list. Red Fleming took a knee in his back and has been held to limited duty, as has Earl Gober, with a bad knee and Larry Tatum, who was shaken up last week. All three are expected back on active duty shortly.

Bazemore is particularly pleased with the work of the line, which promises again to be one of the best in South Georgia. "James Warren and Herman Parramore have been showing very well, especially on defense," said the coach. "Floyd Rogers and Ray Moore are shaping up into a pair of hard blocking guards and Billy Whitman and Jimmy Walker look like the two of the best ends we've had in a long time."

"Paul McNeill is working hard, his blocking is coming along sharply and he looks like he's going to play a lot of defensive ball this year. And Johnny Harris and Sonny Schroer at tackles and the Hardin twins and Bobby Warlick are going to give us a jam-up second team. We'll see a lot of substituting this year. We've got the horses that can go."

Our defense has been even

stronger than our offense," Bazemore continued. "In fact, the defense has turned into an even higher scoring bunch than the offense. They've been running back punts, blocking kicks and picking up fumbles. Warren, Parramore and Walker even beat the ball into the backfield and Larry Massey and Lee Greer are hard to beat at the backer up positions."

In the backfield, things are looking equally as well. "I can't remember when we've been able to do it before," Bazemore grinned, "but this year we'll have two backfields, one a heavy, hard running crew and the other a light break-a-way bunch."

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"Noel George is running like he did two years ago, before he broke his leg. Bobby Renfro, Massey and Robert Hughes have been going all the way and Willie Webb is performing well as a defensive back."

"Our backfield will probably be built around George, Fleming, Renfro and of course, Sammy Hardin. Hardin is shaping into an even better field general than last year. We'll probably hold him to the offense most of the time."

"On the light side," said the coach, "it'll be Massey—he's a strong runner, but he's also fast — Hughes and John Robert O'Neill."

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"We'll have a well-rounded attack and if we can just come up with a passer, we've already got the ends to make our passing game click."

"One thing we can't overlook, however," the coach interjected. "All the other teams on our schedule will be pointing for us, especially since we happen to be the defending champions. "And just about all of those teams are as improved as we are, if not more so." The big four which stand in the Wildcats' path to another championship are Fitzgerald, Waycross, Tifton and Jesup. "They've just about doubled in strength" Bazemore said "and you can't count out any of the others either."

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Wildcats Slate Game Scrimmage At Cleveland

The Valdosta Wildcats have slated their first workout under the arcs at Cleveland Field when Coach Wright Bazemore will divide his 40-man squad into a Red team and a White team for a game-condition scrimmage that will cap off the Valdosta Touchdown Club sponsored annual two-week pre-season camp.

With four practice days remaining at Cleveland Field before the defending State A Champions launch their 1952 season against Baxley, Coach Bazemore will switch the theme of his drills from conditioning and fundamentals to timing and polishing.

"We have accomplished a lot at the camp," said Bazemore, "mostly in the way of building our team into condition. Tonight's scrimmage will wind up the heavy work for the most part. But, we've still got a lot of work ahead of us before we go to Baxley. We've got to get our timing down, get our plays running smoothly and, generally, polish up our offense."

Bazemore: No Way To Rebuild As Good a Line in Near Future

By BILL MCGROTHA

When Valdosta High coach Wright Bazemore was a senior halfback at Fitzgerald High he made Robert Ripley's "Believe It or Not" feature by setting a new

national prep record of 250 points scored.

Now, if you would listen to Valdosta's exhilarated football backers, Bazemore's early accomplishments were just "kid stuff."

For, after the 30-0 decision over LaGrange Friday night for Valdosta's second straight Class A football title, these backers were talking with confidence of 1953 and 1954.

"So what if he does lose seven of those starters from this team,"



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A YEAR TO GO

Valdosta's Bobby Renfroe

was the consensus, "why he's got plenty more good ones from where those came from."

And you get the idea, from the talk, that if Bazemore did not have them, he would make them.

The coach himself was buying none of it: "Why, man, if you listen to that kind of stuff, you'll wind up way back in the swamp talking to yourself.

"There's no way we can build as fine a line anywhere in the near future. You're lucky if you happen into boys like we had once in every 10 years."

Bazemore grudgingly admitted that the 1953 backfield offense "could possibly" better this year's crew.

This, despite the loss of back-of-

the-year Noel George and quarterback Sammy Hardin.

Big boy in next year's offensive plans is Bobby Renfroe, 165-pounder. He's a fine breakaway prospect and plays a smart defensive game.

SHORT NOTES: The LaGrange triumph was Valdosta's 17th straight victory as the Wildcats reined in as the only unbeaten, untied team in Georgia preps at the close of the playoffs. . . . Nine of the 17 have been shutouts, including eight this season. . . . Bazemore gives large credit to line coach Al Clark. Before he came to Valdosta, Clark moulded a strong forewall that helped carry Cordele to a state class B title last year, though the coach had quit the Bulldogs for the Wildcats when the title came. . . .

There's a long chance Valdosta and LaGrange will tangle again for state honors within three months. Both have stand out basketball squads. . . . LaGrange, under Al Mariotti, won the state A court crown last year. . . . Mariotti, who doubles as grid line coach, said after Friday's game, "Valdosta has the best high school football team I have ever seen." . . . Valdosta basketball this year will be coached by Herschel Hamil as Bazemore steps out to devote his full time to football. . . .

Valdosta Lone Repeat Champ in Rankings

By BILL McGROTHA

Only Valdosta's high-riding Wildcats retained their No. 1 ranking of 1951 in The Constitution's final prep football ratings for 1952.

Something of a shoo-in for the top honor since they defeated every opponent this season by four touchdowns or more, the Wildcats led Class A ratings all during the current campaign.

Richmond Academy, last year's No. 1 AA eleven, slipped to third in the final tabulation this season as Murphy took over the lead spot as Albany reined in as runnerup.

Neither O'Keefe nor Newnan, runnerups in AA and A ratings at the conclusion of 1951, were in the top 10 at the finish.

Hogansville, 33-0 winners over Camilla for the Class B championship, holds down the top spot in its classification, and Calhoun, whose gallant comeback knocked Fort Valley off, 19-14, for the C crown last week, is the king in its class.

Cordele, last year's No. 1 team in B, moved up to A this year, and Forest Park's top-ranked C eleven skipped to B. Both found the going rough in the higher departments and finished out of the money.

HOW THEY RATE IN THE STATE

CLASS AA

1. Murphy (12-1-0).
2. Albany (8-2-2).
3. Richmond Academy (10-0-1).
4. Decatur (9-3-0).
5. Rossville (8-3-0).
6. Lanier (7-2-1).
7. Dalton (6-2-2).
8. Grady (6-1-3).
9. Cedartown (6-2-2).
10. Columbus (6-3-1).

CLASS A

1. Valdosta (13-0-0).
2. LaGrange (9-4-0).
3. College Park (10-1-0).
4. Morgan County (10-1-0).
5. Rockmart (9-3-0).
6. Waycross (9-1-0).
7. Americus (9-1-1).
8. Avondale (8-1-1).
9. Toccoa (8-1-1).
10. Gainesville (7-3-0).

CLASS B

1. Hogansville (11-1-0).
2. Camilla (10-1-0).
3. Villa Rica (9-1-0).
4. Milton (10-1-0).
5. Washington (9-0-1).
6. Quitman (9-1-0).
7. Jonesboro (8-2-0).
8. Clarkston (8-1-1).
9. Terrell County (7-0-1).
10. West Point (8-2-0).

CLASS C

1. Calhoun (7-1-2).
2. Fort Valley (9-2-2).
3. Hawkinsville (9-1-1).
4. Warrenton (9-2-0).
5. Bremen (7-2-1).
6. Tallapoosa (6-3-1).
7. Tennille (6-3-1).
8. Eatonton (8-2-0).
9. Waynesboro (5-4-1).
10. Monticello (4-4-0).

1952 Class A All-State Team

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL	HT.	WT.	CLASS
E	Sidney Maddox	LaGrange	5-11	155	Senior
E	Charles Hendrix	College Park	5-11	175	Senior
E	Jimmy Walker	Valdosta	5-11	160	Senior
E	William Prince	Cairo	6	175	Senior
T	Russell Davis	Rockmart	6-2	180	Senior
T	James Warren	Valdosta	6-3	215	Senior
T	Charles Martin	Toccoa	5-10½	193	Senior
T	Bobby Howard	Gainesville	6	184	Senior
G	Bill Hilderbrand	Douglas County	6-4	202	Senior
G	J. T. Tucker	Summerville	5-9	165	Junior
G	Bobby Musselwhite	Thomasville	5-10	170	Senior
G	Bert Doss	Gainesville	5-10½	187	Senior
C	Herman Parramore	Valdosta	5-11	180	Senior
C	Donnie Plonk	Druid Hills	6	190	Senior
QB	Sammy Hardin	Valdosta	5-11	180	Senior
QB	Dean Madray	Jesup	5-10	170	Senior
B	Noel George	Valdosta	5-9	175	Senior
B	Earl Parks	Rockmart	5-11	175	Senior
B	Bobby Ruark	Morgan County	5-10	187	Senior
B	Tom Murphy	LaGrange	5-10	160	Sophomore
B	Sonny McClellan	Waycross	5-11	175	Senior
B	Jimmy Usry	Americus	5-10	165	Junior

HONORABLE MENTION

ENDS—Avery (Canton), Duvall (Ellijay), Pierce (Hapeville), Pope (Waycross).
TACKLES—Tye (Americus), Penland (Ellijay).
GUARDS—Moore (Valdosta), Mitchell (Cairo), Pilgrim (LaFayette).
CENTERS—Edge (Americus), McDaniel (Winder), Rogers (Ellijay), Fowler (Douglas County), Hurley (Summerville).
QUARTERBACKS—Byars (Griffin), Baldwin (Morgan County), Parsons (South Cobb), Phillips (Jeff Davis).
BACKS—Lipsey (Tifton), Allen (College Park), Sherrer (LaGrange), Binlon (Thomasville), Loggins (Canton), Griffith (Elberton), Temple (Hartwell), Cobb (Toccoa), Renfro (Valdosta), Harper (Cairo), Duckworth (Druid Hills), Warren (Summerville), Wall (Americus), Coe (Toccoa), Ledford (Ellijay), Head (Cartersville).

VALDOSTA PLACES FIVE PLAYERS ON CLASS A ALL-STATE SQUAD

Maddox, George, Bazemore Picked As Year's Best

By JACK JACKSON

Just as they dominated the battle for the state championship, Valdosta's Peanut Bowl-bound Wildcats ran away with top honors in balloting for the 1952 All-State Class A football squad selected by coaches for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

No less than five members of the Wildcat squad earned berths on the 22-man pick, and one other

The Journal - Constitution's all-State Class-B football squad will appear in next Sunday's paper.

missed by the narrowest of margins. In addition, Coach Wright Bazemore was named Coach of the Year and fullback Noel George came away as Back of the Year. They joined LaGrange end Sidney Maddox, Lineman of the Year, at the head of the list.

End Jimmy Walker, tackle James Warren, (center Herman Parramore) and quarterback Sammy Hardin from Valdosta earned



WRIGHT BAZEMORE
Coach of the Year

places on the squad in addition to George, and guard Ray Moore missed by a slim margin. It was the biggest domination of an all-state team by a single team in years.

Maddox and teammate Tommy Murphy were LaGrange's contributions. The Grangers, who finished as runners-up in the A race, had two backs — Murphy and Danny Sherrer — who received almost equal support, but Murphy came away with a slight edge.

Rockmart and Gainesville were the only other schools to place more than one man, each receiving two spots. Tackle Russell Davis and back Earl Parks were Yellow Jackets named, while Red Elephants making the team were Clayton Deavers' two stellar linemen, guard Bert Doss and tackle Bobby Howard. Doss and Warren are the only repeaters from last year's A squad, although quarterback Dean Madray of Jesup, a 1952 choice, had made the Class B squad for two years running.

Rounding out the ends, along with Walker and Maddox are Charlie Hendrix of College Park and William Prince of Cairo. Toccoa's Charles Martin joins Howard, Warren and Davis at tackle with Billy Hilderbrand of Douglas County, J. T. Tucker of Summerville and Bobby Musslewhite of Thomasville running with Doss at guards.

Donnie Plonk, fine linebacker from Druid Hills, shares the center spot with Parramore. Hardin and Madray are the quarterbacks, with Murphy, Parks, George, Bobby Ruark of Morgan County, Jimmy Ustry of Americus and Jim McClellan of



NOEL GEORGE
Back of the Year

Waycross rounding out the backfield.

Nineteen of the 22 men are seniors. Summerville's Tucker and Americus' Ustry are juniors and LaGrange's Murphy is just a sophomore.

Many fine players barely missed the squad. Moore and Sherrer are fine examples as are Bob Wall, Americus center; Charley Byars, Griffin's fine soph quarterback; Sonny Lipsey, Tifton's workhorse runner; Doug Binion, Thomasville back and Jackie Ledford, Ellijay speed boy.

That Valdosta earned so many spots may seem strange, but in the light of their complete sweep of all opponents, it seems to follow. Bazemore guided the Wild-

cats to the state A title last year and is generally ranked as one of the finest coaches in the state. That he developed this team bears that out.

In addition to Bazemore, Class A coaches earning special mention were Bill Badgett of College Park's Region Two champs, Oliver Huncutt whose LaGrange team finished second in the state, Jim Luck, who guided Americus through an unbeaten regular season and Sandy Hershey of Rockmart, Region Three titlists.

George and Maddox were leaders in their team's drives to South and North titles, respectively, from coaches who saw them in action, or whose teams played against them.

'Cat Backs Pile Up Score Behind Bruising Linemen

Score this time was 55-0, Valdosta's Wildcats over Douglas.

And the Wildcats continued to chew up eastern division, region 1-A competition as their terrific blocking and tackling game held the visiting Pirates completely at bay, while first and second string backs romped freely towards the Douglas goal.

For local fans in Cleveland Field last night, the scene was a duplicate of two previous home contests in which Valdosta spanked Adel, 47-0, and Fitzgerald, 39-6.

In the opening moments there was the promise of a more closely contested ball game than the two previous romps. Noel George's kickoff went out of bounds on the Douglas 15 and the Pirates put the ball in play from their own 40. In two plays, the invaders had a first-and-five on Valdosta's 39.

On the first play from scrimmage after the kickoff, Glenn Davis scrambled for one to the Douglas 41. Walter Huckaby then took a pitch-out and skirted left end for 15 yards and a first down. The Wildcats were tagged for a 5-yard offside penalty, and the Bucs found themselves with a first down, five yards away from another first, and just 39 yards out from the Valdosta goal.

After Huckaby lost one, defensive back Lee Greer batted down a couple of passes thrown by quarterback Bud Sims. With fourth and six, Clyde Worth punted into the end zone, and the Wildcats took over on their own 20. The Corsairs never threatened seriously thereafter.

Valdosta's first drive was stopped after George and Johnny O'Neal took one carry each to gather in a first down on the Wildcat 33. Bobby Renfroe picked up eight on two tries, and George's run on third down was inches short.

George got off a boot to the Douglas 20. Davis fumbled the ball, and James Warren flopped on it at the enemy 26. Two plays later, the Wildcats had their first score on a bit of trickery that had the Douglas defenders more confused than the spectators.

After O'Neal had made four to the 22, Hardin handed off to George on a delayed buck off right guard. While both teams

piled up on the left side of the line, George hesitated a second, then shot through the line, passed within inches of one stunned Douglas back, and was across the goal before anyone decided to chase him. George added the point from placement.

Douglas took the kickoff but were unable to muster a drive through the rugged Wildcat forwards. Paced by bulling tackle James Warren, the local defenders made up for the brief opening drive by stopping all offense cold until the final period. On running plays, Warren, Paul McNeil, (Herman Parramore) and Ray Moore seemed impregnable.

When the ground game sputtered, Sims took to the air. He managed to throw a few hasty heaves, but Jimmy Walker, Wildcat end, kept him continually off balance, and several times dropped him for long losses. Larry Massey, who worked the other flank, also cavorted in the Douglas backfield.

It was Massey in fact, who racked up Valdosta's second TD midway in the first quarter. Fullback Clyde Worth, whose leg was exercised as much from punting as from running, dropped back to his own 25 to punt. Massey raced in, blocked the boot, then scooped up the oval and conducted it 15 yards for the score. Again, George's kick was through the uprights.

The same pattern followed the second touchdown, as it did almost systematically throughout the game. Douglas took the kickoff, ran three plays, then punted. Worth punted to the Wildcat 44 as the period closed.

Bobby Renfroe picked up 33 on the first play of the same stanza. Then, after Wetherington was unable to grab Hardin's pass, George cut through right tackle and rode the sidelines for 35 yards to the Douglas 7. Hardin to Walker clicked for the score, making it 20-0 as George's boot went wide.

The "pattern" again, but this time Worth's punt was blocked by Parramore and the hefty fullback fell on the ball in his own end zone for a Wildcat safety. 22-0.

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(More trickery. While the Pirate defense desperately sought the ball among Wildcat backs on the next play, center Herman Parramore tucked the pigskin under his arm and traveled 50 yards across the goal line.)

It was then 29-0 and the No. 1 backfield came out. Wiley Webb directed a Wildcat drive that utilized 28-yard runs by O'Neal and Robert Hughes to gain the Douglas 10. Webb then pitched out to O'Neal, who went around left end for the remaining distance and pushed the half-time score to 35-0.

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The first time the Wildcats got their hands on the ball in the second half, quarterback Sammy Hardin, via a "keep" play, flashed around right end and sped down the sidelines 45 yards to paydirt.

In all, the 'Cats counted three times in the next-to-last stanza, ending their scoring for the night, although the reserves gave up the ball on the Douglas 12 in the final seconds of the game.

Hardin-to-Walker connected for 23 yards and a score, halfway through the third period. Shortly thereafter, O'Neal took a pitchout from Webb, and didn't stop until he had covered 34 yards and racked up the final score.

The regular Wildcat ball carriers did all that could be expected, George, Renfroe, Hardin. But the reserves did just as well, especially Hughes and O'Neal, both of whom ate up yardage in big gulps.

A fleet of Wildcat sub linemen conducted themselves well, especially end Herbert Hardy on defense.

STATISTICS

Valdosta		Douglas
9	First Downs	3
442	Yards Rushing	-23
6	Passes Attempted	15
2	Passes Completed	3
35	Yards Passing	22
477	Total Offense	-1
2	Opp. Passes Intercepted	0
4	Fumbles	1
1	Opp. Fumbles Recovered	1
70	Yards Penalized	0

Starting Lineups

Valdosta		Douglas
Walker	LE	Dockery
Warren	LT	Davis, A.
Moore	LG	Gaskins
Parramore	C	Roberts
Rogers	RG	Spooner
McNeil	RT	Wiggs
Wetherington	RE	Kirkland
Hardin	QB	Sims
George	LH	Davis, G.
Renfroe	RH	Huckaby
O'Neal	FB	Worth

Wildcats Host Douglas Pirates Here Tonight

Bazemore's Squad To Be In Top Shape for Clash

Valdosta's Wildcats hope to make the Douglas Pirates their fourth straight victim of the season tonight, as the two outfits collide on Cleveland Field at 8 p. m.

The affair will be the third straight home game for the Wildcats, and the third successive out-of-town battle for Douglas. The locals opened the current campaign with a win over Baxley there, then came home to rack up Adel and Fitzgerald here.

Douglas' home opener was soured by a loss to Tifton, but the Pirates moved on to topple the Purple Hurricane in Fitzgerald. Since then, they have bowed to Baxley and beaten Jeff Davis.

Coach Wright Bazemore will

bring his crew into tonight's contest at full strength. Fullback Red Fleming has been suffering from a minor back ailment, but that is not expected to hinder him this evening.

Bazemore's squad has had no rough contact work since Tuesday. Practice was cut short by rain Wednesday, and the men went through only a light session yesterday.

Reportedly pleased with the performance of his outfit since the convincing win over Fitzgerald a

week ago, Bazemore says the team has "sharpened up" in practice scrimmages.

Especially noteworthy last week was the Wildcat defense which refused to allow even an inch of yardage to Fitzgerald. (The defensive lineup has Herman Parhamore in the center of the wall) flanked by hefty tackles Paul McNeil and James Warren. Jimmy Walker and Fleming hold down the defensive end posts.

Lee Greer, Ray Moore and Larry Massey give the 'Cats a top-notch linebacking trio, while Sammy Hardin and Bobby Renfroe guard the secondary, and Earl Gober down the safety position.

On offense, Ronald Wetherington joins Walker at end, while Moore, along with Floyd Rogers, takes over guard posts.

Sammy Hardin directs the backfield with finesse, and has demonstrated an accurate throwing arm to mix with the running of Noel George, Renfroe and Fleming.

Against the Purple Hurricane, each of the starting backs chewed up considerable yardage, with George clicking off the biggest total.

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VALDOSTA ROUTS DOUGLAS, 55-0

Hardin Passes, Runs Wildcats To Impressive Region 1-A Victory

Special to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

VALDOSTA, Ga., Oct. 11—Valdosta continued its bid for state football honors here Friday night, snowing Douglas under, 55-0.

Two 25-yard touchdown plays started the scoring early in the first quarter. Noel George raced around end for the first counter and then Larry Massey picked up a loose ball and ran over for the second.

Starting the second period, Sammy Hardin passed to Jimmy Walker for eight yards and a TD. Herman Parramore ran the next Valdosta score, going 50 yards. Robert O'Neal ran the next marker, a nine-yard rush after Robert Hughes set it up with a 45-yard punt return.

Hardin started the fourth quarter by running 75 yards to a counter, then throwing to Walker for another score. O'Neal took the final touchdown over from 25 yards out.

Ray Moore, James Warren, Jimmy Walker and Paul McNeil were outstanding linemen for the Wright Bazemore club. Clyde Worth, Bud Sims and Walter Hackly were best for Douglas.

Score by periods:				
Valdosta	14	21	20	0
Douglas	0	0	0	0

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Local Gridders Guarding Extended Winning Streak

When the Valdosta Wildcats play host to the Douglas Pirates at Cleveland Field tomorrow night, Coach Wright Bazemore's team will be seeking its eighth consecutive victory over a two-year span.

The contest, which will be the third straight home-game for the Wildcats, will get underway at 8 p. m.

Including two play-off games last year, Valdosta has been on top in seven straight encounters. The streak started with a 20-6 win over Jesup in the next-to-last regular season game of '51. Closing out the campaign with a 14-6 triumph over Waycross, the Wildcats went on to dump Tifton, 20-6, in the first play-off tilt, then dropped Newnan, 14-9 in the class A championship game.

The string has continued through three games in the current season.

Douglas, on the basis of past records, doesn't figure to break the Wildcat skein tomorrow night. The Pirates have won two and lost two thus far. Moreover, Douglas has been playing in a "cycle" alternating victories and defeats. The team opened with a loss to Tifton, defeated Fitzgerald, lost to Baxley, then dropped Jeff Davis.

Steady Improvement

Picked as the class of the region long before the start of the season, the Wildcats have so far made the "experts" look good. But such a buildup puts the coach on a spot, and Bazemore can't afford to ease up even on a seemingly helpless opponent.

The Wildcats have improved steadily since the start of the season and give promise of building up to their full potential in another game or two. Blocking, especially of the downfield variety, was streaky in the opener against Baxley. It was somewhat better, though not tested fully, in the Adel encounter. Against Fitzgerald, however, it was sharp.

Valdosta backs were hit by a case of "fumbleitis" in the Fitzgerald game a week ago. Three fumbles were grabbed by the Hurricanes, and one of them was immediately converted into the only touchdown scored against the Wildcat defense in three games.

Home Stand Ends

Tomorrow night's game will be the last contest before the home

folks until Oct. 31 when the Wildcats take on Thomasville here. In between, the team travels to Tifton next Friday and to Moultrie the week after. Those two games on foreign fields, will be the first real threats to Valdosta's unbeaten record.



KICKING AROUND

— WITH —
VIC DUNAWAY

Sports Editor, The Times

From Albany comes what was meant to be a resounding blast at the Valdosta football team, but what is actually a pestiferous squeek. One Mr. Harley Bowers, sports editor of the Albany Herald, just can't figure out why every grid-iron follower in the state is not hailing and hurrahing the Albany Indians. And more puzzling to him is the fact that a certain portion of the fans consider the Wildcats a fine team.

In his Wednesday column, Bowers wrote the following: "Every day we hear more chaff about the Valdosta football team being the greatest ever produced in South Georgia, a super team that some folks seem to think could beat Georgia in the afternoon and Tech that night.

". . . . We're still wondering why he (Bazemore) didn't want to play Albany, a natural rival and one that always attracts a full house.

"Could it be that Bazemore, who we consider one of the best coaches in the state and a good friend, knew he had a good club and wanted an undefeated season, no matter what the opposition? He had his choice of Moultrie and Albany and picked the Packers."

Take 'em as they come and point out for Mr. Bowers' benefit, that Coach Bazemore by no means had his choice of Moultrie or Albany. It happens that the Wildcats and Packers have a two-year, home-and-home contract which calls for the local team to play in Moultrie this season.

Indeed, had he been presented with such a choice it is quite likely he would have taken Albany, not Moultrie, as the team he team he could most probably beat. Both outfits topped the Wildcats last campaign, but the Packers won by two touchdowns, whereas the Indians' margin was a single touchdown.

Moreover, in the ten years he has been in Valdosta, Bazemore's teams have defeated Albany eight times and lost only twice. From that record, Albany is hardly a team Bazemore would be "afraid of."

Taking the chance that it won't clog the typewriter, I will quote a bit more from the same column:

"It is our contention, and anyone who stops to think a minute will realize it to be valid, that it isn't the same playing three or four good teams during a season and five or six in the mediocre class, that it is playing a good ball club every week . . . And in Class A football, there just aren't enough good teams in Region One to make up a rugged ten-game schedule."

So what are the Wildcats supposed to do? Lead a revolt from the GHS and from their own conference? Under the Region One, eastern division setup, the Wildcats must play every other team in the same grouping in order to qualify for the championship. Neither Bazemore nor any of the Valdosta High School officials has anything to do with establishing the regional program and its consequent required schedule.

Two of the regional teams are not competing this year, so Valdosta was fortunate in being able to schedule a couple of added games on their own. They slated Tifton and Thomasville, two perennially good teams which are at their best against the Wildcats.

There is one point in which Valdosta fans, and probably the Wildcats also, are in agreement with Bowers. We would like to play better teams, and especially would we like to play the Indians.

It is apparent that Albany has a terrific squad and a game between the Indians and the Wildcats would undoubtedly be a slam-bang affair. But the contest could not have been arranged, and certainly can't be now.

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FROM THE TONE of this particular column, and others of Bowers' bleatings in the past, the reader could not help get the idea that Bazemore goes around pounding his chest and screaming that Valdosta has an unconquerable ball club.

Nothing could be farther from the truth, or more unfair to the Wildcat coach. Bazemore is among the most modest of mentors. It is true that he calls his current squad the best he has ever had, but he has never made any extravagant claims about its comparative strength against others in the state.

It is really unusual for a coach to admit he has his best team. Many mentors would consider shooting themselves before admitting the same, because there can be no comeback if a squad is defeated. As a result, a coach will "play down" his team. Then if it wins he can lift his head proudly, and if it loses he can say, "well, that's what I said all along."

Oct. 10.

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By DUDLEY MARTIN

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Valdosta, Glennville Favorites Friday

Hogansville Picked To Win 3-B Title by Beating Trojans

By JACK JACKSON

Powerful Valdosta, twice-beaten Glennville and strong-finishing Hogansville draw favorites roles for Friday night's regional playoff games around the state, the latter despite the fact it has lost a regular season decision to the team it is meeting.

(Valdosta, unbeaten in 10 games and defending Class A champion, plays host to Americus (9-0-1) for the 1-A title; Glennville (8-2) and Screven County (5-3-1) stage a replay at Statesboro for 2-B's championship, and Hogansville (8-1) goes against Carrollton (8-1-1) at Newnan with the 3-B crown in balance.

Both the Hogansville-Carrollton and Screven-Glennville games are replays. Glennville beat the Gamecocks, 19-13, on Oct. 10 and Carrollton turned back the Wave, 7-6, Oct. 3. They meet again since both 2 and 3 were subdivided in Class B and those games did not figure in standings.

Americus has the least pleasant task of all. The Panthers are running head-on into a club which has not only beaten, but demolished 10 straight foes and has a 14-game streak going over a two-year period. Latest Valdosta victim was previously un-

beaten Waycross and the score in that one was 33-0.

But Jim Luck's Panthers will show up. Comparative scores place them on a level with Waycross, but they are conceding nothing. They hope to match Noel George, Sammy Hardin and Co., with one of the state's most proficient offenses, headed by all-state candidate Jimmy Usry, a youngster who has scored 105 points this season.

Winner of that game moves into state semifinals against College Park. The unbeaten Rams won Region 2.

Hogansville's favoritism over Carrollton stems from a stout last half after a rough first half during the regular season. The Wave won its opener, then lost to Carrollton and was hard pressed to beat West Point and Jonesboro. Since, however, Hogansville had rolled over five straight foes with 26 points its lowest one-night output. Bobby Garmany is the Wave standout in the backfield.

Glennville, under George Ford, lost an early season decision to Swainsboro by 7-6, then came on to beat all foes with the exception of AA Benedictine. Screven won 2-B North despite a loop loss to ECI and tie with Swainsboro as well as outside losses to Glennville and Statesboro.

Survivor of the Hogansville-Carrollton battle meets Milton, winner of the Glennville-Screven contest takes on Camilla in state semifinals.

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Both Teams Carry Title Hopes Into Big Contest

Valdosta's undefeated Wildcats face a major obstacle in the road to their third straight Region championship Friday night when they journey to Waycross to close out the regular season against Vassa Cate's equally undefeated Bulldogs. The game will start at 8 p.m.

It will be a battle between two of South Georgia's most heated football rivals, and rarely is a "traditional" game packed with the overall importance of this one. For the loser it will mean the end of football, 1952. For the winner it means a shot at the Western division champ for the 1-A title, and a possible slot in statewide playoffs.

Both outfits will enter the contest with identical 9-0 records, and marks of five wins and no losses in region play. Wright Bazemore's footballers have swamped Baxley, Mel, Fitzgerald, Douglas, Tifton, Moultrie, Thomasville, Jeff Davis, and Jesup. Waycross has rolled past Savannah, Nashville, Baxley, Jesup, Glynn Academy, Douglas, Jeff Davis, Fitzgerald and Thomasville.

A few comparative scores: Waycross tripped Jesup, 13-7. Valdosta won over the same team 26-0. Against Thomasville, Valdosta scored a 34-7 win, while Waycross won, 13-7. Against Fitzgerald, both teams posted identical 39-6 scores.

Football fans are aware that comparative scores actually give little on which to base a prediction. Especially so in the case of a Wildcat-Bulldog encounter. Rumors keep sifting in from Waycross way that Gus Cate has been pointing to this one all year, and has managed to cover up the full potential of his team from Valdosta scouting. It is said that the Bulldogs have tripped nine opponents by sticking to basic plays, being content to hold a small lead and risk an upset rather than display any "special" tactics.

The Bulldog attack is sparked by Jimmy McClelland, a back who could run in any state high school company. McClelland has provided the margin of victory in several contests this year. A hard, shifty runner—but not exceedingly fast according to reports—McClelland had his biggest day against Fitzgerald when he ran for four touchdowns.

McClelland, and also right half-back Billy Ray Darden, prefer to run through the line rather than around it. Both are especially effective on plays that send them off-tackle.

Should the Bulldogs continue to rely heavily on slashes through tackle, it would probably be a point in Valdosta's favor. James Warren, flawless Wildcat tackle, has made his portion of the line forbidden territory to enemy runners. Paul McNeil, Warren's huge running mate has been extremely stingy with the yardage, at the other tackle.

The entire Valdosta defense, for that matter, has been close to

Bobby Renfro, opponents have thus far been scoreless, and several haven't even crossed the mid-field stripe.

Four TD's notched against Bazemore's battalion this year, have all come against reserve defenders, and even so, none of the tallies have been scored against the line.

The performance of that rugged defensive unit could well spell the outcome of the game. It is almost a certainty that Wildcats Hardin, Renfro, George, Fleming and O'Neal will take care of Valdosta's block on the scoreboard.

Wildcats Face Powerful Waycross Bulldogs Friday Night

TOUGH 'CATS'

DROP JESUP, 26-0

Defensive Unit Sets Up Scores; Hardin's Passes Spur Yellow Jackets

VALDOSTA, Ga., Nov. 15—Valdosta's vaunted attack was erratic against an inspired nest of Jesup Yellow Jackets here Friday night, but the defensive unit rose to the occasion and sparked the Wildcats to a 26-0 victory.

It was Valdosta's ninth straight triumph. In addition to holding Jesup inside their own territory all evening, the Wildcat defenders handed the ball to the offensive unit for each of the four Valdosta touchdowns.

After a bruising scoreless first quarter, Ray Moor intercepted a pass on the Jesup 39 to set up the first score. John Robert O'Neal romped 28 yards to the five, and Noel George made the remaining distance in two tries.

The Yellow Jackets ran just one play after the kickoff before the Wildcat defense knocked Red Madray loose from the ball. James Warren handed the pig-skin back to the offensive team on the Jesup 22. Six plays later, Sammy Hardin sneaked over from the one.

Again the visitors managed just

one play after the kickoff. Warren this time racked up Riley Reddish, who bobbled the ball back to Valdosta on the Jesup 35. Harding threw to George for 21 yards and Renfroe, two plays later, cracked over from two yards out.

The Wildcats were unable to score again until the final period when Valdosta again recovered a fumble on the enemy 49. Hardin connected with Renfroe for 34 yards. Renfroe then romped 12 yards to the two, from which point George bulled over for the final tally.

Tackle James Warren and guard-linebacker Ray Moor took top honors, defensively, for Valdosta. End Jimmy Walker, linebackers Lee Greer and Larry Massey, tackle Paul McNeil, and defensive back Earl Gober were also outstanding.

Sammy Hardin's passing was the only consistent Wildcat offensive weapon. The smooth quarterback hit six times for 82 yards.

Score by quarters:				
Valdosta	0	20	0	0—26
Jesup	0	0	0	0—0

100-Car Motorcade in Trip From Valdosta For Contest

By VIC DUNAWAY
Times Sports Editor

Coach Wright Bazemore's Valdosta Wildcats plunged into the second—and most challenging—half of their 1952 schedule in Tifton last night with a resounding 50-6 thumping of a Blue Devil team figured by many to give the Cats their first real battle of the season.

Almost as many Valdosta fans witnessed the contest as Tifton adherents. The Jaycee motorcade from Valdosta included 100 cars and more than 500 tickets had been sold in Valdosta. Many fans who bought tickets at the stadium ran the total Wildcat supporters to 800 or 900.

But the Devils of last night were not the same bunch that spilled previously unbeaten Cairo a week ago. The hometowners were game all the way, but obviously outmanned. With their running attack completely frozen by an impregnable Wildcat line in the first half, the Imps came back in the second portion to unleash a telling aerial attack that netted them their only touchdown in the third period and kept threatening the rest of the way.

It was apparent early that Pig Davis' squad was gunning for the top and going on an all-out gamble for an upset. With the Blue Devils on their own 29 early in the first quarter—no score yet—Tifton elected to try for a half yard on fourth down. Valdosta's line wasn't having any and the Cats took over. One play later, Bobby Renfro had charged down the right sidelines, bowling over a couple of would-be tacklers in the process and scored the first TD.

That turn of events seemed to stun the hometowners, who became practically lifeless for the remainder of the half. In the first two periods, only three scrimmage plays were run in Valdosta territory and those by the Wildcats themselves from the vicinity of their own 40 after a punt.

George kicked off after the first Wildcat TD and Ronald Tyson managed to return it only to the 13. Shortly thereafter Cooper was forced to punt out to the Valdosta 45. On the initial play, Renfro made 16, then George, Hardin and George again picked up eight yards at a crack before George pushed over from the 3. George promptly made good on his second conversion and the score stood at 14-0.

Wildcat backs—especially Renfro—continued to run almost at will. Renfro clipped off another spurt of 37 yards that led to the third score early in the second period.

The Blue Devils, meanwhile, tried various formations with little success from any of them. Lining up in the "T," Tifton generally shifted to the single wing with unbalanced line, but thrusts by Tyson and Stinnette registered yardage infrequently.

Jimmy Walker and Lee Greer jealously protected the flanks, while James Warren, Paul McNeil and Herman Parramore refused to be moved out of the middle.

Unable to move along the ground, Bernard Smith took to the air. He hit Lindsey Bass with an 11 yarder once, but John Robert O'Neal broke up the throwing party with an interception in the fading minutes of the half.

O'Neal followed up his interception by breaking loose around left end on the first scrimmage play and speeding 48 yards for the final tally of the half. George missed the attempted conversion after four straight and the count stood Valdosta 34, Tifton 0.

Renfro returned the second-half kickoff from the 10 to the 38 and the Wildcats set sail on a sustained drive that ended inside the Tifton end zone for the sixth time. Hardin picked up 14 yards in one run and Red Fleming racked up another 13, but the drive was mostly featured by alternate short gains of O'Neal and Maxwell Taylor, which picked up three first downs in the process. Taylor finally drove over from the two. Wiley Webb's kick was blocked.

The Blue Devils, after the ensuing kickoff, unwrapped a surprise package that provided a string of thrills for the home fans.

The Wildcats felt the need of one more touchdown. Four plays after Tifton's kickoff and just at the opening of the final period, they had it. The ball was put in play on the Valdosta 36. Renfro flashed for 15 and Hardin trotted 17 to reach the enemy 30. Red Fleming covered those 30 yards in one gulp. George again kicked true and the visitors extended their advantage to 47-6.

Spurlin failed on one attempted pass as soon as the Devils took the ball. Hard-charging Wildcat forwards blocked Spurlin's next pass and Eddie Laws, Cat tackle, plucked it down on the Tifton 39.

An 11-yard jaunt by O'Neal ended on the 39, but a 15-yard penalty shoved the Cats back to the 32. Webb hit Dowling with a 23-yard pass and two plays later, Noel George booted a field goal from 15 yards out to end the scoring.

Spurlin went to work with a vengeance on the final series of plays. He turned in 11, 12, 14 and 8 yard completions, but time ran out.

Eddie Laws and Sonn Shroyer joined the regulars in turning in outstanding performances in the line. Quarterback Wiley Webb directed the reserves in the second half.

Starting lineups:

VALDOSTA		TIFTON
Walker	LE	Bass
Warren	LT	Bruce
Moore	LG	Busbin
Parramore	C	McCrary
Rogers	RG	Howell
McNeil	RT	Youmans
Wetherington	RE	Cooper
Hardin	QB	Smith
George	LH	Hughes
Renfro	RH	Stinnette
Fleming	FB	Tyson

Valdosta Tifton

First Downs	12	5
Yds. Rushing	342	25
Pass. Att.	6	15
Pass. Comp.	3	7
Yds. Passing	57	98
Opp. Pass. Intercept.	2	0
Fumbles	1	1
Opp. Fumbles Rec.	1	1
Penalties	70	30
Punt Average	37	25.7

Jesup Eyes Upset Over Valdosta Here Tonight In Effort to Preserve Championship Hops

Jesup's Yellow Jackets invade Cleveland Field tonight, intent on registering an upset over the rampaging Valdosta Wildcats, and keeping alive their own slim hopes for the Region 1-A (East) championship.

The game, also Valdosta's final home contest of the regular season, will start at 8 p. m.

There is only one possibility left to the Yellow Jackets. They must do what eight previous opponents this campaign have failed to accomplish; namely, stop Sammy Hardin, Noel George, Bobby Renfroe, Red Fleming, John Robert O'Neal, et al, and at the same time, crack the defensive wall composed of James Warren, Ray Moore, Jimmy Walker, Paul McNeil, (Herman Parramore,) Lee Greer, Larry Massey, Ronald Wetherington, Floyd Rogers, and company.

Should Jesup upend Coach Wright Bazemore's forces, the Wildcats would be compelled to defeat Waycross next Friday to throw the race into a three-way tie. Jesup's only region loss came at the hands of Waycross, 13-6, early in the season.

In view of the Jackets' reversal in Thomasville last week, the cards point to an easy Wildcat win and a consequent "battle of the undefeated" in Waycross next week for the title. Thomasville bumped Jesup, 21-14, after Valdosta found little trouble in racking up the Bulldogs, 34-7.

Jesup boasts a highly capable backfield, whose ever-present scoring threat is the passing arm of quarterback Dean Madray. To complement the aerial attack, the Yellow Jackets have a pair of ground-eating backs in Red Mad-

ray and Riley Reddish.

Despite the loss to Thomasville, Jesup could still give the Wildcats their share of trouble. Although coming out on the short end of the score against the Bulldogs, the Jackets racked up twice as many first downs and twice as much yardage.

Probable starting lineups:

VALDOSTA		JESUP
Walker	LE	Murray
Warren	LT	Johnson
Moore	LG	Westbury
Parramore	C	Smith
Rogers	RG	Teston
McNeil	RT	Grantham
Wetherington	RE	B. Madray
Hardin	QB	D. Madray
George	LH	Reddish
Renfroe	RH	R. Madray
Fleming or O'Neal	FB	Davis

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