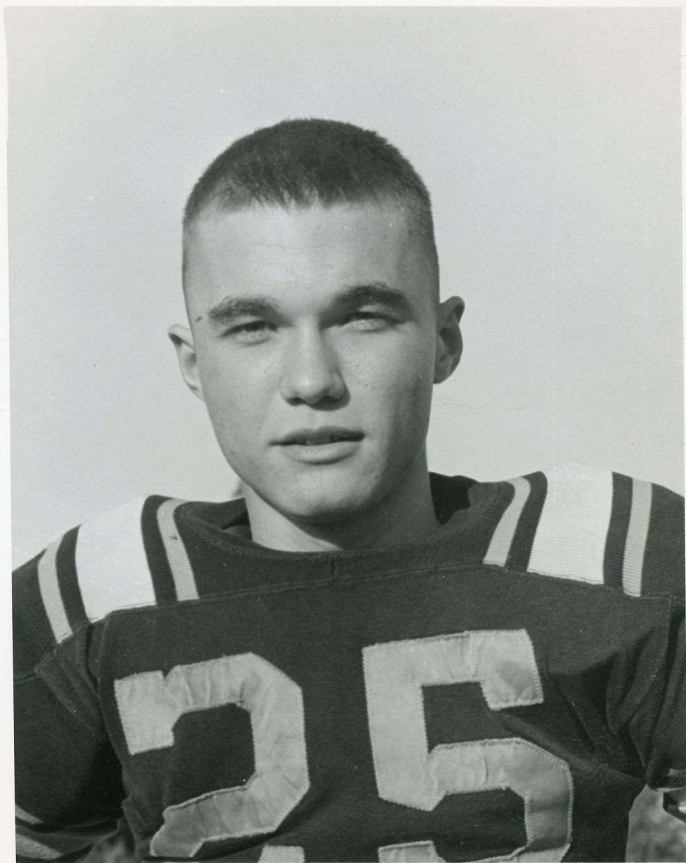


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VALDOSTA QUARTET TRIES SOUTHERN ALL-STAR UNIFORMS FOR SIZE
L-R, Lee Greer, Herman Parramore, Jimmy Walker, Sammy Hardin Dress Out



Wildcats Drill For Peanut Bowl Game Thursday; Waker Injured

Ace End May Be Sidelined; Team Clicking In Practice

Valdosta's Peanut Bowl-bound Wildcats, beginning to click well in efforts to regain mid-season football form, received a jolt Friday when all-state end Jimmy Walker suffered an ankle sprain in practice.

Walker, Valdosta's top pass receiver and a valuable defensive flankman, is on the doubtful list as a starter in Thursday's big

game. The ankle was swollen over the weekend, but there is hope that it will mend before New Year's Day.

Earl Gober filled Walker's offensive spot in Saturday drills. Should Walker be sidelined Thursday, Gober will probably play opposite Ron Wetherington on offense, while Red Fleming and Wetherington perform defensive end duties.

The Wildcats, falling spiritedly into practice after a two-week layoff, prompted several observers to remark that they looked close to top shape.

Bystander Jim Shiver, head coach at Cairo, said he thought the layoff has helped the Cats rather than hinder them.

"They played a lot of football," Shiver said. "After 13 games a team can't help going a little

stale. I think the rest did them plenty of good."

The first-string ball-movers clicked well against the reserve defenders. Noel George and Bobby Renfro were digging hard and both got away for consistent gains. Fullback Fleming also ran well and capably snagged several Sammy Hardin passes.

Defensive drills, protecting against West Springfield's split-T formation, were highlighted by

the line play of tackles James Warren, Paul McNeil and Sonny Shroyer and the linebacking of Lee Greer, Larry Massey and Ray Moore.

Wildcat Coach Wright Bazemore acknowledged that his boys were working up well, but he lamented the lack of information on his Peanut Bowl opponent.

"The only thing we know," Bazemore stated, "is they're big and they use the split-T. We don't have anything else to go on."

As for his own methods, Bazemore is certain West Springfield has two or three scout reports. "They had a man scouting us all through the playoffs," states Bazemore.

Valdosta will probably go into the game in the unfamiliar role of underdog, based on the size of the Massachusetts team and the records of past Peanut Bowl games in which Georgia teams have come

out behind in three of four tilts.

Ed Mason, West Springfield coach, is reported to be confident of victory, stating: "We play better overall football up here than they do in Georgia."

Dec. 29.

Valdosta Takes 28-26

Peanut Bowl Victory

**George Paces Thrilling Schoolboy Win
Over Scrappy West Springfield Eleven**

By BILL McGROTHA
Constitution Sports Writer

COLUMBUS, Ga., Jan. 1 — Valdosta High's Wildcats raced to a 21-point lead but were happy to settle for a 28-26 final victory over a West Springfield, Mass., eleven after a suspense-saturated tangle of two superb prep football teams in Columbus' seventh annual Peanut Bowl game here on a sunny and cold New Year's Day afternoon.

A frenzied crowd of about 8,000 stayed on their feet during much of a frantic last half as they viewed the top thriller of the schoolboy classic.

Noel George, Valdosta's sensational Syrian flash, was the difference in the opinion of most. The Alabama-bound all-Southern half-back scored two touchdowns, kicked the all-important four extra points in running his scoring total for the season to 202.

Quarterback Sammy Hardin's skillful ball-handling and choice

WEST SPRINGFIELD	VALDOSTA
9	First downs 17
83	Yards rushing 249
197	Yards passing 54
18	Passes attempted 8
10	Passes completed 4
1	Passes intercepted 2
2	Number of punts 1
35.5	Punting average 11.5
3	Opponents fumbles recovered 3
54	Penalties 55

of plays was a huge factor. Jimmy Walker, lightweight end, line-backer Larry Massey and tackle James Warren led the Wildcat defensive unit.

Springfield's touted spit-T quarterback Les (Porky) Plumb was every bit what he was cracked up to be. He passed for three touchdowns, set up the fourth with an aerial as Springfield drilled its way past Valdosta's great defensive line via the overhead path.

Plumb's most prominent assistant was end Newt Blanchard, who seemed always in the right place at the right time for Springfield.

Statistically, Valdosta was the victor, too, with 17 first downs to nine, 249 yards rushing to 83. Springfield hit on 10 of 18 passes for 197 yards, Valdosta on four of eight for 54.

It was the second victory of a Georgia team in the five-game Peanut Bowl series with Massachusetts squads. Rockmart was the other Georgia winner two years ago.

For Valdosta coach Wright Bazemore, it was the 98th triumph against 13 losses and one tie in his 10 years at Valdosta High. For the Wildcats, it was their 18th straight success, climaxing their second successive Georgia Class A championship.

Springfield won the toss and received. The Wildcats were off-side on the first kick, which was returned to the 30. Springfield elected to receive again and it was costly as the return was stopped at the 22.

On the first play from scrimmage, Valdosta had a break when Ernie Labranche fumbled and mighty-mite Jimmy Walker pounced on it at the 21. George gained four but handed the ball back to the terriers on the following play, Lowell Harlow recovering his bobbie on the 16.

Springfield shot to its 42, fired by Plumb's 19-yard streak, but Lee Greer got it back for the Cats by grabbing George Rolandini's miscue at the 41.

George powered 12 to the 29. From there, it took ten running plays to mark the initial score, with George doing the honors from the one. George converted for 7-0.

Valdosta's kick bounced through to the Springfield 11. When Plumb attempted a late lateral on the keep play, Walker hit him hard, causing a fumble and Bobby Renfro picked it up on the seven and scooted across the goal. George swung his toe for 14-0 with minutes to go in the first quarter.

Springfield was fighting for space at its 42 as the quarter ended and Newt Blanchard booted the game's first punt to the Wildcat 28 on the opening play of the second period. George's running and a 32-yard

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George Paces Valdosta To Win in Peanut Bowl

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pass, Hardin to Ronnie Wetherington, moved Valdosta into a threatening post at the Terrier 23. Following passes failed and Springfield took over.

Valdosta's third score came when Springfield muffed a daring fourth-down fake punt Blanchard hit Plumb with a perfect strike on the Terrier 45 but the quarterback dropped what would have been a first-down payoff and Valdosta took over on the Springfield 30.

George skipped for 11 to the 19. Red Fleming sailed nine yards to the 10. Fleming got three more, Renfro two, then Hardin passed from the five to Wetherington for the touchdown. George made it 21-0.

Springfield scored seconds before the half ended. Plumb intercepted a Hardin pass at the Springfield 45 and lit-out to the Valdosta 28. Seven plays, with a 14-yard pass from Plumb to Al Klein the big lick, brought the points. The Cats stopped three running plays inside the nine but on fourth down Plumb hit Newt Blanchard with a three-yard pass in the end zone. Klein's rushing try for the point-after was short. Valdosta 21, Springfield 6 at half-time.

All whatchamacallit broke loose with the opening of the last half.

Larry Massey wheeled Springfield's kickoff back 29 yards to the Cat 47. Valdosta marched to the 34 but the Terriers held and George punted out on the 12.

Lightning struck. Rolandini and Al Klein alternated rushes to bring it up to the 45. Plumb hit Ken Matton with a 42-yard pass to the 13. Rolandini fought to the eight. Plumb fired to Blanchard for the final eight. Klein fumbled and Blanchard picked it up and ran over the point. Valdosta 21, Springfield 13.

The Terriers found a quick chance when Hardin fumbled and Fred Murdzia recovered at the Cat 34. Valdosta drew a penalty to the 28. Plumb passed to Klein on a 25-yarder to the three. Klein fumbled after the reception but Mattoon recovered for Springfield. Klein bulled over. The point try failed.

Renfro hauled the kick back to the 37 and the Wildcats were on their way immediately to their decisive touchdown. It took 11 plays with the inevitable George coming through at the important moments for first-down yardage. George finally took it over from the one shortly after the last quarter started to run his personal scoring total past the 200 mark. He kicked the point for 28-19.

Hardin stopped Springfield's next bid by intercepting a Plumb pass at the Valdosta 46. The Terriers

drew a 15-yard assessment for roughness and the Cats had a crack from the Springfield 39. Renfro, George and Fleming ripped in three plays to the 11. But Blanchard jumped on a Renfro fumble at the nine to put Springfield back in business.

Plumb swept out of the hole to the 26. Valdosta defenders were down as Plumb tried a long pass. Three Wildcats, grouped together, batted the ball into the air and Mattoon grabbed it and swept to pay dirt on a 76-yard play. Klein ran the point over and it stood 28-26 with three minutes to go.

Valdosta worked the ball slowly, trying to kill out the clock. There came a four-and-one situation at the Springfield 46. The Cats played it safe and George went back to punt. Blanchard tore through to block it and Springfield took over at the Valdosta 45.

Plumb threw a short pass to an ineligible lineman in a confused final few seconds, but a double penalty nullified the play. The hot-shot Springfield quarterback ran to the 35 on an option play as the whistle sounded the end.

SPORT NOTES: Rumor rippled that Georgia assistant coach Quinton Lumpkin would sign West Springfield quarterback Les Plumb to a grant-in-aid shortly after the game . . . Columbus newspapers, like many fans, had trouble agreeing on who the favored team should be. A Wednesday evening edition pegged the Massachusetts boys logical top dog, but a Thursday AM edition front-paged Valdosta as a 7-to-12-point choice . . . Valdostans reported center Herman Parramore and safetyman Earl Gober have decided to accept scholarships to Vanderbilt.

Springfield rooters outnumbered Valdosta backers around town day before the game, but a larger force from the South Georgia city had poured in by starting time . . . Neither of the battling teams had yielded more than one touchdown to a single foe the past season.

Neither Georgia nor Georgia Tech have scholarshiped a Valdosta player, though three are headed for Auburn, two to Alabama, two to Vanderbilt.

WEST SPRINGFIELD

E—N. Blanchard, F. Blanchard, Mattoon, Morrissey.
T—Chandler, Harlow, Schweizer.
G—Murdzia, Collins, Kindig.
C—Laboranti.
B—Plumb, Klein, Harrington, Labranch, Leighner, Malley, Rose, Roberge, Rolandini, Shields.

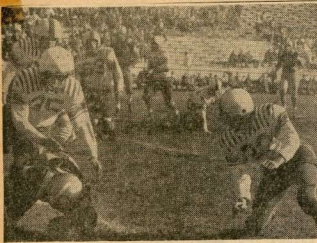
VALDOSTA

E—Walker, Wetherington.
T—Warren, McNeil, F. Hardin, Shroyer.
G—Moore, Rogers, Warlick, Harris.
C—Parramore.
B—S. Hardin, Renfro, Fleming, George, Greer, Massey, W. Webb, Hughes, Gober, O'Neal, Taylor.

Score by quarters:
West Springfield 0 6 13 7—26
Valdosta 14 7 0 7—28

Scoring TDs: Valdosta—George (2), Renfro, Wetherington. Points after TDs: George (4).

Scoring TDs: West Springfield—N. Blanchard (2), Mattoon, Klein. Points after TD: N. Blanchard, Klein.



ACTION IN THE SEVENTH ANNUAL PEANUT BOWL—Noel George, Georgia's Back of the Year, slips down after a five-yard gain in the third period in the Peanut Bowl game yesterday at Memorial Stadium. Al Klein (35) and Porky Plumb (33) come up to be sure George stays down. In the second shot, George is brought down by West Springfield's Stan Leigner at his own 42 yard line in the first period. Standing by is Valdosta's tackle, Paul McNeill (34). In the third photo from left, West Springfield's end Ken Mattoon reaches for a Porky Plumb pass that set up one of the Terrier's third-period scores. Two unidentified Wildcats give chase. In the fourth quarter, Valdosta's George buries his way into the end zone for the final Wildcat score. It came in the fourth period. Enquirer staff photos.

Key Backs George, Hardin Sidelined With Injuries

Valdosta's Wildcats today faced the unhappy prospect of meeting College Park in the state semi-finals here Friday with limited—and possibly no—service from two of their key backfield figures.

Left half Noel George and quarterback Sammy Hardin are out of practice because of leg injuries suffered early in the week.

The best that can be said now is that both will probably be mended sufficiently to get into action against the undefeated Rams, but it is hard to say whether or not they will be at top form. Both boys have been plagued heavily with leg ailments during their Valdosta career, having been forced to sit out a season or more previously.

College Park, meanwhile, should come into the contest in top shape physically. The men of coach R. W. Badgett haven't played a game since they topped Hapeville November 14. Valdosta has met two undefeated opponents—Waycross and Americus—since that time.

"That three-week layoff," commented Wildcat coach Wright Bazemore, "could help them plenty. They'll have had the chance to work up completely new offensive and defensive setups.

"Something in our favor, though," the Valdosta mentor adds, "is the fact that their timing and coordination may have gotten a little rusty."

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Valdosta is anxiously waiting its biggest intersectional football scrap since Rockmart played for the state championship here two years ago. Jaycee president Jon Hall, who is handling advance ticket sales, reports that all reserved seats—more than 1,000—were sold by yesterday afternoon.

General admission tickets, priced at \$1.50 each, are now on sale at Hall's Children's Shop and at Belcher's Drug Store. Student tickets, which cost only 50 cents, will be sold at the high school through the week, and will be available at the front entrance to the high school building until game time.

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College Park is a comparative newcomer to state playoffs, while Valdosta has been in post-season play for four straight seasons. The Rams rose from a 3-6-1 record in 1951 to bull their way through ten consecutive opponents this year.

Should George be unable to meet the Rams' challenge, John Robert O'Neal, Larry Massey, and Robert Hughes can be counted on for capable performances. Willie Webb, himself a capable field general, stands back of Hardin. Bobby Renfroe and Red Fleming will again handle a bulk of the running chores.

The Valdosta Wildcats this morning were eyeing the College Park Rams, the weather and the injury list, any unfavorable combination of which might end their hopes of a second straight state championship and a possible bid to the Peanut Bowl.

Game time is set for 8 p. m. this evening in Cleveland Field as the 1-A champion Wildcats meet the 2-A titlist Rams. Rain in the city this morning showed signs of clearing in the afternoon, and the weather bureau reports that conditions will probably be cool and cloudy at kickoff time.

Unless rain deals the attendance a low card, more spectators are foreseen at tonight's semi-final playoff game than witnessed the region title tilt against Americus a week ago. More than 1,000 reserved seat tickets to the clash were sold Wednesday—the day they went on sale. The same ducats were not sold out last week.

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The Wildcats face the prospect of protecting their class A crown without the full services of back-field stars Noel George and Sammy Hardin. Both boys suffered leg injuries earlier in the week. George will probably start. Hardin was still limping slightly, but may be able to direct the team from his quarterback post. It is doubtful that either or both will be able to turn in a peak performance.

Coach Bazemore can field any of a number of quite capable running backs, but none who approach the versatility of George or the operating smoothness of Hardin.

And the attacking forces of the Cats will have to go into high gear to crack the tough defensive wall of the visitors. College Park has allowed only six touchdowns in ten regular season games. The Rams boast a big and tough protective unit.

The Valdosta tackling brigade is not composed of slouches either. Lee Greer, James Warren, Herman Parramore, Ray Moore, Larry Massey, James Walker, Red Fleming and Paul McNeil, have combined with secondary men Renfro, Hardin and Earl Gober to form an almost impregnable defense. Only one touchdown has been scored against them all year, and just three others have been registered against their reserves. It is almost a certainty that Hardin will not play on defense.

With records such as those turned in by both lines, a low-scoring defensive game is indicated.

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Valdosta coaches are expecting their toughest game to date, and

College Park mentor Bill Badgett is giving them nothing to indicate otherwise. As late as last Friday, immediately after the carnage dealt by the Wildcats to Americus, Badgett said:

"You may beat us, but it won't be by any such score as you beat Americus."

Badgett has reiterated his views throughout the week with comments such as: "We know what we're up against, but we're still not conceding a thing."

With a record of ten wins, no losses, and only six touchdowns given up, they don't have to.

RAMS BATTERED BY VALDOSTANS

Indian Coach Bazemore Credits Tackle Switch in 26-0 Victory

By **EDDIE BARKER**

Journal Staff Writer

VALDOSTA, Ga., Dec. 6—Jarring James Warren had proved an all-American stopper and the Wildcats south Georgia A champions Saturday as Valdosta vaulted Peanut Bowlward on the savage tackling of the giant 6-3, 215-pound tackle.

Noel George did the scoring saturation in Valdosta's 26-0 victory over previously unbeaten College Park, but his three touchdowns were bypassed in Wright Bazemore's coaching accolade.

"Warren did the damage," volunteered the usually retiring mentor. "College Park was goal-gone until I shifted Warren from the right to the left side of our defensive line. He stopped them, and that was the game's turning point."

With the score only 0-6 against them in the second quarter, the Rams rolled with Emmett Allen starting from his own 14 and going 16 yards. Then Ward Lawton made Ram rooters glad they travelled 250 miles by dashing 11 for another first down. Allen alternated, hitting for 15.

"That's when Warren made his move," recalled Bazemore, "and College Park stopped theirs."

"That boy is the best tackle in the state. He was all state last year, and should have been the year before. This year he's an all-American high school tackle if there is such a thing."

Then Bazemore surprised bystanders by breaking a precedent.

"I've never said this before," he smiled, "but Warren is the best high school lineman I've ever coached. He can play defensive ball for any college in the United States right now."

Rumors here have the agile athlete heading for Georgia, with Florida State still in the courtship.

Peanut Bowl officials after learning Richmond Academy fell, refused official comment on a chance against Springfield, Mass., but hinted they needed a team that was strong against a good offensive.

Valdosta was that Friday night,

YARDSTICK	
Valdosta (26)	College Park (0)
15	First Downs
225	Yards Rushing
61	Yards Passing
25	Yards Penalized

and have allowed only one first team touchdown all season.

The Rams gained 58 ground yards in the first half but had a minus for the second half, finishing with 42 net. George and Company ate up 225 yards. Tough against ends like the Rams' Charlie Hendricks and Charlie Brown.

(Valdosta's Herman Parramore, the Wildcat's all-state center, set up the first Wildcat touchdown by partially blocking George McLendon's first kick.) George, smartly set up by quarterback Sammy Hardin, alternated on 13 plays to travel 60 yards, with George scoring his 156th point of the season from the one. Hardin's fingertip toss to Bobby Renfroe for 28 yards and a 56-yard quick kick by Cheet-er Jones had kept the Wildcats moving on.

Fine defensive play by Hendricks saved further first half embarrassment, and shortly after halftime College Park started the drive that was redailed by Warren.

Battering Rams Hendricks, Brown, Raymond prestige, and McLendon stopped two wildcat rambles before George galloped again. Parramore dashed nine yards with a center-keep and George went 14 yards to the one, from where he bucked over. He scored again after a midfield skirmish gave Valdosta the ball on the 31. Renfroe and Hardin went to the 12, and George covered the box-car yardage in two tries, running his season total to 169.

Renfroe was honored with the 26-0 touchdown, making proud prophets of fans who gave 21 points and sending the Wildcats against the north champ next week for the state title.

COLLEGE PARK (0)	
ENDS—Brown, Hendrix, Jordan.	
TACKLES—Woods, McLendon.	
GUARDS—Fristoe, B. Jones.	
CENTER—Prestage.	
BACKS—Hope, C. Jones, Lawton, Pappas, Allen, Shepperd.	
VALDOSTA (26)	
ENDS—Walker, Weatherington, Fleming.	
TACKLES—Warren, McNeil, F. Hardin, Shroyer.	
GUARDS—Warlick, Rogers, Moore, Harris.	
CENTERS—Parramore, Lindstrom.	
BACKS—S. Hardin, Renfroe, Greer, George, Massey, Fleming, Gober, O'Neal, Taylor.	
College Park	0 0 0 0—0
Valdosta	6 0 7 13—26
Valdosta scoring: Touchdowns—George 3, Renfroe 1. Points after touchdowns—Renfroe 2.	

VHS to Meet LaGrange in Championship; College Park Is Topped

SCENE OF BATTLE BEING SETTLED IN COACHES' CONFAB

BY VIC DUNAWAY
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta won its tastiest football victory of the year last night at Cleveland Field by subduing a fired-up College Park team that had been pointing towards the game all during a three-week layoff since the end of its regular season.

The Wildcats were on top 26-0 at the final whistle, but it took every ounce of their effort to wrap it up. The triumph moved Valdosta into state class A finals next week.

Dec 6.

Although it was perhaps the latest team effort Valdosta could have managed, offensive and defensive stars stood out like thumbs. James Warren ripped the Ram offensive line to pieces and made tackle after tackle. The terrific performance matched by the husky tackle prompted Coach Bazemore to spout eloquent after the battle was over.

By virtue of their victory over the Rams, the Valdostans will take on LaGrange players next Friday night for the championship of the Georgia Class A division. LaGrange defeated Rockmart 25-0 in a semi-final in Rockmart, last night.

Place of the title contest was to be decided today in a meeting of officials of Valdosta and LaGrange teams in Albany.

At press time this afternoon no word had been received from the meeting in Albany. However, it was reliably reported that both Valdosta and LaGrange football authorities were opposed to playing on neutral ground, seemed to favor the "flip of a coin" method of settling the site question.

"Warren showed tonight why I call him the best defensive lineman I've ever coached," said Bazemore. "In fact, I'll say that Warren is the best defensive tackle that's ever played high school ball in the state."

None of the estimated 6,000 spectators could have disagreed very emphatically with the coach.

On offense it was spunky Noel George who carried the load in spite of an injured leg. George toted the ball roughly every other play and notched 19 points to run his total for the year to 169. Bobby Renfroe was the biggest workhorse next to George, and also displayed a hidden place-kicking talent that connected on two out of three conversion attempts.

And when passing out words of praise, it would be impossible to overlook Herman Parramore, who blocked two College Park kicks and recovered one fumble—all three at crucial moments.

The Rams, supercharged with a new dose of offensive medicine and "up" for a determined try at the class A title, managed to give Valdosta its roughest time of the year.

Spotting the Wildcats an early touchdown, College Park roared back with a display of razzle-dazzle offensive tricks late in the first half and threatened to pull even. But the Valdosta defense, more specifically Warren, finally held the bulling Rams.

After Emmett Allen had made two straight 16-yard journeys and Ward Lawton added another

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Wildcats Seek to Guard Three Victory Records in Waycross This

The power-laden Wildcats of Valdosta will be placing three victory strings on the line tonight when they journey to Waycross to knock heads with Coach Gus Cates' undefeated Bulldogs.

First, the Cats will be seeking to cement their third successive region championship. In 1950 and 1951, Bazemore's teams copped the crown in Region 2-A — the same setup now called Region 1-A (East).

Second, the locals will find Waycross a major obstacle to their hopes of a second successive state class A championship. The Bulldogs brought home the statewide title a year ago by defeating Tifton and Newnan in playoff contests.

Third, and most impressive, of the strings is a record of 13 consecutive contests without a defeat or tie. That skein started Nov. 15 of last season when Valdosta upended Jesup. Waycross was No. 2 on the list of victims and could become No. 15 this evening. Last time Valdosta came out on the short end of the score was on Nov. 9, 1951 when Albany triumphed, 14-6.

Waycross, on the other hand, is basking in gridiron glory for the first time in several campaigns. For the past two seasons, the Bulldogs ended on the losing side of the ledger with identical 4-6 records. But this year they have, like the Wildcats, vaulted nine straight opponents. Nothing could set quite so well for the Bulldogs as a victory over the Wildcats to climax one of their finest seasons.

Comparative records give a decided edge to the local outfit. Scores against probably the two toughest common opponents show: Valdosta 34, Thomasville 7; Waycross 13, Thomasville 7; Valdosta 26, Jesup 9; Waycross 13, Jesup 7.

But Bulldog supporters shrug off such comparisons, and with good reason. To begin with, this is a traditional game—one for which the combatants have little trouble in getting "up." And despite the fact that the Way-

cross crew has been somewhat less impressive than the Cats, they have, nevertheless, done away with all previous opponents, and undoubtedly will start a team capable of staying on the same field with any aggregation in these parts.

The largest crowd yet to see the Wildcats perform this year is expected to view the struggle tonight. At least 2000 fans will make the journey from Valdosta, and Waycross supporters will, of course, turn out in full force. There are also indications from other South Georgia cities that many football fans will pass up such other traditional games as Albany-Moultrie and Thomasville-Cairo, to watch this battle of class A giants

Bazemore: Warren Best Lineman I've Coached

By **BILL MCGROTHA**

Constitution Sports Writer

VALDOSTA, Dec. 5—Coach Wright Bazemore, year-in-and-year-out producer of some of the state's finest football teams, Friday termed his Valdosta High tackle James Warren the best defensive lineman he has ever coached.

"If there is such a thing as a high school all-American," he said, "this boy is one. I have never seen his peer in prep play."

Warren, courted by several colleges and reportedly leaning toward the University of Georgia, stands 6-3 and weighs 214.

Bazemore rates him one of the hardest-working boys he has ever seen.

"On Monday, after we beat Newnan on Friday for the state class A championship in 1951 James was out on our football field working out—getting in shape for next year," Bazemore related.

In a mid-season test against Moultrie, Warren played against three opposing tackles. And, according to Bazemore, every one was knocked out by the force of Warren's charges by the end of the game. Valdosta won, 33-0.

Last game of the season found Valdosta needing a victory over unbeaten Waycross to win the region championship. Waycross'

running strength was at the tackle opposite Warren. Bazemore switched Warren to the other post without hesitation.

Warren, an upper-third student, has been the cornerstone of a line that played out the regular season with an amazing record. The varsity line did not yield a touchdown to a single opponent.

James Warren Outstanding In Toughest Game of Year

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11, Valdosta Coach Wright Bazemore directed what he called the turning point of the game. He switched Warren, a 215-pound all-state lineman, from right to left tackle, and the College Park snowball promptly melted.

Never thereafter did the visitors work up a threat as Parramore, ends Jimmy Walker and Red Fleming, and linebackers Ray Moore and Lee Greer, joined with Warren in holding them to minus yardage throughout the second half.

Valdosta got its first score early in the opening quarter after forcing Bobby McLendon to punt to the Wildcat 40. Quarterback Sammy Hardin hit Walker with a 32-yard pass, and Bobby Renfroe, Noel George and Fleming ate the remaining distance in three to

STATISTICS

Valdosta	College Park
13	First Downs 5
225	Yds. Rushing 42
6	Passes Attempted 5
3	Passes Completed 2
0	Opp. Passes Intercepted 0
61	Yards Passing 20
1	Opp. Fumbles Recovered 2
41 (1)	Avg. Punt Yardage 33 (5)
25	Penalties 45

five yard gulps. George carried over from the one, but Renfroe missed the conversion.

Again George, although hampered by the pulled ligament in his leg that completely eliminated his valuable kicking, was the main offensive spark for the Cats. He rode for 131 yards in 21 tries and scored three times. Renfroe made 63 yards in 15 carries, collected the other six-pointer, and booted two conversions.

Not until the third period were the Cats able to count again. With College Park backed to the goal, McLendon punted to the Ram 25. Six plays later, Valdosta had it as George pushed 12 yards to the one and went over on the next play. Renfroe booted the point.

In the fourth stanza, Parramore recovered a fumble at the enemy 31 and George was over again after five plays, scoring from five yards out. Renfroe again booted true.

Minutes later, College Park gave up the ball on downs at midfield. Hardin hit Walker for 30 yards on a sensational juggling catch. A 15-yard unnecessary roughness penalty helped Valdosta to the two, from where Renfroe notched the 26th point. His placement was wide.

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Harry Lindstrom, kicking off in place of the lame-legged George, booted to Jones, who took it on his 25 and returned to the 44. Pope tried the guards twice for a total of three yards, then hand-

on the Ram 49.

It was early in the second period and the Wildcats pushed all the way to the Ram four-yard line before relinquishing the oval on downs. In that stretch George made runs of six and nine yards, and Fleming contributed another for 11.

The Rams ran two plays with no advance and Charlie Jones got off a beautiful 53-yard quick kick that stopped on the Wildcat 40. George made nine as the half ended.

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After College Park kicked off to open the second half, the Wildcats were slow in starting as George punted on third down. The Rams fared no better as Lawton and Jones were successively smeared for losses of 16 and 12 yards. The 12 yard deficit came on fourth down when Jones got a bad snap from center in punt formation. The Cats took over on the ten, but George fumbled as he pushed to the three.

College Park seemed to have shot its offensive wad in the first half. Bucks by Allen and Jones went nowhere and Jones was compelled to punt from the end zone. Valdosta took charge at the Ram 25 and quickly romped to another score.

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STATISTICS

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13 First Downs	5
225 Yds. Rushing	42
6 Passes Attempted	5
3 Passes Completed	2
0 Opp. Passes Intercepted	0
61 Yards Passing	20
1 Opp. Fumbles Recovered	2
41 (1) Avg. Punt Yardage	33 (5)
25 Penalties	45

five yard gulps. George carried over from the one, but Renfroe missed the conversion.

Again George, although hampered by the pulled ligament in his leg that completely eliminated his valuable kicking, was the main offensive spark for the Cats. He rode for 131 yards in 21 tries and scored three times. Renfroe made 63 yards in 15 carries, collected the other six-pointer, and booted two conversions.

Not until the third period were the Cats able to count again. With College Park backed to the goal, McLendon punted to the Ram 25. Six plays later, Valdosta had it as George pushed 12 yards to the one and went over on the next play. Renfroe booted the point.

In the fourth stanza, Parramore recovered a fumble at the enemy 31 and George was over again after five plays, scoring from five yards out. Renfroe again booted true.

Minutes later, College Park gave up the ball on downs at midfield. Hardin hit Walker for 30 yards on a sensational juggling catch. A 15-yard unnecessary roughness penalty helped Valdosta to the two, from where Renfroe notched the 26th point. His placement was wide.

Harry Lindstrom, kicking off in place of the lame-legged George, booted to Jones, who took it on his 25 and returned to the 44. Pope tried the guards twice for a total of three yards, then handed off to Jones who bulled for 10 and the first first down of the game. Jones tried again for no gain and Hope missed on a jump pass intended for Brown. As Hope faded to throw again, Jimmy Walker broke through and smeared him seven yards behind the line. On his own 45, McLendon punted but Herman Parramore got through in time to partially block the boot. It went dead on the Wildcat 40.

The Cats immediately found the Ram line as tough as its nickname. Fleming lost one on the first attempt, and George managed just three. Sammy Hardin got the offense rolling with a beautiful 32-yard pass that Renfroe grabbed on the Ram 26 and Valdosta was on the way to its first score. With George carrying twice for 11 and Renfroe once for four, the locals grabbed another first on the 18. Fleming and Renfroe combined to push to the four. On third down, Fleming carried over in vain as the deal was called back to the nine for backfield in motion. Renfroe and George made the first down in carries of four yards each. George then went over from the one for the only tally of the first half. Renfroe missed the PAT on a rushing try.

Allen returned Lindstrom's kickoff from the 15 to the 19. Jones cracked twice for 11 yards and the Rams had their second first down. Allen lost four as James Warren smeared him before he could take off. Fleming stopped Lawton with no advance and McLendon punted to midfield.

On the strength of a 28 yard jaunt by George, Valdosta rolled to the Ram 20 only to lose the ball on downs as George was stopped inches short of the desired yardage after a six-yard run.

The College Park offensive began to click for the first time after the down exchange. Allen broke over right tackle, rolled for 10 yards, then lateralled to Jones, who made five more. Lawton immediately added 11, then Allen fooled the defense for 16. After a time out, the Wildcat wall stiffened, holding Hope and Jones to two yards on three rushing tries, mainly on the strength of Warren's shift to what had been the weak side of the line. McLendon punted smack into Parramore's chest and McNeal covered

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Lindstrom's kickoff went out of bounds and the ball was put in play on the Ram 40. Jones pushed over right tackle for two yards as the game ended.

Starting Lineups

Walker	LE	Jordan
Warren	LT	Woods
Moore	LG	Fristoe
Parramore	C	Prestage
Rogers	RG	B. Jones
McNeal	RT	McLendon
Wetherington	RE	C. Brown
Hardin	CB	Hope
George	LH	Lawton
Renfroe	RH	Allen
Fleming	FB	C. Jones

Scoring touchdowns, Valdosta—George 3, Renfroe 1, PAT—Renfroe 2.

Grangers Place Winning Hopes on Rough Defense

North Georgia class A champion LaGrange will come into Valdosta tomorrow night riding the trail of unaccustomed gridiron glory, and seeking to climax an amazing comeback by wresting the state championship from the Valdosta Wildcats.

The state final playoff game will get under way Friday at 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

Of 1500 reserved seat tickets for the game, there are some 200 left, Charlie Barnes reported this morning. Barnes also stated that tickets which have been reserved and not called for will be placed on sale Friday at noon. Tickets may be purchased at Barnes Drug Store, 200 S. Patterson.

Student tickets, priced at 50 cents, will be sold at the high school until kickoff time. No student ducats will be available at the gate. General admission tickets may be bought at Belcher's and Terry's Drug stores, or at the gate.

Wright Bazemore's Wildcats will have a full time job in protecting their 15-game winning streak against the fired-up Grangers—a team rated superior to the College Park outfit that pushed the locals hard till the final quarter last week. From all appearances the situation will be a perfect one for a LaGrange upset.

In their third consecutive state final, and after an undefeated season, the Wildcats might well be plagued with a feeling of complacency against the thrice-beaten Grangers.

Coach Oliver Hunnicut's northerners, on the other hand, will undoubtedly be at peak condition, mentally, for the tussle. A state final is something new for the Grangers, who registered poor seasons in 1950 and '51, and who also suffered early '52 defeats at the hands of Lanet, Ala., and AA Columbus and Thomaston. In the latter stages of the campaign the Grangers gained enough momentum to sweep to the North Georgia title, and a rating as No. 2 class A team in the state.

Upstaters believe the Grangers capable of going all the way to the championship.

In their determined drive to the top, Hunnicut's men have depended principally on a stingy defensive unit that averages in a weight class with Valdosta's. Largest, and one of the most capable of the defenders, is 235-pound guard Pete Kirby. Also rough are protective flankmen Sidney Maddox and Wallace Jones. The northerners boast a pair of linebackers, in big Gary

Keeble and Tommy Murphy, who have dealt yardage sparingly.

LaGrange's attack is built principally on ground plays designed for fullback Joe White and offensive halfbacks Murphy and Denny Sherrer.

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If the Granger defensive is as tough as has been heralded, the entire game may be played at midfield, for the Wildcats can field a defense as tough as any. With James Warren, 215 pound all-State tackle, and (Herman Parramore sparking the front line) Bazemore backs them up with three bruising tacklers in Ray Moore, Lee Greer and Larry Massey. Tackle Paul McNeil and ends Jimmy Walker and Red Fleming complete the rugged wall.

At ball-carrying time, Valdosta will call on Noel George, one of the ablest in the state, Bobby Renfroe and Red Fleming. A few tough defenses—notably Moultrie, Jesup and College Park—have succeeded in retarding that threesome for a quarter or two, but eventually yielded touchdowns.

Sammy Hardin will be on hand to fling a few accurate aerials, run a few quarterback-keep plays, and generally keep the Granger defense honest.

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Valdosta Liked Over LaGrange, Other Title Games Rated Even

Murphy-Albany, Calhoun-Fort Valley, Hogansville-Camilla Seek Crowns

By JACK JACKSON

This is the night, and before it is over, Georgia will have four new state football champions.

On fields at Macon, Valdosta, Americus and Jonesboro, survivors of 10 weeks of regular season play and earlier eliminations clash for crowns won a year ago by Richmond Academy, Valdosta, Cordele and Forest Park.

Out of that quartet, only one—Valdosta—is around to try a repeat, and the Wildcats are favored

to do so against LaGrange in Valdosta's Class A match. In AA, Murphy and Albany tie up at Macon; in B Hogansville and Camilla meet at Americus, and in C, it will be Calhoun and Fort Valley at Jonesboro.



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Valdosta is the only outstanding favorite. The Wildcats have won 12 straight now and closest anyone has come has been 26 points. Murphy and Albany both will be missing a backfield standout and appear a toss-up, while the same rating might well be made of Hogansville-Camilla and Fort Valley-Calhoun. Camilla and Valdosta are the only unbeaten teams left in the state.

Bowl business enters the picture as the Peanut Bowl watches AA and A matches and will name a host team for their New Year's classic from the winners of those two. Valdosta appears the hottest choice at the moment. West Springfield, Mass., has already been named for the visiting role.

Rumors out of south Georgia throw another possibility into the reckoning, but it is not likely to develop. Fans in that section have been wanting a match between Albany and Valdosta the year long and some would like to pit them in a postseason affair, should both win state titles. But the Peanut Bowl for one is almost a sure thing.

Individual comparisons of principals in the final games have been drawn the week long and are not needed again now. The Macon game matches two of the finest lines in the state, with Murphy holding an edge at ends, the teams about equal at guards and tackles, and Albany having the bulge at

center. Loss of the Eagles' Stumpy Smith and Albany's Goo-Goo Heidt lessen offenses of both, but quarterback Richard Blair gives the Eagles an edge in the backfield.

Valdosta has six strong candidates for All-State and in tackle James Warren and fullback Noel George has All-Southern

possibilities. LaGrange counters with a good, sound defense, a fine end in Sid Maddox and three fine runners—Danny Sherrer, Tommy Murphy and Joe White.

Hogansville faces an unbeaten, but lost only once itself and comfortably reversed that decision in playoffs. Tackle Frank Reeves and back Bobby Garmany are among the state's best. Camilla's leader is short Lamar Watson, a speed boy.

Calhoun's 4-C champs rest their case on a strong defense headed by linebackers Marvin Graves and Ted Collins. Graves is a sure all-stater and has been a standout for three years. Against that defense, Fort Valley throws a varied offense featuring passing of Eddie Merritt and running of Wesley Melvin.

LaGrange Rates Something New Against Valdosta—'A Chance'

Kirby, Jones, Maddox Bolster Line For North Georgia 'A' Champions

By DAVE LE BEY

Can they stop Valdosta?

That question, asked all season by observers throughout the state, now becomes the private worry of one Oliver Hunnicutt, LaGrange strategist and builder of one of the best balanced teams in Georgia's Class A ranks.

On the verge of the state championship game Friday night in Valdosta, the feeling seems to be that if anyone can stop the Wildcats, it is Hunnicutt.

Not only have the Grangers won the North Georgia Class A championship, but the elements that brought about this success have been impressive enough to rate LaGrange something new for Wildcat opponents—a chance.

This chance hinges on three factors: an alert, battle-sharpened defense, a versatile offense, and the probability the Grangers—having coasted to fairly easy victories in two playoff games—will be at their mental peak for the finale.

Defense may be the clue to a LaGrange upset.

Its last three games have been shutouts against supposedly able competition. Last Friday it beat Rockmart, 25-0, for the Northern title, the week previous it stopped

Morgan County, 19-0, for the region crown, and the week before that it whipped Newnan, 27-0.

Backbone of the LaGrange defense are its linebackers, Gary Keeble and sophomore Tommy Murphy. Against Rockmart, which only gained 55 yards on the ground, this pair let nothing go by. The Yellow Jackets made but three first downs before the fourth quarter, when the LaGrange reserves took over.

Up front, the troops are large—large enough to give Valdosta a taste of its own poison. Pete Kirby, 235-pound guard, and two fine defensive ends, Wallace Jones and Sidney Maddox, can mix it with the best.

Offensively, the Grangers have been resourceful afoot. Halfbacks Danny Sherrer and Murphy and fullback Joe White share the load equally.

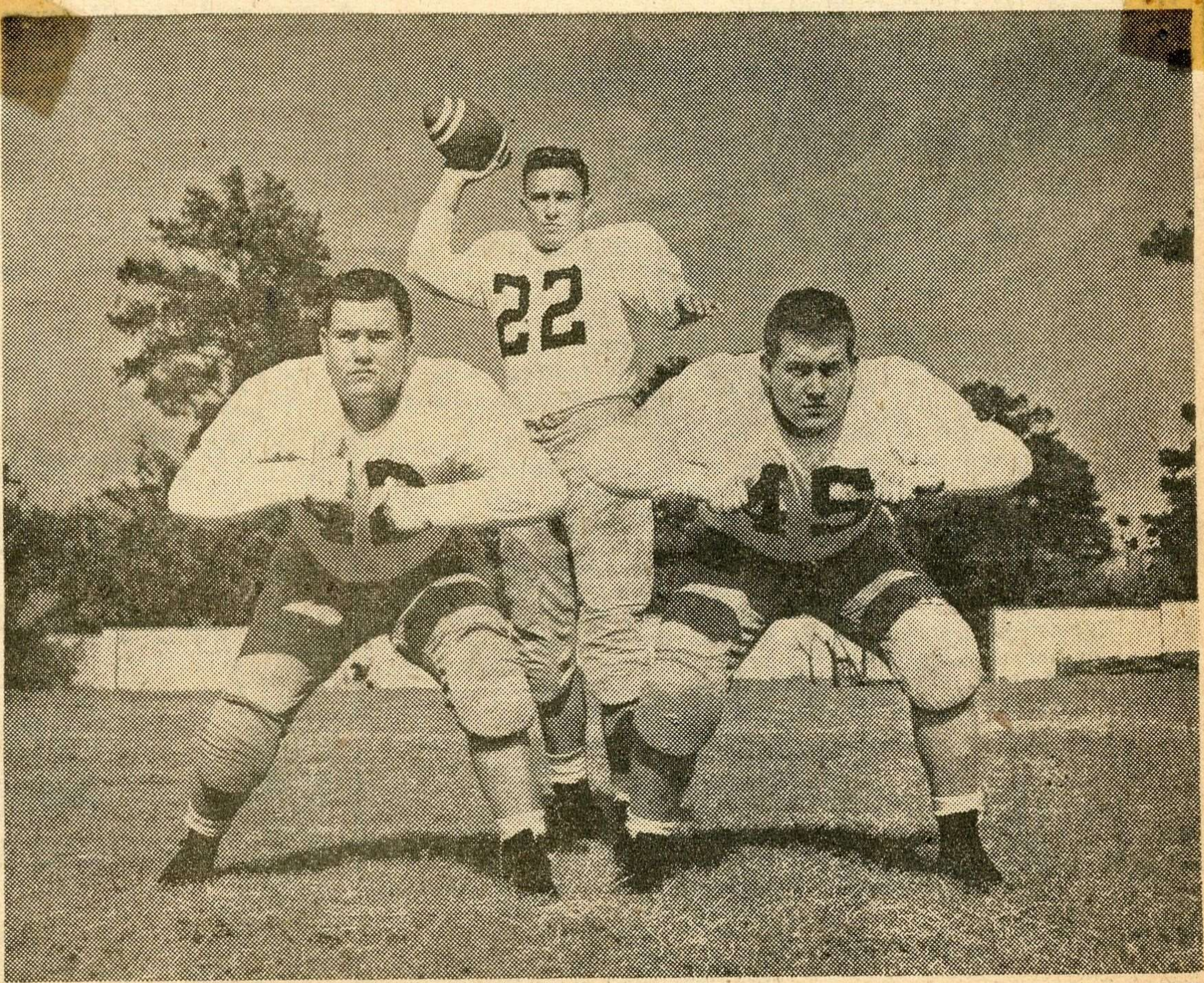
In a typical series, Sherrer may try for the large chunk of yardage on first down, White may hit the middle for a few yards on second, and Murphy, the clutch boy, usually gets the third-and-two type assignment. The combine works well.

Certainly, LaGrange will be Valdosta's meanest opponent this season.

After easy victories over outclassed Morgan County and Rockmart, the Grangers should be ready for the big one. Valdosta, on the other hand, pushed for three quarters against a sur-

prisingly strong College Park last Friday, face more of the same.

Proof the peanut-hungry Wildcats are human is the showing the vastly outweighed Rams made, holding the score to 26-0, lowest of the year for the Valdostans. So the task is not impossible.



FAMILY TREND—Sammy Hardin (rear), Valdosta's great quarterback, ends a brilliant career with the Wildcats Friday night against LaGrange, but he's leaving the Hardin name well-represented on the local squad. Brothers Fomby (left) and Billy Hardin are counted on to play a lot of guard for the Wildcats the next couple of seasons. Both 190-pound freshmen may figure heavily in Valdosta's line in 1953.

'52 Wildcats to Perform At Home For Final Time

The 1952 version of the Valdosta Wildcats—perhaps the strongest in VHS history—will display its football talents to the home folks for the last time this week.

Already crowned South Georgia class A champions, the Wildcats will meet LaGrange, North Georgia titlist, in Cleveland Field Friday night, with the winner to be crowned class A's best.

The agreement to play in Valdosta, made at a meeting between officials of the two schools Saturday, completed the football bill of fare for local fans. Valdosta supporters will have been privileged to see all three Wildcat playoff games at home.

LaGrange, considered all along as the chief threat to Valdosta's hopes for a second straight state championship despite a 7-3 regular season record, gained the finals by clipping Rockmart Friday night.

The Wildcats roared into their third state final in as many years by subduing rugged, and previously unbeaten, College Park, 26-0,

at Cleveland Field Friday.

At least the visitors won't be subject to the "unbeaten jinx" which has plagued other Valdosta opponents throughout the year. In their last three contests, Bazemore's battalion has dealt a defeat to a team that previously had been all winning. In order they were Waycross, Americus and College Park. Earlier in the regular season the locals marred undefeated records for Thomasville and Moultrie.

LaGrange, unworried by thoughts of preserving a perfect record, have only to concentrate on upsetting the Wildcats. All three reverses on the Grangers' record were administered early in the campaign. In the latter half of the schedule, the up-staters gathered enough momentum to be ranked third or fourth best among class A teams.

Many observers, including some of Georgia's best grid critics, rate the Grangers as superior to the College Park aggregation that proved such a tough nut for the Wildcats to crack last week.

Bazemore starts preparations for the LaGrange affair this afternoon with fingers crossed. Injuries to ace backs Noel George and Sammy Hardin last week caused plenty of consternation in Wildcat football circles. George's knee is still ailing, but, barring re-injury, he will be able to assume his usual position as Valdosta offensive leader against the North Georgians

Inspired 2nd Half Gives Valdosta State A Crown

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any suit. Similar choices of shoes and a topcoat were presented by Patterson-Jones and Belk-Hudson, respectively. Bazemore also received a \$100 war bond and a Mixmaster.

LaGrange rolled into Cleveland Field intent on knocking the Wildcats off the trail to their second straight state championship. Until the final two minutes of the first half they made a determined effort, but Bazemore's men finally recovered from a case of jitters at that point and began

Statistics		
Valdosta		LaGrange
10	First Downs	2
333	Yds. Rushing	50
5	Pass Att.	10
2	Pass Comp.	2
52	Yds. Pass.	17
4	Opp. Pass Int.	2
1	Opp. Fum. Rec.	3
25	Punt Ave.	31
55	Penalties	10

their scoring splurge. Red Fleming notched the first Cat touchdown from the three after a 64 yard march in which Valdosta used 16 plays and racked up five first downs. At intermission the count stood 6-0.

The Wildcat defense, which turned in one of its best efforts, shackled the Granger attack until the Valdosta pointmakers recovered from fumbleitis and started to roll. Tommy Murphy, Granger halfback, clicked off 18 yards on one run midway in the first period. That romp gave the visitors their first down—and their last until the fourth quarter when a 15-yard penalty set up another.

Tackle James Warren was again outstanding in the line and received top-flight support from running mate Paul McNeil and middleman Herman Parramore. Jimmy Walker turned in one of his finest performances at the flank, especially in tackling and downfield blocking.

Ray Moore, Larry Massey and Lee Greer were extremely sharp as linebackers. Greer joined with safety man Earl Gober in giving as able defense against passing as against running. Each intercepted two LaGrange aeriels.

In a Valdosta running attack that gained 333 yards, Bobby Renfroe took the biggest bows, although hard-working Noel George was tops in individual yardage. Renfroe, chiefly on the basis of as pretty a run as has been seen here all year, ate 92 yards in 9 tries for a 10-plus average. George, who was at his best in bruising rushes for much-needed yardage up the middle, counted 100 yards in 19 attempts. Fleming shouldered his part of the load with 67 yards for seven cracks, including a nice 39-yarder.

placements, George missed one, then George's pass to Wetherington also failed.

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Lindstrom's opening kickoff was taken by SiSd Maddox on the LaGrange 10 and returned to the 31. Murphy made five, but Sherrer was stopped at the line and John Hadaway lost six on an attempted pass as Parramore led a group of mates to the kill. Murphy then punted to George, who started from his 30 and returned to the 34. Hardin sneaked for one yard, then George made eight but fumbled, LaGrange recovering.

Murphy struck quickly as he ran up the middle for eight yards, but the Cat defense immediately tightened. White and Hadaway took turns losing two and three yards, and Murphy's pass missed Jones. Hadaway faded and threw to Maddox for 12 yards, but not enough for a first down. The Cats took over on their 18.

With George carrying the mail in three to six yard clips, and Fleming notching 16 in one crack, Valdosta rolled to three straight first downs and made it to the enemy 37, before Hardin's pass was stolen by Sherrer, who caught it on the 25 and returned to the 39.

A weird sequence of happenings finally ended with Valdosta in possession at the LaGrange 41. Hadaway's pass was intercepted on the Valdosta 45 by Greer. Greer returned to the enemy 39, but fumbled and the Grangers recovered. On the next play, Murphy miscued and Greer recovered on the 41 as the first quarter ended.

But the fumble blues were not over yet. After a six-yard advance on two plays, Hardin fumbled up to the LaGrange 35, and the Grangers were again in charge. They made exactly no yards in four cracks at the line and Murphy punted out of bounds on the Valdosta 36. From there the Wildcats pushed to their first score, using sixteen plays and five first downs in the process.

George started it with a 10 yard jaunt, then got another first down two plays later by gaining six after Fleming and O'Neal had hit for nine between them. Parramore's center - keep was good for only four, but Renfroe mad four more and George went for seven. Fleming, Renfroe and George ate the rest of the distance in three and four yard plunges, with Fleming finally scoring from the three.

Greer intercepted Hadaway's pass after th next kickoff closed out the half on Hardin's 14-yard run to the Granger 42.

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Sammy Hardin directed the action beautifully and joined in the attack himself by providing two scores—one on a tricky 27-yard bootleg run, and another on a 46-yard pass to Walker. Walker also figured in both of those tallies as he paved the way for Hardin with a jolting downfield block, then caught the heave in another of his patented juggling snatches.

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After the first-half touchdown that required a slow and determined 64-yard march, the Wildcats ran up the rest of their points on the kind of spectacular plays that Valdosta fans have come to expect. Renfro struck with stunning suddenness in the third period as he took a pitchout, barrelled around left end, evaded the tacklers, then outraced the last defender diagonally across the field to score the second touchdown in the far right corner of the end zone.

Hardin's tricky run added the third score from 27 yards out in the first play of the last period. Shortly thereafter, Hardin's pass hit Walker for the fourth score. On the next kickoff, Fomby Hardin notched the first touchdown of his Wildcat career. John Driver took the boot on the 12 and attempted to reverse to Danny Sherrer but the shift missed connections. Fomby gathered in the unattended pigskin at that point and went into the end zone unmolested.

Valdosta's point-after attempts were a complete flop, but nobody minded. Renfro missed three

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On the first play, Renfro broke loose on his thrilling 49-yarder and pushed Valdosta to a 12-0 lead. Lindstrom kicked off again and the Cats took over shortly thereafter as Gober intercepted Murphy's pass on third down. Hardin threw to Wetherington for six and Renfro made five for a first down, but the threat petered out and George punted.

Even though they received the benefit of a five-yard penalty on the first play, the Grangers still failed to make ten yards and Murphy punted out of bounds on Valdosta's 23. After an eight-yard advance on two plays, Fleming cut the left side for 39 yards to the enemy 30. Hardin sneaked for three, then, on a beautiful bit of deception, faked a handoff to George and bootlegged to the right for 27 yards and another score. The scoring effort came on the first play of the final quarter.

Murphy again chose to pass three plays after the ensuing kickoff. Gober was the minute man again, intercepting on the 50 and carrying four yards into LaGrange territory. On the next play, Hardin's pass met Walker going away at the 20 and he took it on in for the score.

On the next kickoff, Fomby Hardin took over as Driver muffed a reverse at the 12. The 190-pound freshman picked up the ball and trotted in. For good measure, Fomby made the tackle on the succeeding kickoff.

LaGrange managed one yard in four plays, then turned the ball back to the Wildcats at their own 35. Valdosta was tagged with a 15-yard penalty to midfield, but George made that up on one run. George went for nine more, but fumbled on the next play after clicking off ten.

The Grangers then kept possession till the end of the game. A five-yard offside tariff helped them to begin with. Then Prather made two, and Hadaway passed to Driver for seven yards and the Granger's second first down. Sherrer and Driver were each thrown for one-yard losses. Murphy punted from his 22, but the play was called back for a 15-yard, roughing-the-kicker penalty. Hadaway's aerial missed

Sherrer as the game ended.

Starting Lineups: :

Walker	LE	Jones
Warren	LT	Freeman
Moore	LG	D. Jones
Parramore	C	Prather
Rogers	RG	Crenshaw
McNeal	RT	Keeble
Wetherington	RE	Maddox
Hardin	QB	Hadaway
George	LH	Sherrer
Renfro	RH	Murphy
Fleming	FB	White

Scores by quarters:

Valdosta	0	6	6	18
LaGrange	0	0	0	0

Scoring touchdowns, Valdosta:

Fleming, Renfro, S. Hardin, Walker (pass from Hardin), F. Hardin.