

Poor Passing Bothers Southern All-Stars

Cook, McClelland, Parramore Impress;
Lectures Begin as Coaches Arrive

By JACK JACKSON

Injured at several key positions and a lack of sharpness through the air brought worried looks to the faces of Erskine Mills and Bernie Reid Monday morning as they sent their Southern All-Stars onto Georgia Tech's practice field for the beginning of homestretch preparations for Friday's GAGA classic against the North.

"It's not that we have a lot of boys who'll be unable to play Friday," Mills pointed out, "but they're getting behind and when you have such a short period to work, the missing of a few days can really hurt."

Typical example was quarterback Dean Madray of Jesup, suffering from an ankle injury.

"Madray should be able to play, sure," Reid said, "but he's missed a couple of days already and stands to miss two or three more. The game's just four days away, so you can see what position he'll be in."

In addition to Madray, Cairo's Fred Dollar and Albany's Goo Goo Heidt—both key halfbacks—were sidelined and missing needed work.

Overall, Mills and Reid felt their club's spirit had given it adequate progress, but they expressed concern over the passing work of quarterbacks Johnny Menger and Sammy Hardin. "Both have looked good handling

the ball, but their passing isn't sharp yet," Mills said. "Of course, that takes time and we're hoping they'll come around."

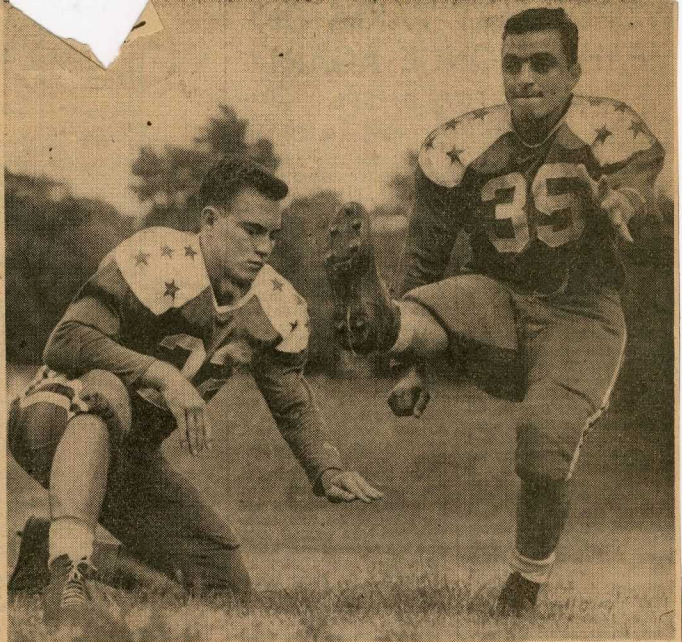
Among other reflections were these:

That no starting berth has been clinched as yet; that Harold Dean Cook, Albany center-line-backer who had four stitches taken in his eye Sunday, had been impressive, as had Valdosta's Herman Parramore, also a center; that Daycross' Jim McClelland had shown perhaps better than any other running back thus far, and that Noel George (Valdosta) and Menger would carry the team's kicking duties.

Along the latter line, both George and Menger are capable field goal men and that weapon will be available to the Rebs should the occasion arise.

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Max Ivey, North head coach from Murphy, and Mills opened the lecture program Monday morning with basketball bosses Bill Bryce of the City and Elmer Morrow of Greater Atlanta slated to speak in the afternoon. Monday night the GAGA executive committee was to meet while Tuesday morning Bill Stages of Ray High, Corpus Christi, Texas, was to lecture on football. Everett Case of N. C. State takes over Tuesday afternoon on basketball. . . . Northern injuries included Smith's Hugh Gibson, Hogansville's Frank Reeves and La-Grange's Sid Madox. . . . Checking in Monday morning were coaches from across the state, all anxious for a look at the all-star squads and a listen to the lecture portion of the clinic.



Staff Photo—Hugh Stoval

VALDOSTA KICKING TEAM GIVES SOUTH ADDED WEAPON — FIELD GOAL
Sammy Hardin Holds, Noel George Boots in All-Star Practice

All-Star Grid Game Highlights State Athletic Coaches Clinic

Drills, Lectures Begin Monday; North, South Clash Friday Night

By DUDLEY MARTIN

The 16th annual Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Clinic gets under way Monday morning with lectures at the Biltmore Hotel.

But interest began mounting this past week end when hordes of highly rated, college-bound football stars began filing into Atlanta from all over the state to begin workouts for the All-Star football game Friday night, which

North all-star coach Max (Red) Ivey of Atlanta's state AA champion Murphy High and his Southern counterpart,

Erskine Mills of Thomasville, start the Monday lectures, Ivey speaking at 10:10. Followed by Mills at 11:20 a. m.

All-star basketball coaches Bill Bryce of North Fulton and Elmer Morrow of Druid Hills will be the Monday afternoon lecturers in the O'Keefe gym.

For the first time in the history of the clinic high school coaches will take a prominent part with Bill Stages, successful mentor of Ray High of Corpus Christi, Texas, speaking on "T wing," double wing, splits, rule blocking, pass patterns and defenses.

Other speakers during the week will be Everett Case, North Carolina State basketball coach; H. D. (Red) Drew, head football mentor at the University of Alabama, and Kenny Howard, Auburn trainer, who will discuss the training phase of athletics.

BUT AS ALWAYS the most interest will be in the all-star football game Friday night, pitting a hand-picked squad of south Georgia standouts against an equal number from north Georgia.

And this year's game promises to be one of the most evenly matched contests in history. The South has been named a slight favorite because of the presence of eight members of Valdosta's Peanut Bowl champions, but it

Valdosta players are all-Southern back Noel George, quarterback Sammy Hardin, end Jimmy Walker, tackle James Warren, guard Ray Moore, center Herman Parhamore, and defensive backs Larry Massey and Lee Greer. Alternating with Hardin at the quarterback slot for the South will be all-American Johnny



Dudley Martin

GACA TO SWAP LAST YEAR'S 'RAIN' TICKETS

Holders of tickets or ticket stubs to last year's rained-out GACA All-Star football game, which was postponed from Friday night to Saturday afternoon, may turn them in at Grant Field Friday night for tickets to this year's game.

Last year, when the game was moved from Friday to Saturday because of a heavy rain which made the Grant Field turf too soft for running, GACA officials announced they would redeem all tickets or stubs at the 1953 contest.

Special booth at Grant Field will be set up to swap the old tickets for new.

Menger of Richmond Academy and Jesup's Dean Madray.

BUT THE NORTH is equally strong at the important quarterback slot with North Fulton's Wade Mitchell, Rossville's Toppy Vann and Murphy's Richard Blair available for duty.

Both squads can boast power-packed lines and a host of fleet backs.

Thursday night all-star basketball teams from Atlanta and

Greater Atlanta will clash at 9 p. m. at O'Keefe gym, preceded by a girls' contest between semipro Tomboys and Lorelei Ladies at 7:30.

Bill Bryce, who piloted North Fulton to the Class AA court crown, will mastermind the Atlanta contingent and Elmer Morrow, mentor of Druid Hills' class A kings, will head the Greater Atlantians.

Over all it appears to be one of the most exciting clinics in recent years, and sports fans will get a preview of next year's college freshman sensations in action.

SOUTH SQUAD

Ends—Gibson Newton (Moultrie), Jimmy Walker (Valdosta), Wallace Prince (Cairo), Charles Beach (Baker), Fred Dolla (Cairo), Jimmy Eaton (Hawkinsville).

Tackles—James Warren (Valdosta), Tony Cushmanberry (Albany), Mack Rogers (Sandersville), Harry Hudson (Lanier), James Etheridge (Jordan).

Guards—Ray Moore (Valdosta), Tommy Mansfield (Albany), Harvey Brown (Richmond), Bobby Musselwhite (Thomasville), Drexel Blocker (Glennville), Jimmy Linberger (Lanier).

Centers—Harold Cook (Albany), Herman Parhamore (Valdosta), John Edge (Americus).

Quarterbacks—Johnny Menger (Richmond), Sammy Hardin (Valdosta), Dean Madray (Jesup).

Backs—Robert Heldt (Albany), Noel George (Valdosta), Jim McClelland (Waycross), Lonnie Pope (Waycross), Herschel Evans (Sylvania), Lamar Watson (Camilla), Cayle Manley (Moultrie), Lee Greer (Valdosta), Larry Massey (Valdosta), George Hurst (Columbus).

NORTH SQUAD

Ends—Bob Juhan (Murphy), Sidney Maddox (LaGrange), Charlie Brown (College Park), Allen Ecker (Grady), Don Avery (Canton), Bobby Betenbaugh (West Fulton).

Tackles—Lucian Tatum (Decatur), George Mitchell (Dalton), Bobby Howard (Gainesville), Bill Hilderbrand (Douglasville), W. A. Glazier (Newnan), Roy Steiner (Rossville).

Guards—Steve Radcliff (Carrollton), Hugh Gibson (Smith), Harry Pritchett (O'Keefe), Wesley Holden (Brown), Marvin Graves (Calhoun), Frank Reeves (Hogansville).

Centers—Lennie Jacobs (Grady), Joe Bell (Russell), Gene Purcell (Murphy).

Quarterbacks—Wade Mitchell (North Fulton), Richard Blair (Murphy), Toppy Vann (Rossville).

Backs—Stan Thornton (Decatur), Earl Parks (Rockmart), Bobby Ruark (Madison), Emmett Allen (College Park), Charles Carlyle (Spalding), Don T aylor (Rome), Gene Corella (Cadastown), Roy Wilkins (Dalton), Wendell Tarleton (Fulton).

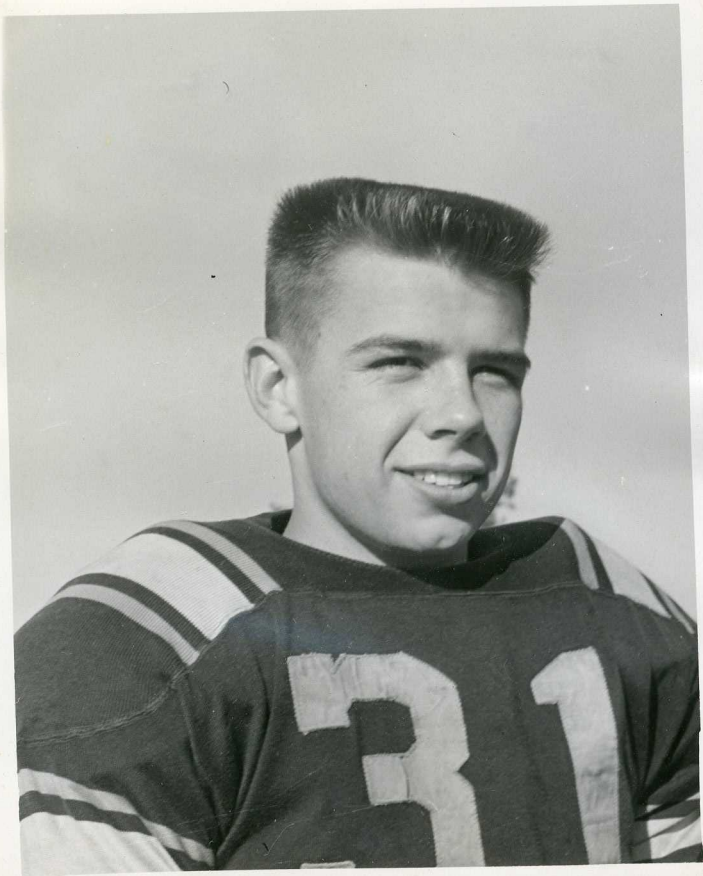
Meet The Wildcats

Ray Moore

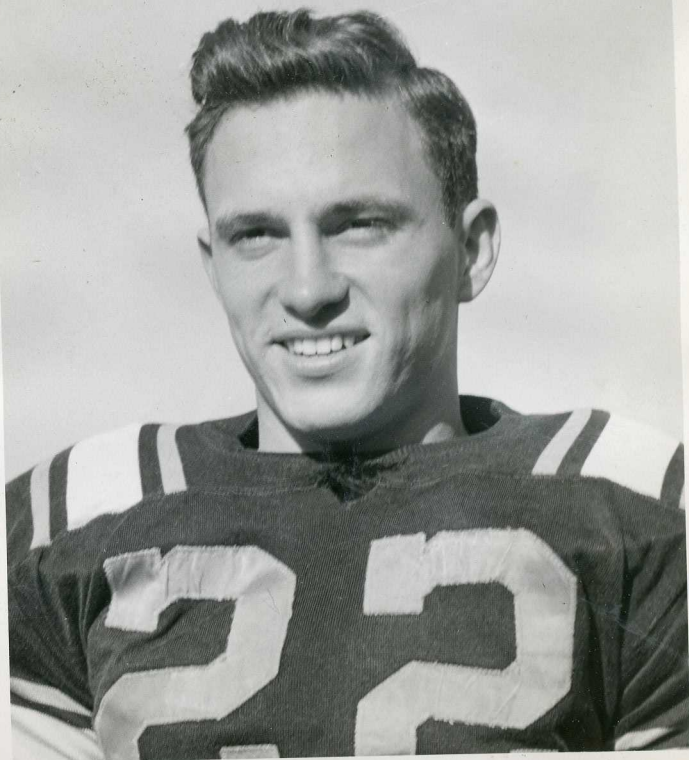
Most underrated performer on the Wildcat squad last year, RAY MOORE, offensive guard and defensive linebacker, should come into his own this campaign as a top-flight lineman. . . . At the beginning of last season's camp, RAY made up his mind to play first string and promptly won himself a spot. . . . His continual hard tackling on defense has saved several games for the Cats. . . . Scouts rate him as one of the best college prospects in the state. . . . A top contender for all-region and all-state honors, one of RAY's best games was against Moultrie two weeks ago.

Floyd Rogers

FLOYD ROGERS, Wildcat right guard, is playing his first year as a first stringer, although he saw quite a bit of action last campaign. . . . Standing 5' 10½" and weighing in at 165 pounds, FLOYD, makes up in drive and determination what he lacks in beef. . . . Although used almost exclusively on offense where his smooth downfield blocking has helped in many long gains FLOYD is also a quite capable defensive performer. . . . A senior he will leave a big gap to be filled after graduation. . . . Doesn't make the headline much, but his steady work plays a big part in each game







Meet The Wildcats

Co-Captain Sammy Hardin has been regular quarterback with the Wildcats for four years—barring time lost through injuries. In his freshman and sophomore years he staked his claim to the title of best open field runner ever to perform in a Wildcat jersey. A clever faker, Sammy consistently turns in a job of field generalship that earns him a place among the best quarterbacks in the state, and places him very definitely in contention for all-state honors. Although he hasn't needed to display his aerial talent much this campaign, he is a fine passer. Probably his greatest talent is in ball-handling.

Co-Captain Herman Parramore plays offensive center and defensive guard and is outstanding in both roles. Playing his second season as a regular, he is termed by many as the hardest-charging lineman to perform here in a number of years. A versatile gridder, Herman would make a bruising fullback, as he demonstrates effectively on "center-keep" plays. As a center, he did well enough to merit selection to the all-region team last year, and is a good bet to add all-state recognition after the current campaign. Plays in the middle of the defensive line until the ball is snapped; then he can usually be found playing in the enemy backfield.













Valdosta Whips

Baxley, 28-0

Special to Atlanta Journal-Constitution
BAXLEY, Ga., Sept. 13—Last year's state Class A champion Valdosta opened its season here Friday night with a 28-0 romp over Baxley.

Valdosta TDs were scored by Noel George from 15 yards out; a pass from Bobby Hardin to Ronald Wetherington; a Wetherington end run from the 22, and Bobby Renfro on a lateral after a successful Hartin-to-Jimmy Walker pass.

Noel George kicked all four extra points.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

By The Associated Press

Rome 6, Bass 0.

Richmond Academy Augusta 43,
North Augusta, S. C. 6.

Lanier 20, Brown 6.

Valdosta 28, Baxley 0.

Moultrie 18, Jordan 6.

Thomaston 37, Newnan 0.

Albany 34, Athens 13.

O'Keefe 13, Griffin 7.

Druid Hills 24, Murray Coun-
ty 0.

Rabun County 46, Commerce 7.

Jefferson 13, Clarkston 6.

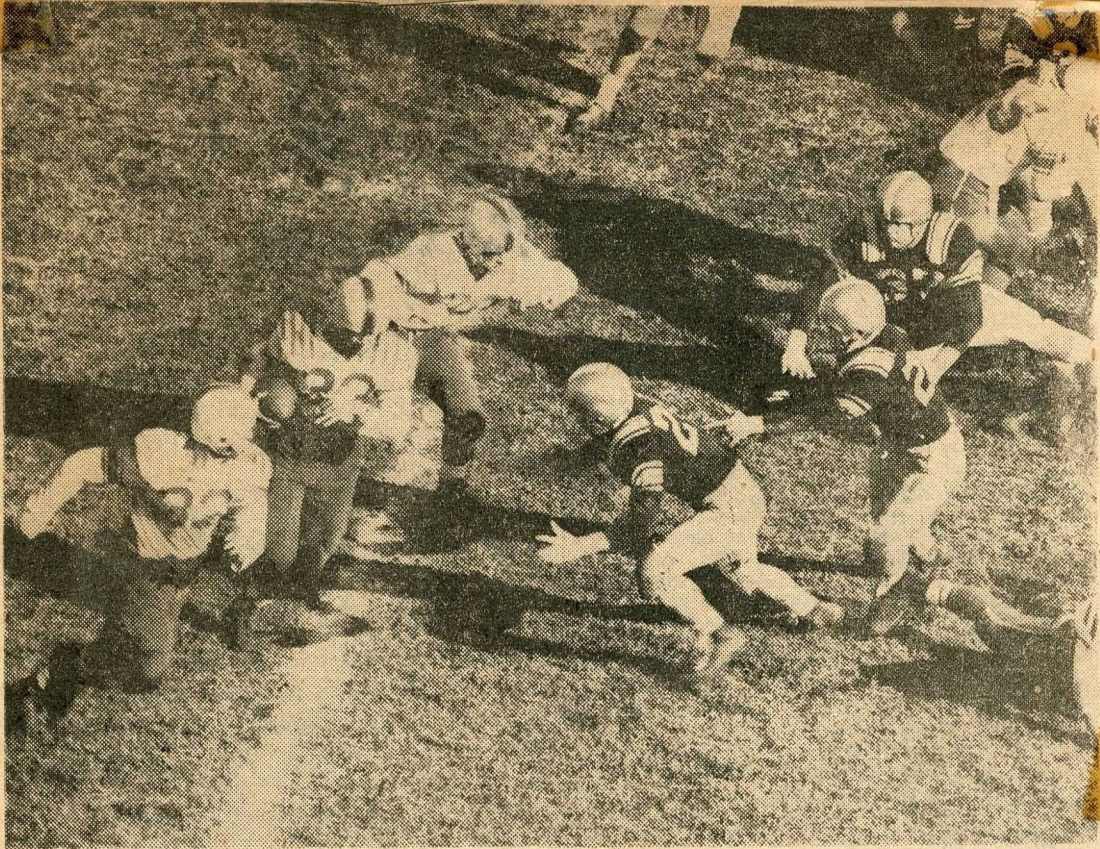
Fitzgerald 34, Cordele 7.

Jesup 20, Glynn Academy

Brunswick 0.



15-YARD JAUNT—Valdosta quarterback Sammy Hardin eludes West Springfield end Ken Mattoon enroute to a 15-yard gain in the second quarter of yesterday's Peanut Bowl game.



PLUMB STOPPED—Lee Plumb, ace West Springfield quarterback, is about to run into Red Fleming and Larry Massey on a run to the right in the opening period yesterday. George Rolandini (32) leads the way. Halfback Stan Leigner is behind Plumb. Paul McNeil (33) moves over to help.

Noel George Is Outstanding As Valdostans Wind Up Season

By VIC DUNAWAY
Times Sports Editor

COLUMBUS—For 13 games in 1952 Valdosta football fans were obliged to substitute team pride for gridiron thrills as their Wildcats completely outclassed all opponents.

But New Year's Day brought a band of husky, white shirted athletes from West Springfield, Mass., to do battle with Valdosta in the Peanut Bowl here. And in 24 action-bulging minutes, the Wildcats and the Northerners provided 800 Valdosta spectators, and hundreds more listening on the radio at home, with a whole season's-worth of thrills, excitement and freezing suspense.

When it was all over, the Wildcats had added the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer Peanut Bowl trophy to their other honors, and the team that had been called Massachusetts' strongest entry to date went home with a 28-26 defeat.

In the second half, West Springfield scored three touchdowns, pulled within inches of victory, and left the crowd of some 9,000 limp and silent.

Nobody would argue Back-of-the-Year Noel George made the difference for the Wildcats, and not only because his accurate kicking toe booted the four consecutive conversions that meant victory. As he has done so consistently all year, George rose to the heights and erased any possible doubts of his ranking as all-region, all-state, all-Southern, and all-time in the hearts of Valdosta fandom.

George carried the burden of a Valdosta ground attack that was as good as its reputation, gaining 116 of the Wildcats' 249 yards. He churned through the hefty Terrier line for the needed yardage at every critical point, and only once was stopped short of the scrimmage line—then for a one-yard loss.

When Larry Massey, Valdosta's scrappy linebacker, finally knocked himself out of the game with a series of jarring tackles, it was George who took over and continued to jolt West Springfield backs.

All-state quarterback Sammy Hardin directed the Wildcat attack so efficiently, and handled the ball so deceptively, that many, including rabid Massachusetts supporters, awarded him as big a slice of Valdosta's victory as George.

The tremendous Wildcat ground defense racked the enemy consistently and held them to 83 yards rushing. Massey was per-

haps the outstanding defender but he held no more than a slight edge over Jimmy Walker, James Warren and Ray Moore. Red Fleming, Herman Parramore, Lee Greer, Bobby Renfroe, Paul McNeil and George added their weight to the defense.

Pre-game reports said split-T quarterback Les "Porky" Plumb would battle George for individual offensive honors. They were on the nose. Stymied along the ground, Plumb took to the airways in the second half, hit five out of nine for 158 yards and had a hand in every West Springfield score. He passed for three touchdowns; set up the third with an aerial. To make his domination complete, Plumb intercepted a Hardin heave late in the second period to pave the way for the first Terrier score and leave the count at 21-7 at halftime.

Before intermission the game promised to turn into another Wildcat route. The Cats counted first after eight minutes of the opening quarter when George plunged over from the one. Less than two minutes later Jimmy Walker knocked Plumb loose from the ball on an attempted lateral and Bobby Renfroe picked it up on the seven and stepped across the goal. Early in the second quarter, Hardin threw five yards to Ronnie Wetherington for the third marker.

The fans settled back to watch another lopsided Valdosta contest. But they hadn't counted on the upsurge of spirit by the Yankees in the second half. Nor the capabilities of Plumb's arm, nor a set of zany circumstances.

After Plumb had intercepted late in the opening half and thrown to Newt Blanchard for the first Terrier tally, West Springfield came back to score two

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Ledger Staff Photo

WILDCAT DEFENSIVE STARS . . . The West Springfield offense should become well acquainted with the terrible threesome above along about 2:30 tomorrow afternoon. From left to right are Right Tackle Paul McNeil, 215-pounder; Linebacker Lee Greer, small but potent, and 175-pound halfback Earl Gober. The Valdosta team was scheduled to arrive in town this afternoon.

Past Peanut Bowl Games Produce High-Scoring Tilts

BY CECIL DARBY

Tomorrow's seventh Peanut Bowl football game will be a high-scoring affair if it follows the pattern set in the previous six New Year's Day classics.

None of the prep bowl games have produced less than five touchdowns so far since Sid Scarbrough unleashed his powerful Tech high school marching from Atlanta on Benton of St. Joseph back in 1947.

Also, that inaugural game produced one of the two victories which has been won by host teams. Valdosta, arriving on the scene this afternoon, will try to improve on that lacklustre record tomorrow afternoon.

Here are the highlights of past Peanut Bowl games:

Jan. 1, 1947 — First presentation of the game saw Atlanta's Tech high score almost at will in defeating Benton of St. Joseph, Mo., 34-0. Pierce McWhorter, who caught for Montgomery of the Sally League last season; Bobby North, Georgia Tech's ace fullback of 1950, and Sid Williams, end, did most of the damage.

Jan. 1, 1948 — North Charleston, S. C., scored three times in the second period and went on to rout Lanier of Macon, 34-6. Charles Lominac, Dave Pigott, and Durr Goodling were the big stars for the winners. Lone Lanier score was made by Jaspar Stewart after a Joe Davis to Stewart pass had set it up.

Jan. 1, 1949 — Westfield, Mass., moved ahead in the second period to defeat Fitzgerald, Ga., 25-7. Lauren Hargrove, playing his final prep game, did well as did teammate Gene Pedrick but the New Englanders, paced by quarterback Larry Morris, had too much strength.

Dec. 31, 1949 — Westfield, back again, spotted Glynn Academy of Brunswick two touchdowns, then roared from behind to score a 26-

20 victory. Glynn, with Lee Owens, Sonny George, now a Wake Forest star, and Bill Brigman, who'll quarterback Georgia Tech in the Sugar Bowl tomorrow, in the fore started fast but wilted as the game wore on. Morris again paced the Bombers with ample aid from John Cavanaugh.

Jan. 1, 1951 — Rockmart, Ga., brought the Peanut Bowl title back to the state as Max Mason sparked the Yellow Jackets to a 19-14 victory over Holyoke, Mass. Mason, now at Kentucky; scored two touchdowns in turning in one of his finest performances and was voted the game's outstanding player. The Yanks cut their deficit to 19-14 midway the 4th period and then staged a thrilling aerial assault with less than a minute left which was stopped at the Rockmart 19. Charley Berube was tops for Holyoke along with Bob Kiesel and Don Graf while Hayden Hooper offered ample assistance to Mason.

Jan. 1, 1952 — Agawam overcame all the odds to whip Richmond Academy of Augusta, 20-12. A fumble on the opening kickoff by Stu Kibbe saw J. L. Brown of the Musketeers catch it in mid-air and romp 27 yards for a TD in only 13 seconds. Then Agawam lost its running ace, Al Fontana, on an injury in the second period after he's gained 105 yards rushing on seven plays. Too, a 70-degree afternoon worked against the boys from the cold country. But Kibbe and Billy Gonet combined to rip and circle the Musketeer line and the Agawam line, bulwarked by Bob Couture, linebacker voted the outstanding player in the game, stopped Richmond time and again. Fontana turned in the longest run of the day, a 55-yard gallop for the first Agawam TD.