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Book One

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# GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

## Baker Game Leaves Baze In 'I-Told-You-So' Mood

Coach Wright Bazemore was in a grim, "I-told-you-so" mood after his Valdosta High Wildcats had gotten through playing Baker's Lions at Columbus last Friday night.

The 'Cats had beaten the Lions 28-0 to get their 1962 season and the new Region 1-AAA campaign started on a successful note.

But coach Bubba Ball's Lions certainly hadn't rolled over and played dead in the game. The Wildcats had to battle them into submission, with the outcome in doubt until late in the third period.

During the early going Baker controlled the ball, and forced



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the Wildcats to stop two thrusts which carried deep. Richard Ligon, a 175-pound fullback, was the prime mover as the Lions made steady headway up the middle against Valdosta's big and experienced defensive line.

Then early in the second quarter the Wildcats got rolling with quarterback Rick Thomas and halfback Giles Smith doing some expert passing. They zipped down to the Baker three. VHS had a first down and I'm sure the Valdosta fans started to breathe easier. The Lions bowed their back, and with a fine goal line stand stopped the 'Cats short of paydirt.

That was the high mark

for the Lions. Up to that point they had certainly played the Wildcats on even terms.

Winning a race with the clock, Valdosta scored with Smith passing 15 yards to Thomas for a score. It was a well executed play and with it Bazemore's charges started down the victory lane.

### Different Story In 2nd Half

The second half was like an entirely different game. VHS kept its passing attack clicking and also got its ground game rolling. The defense limited Baker to minus eight yards rushing in the last two stanzas. The result was a 28-0 win. The Wildcats certainly earned the triumph, but they had to work for it.

In my estimation Baker has a good ball club. The Lions are going to beat some teams before the season is over. At the same time I don't think the Lions are as strong as some of the 'Cats' future foes. It adds up to this. If the 'Cats were cocky before they played Baker, they shouldn't be now. This is also Bazemore's thinking.

**"Our boys have been listening to everyone tell them how good they are," Bazemore said. "They haven't listened to me when I told them that we are going to meet a lot of strong teams which, like Baker, are going to be ready to pass out hard licks.**

"Talk doesn't win football games. The issues always have been and always will be settled on the field. Baker busted us good in the first half. Our boys didn't decide they really wanted to play football until just before the end of the first half. We won, and of course that pleases me. But Baker should have taught us a lesson. We've got to be ready at the opening whistle in every game."

There isn't enough space to give a player-by-player analysis of the Wildcats in their first game. The more experienced hands saw quite a bit of two-way duty, giving another indication of how tough and stubborn the Lions proved to be.

### Thomas Showed Poise

Halfback Giles Smith, playing with a sprained ankle, gave what I thought was an outstanding individual performance. Fullback Walter Zant and halfback Stan Reaves did their share. Up front Billy Schroer, Bill Myddleton and Danny Hendley were three of several who impressed me, especially in the second half.

**Rick Thomas got his first starting assignment at quarterback. Since he took over the post vacated by All-America Bruce Bennett there has been a lot of fan talk concerning Thomas and there is also a lot of pressure on him.**

Thomas passed his first big test in fine fashion. He drew a verbal pat on the back from coach Bazemore for a job well done.

Thomas showed poise under pressure and talent as a runner, passer, ball handler and play caller.

The 'Cats are now over their first football hurdle of the 1962 season. That initial road block turned out to be one rather difficult for them to clear. They meet a big, tough and well-coached Waycross team this Friday night. They can expect much more trouble than they encountered at Columbus.

## WILDCATS FAVORED IN AAA AGAIN

# Valdosta Shooting for 3rd Straight

By BOB PRICE

Times-Union Sports Writer

"Watch out for us in 1962," was Wright Bazemore's warning prior to the 1960 football campaign. What the veteran Wildcat mentor didn't know then was Valdosta would be trying for its third consecutive State AAA championship this fall.

The Wildcats, who arrived two years earlier than Bazemore predicted, will open against Baker at Columbus Friday night. The Lions (3-7 last fall) will get the first shot at trying to derail Valdosta's 24-game winning streak.

"Valdosta really doesn't have to play its '62 schedule, since everybody is wrapping the title up for them already," quipped one mentor.

And when one looks at such three-year lettermen as ends Wally Colson and Billy Holtzclaw; tackle Billy Schroer; guards Bill Myddleton and Bill Holt; center Jimmy Robinson; quarterbacks Rick Thomas and Giles Smith; halfback Red Reaves, and fullback Walter Zant you wonder what's the use.

However, Bazemore, who piled up three AA titles in 1951-52-53 and came back for another pair in 1956-57, isn't overlooking the fact his club's ripe for an upset or two. "When you've never been on a loser like some of these boys, senioritis can set in. It's my job to see it doesn't," Bazemore said.

Valdosta isn't the only South Georgia town with the triple-crown fever. Waycross, which overcame a pair of forfeits last season to win the AA bunting for the second straight time, is eyeing No. 3 and rightfully so.

**VALDOSTA WILDCATS**  
Coach—Wright Bazemore, Mercer  
1961 Record—12-0-0  
Region—IAAA  
Prospects—To Retain State Title  
Strength—Experience, Size, Depth.  
Weakness—Possibility of Seniority.  
1962 Schedule—Sept. 7—at Baker; 14—  
Waycross; 21—Jordan; 27—at Macon Lanier; Oct. 5—Albany; 12—Columbus; 19—  
at Moultrie; 26—at Macon Willingham; Nov. 2—at Warner Robins; 9—at La-Grange. Roster:  
Ends—Wally Colson, Sr., 195; Billy Holtzclaw, Sr., 165; Donny Hendley, Sr., 185; Dick Bender, Sr., 165; Bruce Bule, Jr., 160; Frank Haddock, Sr., 160.  
Tackles—Billy Schroer, Sr., 195; Foy Norwood, Jr., 205; Randy Hunter, Sr., 215; Charles Oliver, Sr., 185; Bill Henry, Sr., 180.  
Guards—Bill Myddleton, Sr., 205; Bill Holt, Sr., 180; Christie Patterson, Sr., 180; Bo Hall, Sr., 165; Jack Martin, So., 170.  
Centers—Jimmy Robinson, Sr., 215; Eugene Gunter, Jr., 185; Tommy Dove, So., 170.  
Quarterbacks—Rick Thomas, Sr., 165; Giles Smith, Sr., 170; Terry Godwin, So., 140; Hank Lee, Jr., 165.  
Halfbacks—Red Reaves, Sr., 175; Clyo Blanton, Jr., 160; David Luke, Sr., 125.  
Fullbacks—Walter Zant, Sr., 145; Sirois Barker, Sr., 180; Albert McLeod, So., 165.

## 3 Valdostans In Running For Net Crowns

AUGUSTA — Three Valdostans are still very much in the running for championship honors in a tennis tournament here.

Barbara Knoll has reached the finals in the girls 16 singles division. And the Valdosta team of Knoll-Nancy Simon is in the title round of the girls 16 doubles.

One member of the team they will meet in the doubles finals is Valdostan Maxine Wilson.

# Myddleton, Schroer Share Line Honor

By HUGH SCHUTZ  
Associated Press Sports

There were a great many nominations for the Associated Press weekly Roll Call of Stars following the second big weekend of the Georgia high school football season.

The backs, as usual, outnumbered the linemen. This is usually the situation as their activities are more noticeable.

A 175-pound, six-foot Pelham High tailback—Gary Musgrove—takes AP Back of the Week honors as the result of his efforts in the Hornets' 26-25 decision over higher-ranked Worth County. Musgrove, who is of much the same pattern as Tennessee's All-Southeastern Conference and All-America candidate Mallon Faircloth of Cordele, Ga., piled up 263 yards in 18 carries. He had scoring runs of 80, 76, 4 and 1 yards and had another 76-yard run called back.

The honor of AP Lineman of the Week is shared by Valdosta's two huge tackles, 200-pound Billy Schroer and 205-pound Bill Myddleton. Their efforts helped Valdosta hold Baker of Columbus scoreless and to a minus eight yards rushing in the second half as the Wildcats took a 28-0 victory.

Here are other Roll Call nominations:

GILES SMITH — Valdosta's 160-pound senior halfback who scored two touchdowns, passed for another and kicked four extra points in victory over Baker. He also averaged 36 yards on three punts and made six tackles.

# VHS, Hahira, LOHI, In Same Grid Boat

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta, Lowndes County and Hahira will share a common football experience on Friday night—all meet tough foes in games with strong fan appeal.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Valdosta Wildcats will play Waycross' Bulldogs here. Coach Carlton Adams' Lowndes County Golden Eagles will go to Cairo for a tussle with the Syrupmakers. Coach Warren Alexander's Hahira Tigers and coach Frank Sutton's Clinch County (Homerville) Panthers will clash at Hahira.

In other games involving area teams Berrien County (Nashville) will be at Irwin County (Ocilla), Brooks County (Quitman) at Tifton, Cook (Adel) at Mitchell County (Camilla) and Sante Fe, Fla.,

at Madison, Fla.

The 'Cats have won the state Class AAA crown two years in a row. Coach Earl O'Neal's Bulldogs have ruled the state AA roost for a similar period of time. They are traditional rivals and will be renewing a series which was interrupted in 1959. Both have gotten off to successful starts this year.

Valdosta turned back Baker 28-0, in its opener last week. Waycross skipped past Appling County, 30-0, and trimmed Class AAA Jenkins (Savannah), 14-0.

The game is sure to draw an overflow crowd at Cleveland Field.

## 'Cats First On 'AAA' Rating List

ATLANTA (AP) — Valdosta's high school football team, winner of two straight Class AAA championships, received all of the 10 first place votes in a poll of sports writers picking the top teams in the state.

The first Atlanta Journal weekly grid poll picked Valdosta, Waycross, Carrollton, Morgan County and Lincolnton as the best in their respective classes in the season's first rankings.

The top 10 selections by the rating board:

Class AAA—Valdosta, Avondale, Griffin, Athens, LaGrange, Moultrie, Northside, Lanier, Brown and Murphy.

Class AA — Waycross, Cairo, Rossville, Cedartown, Coffee County, Wayne County, Lowndes County, Bainbridge, Troup and Dalton.

Class A—Carrollton, Americus, Dublin, Fitzgerald, Cartersville, Screven County, Commerce, Thomasville, Central Thomasville, Cochran.

Class B—Morgan County, Blakeley, Claxton, Fort Valley, Bradwell Institute, Gordon Lee, Pelham, Glennville, Turner County, Duluth.

Class C—Lincolnton, Monticello, Bremen, Putnam County, Jones County, Warren County, Buchanan, West Point, Tallapoosa, Wrensboro.

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## VHS-Waycross Tilt May Attract Record Crowd

Notes On This And That:

Cleveland Field will have a new look in quite a few different ways when the Valdosta Wildcats and Waycross Bulldogs meet there for a football game Friday night.

The field has a new lighting system, a new paint job and a resodded playing field.

There is also a new 50-foot flag pole which was the result



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of a project conducted by American Legion Post 13. Will Spain Kelly, Eddie Laws and George Mulligan were on a committee for this project. A flag raising ceremony is scheduled Friday night.

The game, matching two of the state's strongest teams, is certain to draw a large crowd, possibly a record one for a game played here.

A total of 1,784 season reserved seat tickets for VHS' home games have been sold and no more will be offered. This is a record here.

Many Waycross fans will make the trip here on a special train.

It is still very early in the season, but the game

has the fans in a high state of excitement. It promises to be a high school gridiron classic. Speaking of stadiums, Lowndes County fans who go to Cairo Friday night will get to see a really fine high school grid plant. In fact, Cairo High's academic and athletic facilities rank with the best in South Georgia. The LOHI Eagles and Cairo Syrup-makers will be meeting in a Region 1-AA(West) tussle which also has the fans buzzing.

### Umps Have No Official AF Ties

Just to keep the record straight the Moody Air Force Base Umpires Association has no official connection with the base or the Air Force. The umpires association is made up of Moody AFB personnel. However, they umpire and carry out association activities in their off-duty time.

The umpires and the Twin-Rivers League, an amateur baseball circuit, are in disagreement at the present time. The issue, however, is just between the umps and the T-R League. Moody AFB and the Air Force certainly aren't involved in any way.

On an official basis Moody and the Air Force have very cordial relations with the T-R League and all other athletic groups in the area. I would guess the umpires will pick a new name for their association in the very near future, with any reference to Moody and the Air Force left out. A new name for the umpires association would eliminate any possible confusion.

### Fitz Slates Horse Frolic

A horse frolic is scheduled Sunday afternoon at Fitzgerald. It's the first such event for that city and will be staged at 1:30 p.m. at Fitzgerald's Blue Gray Ball Park. There will be no charge for admission and the event will be open to the public. The Lowndes County Sheriff's Posse, a local group of horse back riding enthusiasts, will be well represented.

A GHSA Area Basketball Rules Clinic is slated for 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday at Pearson. It will be held at the Atkinson County High gym. All coaches, officials and players in the area are invited to attend. Rule interpretations will be discussed.

Starting time for Florida State University's football drills are 9:01 a.m. and 4:01 p.m. Coach Bill Peterson has a reason for such precise timing. "If just plain nine o'clock and four o'clock were used, somebody might forget them," Peterson said. "I think they will remember 9:01 a.m. and 4:01 p.m."





VHS Fullback Corps: Sirosis Barker, Walter Zant, Gary Beck Times Staff Photo

# Battle Of Champs Has Fans Buzzing

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Fans who like "hard-nose" football will get a generous serving of it when the Valdosta Wildcats and Waycross Bulldogs renew their ancient grid rivalry here Friday night.

And if pre-game talk among the fans is any indication, somewhere between 9,000 and 10,000 people will jam into Cleveland Field to see the contest.

No league honors will be at stake, but there will be a lot of prestige riding on the outcome.

The supply of season reserved seat tickets for Valdosta High's home football games has been exhausted. "We've sold and are in the process of mailing out 1,784 reserved seat tickets," a spokesman for the Valdosta Jaycees, said. "No more season reserved seat tickets will be offered." The Jaycees handled the sale of reserved seat tickets.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats have ruled as state Class AAA championships two years in a row. They've won 25 straight, including a 28-0 triumph over Baker last Friday in their 1962 opener.

Coach Earl O'Neal's Bulldogs have been atop the state Class AA heap two years in a row. They have a 12-game winning string going. They picked up two of those victories this season by beating Appling County 33-0 and "AAA" foe Jenkins (Savannah)

14-0. While the 'Cats and Bulldogs are traditional rivals, they interrupted their series in 1959. This will be their first meeting in three years and the game has been tagged unofficially as the "Battle Of The Champions."

When the series was interrupted two years ago, Waycross had things going its way. The Bulldogs beat the 'Cats 14-13, in 1958 and Waycross trimmed Valdosta 10-6, in 1959. O'Neal, a former VHS player and one-time coaching assistant under Bazemore, made his debut as head coach at Waycross in '59. So he holds a 1-0 edge over his former football boss.

The 'Cats and Bulldogs have shut out the three opponents they've met this year. But both have the kind of backs who are capable of providing plenty of offensive fireworks.

Waycross has eight backs who ed two years ago, Waycross had are considered regulars. They include Steve Fleming (130), halfbacks Donnie Miller (155), Tommy Zachary (150), Jay Adair (135) and Charles Unice (140) and fullbacks Tommy Everett (180) and Johnny Adair (140). Fleming is a sophomore and the others are juniors and seniors.

They operate behind an offensive line which averages 195 pounds per man.

Everett, who combines speed and power, has been nothing short of sensational so far this year. He's gained 299 yards in two games. Against Jenkins he went 49 yards for a TD, flattening three defenders in his wake.

Bates, who stands 6-2, has talent as both a runner and a passer. He scored against Appling on a 17-yard run and pitched a 19-yard TD pass against Jenkins.

"Our scout report indicates Everett is better than any back we have faced in the past three seasons," Bazemore said. "He is fast, he is strong and he has great balance. Appling and Jenkins couldn't even slow him down."

The combo of quarterback Rick Thomas (155), halfbacks Giles Smith (160) and Stan Reaves (165) and fullback Walter Zant (145) saw most of the offensive action for the 'Cats against Baker. Quarterback Hank Lee (160) and halfbacks Cloy Blanton (160) and Neil Bell (165) saw front line duty on defense.

The four offensive workhorses came out of the game with healthy statistics. Smith scored two touchdowns, passed for another and kicked four PAT's. He gained 75 yards rushing and returned two punts 47 yards. Thomas hit on six of 10 passes for 84 yards and a touchdown. He gained 33 yards along the ground. Zant carried 12 times and picked up 70 yards. Reaves gained 22 yards on five runs.

Although the 'Cats beat Baker with a second half surge, Bazemore said he was not pleased with his team's performance in the game at any time.

"We were ragged on both offense and defense all the way," Bazemore said. "We had too many of our boys just standing around out on the field watching. Those who want to watch the game this week can do it from the bench. If changes are needed we are going to make them."

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Times Sports Editor

## Form Charts Holding Firm In Prep Leagues

There might be some drastic changes this week, but so far the pre-season form charts are holding firm for most high school football races in this section of Georgia.

The Valdosta Wildcats' left the starter's gate as the favorite in Region 1-AAA. The 'Cats got off to a shaky start against Baker last Friday, but finished strong to win 28-0.



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Baker, plus Moultrie, Albany, Lanier and LaGrange, were rated as the 'Cats' major challengers for the 1-AAA crown. Coach Wright Bazemore's charges have gotten over the Baker hurdle, but there is lots of trouble ahead.

# 'Dosta, Waycross Collide

## Meet Tonight In Contest With Championship Flavor

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

The Valdosta Wildcats and Waycross Bulldogs, two teams with winning traditions and reputations for "hard-nose" play, are braced for a football collision here tonight.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and coach Earl O'Neal's Bulldogs will begin their battle at 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

No regional honors, but a full measure of football prestige will be at stake when one of Georgia's oldest football rivalries will be renewed after a two-year lapse.

Valdosta will carry a 25-game victory streak into the contest. Waycross has a string of 12 wins

to its credit. The 'Cats ruled as state Class AAA champs in 1960-61. Those same two years, Waycross was atop the state Class AA heap.

That gives tonight's game a championship flavor and somewhere between 9,000 and 10,000 fans are expected to show up.

Before the series was interrupted two years ago, Waycross had notched back-to-back victories over Valdosta. The Bulldogs won in 1959 by a 14-13 margin and triumphed in 1959 by a 10-6 count.

The VHS-Waycross series dates back to 1922. Although the Bulldogs won in 1958-59, 'Dosta holds a 24-8 edge in the series. There have been two tie games.

O'Neal, a former VHS player and one-time coaching aide under Bazemore, made his head coaching debut at Waycross in '59. That puts O'Neal one up over his former grid boss. He'd like to make it two in a row.

Waycross will be playing its third game of the season. The Bulldogs have beaten Appling County, 30-0, and Class AAA foe Jenkins (Savannah), 14-0.

Valdosta blanked Baker, 28-0, in its only start this year. That one was staged last Friday at Columbus, so the 'Cats will be playing their 1962 "home" opener tonight.

Neither the 'Cats or the Bulldogs were scored on in their early starts. It could mean a tight, defensive duel is in the offering tonight.

Both have big and experienced lines. Anchoring the Bulldogs forward wall are Bobby Hopkins (220), Tommy Thompson (230), Bob Ardoyno (220), and John Parrot (205).

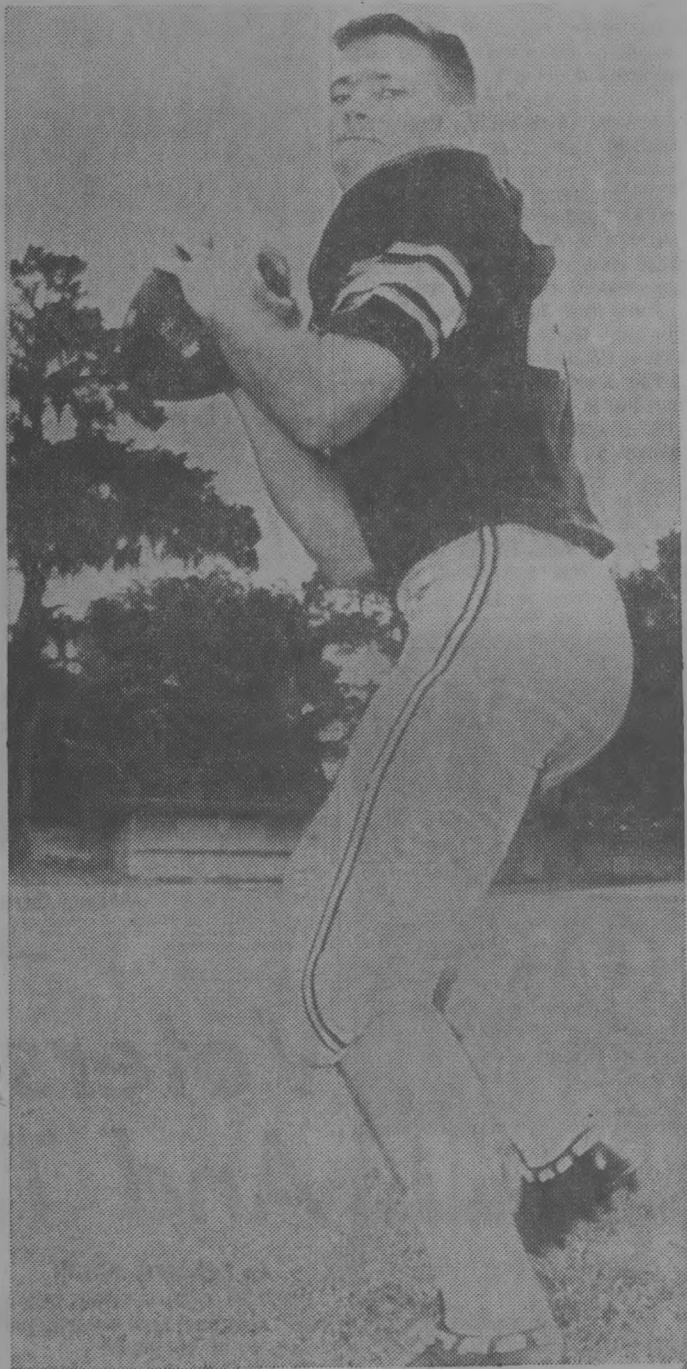
The 'Cats can counter with linemen like Danny Hendley, Wally Colson, Bill Schroer, Bill Myddleton and Foy Norwood. All tip the scales at 190 or better.

Waycross showed a hard-to-stop ground attack against both Appling and Jenkins. The backfield leader is Tommy Everett, a 180-pound junior fullback who has 299 yards to his credit after just two games. The Bulldogs can also strike through the air, with quarterback Newton Bates, a 6-2, 195-pounder, an expert "pitcher."

Stalled on the ground during the early going against Baker, the Wildcats got their attack rolling with a sharp passing attack. Both quarterback Rick Thomas and halfback Giles Smith did some accurate tossing against the Columbus entry.

They are sure to see plenty of offensive action tonight, along with halfback Stan Reaves and fullback Walter Zant.

Smith, a 160-pound senior, is the key man in the VHS attack plan. He offers passing, running, kicking and pass receiving talent.



Giles Smith: Valdosta Attack Leader

—Times Staff Photo

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Times Sports Editor

## Wildcats Picked To Win; LOHI, Hahira Underdogs

I'll have to admit that I made one prediction right last week. I forecast that my pick-the-winner average would slump and it sure did.

Among my prep football selections last Friday I was right in just 12 games and wrong in seven. My average for the week was a dismal .632 that left me with an overall mark of 22-9-.710. This was quite a drop from my opening week effort of .833.

Like the coach whose team has just lost by a one-sided score, I plan to keep trying and I hope to make a comeback.



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Here's the way things look to me on the high school gridiron front this week:

**VALDOSTA VS WAYCROSS** — The clash here tonight between the Valdosta Wildcats and Waycross Bulldogs should be a dilly. I think the fans are familiar enough with these two to know that a close, hard-fought battle is sure to develop. Following a long-standing tradition of mine I'm going to pick Valdosta to win.

## Valdosta Battles Waycross

Poets, Packers  
1-AAA's Best

By ELLWOOD MOYER  
Special to The Constitution

COLUMBUS, Ga. — While the Valdosta Wildcats move outside of Region One, Class AAA play and go for their 26th straight win against Waycross, eight of the nine remaining teams in the region will be playing in four region games in Moultrie, Macon and Columbus.

The Valdosta-Waycross game at Valdosta Friday night stacks up as the game of the year in the Georgia preps. Besides pitting the Class AAA and Class AA champions, both of two years running, the game marks the renewal of an old and revered series, discontinued a few years back due to the bitterness of the rivalry.

The top region attraction of the week will be the Friday clash at Moultrie between two of the five remaining undefeated untied teams in the region, the Lanier Poets and the Moultrie Packers.

The Baker Lions, loser to Valdosta 0-28 last Friday night, journey to Macon Friday night to meet the Willingham Rams while at the same time Jordan and LaGrange clash here.

Warner Robins meanwhile goes out of the region to meet Perry there. The only Thursday game this week will be the LaGrange-Jordan game here.

Giles Smith of Valdosta got off to a fast start in his attempt to become the first player to repeat as the leading scorer in the region since the 1950-1951 seasons as he scored two touchdowns and four extra points for a total of 16 points against the Baker Lions.

Smith paced the region in scoring last year as he came up with 12 touchdowns and added 38 extra points for a total of 110 points.

The last back to lead the scoring for two consecutive years was Ray Mercer of Moultrie. Mercer scored 114 points in 1950 to win as a junior and then came back with 149 points in 1951 to set the region scoring record which still stands. Mercer had 21 touchdowns and 23 extra points.

While the Valdosta Wildcats extended their winning streak to 25 games with a 28-0 win over the Baker Lions, the Columbus Blue Devils snapped a 12-game losing streak as Coach Jim Pyburn made his coaching debut at the Wildwood school a tremendous success as the Imps battled the highly-favored Willingham Rams to a scoreless tie.

Lanier, Moultrie, LaGrange and Albany—along with Valdosta—alone remain undefeated and united in the region ranks and at least one club will drop from the ranks this week when Lanier and Moultrie clash.

However the winner of the Lanier-Moultrie tilt will move into first place in the region standings.

### PREP REVIEW

## Wildcats Prowl Again, But Fort Valley Loses

By JACK DOANE

Two defending state champions continued on the trail toward possible repeats while another took its lumps in Friday night prep football action in the state.



Valdosta, challenged for a while by Baker of Columbus, scored three times in the second half and pranced to an opening 28-0 victory. Defending Class-A champion Carrollton got a real scare but emerged with a 13-12 squeaker over rugged Cartersville.

Fort Valley didn't fare so

# LEGEND OF VALDOSTA MEETS RIVALRY TEST

## Waycross Hopes for Victory

By TERRY KAY

Valdosta High School, like Bat Masterson, is a legend in its own time.

Hardly anyone speaks of Valdosta without speaking of its football team, and hardly anyone fails to insert a few choice exclamations, punctuating and emphasizing their personal sentiments no matter what line they may follow.

Friday night the legend gets a real test from another team with almost equal status — Waycross, close neighbors and long rivals. Waycross is the team that has won two consecutive Class A state titles. Valdosta is the team that has won two consecutive Class AAA state titles.

Two years ago, when the two teams last played, Waycross defeated the Wildcats, 10-6. Since then, Valdosta has gone unbeaten.

Naturally, neighbors strive to keep abreast of one another. The Bulldogs of Coach Earl O'Neal regard Coach Wright Bazemore's eleven with no other thought than to beat them. And vice versa.

The game, scheduled for Valdosta on Friday night, will draw in estimates of 15,000 people. No where in the state will a game command as much attention and

# VAUNTED VALDOSTA TAKES WAYCROSS TEST

## Athens Duels Westminster; Morgan Waits

By CHARLIE ROBERTS

Georgia's high school football bullies don't even bother to warm up against some neighborhood weaklings before starting to pound on each other these days.

The season is barely out of the swaddling-clothes stage, and yet next weekend some of the state's

top powers will tangle with other biggies in games befitting the late-season championship arena.

For instance, down in Valdosta, where everyone says the Wildcats are certain to win a



Charlie Roberts

third straight state Class AAA crown, Wright Bazemore's powerhouse will take on none other Friday night than Earl O'Neal's Waycross Bulldogs, on trail of a third consecutive AA diadem.

The Valdostans were off and winning against Baker in their opener, 25-0, but then so were the Waycrossers against Appling County the other after dark, 30-0.

One heavyweight bout should be enough for the Atlanta scene, but the fans will be treated to two in as many nights.

For on Friday, rugged Athens and running whiz Woody Chastain will invade Westminster for a duel with John Martin and Company. And on Saturday at Grady Stadium, Northside and Murphy, the only two City League teams given much chance to wrestle Brown on even terms, will collide.

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## KEEPS WINNING

# Valdosta Rolls Over Baker, 28-0

COLUMBUS, Ga. — The Valdosta, region-one, Class-AAA and Georgia State champions the past two years, picked up where they left off last season as they rolled to a 28-0 win over Baker Lions before some 5,000 fans at Memorial Stadium Friday night and in doing so extended their current winning streak to 25 straight games over a three-year period.

The fighting Baker Lions stopped the 'Cats in the opening period but then Valdosta picked up single touchdowns in the second and fourth periods and added two in the third. Baker fumbled deep in their own territory set up the last two scores.

Giles Smith, who paced region-one in scoring last year with 110 points, picked up a total of 16 points as he scored two touchdowns and added four placements. He scored on a 40-yard pass from Rick Thomas and went 16 yards on the ground for the other score. He also threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Thomas for the first score of the game.

Valdosta went 47, 40, 40 and 35 yards for the four Wildcat touchdowns. After being limited to a lone 12 yards on the ground in the first period, the Wildcat machine rolled on the ground and in the final three quarters to pick 329 yards in the next 36 minutes of play.

Smith was the leading ground gainer for the night as he came up with 75 yards in 10 trips. Walter Zant added 70 in 12 carries and Thomas had 33 in 10. John Bolles was best for Baker with 32 in seven.

The Wildcats next face Waycross Friday in Valdosta. Way-

The line score:  
Valdosta ..... 0 7 14 7—28  
Baker ..... 0 0 0 0—0  
Valdosta — Touchdowns, Rick Thomas (15-yard pass from Giles Smith); Walter Zant (20-yard run); Giles Smith (40-yard pass from Rick Thomas and 16-yard run.) Extra Points—Giles Smith (four placements.).

cross closed out the 1959 season with a 10-6 win over the 'Cats which is the last time that Valdosta has lost on the gridiron.

# Valdosta's 'Cats Claw Baker, 28-0

By The Associated Press

Coach Wright Bazemore's Valdosta Wildcats may not be quite as strong in the first team as they were when they won their second successive class AAA high school football title last year, but they've got depth to spare.

The Baker High Lions of Columbus held Valdosta in check through most of the first half Friday night but Bazemore's platooning paid off as the Wildcats went on to a 28-0 victory.

While the Wildcats were successfully opening defense of their crown; Richmond Academy of Augusta was losing to North Augusta, S.C., 6-0. It was the second loss in a row for the Musketeers to South Carolina teams (Columbia last week).

# Sharp 'Cats Claw Bulldogs, 48-13

## 26th Straight Win Gained In 'Battle of the Champs'

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

The "Battle of the Champs" turned out to be a mismatch as the Valdosta Wildcats, the state Class AAA football kings, decked the Waycross Bulldogs, state Class AA titleholders, 48-13 here Friday night.

An estimated 9,500 fans were on hand to see coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats and coach Earl O'Neal's Bulldogs renew an ancient gridiron series after a two-year lapse. Most expected a close game between the teams that had dominated Georgia's two highest prep classifications in 1960-61.

But the 'Cats, razor-sharp on offense and relentless on defense, wasted little time putting the Bulldogs down for the full count.

The triumph was the second this season for the 'Cats and their 26th in a string of triumphs which dates back to the start of the 1960 season. The loss snapped a 12-game winning string Waycross had going. The Bulldogs had won two of those dozen in outings earlier this year.

Halfback Stan Reaves started the VHS scoring parade when, in the first period, he intercepted a pass at the Bulldogs' 40 and went for a touchdown behind crisp blocking.

Later Reaves scored another one on an eight-yard run. Halfback Giles Smith scored on a 50 yard punt return and kicked 5 PAT's. Quarterback Rick Thomas lugged back a Bulldog kick 60 yards for one tally and accounted for two more with a pair of eight-yard runs. Sophomore Albert McLeod sprinted 48 yards for a TD.

All this happened before the Bulldogs could reach paydirt. The two markers they got came late in the final period against the Valdosta reserves.

Fullback Freddie Everett assured Waycross of avoiding a shutout when he returned a kickoff 88 yards for a score. Quarterback Newton Bates passed 55 yards to end Bob Scarborough for the Bulldogs second marker.

But this was against the Valdosta reserves. Against the Wildcats' front-line troops, Waycross made one timid move to the VHS 43 in the opening stanza, then was forced to stay deep in its own territory until the break through just before the finish.

Valdosta dominated in the line on both offense and defense with Dick Bender. Danny Hendley, Bill Holtzclaw, Wally Colson, Christy Patterson, Bill Myddleton, Bobby Moore, Jimmy Robinson, Bo Hall, Frank Haddock, Greg Jones, Bill

Henry, Bill Holt, Foy Norwood, Jack Martin, Charles Oliver and Randy Hunter some of the chief workers up front.

In addition to the scoring foursome of Reaves, Smith, Thomas and McLeod, Walter Zant, Sirosis, Barker, Neil Bell, Cloy Blanton, Terry Godwin and Hank Lee were backs who made major contributions.

The Wildcats put on a dazzling display of blocking. Waycross' offensive statistics show the kind of defensive performance the 'Cats turned in. The Bulldogs finished the game with a net of just 14 yards rushing. Waycross got 118 yards passing, but three-fourths of this was gained late in the game against the 'Dosta reserves.

Valdosta piled up 10 first downs, 186 yards rushing and 134 passing. It would have been much more but eight penalties cost them 96 yards and nullified several plays which went for long gains.

Reaves gained 52 yards on six runs, caught two passes which were good for 21 yards, made four tackles and intercepted two passes. Smith gained 30 yards

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## 'Cats Sharp In Triumph

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on six tries, made good on five of six PAT tries and boomed out three long punts. Thomas directed the VHS attack in flawless fashion. Beside scoring three times, he gained 25 yards rushing on five tries and hit on five of 13 passes for 110 yards.

In the tackling department, the VHS leaders were Schroer, 8;

STATISTICS		Val.	Way.
First Downs		10	4
Yards Rushing		186	14
Yards Passing		134	118
Passes		8 of 17	8 of 16
Passes Intc. by		4	0
Fumbles Lost		2	0
Punting		5-32.2	8-36.2
Penalties		8-96	2-10

Myddleton, 7, and Moore, 6.

Scoring in the game went this way:

First quarter — The two teams struggled at mid-field for most of the quarter. Then the 'Cats got rolling. Reaves intercepted a pass on the Bulldogs' 40. He mixed fine running with great downfield blocking by his mates to score. Smith booted the first of his five PAT's.

Second quarter — Valdosta got three TD's in this stanza. The 'Cats drove down to the Waycross six, thanks mainly to a 23-yard, tackle-eligible pass from Thomas to Schroer. This drive failed to pay off. Waycross took over on the 12 and the stout VHS defense shoved them back to the four. The Bulldogs punted. Smith picked up the ball as it bounced along the ground at the 40. He reversed his course and went 50 yards down the right sideline behind a wall of solid blocks to score.

Reaves intercepted another Bulldogs pass at the Waycross 29. A penalty put the Wildcats back out at the 44. Just six plays later they had scored their third touchdown. Thomas got this one on an eight-yard run around left end. Key plays were a 23-yard pass from Thomas to Reaves, a seven-yard run by Reaves and a three-yard romp by Zant.

Before the first half ended, the 'Cats moved 68 yards in six plays to score again. Thomas hit Bender with a medium-range pass and the lanky end, with some fine running, turned it into a 48-yard

for the fifth TD of the night. Reaves got it on an eight-yard burst up the middle after setting up the score with a fine, 23-yard run. Romps of 11 and 9 yards by Smith helped the cause this time.

The Wildcats got the Bulldogs back in a hole. Waycross punted, Thomas fielded it this time, got good blocking and sailed 60 yards for a tally. It was Myddleton who kicked the PAT this time.

Fourth Period — Before the Bulldogs had time to catch their breaths, McLeod popped through the middle, knocked down two defenders, almost fell, then hit full stride and stepped 48 yards for VHS' seventh marker.

Waycross finally had its turn at scoring. Everett went 88 yards for a tally on a kickoff return. Quarterback Newton Bates hit four passes in a row, the last one for 55 yards and a touchdown to end Bob Scarborough.

### LINEUPS

#### Valdosta

Ends — Bender, Hendley, Holtzclaw, Colson, Haddock, Buie, Sherwood, Goff, Ireland, Stevens.

Tackles — Schroer, Henry, Oliver, Hunter, Cannon, Harnage, Perryman, Spencer.

Guards — Patterson, Myddleton, Moore, Hall, Jones, Holt, Martin, Bray, Crane.

Centers — Robinson, Norwood, Wainwright, Dove, Joseph, Buckner.

Backs — Zant, Barker, Bell, Thomas, Blanton, Godwin, Lee, McLeod, Reaves, Smith, Pearson, Strom, Beck, Welch, Jordan.

#### Waycross

Ends — Scarborough, Cornelius, Moore, Hanley, Sloan, Spivey, Yermousky.

Tackles — Hopkins, Hopkins, Williams, Parrott, Davis, Bussey.

Guards — Ardoyno, Scott, Myddleton, Gates.

Centers — Thompson.

Backs — Fleming, Bates, Miller, Bowen, Adair, Adair, Knox, Everett, Harris, Eunice.

Score by Quarters: 7 21 14 6—48

Valdosta 0 0 0 13—13

Waycross

Scoring TD's — Valdosta — Thomas

3 (8yd. run, 60 yd. punt return, 8 yd. run), Smith (50 yd. punt return), Reaves

2 (8 yd. run, 40 yd. pass interception return), McLeod (48 yd. run); Waycross

— Everett (88 yd. kickoff return), Scarborough (55 yd. pass from Bates), PAT's

— Valdosta — Smith 5 (placements), Myddleton (placement); Waycross

— Bates (placement).

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta — McLeod 3-57 yds., Reaves 6-52 yds., Smith 6-30 yds., Thomas 5-25 yds., Zant 4-15 yds., Barker 3-3 yds., Lee 1-3 yds., Bell 1-3 yds., Beck 1-3 yds., Waycross — Everett 10-20 yds., Miller 4-8 yds., Zachary 6-6 yds., Bates 10 minus 13.

Passing: Valdosta — Thomas 5 of 13, 110 yds., Lee 3 of 3, 24 yds., Waycross — Bates 8 of 16, 118 yds.

Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Smith 2-18 yds., Schroer 1-23 yds., Reaves 1-21 yds., Bender 1-48 yds., Bell 2-13 yds., Godwin 1-11 yds., Waycross — Scarborough 4-82 yds., Miller 2-26 yds., Moore 1-8 yds., Harris 1-2 yds.

Defense (Tackle Leaders): Valdosta — Schroer 8, Myddleton 7, Moore 6, Reaves 4, Hendley 4, Hall 3, Norwood 3, Martin 2, Pearson 2, Holtzclaw 2, Lee 2, Bell 2; Waycross — Miller 10, Hopkins 5, Ardoyno 5, Johnny Adair 4.

gainer. Thomas passed 13 yards to Smith, then the quarterback went eight yards for a tally on an end sweep.

Third Period — The Wildcats covered 55 yards in seven plays



Times Staff Photo

Neil Bell Fights for Yardage After Taking Pass in Third Quarter



Valdosta's Billy Schroer Takes Out Two Waycross Defenders to Clear Way For Giles Smith



Tommy Davenport Given News of Latest Happenings by Beverly Gunter



Harold Landey buys Sara Smith's Last Spirit Ribbon for Game

—Times Staff Photos

# VHS Students Pick Officers Of Clubs

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A tall blond junior has been named as a representative to the Valdosta High School Student Council and a new club has been organized at the school.

Tommy Davenport was elected to the council to fill the post vacated by a student who needed more time for his studies, an-

nounced president Beverly Gunter.

The pep club was originated by the cheerleaders and its membership is open to any VHS student. Their purpose is to promote spirit for the athletic program at the school and to give the various teams their wholehearted support.

The members also assist the cheerleaders in the selling of spirit ribbons to the other students and football fans. The cheerleaders act as the executive body of the newly formed club.

In other elections, Mike Slack was selected vice president of the government club. Other officers include Sandy LaMontagne, secretary; Dan Odum, treasurer;

and Linda Jackson, chaplain. Charles Barker was elected to head the group last spring.

Bobby Young is president of the DE Club. Serving with him are Warren Clayton, vice president; Linda Faye Hancock, treasurer; Billy Holtzclaw, sgt. at arms; Gail Griffin, historian; and Jo Ann Bennett, reporter.

The Sports Council has chosen

Judy Lawson to lead their group with Martha Kay Schroer as vice president, Sandy LaMontagne as secretary and Linda Myers as treasurer.

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Maxine Wilson is taking the top duties in the racket Club. Her officers are Nancy Simon, vice president and Sandy LaMontagne, secretary-treasurer.

**SAMMY**

# GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

## Baze Admits Satisfaction When Wildcats Hit Stride

Those who expected Valdosta grid boss Wright Bazemore to issue a rousing victory statement after his Wildcats crushed Waycross 48-13 are going to be disappointed.

Bazemore's post-game comment, despite the unexpected one-sided score, was: "Well, I'm glad to know our boys can play football after all."

There was a big grin of satisfaction on his face when he said it. And you have to understand Bazemore's feeling to get the true meaning of his remark.

He is an exacting taskmaster who demands that his charges strive for perfection. The Wildcats haven't been meeting his standards since spring practice.



**SAMMY GLASSMAN**

certainly expected a close game. Many fans here and at Waycross expected a close game. This was the lure which brought some 9,500 football enthusiasts to Cleveland Field to see the game.

But from start to finish, Valdosta dominated. The 'Cats were primed and ready. As someone put it, "Bazemore had the 'Cats 'higher' than the new light poles at Cleveland Field." When it comes to getting a team in the right frame of mind for an important game, Bazemore is a master.

### Line Due Lots of Credit

The Wildcats quickly established their superiority in the line on both offense and defense. When a team can take over up front, then it is on its way down the victory trail.

Take nothing away from the VHS backs, but let's give a full measure of credit to the VHS linemen who played so well on both offense and defense.

**"The 'stop 'em' crew's pursuit was relentless. The offensive blocking both at the line of scrimmage and down field was sharp and virtually flawless.**

It all added up to a smooth team effort, the kind that made Bazemore smile and offer words of praise for his boys.

The VHS mentor has been waging an anti-overconfidence campaign since the end of the 1961 season. The Wildcats, with a veteran team, have been showered with praise from all quarters.

### Pressure Increased

He got them to give an inspired performance against Waycross and now he must find a way to get them back out of the clouds.

The 'Cats, with a long winning streak going, started the season under tremendous pressure. The one-sided victory over Waycross will increase that pressure.

**They must now guard against a let-down. Knowing coach Bazemore as I do I'm sure he detected some flaws in last Friday's game. He won't mince words as he points out these mistakes to his boys.**

He's not an unkind man, just a perfectionist. He knows from long experience that constant improvement is the secret to success and that self-satisfaction has brought about the downfall of many of football's strongest teams.

The 'Cats, as they say, wound up and went against the Bulldogs. Let's hope they don't slacken their pace in the future.

## Five VHS Players On AP's Star List

By HUGH SCHUTTE

Associated Press Sports Writer

Three linemen who are big—literally and figuratively—factors in the outstanding success of the Valdosta Wildcats head the list in this week's Georgia high school Roll Call of Stars.

Picked to share the AP Lineman of the Week honor are Bill Schroer, Foy Norwood and Billy Myddleton, the middle men in the Wildcats' defensive line. This trio, which has a combined weight of about 650 pounds, has helped Valdosta rack up 26 victories in a row—including a 48-13 triumph over highly rated Waycross Friday night.

Schroer and Myddleton are seniors while Norwood is a junior. All three have been nominated frequently for the Roll Call but it was felt they should be picked together for their outstanding play this past weekend when they led the charge that bottled the Waycross team deep in its own territory for most of the game.

# VALDOSTA'S SCHROER'S LINEMAN OF THE WEEK

## Bremen, Coach Are Honored As Team and Coach of Week

By JACK DOANE

A quarterback who found there are ways to win a football game other than passing and a lineman who received his greatest competition from teammates are The Atlanta Journal's picks as Prep Back and Lineman of the Week.

Northside's Charles Mason, a lanky 180-pound senior who is the state's high jump record holder in track, ran 64 yards for one touchdown and set up another

with a 50-yard sprint as the Tigers upset defending city champion Murphy Saturday night, 13-12. For those accomplishments, Mason is The Journal's Back of the Week.

Bill Schroer of Valdosta claims Lineman of the Week accolades only by the barest of margins over teammates Billy Myddleton and Foy Norwood and the rest of the Wildcat forewall which pounded touted Waycross into oblivion, 48-13. The two Waycross TDs came against Valdosta reserves in the game's waning minutes.

# League Foe Jordan Next For Wildcats

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

Valdosta gets back to the serious business of defending its Region 1-AAA championship while Lowndes County and Hahira meet non-league foes in prep football games this week.

Coach Wright Bazemore's VHS Wildcats tackle Jordan's Red Jackets of Columbus here Friday night in a 1-AAA test.

That same night coach Warren Alexander's Hahira Tigers will go against the Vienna Cubs at Vienna.

Coach Carlton Adams' LOHI

Golden Eagles won't see action until Saturday night. Then they'll tackle Central (Thomasville) Yellow Jackets here at Cleveland Field.

In other games Friday night involving area teams, Berrien County (Nashville) will be at Brooks County (Quitman), Tifton at Cook (Adel), Clinch County (Homerville) at Patterson, Live Oak, Fla., at Madison, Fla., and Williston, Fla., at Jasper, Fla.

On Saturday, Jannings, Fla., will go against Carrabelle, Fla., at Jasper.

The Wildcats will be seeking their third win of the season and their second league triumph of the new campaign when they meet Jordan. VHS has beaten league foe Baker, 28-0 and non-regional opponent Waycross, 48-13. They have a three-season victory string of 26 games.

Jordan, with a young but improving team, is winless after two starts this year. The Red Jackets have bowed to Moultrie, 19-0 and to LaGrange, 26-6. Both Moultrie and LaGrange rank as serious 1-AAA title contenders.

## Junior 'Cats Meet Cook Here Tonight

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta will meet Cook (Adel) in a junior varsity football game here tonight.

Coach Joe Wilson's Junior Wildcats will go against the Junior Hornets at 7:30 p. m. at Cleveland Field. This will be the "home" opener for the Junior 'Cats.

Wilson's charges dropped a one-sided decision to Waycross in its first start of the season last week at Waycross.

# Wildcats Polishing Defense For Jordan

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

The Valdosta Wildcats are devoting extra attention to defense as they prepare for their football duel with the Jordan Red Jackets here Friday night.

Coach Wright Bazemore has his 'Cats busy working on defensive countermeasures he hopes will keep the Jackets' varied attack in check.

Coach Bob Donaldson's crew from Columbus has scored just one touchdown while losing in early starts to Moultrie and LaGrange.

The Jackets, however, offer a perplexing defensive problem for Valdosta.

"Jordan runs from the straight-T, the winged-T and a variety of spreads," Bazemore said. "They use a balanced line and an unbalanced line. We've got our hands full trying to get our defense ready to try to stop all of that."

Jordan, going through a "rebuilding" season, bowed to Moultrie, 19-0, and was trimmed by LaGrange, 26-6. Their two victors, however, are rated as serious Region 1-AAA title contenders and the Jackets have been pegged as a rapidly improving team. It could add up to some trouble for the Wildcats.

The 'Cats have beaten league foe Baker, 28-0, and non-regional opponent Waycross, 48-13. They will be going for their 27th straight triumph on Friday.

"We've got to avoid a letdown and we've got to be ready for a tough game," Bazemore said. "Jordan has size and experience in the line and a big fullback who can move. Jordan scored first against LaGrange and kept the lead until well into the second quarter.

"Most important of all, our game with Jordan is a regional contest. We have no margin for error."

Jordan's line regulars are ends Jerry Rutland (155) and Bobby Hodges (168), tackles Johnny

Heggood (210) and Larry Buchanan (238), centers Bubba Wages (186) and Bobby Upchurch (140) and guards John Hurston (185) and Donald Simpson (186).

Buchanan was rated by the Columbus papers as an All-Bi-City lineman in 1961 when he was a sophomore. He's being touted for All-State honors this time.

The Jordan fullback Bazemore mentioned is Bill Fox, a 190-pound senior. He gave both Moultrie and LaGrange trouble.

Valdosta offered sharp line play on both offense and defense against Waycross, and Bazemore is hoping for a repeat performance against the Red Jackets.

Seeing most of the action up front for the 'Cats last week were ends Dick Bender, Danny Hendley, Bill Holtzclaw, Wally Colson and Frank Haddock, tackles Charles Oliver, Randy Hunter and Billy Schroer, guards Christy Patterson, Bill Myddleton, Bill Holt, Greg Jones, Bill Henry, William (Bo) Hall and Jack Martin and centers Jimmy Robinson and Foy Norwood.

# VHS Backs Ailing, But Attack Rolls

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's backfield corps may be in a rather battered and bruised condition, but so far it hasn't seemed to slow the Wildcats' attack any.

The 'Cats put their offense in high gear last Friday as they turned back Waycross 48-13. VHS grid boss Wright Bazemore would

Complete Sports Magazine, in its current issue, has rated the Valdosta Wildcats as the pre-season number one high school team in the nation. The magazine listed Wichita Falls, Texas, second, followed by Massillon, Ohio; Manual Arts (Los Angeles), West Scranton, Pa.; Lawrence, Ka.; Maywood (Proviso East, Ill.), Christian Brothers (St. Louis), Everett, Mass. and Lawton, Okla. The magazine rated VHS tackle Bill Schroer on its prep All-America first team and 'Cats guard Bill Myddleton in its A-A second team.

like to see some more of the same against Jordan's Red Jackets here Friday night.

Valdosta and Jordan will tangle in a Region 1-AAA contest set for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field. The 'Cats will be going for their third win of the season, their second league triumph of 1962 and the 27th win in a victory string which dates back to the start of the 1960 campaign.

Before turning back Waycross last week, Valdosta trimmed 1-AAA foe Baker, 28-0. Jordan has taken it on the chin twice this

season, losing to Moultrie, 19-0, and LaGrange, 26-6.

Getting back to the VHS backs and their ailments — quarterback Rick Thomas has a bruised thumb on his throwing hand, halfback Giles Smith has two sprained ankles and fullbacks Walter Zant and Sirosis Barker have shoulder injuries.

All, however, are expected to be ready for action against Jordan.

Thomas, Smith, Reaves and Zant have seen most of the offensive action in the backfield so far. Barker and fullback Albert McLeod have also been called on for duty with the "go-team". Quarterbacks Hank Lee and Terry Godwin and halfbacks Cloy Blanton and Neil Bell have seen extensive defensive duty.

"Some of our backs are kind of banged up, but we are counting on all of them to play Friday," Bazemore said. "Our offense looked good against Waycross, much better than it did in our opener with Baker. I hope it's an indication of progress."

Backfield regulars for Jordan include quarterback Ben Garnto (148), halfbacks Jimmy Cason (144), Steve Collins (160) Jimmy Lauder milk (165) and Jim Hudson (143), and fullback Bill Fox (190).

Fox is the heavyweight and the

Valdosta is favored over the twice beaten Jackets, but the always cautious Bazemore has warned his charges to take nothing for granted.

"This is a region game and the boys certainly know what that means," Bazemore said. "To tell the truth practice has been ragged this week. Jordan has lost two games, but they were to a pair of strong teams. If we let down Friday night, well, we could find ourselves in trouble quickly."

"I've said it before and I'll say it again. You can't take anything for granted in football. Jordan will come here ready to play. We've also got to be ready."

# Wildcats Meet Jordan Tonight

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor



VHS Backfield Stickout: Stan Reaves

Charles Oliver, Billy Schroer, Randy Hunter, Foy Norwood, Jimmy Robinson; backs — Giles Smith, Rick Thomas, Walter

Zant, Stan Reaves, Sirosis Barker, Albert McLeod, Neil Bell, Hank Lee and Terry Godwin.

Smith, Reaves, Zant and Thomas have been the 'Cats' attack leaders so far. They are at or near the top in quite a few 1-AAA statistical departments, including rushing, passing, pass receiving, punting, punt returns, scoring and runback of intercepted passes.

Valdosta meets Jordan's Red Jackets here tonight in a game that could indicate how the Wildcats stack up with at least two other strong title contenders in the Region 1-AAA football race.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats are to meet coach Bob Donaldson's Jackets from Columbus at 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

The Wildcats have won two games this year and 26 straight in a string which had its beginning at the start of the 1960 season. Jordan has lost twice in as many starts since the '62 campaign got underway.

Moultrie beat the Jackets, 19-0, and LaGrange turned back the Jordan crew, 26-6. How the 'Cats do against Jordan tonight could give a hint of what Valdosta can expect when it plays highly regarded Moultrie and LaGrange later in the season.

Talk of Valdosta being heavily favored tonight and speculation about future games has, however, resulted in Bazemore voicing a firm warning to his charges.

"Jordan may have lost twice, but that doesn't mean it isn't a good football team," the VHS grid boss said. "And since Jordan is the team we play this week the boys better concentrate on it

"Jordan has size in the line and one of the finest fullbacks in the region. We've been ragged in practice all week. The boys were "up" for Waycross last week. If they let down, Jordan's going to dust us off.

"It's a region game. That means victory is a must. We've got to be ready."

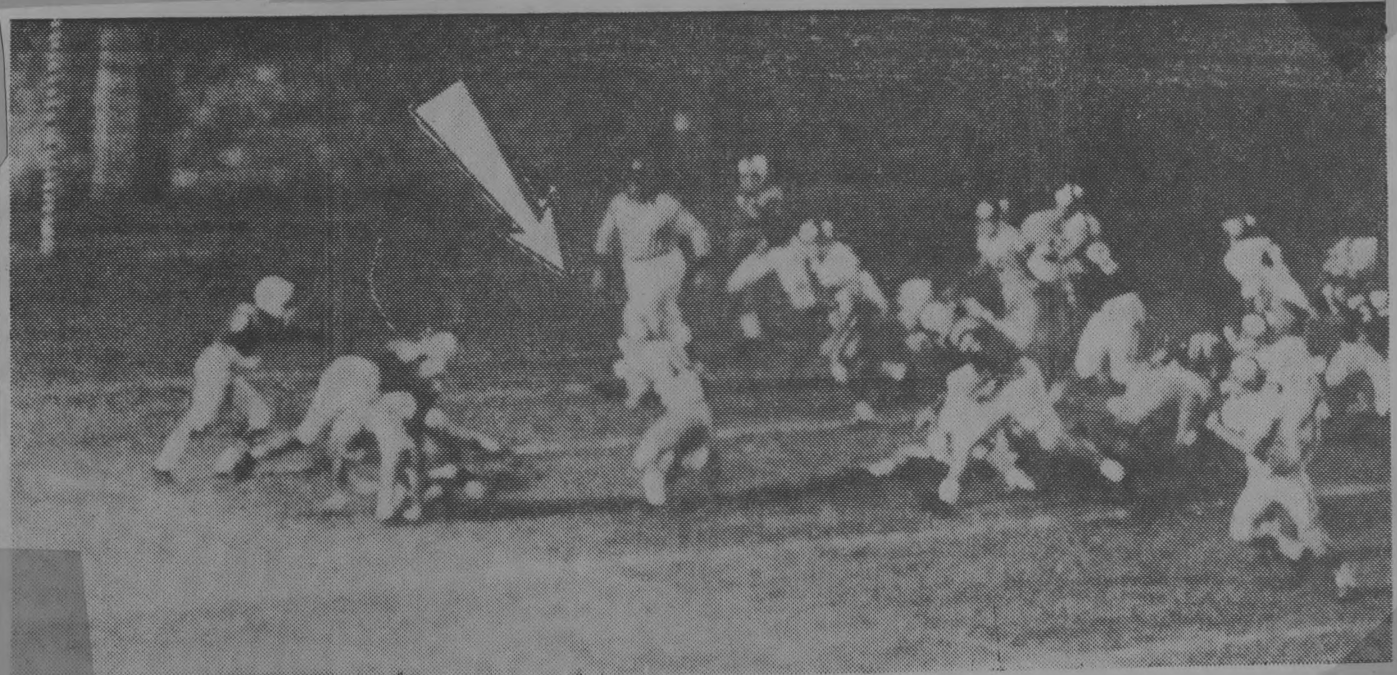
That win over Waycross Bazemore mentioned was by a 48-12 margin. In their opener two weeks ago the 'Cats trimmed Baker, 28-0.

Jordan has a line anchored by tackles Johnny Heggood (210) and Larry Buchanan (238), guards John Hurston (185) and Donald Simpson (184) and center Bubba Wagers (186).

Leader of the Red Jacket varied attack is Billy Fox, a 160-pound senior fullback who is sixth leading rusher in the region. He's bulled his way for 128 yards in 24 tries for a 5.33 average.

In the Wildcats' two-unit play there are some 25 players classified as regulars. They include the following:

Linemen — Dick Bender, Danty Patterson, Bill Myddleton, Willy Colson, Frank Haddock, Christy Ptterson, Bill Myddleton, William (Bo) Hall, Greg Jones, Bill Henry, Bill Holt, Jack Marti



Valdosta Fullback Walter Zant (10) Sails Through Hole Opened in Jordan's Line

# Wildcats Keep Roll

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

A sharp air attack, kick return brilliance and an unyielding defense were displayed by Valdosta's football Wildcats as they zipped to a 46-0 victory over the Jordan Red Jackets of Columbus here Friday night.

A crowd of approximately 7,000 was on hand to see coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats win their third game this season and post their

27th straight triumph in a string dating back to the start of the '60 season. It was Valdosta's second Region 1-AAA success this year and the third loss in as many tries for coach Bob Donaldson's Jackets.

Jordan tried a quick kick from its own eight yard line on the third play of the game. The 'Cats swarmed in, blocked the punt and took over on the Jackets' seven. Three plays later quarterback

Rick Thomas led the first of his team's drives. From then on the Wildcats all the time completed six of their three plays. They went (27 yards), (24 yards) Bell (32 yards) Zant accounted for a one-yard

By DAVID FAUSETT  
Times Correspondent

ADEL — Larry Sirmans spearheaded a 70 - yard touchdown march in the fourth period as Cook's Hornets gained a 13-7 football upset victory over Tifton's Blue Devils here Friday night.

The victory was the first after a loss and a tie for coach Bobby Smith's Hornets from Adel. The setback was the first in three weeks for the "AA" Imps.

Cook beat back three Tifton scoring threats in the first half. The Blue Devils went ahead in the third stanza. Cook came right back to knot the count at 7, then scored the winning mark midway the final stanza.

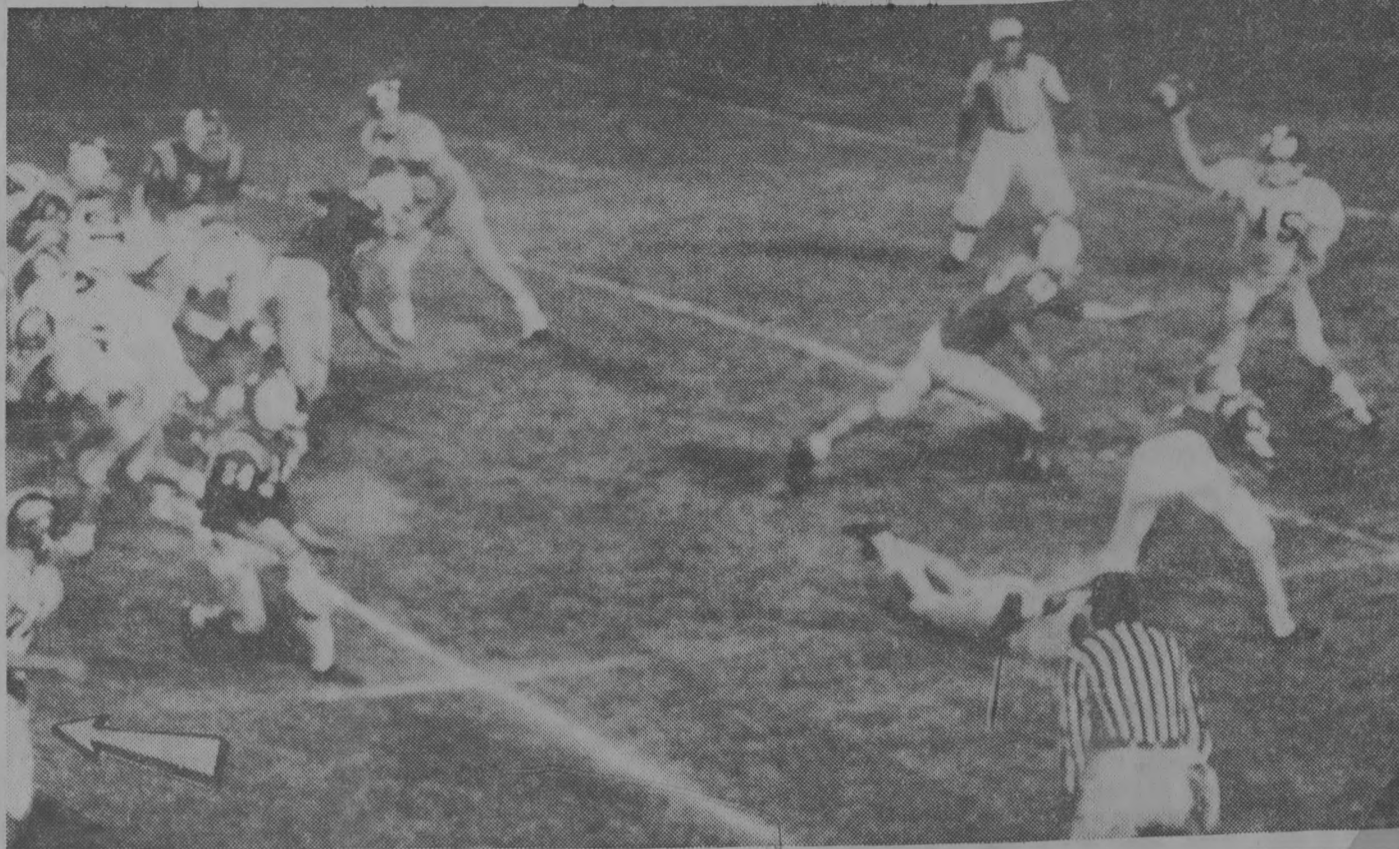
yard run. Harris Smith booted the extra point.

From there on it was all Cook. The Hornets wheeled 93 yards to score and deadlock the count. Ronnie Griffin got the marker on a nine-yard run and Donald

### STATISTICS

	Cook	Tifton
First Downs	9	11
Yards Rushing	221	177
Yards Passing	9	62
Passes	2-2	5-14
Passes Intc. By	2	0
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Punting	5-37	5-47
Penalties	40	35

Hayes ran for the PAT. Griffin, Hayes and Sirmans led the drive which clicked for five first downs. A 22-yard jaunt by Sirmans was a key gainer.



Times Staff Photo

Rick Thomas, 15, Passes to Dick Bender, Arrow; Toss, However, Went Incomplete

## 'CATS BLAST JORDAN

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this: First quarter: The Wildcats kicked off. Jordan ran two plays, had no success and tried a quick kick from its own eight. Several VHS defenders broke through and the punt was blocked. Center Foy Norwood claimed the ball for the Wildcats at the Jordan seven. Zant went five yards and then

### STATISTICS

	Val.	Jor.
First Downs	15	1
Yards Rushing	162	24
Yards Passing	147	37
Passes	6-10	3-8
Passes Intc. By	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Punting	1-50	12-31.1
Penalties	3-23	2-20

one. Thomas plunged the last yard for the TD.

Before the opening period ended the 'Cats marched 52 yards in nine plays to score again. Zant got this one on a one-yard jaunt. Key plays in the drive included a 15-yard pass from Thomas to Smith, a 19-yard run by Reaves, romps of eight and five yards by fullback Sirosis Barker and a four-yard run by Zant.

Second period: The second stanza was still young when Smith

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta — Reaves — 4-34 yds., Barker 10-30 yds., Lee 8-25 yds., Bell 6-24 yds., McLeod 8-22 yds., Zant 7-19 yds., Beck 5-18 yds.; Jordan — Fox 13-39 yds., Cason 6-3 yds., Hamilton 2-minus 8 yds., Garnto 2-minus 5 yds. Passing: Valdosta — Thomas 6 of 9-147 yds., Strom 0 for 1; Jordan — Hamilton 2 of 7-34 yds., Garnto 1 of 1-3 yds. Pass receiving: Valdosta — Smith 3-73 yds., Bender 1-27 yds., Bell 1-32 yds., Holtzclaw 1-15 yds.; Jordan — Hudson 2-34 yds., Hodge 1-3 yds. Punt Return — Valdosta — Smith 3-125 yds., Thomas 1-11 yds., Bray 1-9 yds., Strom 1-8 yds., Pearson 1-2 yds. Kickoff Return — Valdosta — Reaves 1-85 yds.; Jordan — Cason 3-66 yds., Hudson 3-40 yds. Defense (tackle leaders): Valdosta — Hall 5, Myddleton 4, Schroer 4, Holt 3, Martin 3, Moore 3, Colson 3, Reaves 3, Hendley 2, Strom 2, Cannon 2, Spencer 2; Jordan — Wages 7, Hurston 6, Anthony 5, Buchanan 5, Collins 5, Cason 4, Statham 6.

Smith started it when he returned a punt 38 yards to the Jackets' 40. Thomas threw one for 15 yards to Holtzclaw, then connected with Smith for 24 yards and a score.

Third Quarter: Jordan kicked off to open the second half. Reaves fielded the ball on the 15 and went 85 yards right up the middle to score without a Jordan player laying a hand on him.

It was still the third quarter when the 'Cats wheeled 72 yards in 10 plays for their seventh and final TD. Thomas pegged one 32 yards to Bell for this one. Barker helped the cause with runs of 14, 5, 2 and 3 yards. Reaves gained 2 and 9 yards. Zant chipped in with a key 8-yard romp.

### LINEUPS

**VALDOSTA**  
Ends — Hendley, Bender, Buie, Holtzclaw, Colson, Haddock, Ireland, Stevens, Goff.  
Tackles — Schroer, Henry, Cannon, Oliver, Harnage, Hunter, Spencer, Perryman.  
Guards — Patterson, Myddleton, Hall, Jones, Holt, Martin, Crane.  
Centers — Robinson, Moore, Wainwright, Dove, Norwood, Joseph, Buckner.  
Backs — Zant, Barker, Bell, Thomas, Blanton, Godwin, Lee, McLeod, Strom, Reaves, Welch, Smith, Pearson, Beck.  
**JORDAN**  
Ends — Hodges, Rutland, Starling.  
Tackles — Simpson, Buchanan, Arro-

wood.  
Guards — Hurston, Hollis, Anthony.  
Centers — Upchurch, Wages.  
Backs — Garnto, Cason, Collins, T. Hudson, J. Hudson, Fox, Scott, Statham, Hamilton.  
Score by quarters:  
Valdosta 14 19 13 0—46  
Jordan 0 0 0 0—0  
Scoring TD's — Valdosta — Thomas (1 yd. run), Zant (1 yd. run), Bender (27 yd. pass from Thomas), Smith (1 yd. punt return and 24 yd. pass from Thomas), Bender (27 yd. pass from Thomas), Bell (32 yd. pass from Thomas). PAT's — Valdosta (3 placements).



—Times Staff Photos  
'Cats' Hard-Running Giles Smith Plows Into Jordan Defender

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*Times Sports Editor*

## Improve Running Game, Baze Tells Wildcats

Valdosta has scored 122 points while winning three games this season — so coach Wright Bazemore has a worry concerning the Wildcats' offense.

He doesn't think his charges are making their ground attack work as smoothly as they should.

Last Friday 'Dosta rolled to a 46-0 win over Jordan. A blocked punt set up one TD, kick returns accounted for two more and passes rang the bell for three TD's.



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"You really can't complain too much when your attack averages 40 points a game," Bazemore said. "But we've got to get more consistent with our ground attack."

"We've been fortunate enough to get off some long touchdown plays. Most of them, however, have come on kick returns and passes. That's fine, but we've also got to be able to grind 'em out along the ground."

"We've played all three of our games on clear nights and on dry fields. Conditions were right for passing and returning kicks. But what if we run into wet weather?"

Then we've got to go along the ground in short, but constant moves. And if the defense stops our passing game, then we've got to make our running game work.

"So we've still got plenty to learn and we still have plenty of room for improvement."

Bazemore may not be completely satisfied with the 'Cats yet, but he was pleased with their performance against Jordan.

He feared they might let down after trimming Waycross the week before. But the Wildcats went to work quickly on the Red Jackets. A blocked punt set them up for a quick TD and the 'Cats quickly turned the game into a rout.

### Smooth Team Effort

A total of 55 players saw action in the game. Let's say they combined their talents for a smooth team effort and skip trying to pick out the many offensive and defensive individual stick-outs.

The 'Cats are now 3-0 for the season and 2-0 in Region 1-AAA play. After just four weeks Valdosta and Moultrie are the region's only teams which are unbeaten and untied.

This doesn't mean there aren't others still in the title race. Willingham's Rams pulled off a major surprise last Friday by beating LaGrange, 7-6. Coach Billy Henderson's charges now have a league mark of 3-0-1 and are certainly very much in contention.

Albany is 2-0-1 in all games and 1-0-1 in loop play. The Indians sure can't be crossed off.

Lanier is 2-1 in the regional standings. The Poets are reported to have one of their best teams in several years. Lanier plays Valdosta this coming Thursday night at Macon and figures to be a real test for the 'Cats.

### No Time To Celebrate

LaGrange, after its unexpected loss to Willingham, is 2-1 in all games and 1-1 in league play. The Grangers may have been staggered last week, but they haven't been decked.

Down through the years 1-AAA has been noted for its balance. Any team can beat any other team in any given game. The Wildcats should keep this in mind. The toughest part of their league slate is still before them. If they slip just once, there are several teams poised and ready to sail past them in the standings.

So it's back to the grind for the 'Cats as they prepare for their Thursday night football date with the Poets in Macon. They really have no time to pause and celebrate their most recent victory.

# PREP PICKERS SETTLE, AVONDALE IS IN THIRD

Valdosta Heads AAA, Not 100 Pct.,  
Northside Fourth, Brown Sixth

By JACK DOANE

High school football reached a degree of stability among the upper classes last week with only one change among the front-runners in The Journal's third weekly prep football poll.

The most significant point of this week's ratings is the absence of one of the state's perennial powers in Class AA, Waycross. The Bulldogs suffered their second loss in a row last week and fell out of the top 10.

Class AA got a new leader, too, with mighty Rossville garnering six first place votes for 80 points

and the top spot. Cairo slipped from first to fourth following a 7-0 loss to vaunted Moultrie but still commanded much respect from The Journal's 10-man selection board.

Valdosta, as always, heads the AAA list, but the Wildcats, amazingly, did not get all the first place votes this time. One panelist dropped Wright Bazemore's men to third, putting Northside of Atlanta in the top spot. Also unusual is the fact that Avondale dropped a notch to third as Moultrie moved up, although Calvin Ramsey's Blue Devils convincingly beat previously unbeaten Westminster, 19-7.

## Region Foe Lanier Next For Wildcats

Lowndes County To Play Brooks;  
Hahira Meets Irwin At Ocilla

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats will get a one-day jump on other prep football teams in the area this week when they go against Lanier's Poets at Macon on Thursday.

Friday will be the busy night with Lowndes County at Brooks County (Quitman), Hahira at Irwin County (Ocilla), Cook (Adel) at Berrien County (Nashville), Jeff Davis (Hazlehurst) at Clinch County (Homerville), Jennings, Fla., at Greenville, Fla., Madison, Fla., at Palatka, Fla., and Jasper, Fla., at Branford, Fla.

That Thursday night duel at Macon is an important Region 1-AAA test for coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats. Valdosta has won three straight this season, beating two league foes in the process. Their wins have been over Baker (28-0), Waycross (48-13) and Jordan (46-0).

The Lanier team they will be meeting has a 2-1 chart and a lofty football reputation. Coach Jim Nolan's Poets have licked Warner Robins (15-0) and Columbus (21-6). Their loss came by a slim 7-0 margin to highly regarded Moultrie.

In a pre-season poll, coaches in Region 1-AAA ranked Lanier second in the 10-team circuit. They picked the Wildcats, who have won 27 straight over a three-season span, as the league's top power.

# Poets Match 'Cats In Size And Depth

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

When Valdosta's Wildcats meet Lanier's Poets at Macon on Thursday night they will be going against a football foe which can match them in size, depth and experience.

And because the 'Cats are going to play the crucial Region 1-AAA tilt a night earlier than usual they have been forced to follow a hurry-up practice schedule.

That combination has left VHS grid boss Wright Bazemore, by his own admission, "nervous and plenty worried."

The duel between the 'Cats, who have won three straight this year and 27 in a row since 1960, and coach Jim Nolan's Poets, who have a 2-1 mark, will start at 8 p. m. at Macon's Porter Stadium. The grid plant will seat 11,000 and a capacity crowd is expected.

"Lanier can match us in size, depth and experience," Bazemore said. "They are much, much stronger than the three teams we've already met. In fact they are one of the strongest teams in the state.

"And to top it off we have less

time than usual to get ready for the game. Frankly I'm not sure what the change of routine is going to do to our boys. They are used to a practice pattern that calls for them to play on Friday night. This switch to Thursday night may leave us off balance.

Tickets for the Valdosta-Lanier football game, to be played Thursday night at Macon, are on sale here at Belcher's Drug Store. Reserved seat, adult general admission and student tickets are being offered. Sale of the tickets here will end at 12:30 p. m. Thursday.

I know Lanier is also having to play on Thursday. But their last game was a Thursday-night affair. That's given them some extra time to get ready for us."

The 'Cats' wins this year have been over Baker (28-0), Waycross (48-13) and Jordan (46-0). They are 2-0 in regional play and share first place in the 1-AAA standings with Moultrie.

Lanier has beaten Warner Robins (15-0) and Columbus (21-6) and dropped a 7-0 decision to Moultrie.

Last year Valdosta tripped Lanier 21-0, but as Bazemore put it the Wildcats "had to work mighty hard for every yard and every point." The VHS grid boss rated Lanier's defense in 1961 as one

of the toughest the 'Cats faced. The Poets' lineup on Thursday night will be almost a carbon copy of the one they had last fall. Returning regulars are available to man all the line posts from tackle to tackle and fill all four backfield spots.

Lanier's front-line troops, and they number 16, are as follows:

Ends Al Gerhart (181, jr.), Robert Richardson (157, sr.), Tommy Jarriel (180, jr.) and James Carter (180, sr.), tackles Roy Squires (181, sr.) and Phil Durden (205, sr.), guards Tommy Burnett (180, sr.), Lamar Crosby (172, sr.), and Tommy Seward (191, sr.), center Lamar Crosby (191, sr.), quarterback Tee Carstarphen (177, sr.), halfbacks Richard Jordan (160, jr.) and Rene Gineppi (160, sr.) and fullbacks Richard Saunders (185, sr.) and Terry Collinsworth (147, sr.).

While the Poets are best known for their defensive toughness, they also have a potent air and ground attack. Carstarphen, a three-year veteran, is one of 1-AAA's most talented passers. Saunders is the power runner in Lanier's attack pattern while Jordan and Gineppi are the speed men.

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"We've got to spend extra time working on our offense in hopes that we can come up with something which might work against Lanier's strong defense," Bazemore said. "At the same time we've got to be ready to give a superior defensive effort. Lanier's passing and running game is strong. The fact is they have a big, well-balanced team."

Using its now familiar two-unit plan, Valdosta has some 25 regulars. They including the following:

Linemen Dick Bender, Danny Hendley, Bill Holtzclaw, Wally Colson, Frank Haddock, Christy Patterson, Bill Myddleton, Bill Holt, William (Bo) Hall, Greg Jones, Bill Henry, Jack Martin, Bobby Moore, Charles Oliver, Bill Schroer, Randy Hunter, Foy Norwood and Jimmy Robinson; backs Giles Smith, Rick Thomas, Stan Reaves, Walter Zant, Cloy Blanton, Jimmy Lee, Terry Godwin and Neil Bell.

Smith, Thomas, Reaves and Zant have been the backs who have led the 'Cats offense so far. Smith is a standout runner, pass receiver and kicker. Thomas is a slick passer. Reaves and Zant are talented runners. They rank among the 1-AAA leaders in many offensive departments.

Just how well any or all of them might go against the rugged Lanier defense will depend, as always, on the 'Cats up front. Both the VHS backs and linemen will be facing their most crucial test of the season.

## Valdosta's Grid Fame Widespread

Special to The Times-Union

VALDOSTA, Ga., Sept. 21—Just how famous can a high school football team get?

Robert T. Stevens, president of J. P. Stevens and Company, a textile firm which has branches in other Georgia cities but not in Valdosta, was expected to fly here from New York City this afternoon to see Valdosta High's Wildcats play football tonight.

The Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce said a Dublin Stevens Co. plant manager phoned and inquired if tickets were available for tonight's Valdosta, Ga., game. It seems Stevens had heard so much about the Wildcats he wanted to come to Valdosta to see them play.

The Chamber of Commerce located the tickets and also arranged a dinner party for the executive.

Announcement of Stevens' trip came on the heels of a report by Sammy Glassman, sports editor of a local newspaper that a national sports magazine has ranked the Wildcats No. 1 in the nation (in preseason ratings). Valdosta has won 26 straight games and two state AAA championships.



Times Staff Photo

Hard-Hitting VHS Guard: Bill Myddleton

## Moultrie Turns Back Junior 'Cats, 20-6

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

MOULTRIE — Moultrie cashed in on two long runs and a fumble recovery to clip Valdosta 20-6 in a junior varsity football game here Wednesday night.

The Junior Packers sprung backs lose for touchdowns runs of 80 and 50 yards in the second period. In the final stanza they recovered a fumble at the Valdosta 30 and turned it into a TD.

Valdosta's touchdown came in

"We lost, but the boys sure went down battling," Wilson said. "I think Kendall Varnadoe, Ken Clifton, Rickey Rogers, Glenn Davis, Bill Parramore and Gene Seago, along with Ronnie Stevens, turned in very fine performances."

Score by quarters follows:  
Moultrie 0 13 0 7—20  
Valdosta 0 0 0 6—6

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## 'Dosta Picked To Win In Mid-Week Forecast

Notes On This And That:

Friday is the day I make my football predictions, but this week Valdosta's Wildcats will be playing Lanier's Poets on Thursday.

So I think I will take this opportunity to give my views on this game.

At Macon coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats will be meeting a Lanier team which can match them in poundage, depth and experience.

The Wildcats trimmed coach Jim Nolan's Poets, 21-0, in a game played here last year. It was a rough go all the way for Valdosta and Bazemore rated the Lanier defense one of the strongest his team met all year.

Lanier returns its defensive crew virtually intact and also rates as much improved on offense. Harley (Macon Telegraph) Bowers says Lanier "has as good a chance as any team in the region or the state of beating Valdosta."

I'm going to pick the Wildcats to win in a game which should be a dilly.



SAMMY GLASSMAN

Waycross television station WXGA (Channel 8), is broadcasting films of Georgia's football games this year. The Georgia tilts will be aired at 9:30 p. m. each Monday night. The series got underway this past Monday night.

Georgia Tech's Bobby Dodd is starting to sound like Alabama's Bear Bryant, who moans even when his teams win. Tech licked highly regarded Clemson, 26-9, in its opener, and here is what Dodd had to say: "It was a typical opening game. We played some fine football and some not so good. We are going to have to improve a lot if we are to beat Florida this week."

### Tide Line Small, But Swift

Alabama's starting offensive line averages less than 200 pounds per man. This is small by college football standards. But you can bet Alabama's men up front can move. After quite a few years of watching football at both the prep and college level I've about decided that size has its value, but speed is even more important.

Florida State's grid boss Bill Peterson figures he won't have much trouble keeping track of the three units he will use this fall. He's had the benches at Campbell Stadium painted three different colors, keeping the "Chiefs," "Renegades," and "Warriors" separated.

The 11th annual Medal Play Championship for the Eleanor Keeler Trophy is slated Oct. 3-5 at Macon. This is one of the major women's amateur golf events held in Georgia each year. There will be a new champion this year since Mrs. A. H. Allen of Albany, the 1961 winner, has turned pro.

### Loses Bout With Lawnmower

Ralph Pulliam lost a bout with a lawnmower and the Willingham Rams have lost the services of the line star for an indefinite period. Pulliam, a 191-pound junior tackle, got the big toe on his left foot too close to the blade of a lawnmower. The result was a shattered bone in his toe and cuts which required many stitches.

Doctors have advised Adel's Rooks Boynton to give up his football career. Boynton is a standout junior center at Georgia. He suffered a concussion in practice back on Sept. 1 and has not participated in a drill since then. "We certainly hate to lose Rooks," Georgia grid boss Johnny Griffith commented. "He has done very well the past two years." Boynton was the number one center on Georgia's 1961 frosh team. He was rated as the number two center on the varsity this year before he was injured.

Eddie Pearce, who is just 10 years old, recently carded a one-over par 73 at Tampa's Temple Terrace Golf Club. And how did the youngster celebrate this sparkling golf accomplishment? He went home and mowed the lawn.

# The Wildcats Pan Lanier Poets, 32-0

## Thomas Scores 3 TDs, Passes For Another in 1-AAA Rout

Special to The Atlanta Journal  
MACON, Ga., Sept. 28—Quarterback Rick Thomas proved that Valdosta's rave notices aren't just idle gossip here Thursday by leading the Wildcats to a 32-0 drubbing of Lanier's outclassed Poets.

Thomas, who pulls the trigger on Wright Bazemore's high-powered rifle, scored three touchdowns, passed for another, gained 150 yards rushing, and threw for 179 more as Valdosta shot down its 28th straight opponent.

The Wildcats' first three teams ran Lanier dizzy, and the score would have been even more lopsided had not two Wildcat touchdowns been called back.

JUST AS he has done in the three previous games this season Bazemore sent the first string to the bench midway the third period and called on the reserves. He used all 47 men on the travel-

LANIER		VALDOSTA
5	First Downs	25
62	Yards Rushing	314
-2	Yards Passing	183
11	Passes Attempted	21
0	Passes Int. by	1
2	Fumbles	2
2	Fumbles Lost	1
6-28.8	Punting	1-46.0

ing squad before the fiasco was over.

Although Thomas was the shining light, he had to share honors with halfback Giles Smith, the 1961 1-AAA scoring leader, who scored two touchdowns and kicked two extra points and accounted for every point Thomas didn't score.

THE WILDCAT defense, which takes a back seat to no one, limited the Poets' vaunted running attack to 62 yards. The Maconites, though they completed four of 11 passes, ended up with minus two yards in the air.

So devastating was the Valdosta defense line play that Lanier's leading rusher gained only 36 yards. That was second-string quarterback Ken Bonifay who ran the ball just twice late in the game.

Lanier couldn't mount any sort of attack, since Valdosta allowed them to hold the ball on only eight plays at the most. When it was over, Lanier Coach Jim Nolan was dumbfounded. "It's unbelievable. They just beat the daylights out of us," he said.

Valdosta took the ball early in the opening period after throttling Lanier, and a penalty forced them to punt. It was the only time they kicked all night.

End Wally Colson recovered a Poet fumble on the Poets' 36 two plays later, and it was only a matter of minutes until the 'Cats had ground out their first score. Thomas cracked over from the one after a series of straight shots into the line.

MIDWAY the second period the teams swapped fumbles on the Lanier 14, and guard Bill Myddleton ended up with it for Valdosta. In four plays the Wildcats made it 12-0 on a three-yard sweep by Smith.

The final destruction came in the 20-point third period, begun by a 77-yard drive in just six plays. Thomas did most of the traveling with a 10-yard plunge and a 61-yard end run that got the score. Smith booted his first PAT of the evening to make it 19-0.

Lanier could go nowhere with the kickoff, and a punt left them perched on the Poets' 38. From here it took four plays to get on the scoreboard again.

Valdosta	6	6	20	0-32
Lanier	0	0	0	0-0

Scoring: Thomas, 1 run; Smith, 3 run; Thomas, 61 run; (PAT—Smith kick); Smith, 27 pass from Thomas; (PAT—Smith kick); Thomas, 23 run.

# 'Dosta, Lanier Clash At Macon

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

Valdosta keeps a football date with Lanier tonight and the Wildcats are hoping to match the Poets' defensive toughness and at the same time make their swift-striking attack click.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats and coach Jim Nolan's Poets will have the Region 1-AAA grid stage to themselves tonight. All other league members won't play until Friday.

In fact, the Valdosta-Lanier battle is the only one slated for tonight in Middle Georgia. Predictions are that Macon's 11,000-seat Porter Stadium will be filled with fans.

While winning three in a row this year, the 'Cats have allowed just two touchdowns. And neither of those TD's were made against the VHS regulars. Over a three-season span VHS has won 27 straight.

The Poets, while winning two and losing one, have limited three region foes to just two touchdowns.

With this the 'Cats and Poets have built reputations for defensive toughness.

Victories for the 'Cats have been over Baker, 28-0; Waycross, 48-13, and Jordan, 46-0.

Lanier has turned back Warner Robins, 15-0, and Columbus, 21-6. They lost by a 7-0 count to highly regarded and unbeaten Moultrie.

While the game is being billed as a defensive duel, the possibility of some offensive fireworks can't be ruled out.

Passes and kick returns have been the major offensive weapons the 'Cats have used while they tallied an average of 40 points in three games.

The VHS backfield leaders are Giles Smith, Rick Thomas, Stan Reaves and Walter Zant.

Smith has picked up 104 yards rushing, caught nine passes which

accounted for 116 yards and has returned 10 punts a total of 309 yards. He is the region's leading scorer with 49 points to his credit.

Thomas has hit on 17 of 28 passes for 341 yards and four TD's, making him 1-AAA's leading passer. Zant has picked up 104 yards rushing. Reaves has rushed for 108 yards, caught three passes for 44 yards, run two kickoffs back 103 yards and returned three intercepted passes 50 yards.

Lanier also has offensive standouts like quarterback Tee Carstarsphen, halfback Rene Genepri and fullback Richard Saunders. Carstarsphen has completed 16 of 42 passes for 286 yards and a pair of TD's. He is just a notch behind Thomas on the region passing list. Genepri is one of his favorite targets. The swift halfback has made 11 catches for 111 yards. Saunders has picked up 144 yards on 32 carries.

With both teams boasting big and experienced lines, all of the backs may have trouble making headway either along the ground or through the air.

If the game does boil down to a defensive duel, the victory issue will be settled in the line.

# 'Cats Scratch One-Sided Verse For

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

MACON — Valdosta ripped through Lanier's vaunted "stop'em" crew with apparent ease and at the same time gave the Poets an expert lesson in defense as the Wildcats posted a 32-0 football triumph here Thursday night.

The win was the fourth straight this season for coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and boosted their Region 1-AAA mark to 3-0. They've now won 28 in a row over a three-season period. The setback left coach Jim Nolan's Poets with a 2-2 chart.

Approximately 11,000 fans came out to see the 'Cats face what was supposed to be a stiff grid-iron test. But Valdosta kept both its ground and air attack in overdrive and stopped the Poets cold with a supercharged defense.

Valdosta piled up 24 first downs, gained 312 yards rushing and picked 185 yards passing. The 'Cats' defense held the Poets to

four first downs and total of 64 yards rushing and passing. Those figures, plus the score, tell the story.

Quarterback Rick Thomas and halfback Giles Smith had a hand in the scoring off all five VHS' touchdowns. Thomas accounted for makers on runs of 1, 22 and 61 yards and passed 27 yards to Smith for another. The halfback got another TD on a two-yard sprint and booted two extra points.

Both Thomas and Smith had touchdowns nullified by penalties. A 5-yard TD run by Thomas and a 54-yard scoring punt return in the second period by Smith were wiped off the books.

Thomas and Smith did all the scoring, but it was much more than a two-man show for the Wildcats. They got outstanding backfield support from Sirosis Barker, Stan Reaves, Walter Zant, Cloy Blanton, Terry Godwin, Hank Lee and Neil Bell.

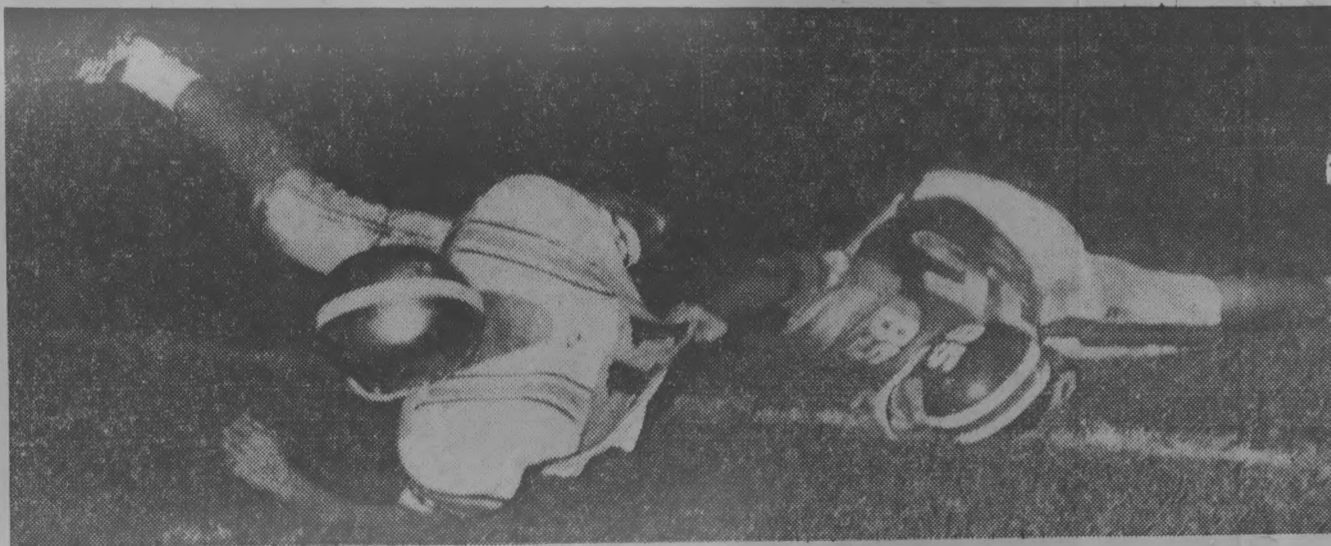
The 'Cats up front blocked with

machine-like precision on offense and dominated all the way on defense. The prime movers in

the line included Danny Hendley, Dick Bender, Bill Holtzclaw, Bill Henry, Bill Schroer, Randy Hunt-

er, Charles Oliver, Foy Norwood, Jimmy Robinson, Greg Jones, Bill Myddleton, Christy Patter-

son, William (Do) Hall, Martin, Bobby Moore and Colson.



By A Shirttail: Poet End James Carter Sprawls Dick Bender After Pass Reception

—Times Staff

# 'INVINCIBLE' VALDOSTA TOPS RED JACKETS, 46-0

## Jordan Becomes the 27th Victim For Bazemore's Powerful Wildcats

Special to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

VALDOSTA, Ga., Sept. 22—A sharp air attack, kick return brilliance and an unyielding defense were displayed by Valdosta's football Wildcats as they zipped to a 46-0 victory over the Jordan Red Jackets of Columbus here Friday night.

A crowd of approximately 7,000 was on hand to see Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats win their third

game this season and their 27th straight triumph in a string dating back to the start of the '60 season. It was Valdosta's second region 1-AAA success this year and the third loss in as many tries for Coach Bob Donaldson's Jackets.

Jordan tried a quick kick from its own eight-yard line on the third play of the game. The 'Cats swarmed in, blocked the kick and took over on the Jackets' seven, three Valdosta plays later quarterback Rick Thomas divided one yard for the first of seven VHS tallies.

From then on it was the Wildcats all the way. Thomas triggered the passing attack. He completed six of nine for 147 yards. Three of his tosses were for TD's. They went to end Dick Bender (27 yards), halfback Giles Smith (24 yards) and halfback Neil Bell (32 yards). Fullback Walter Zant accounted for a Valdosta tally on a one-yard run which climaxed a 52-yard march.

Smith went 85 yards on a punt return and halfback Stan Reaves returned the kickoff opening the second half 85 yards to put two more VHS TD's on the board. Smith kicked four extra points. In all, the Wildcats made 15 first downs and picked up a total of 219 yards rushing and passing. The 'Cats defense was flawless. Jordan's first, and only first down, was made in the final period. The Jackets got across the mid-field stripe just two times. The closest they got to the Valdosta goal line was the 41. The Jackets' combined rushing and passing total was just 52 yards.

Jordan's only successful gainer was fullback Billy Fox who picked

# Valdosta, Moultrie Still Tops In Balanced Region 1-AAA

By ELLWOOD MOYER

Special to The Constitution

COLUMBUS — The LaGrange Grangers were dropped from the ranks of the undefeated and untied this past week by the Willingham Rams and thus only two members of Region 1, Class AAA, have perfect records going into the fifth week of play. The Valdosta Wildcats and the Moultrie Packers continued to hold clean marks into the 1962 campaign.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Valdosta machine, state and region

champs the past two seasons, extended a three-year winning streak to 27 games with a 44-0 win over the Jordan Red Jackets this past week. The 'Cats now look forward to a road trip to Macon and a Friday night game with the Lanier Poets, the pre-season pick to be the No. 2 team in the region.

Meanwhile the Moultrie Packers scored a 7-0 win over Cairo there this past week and in doing so Coach Knuck McCrary's eleven knocked off the team that was voted the top Class AA team in Georgia last week.

Also the Moultrie machine blanked the Cairo eleven and the Packers still remain as the only team in the region that has not been scored on.

The Valdosta Wildcats, as a result of their 46-0 win over Jordan, are now ahead of both the 1960 and 1961 machines that swept to the state title in scoring.

This season the 'Cats have now scored a total of 18 touchdowns and 14 extra points for a three-game total of 122 points. Meanwhile their opponents have scored but 12 points.

### REGION ONE, CLASS AAA

	W.	L.	Ties	Pts.	Opp.
Valdosta	3	0	0	122	13
Moultrie	3	0	0	33	0
Willingham	3	0	1	47	25
Albany	2	0	1	32	13
Lanier	2	1	0	36	13
LaGrange	2	1	0	59	20
Baker	1	2	0	13	41
Warner Robins	1	3	0	31	68
Columbus	0	1	2	12	27
Jordan	0	3	0	6	91
Totals	17	11	4	391	311

### REGION RECORDS

	W.	L.	Ties	Pts.	Opp.
Valdosta	2	0	0	74	0
Moultrie	2	0	0	26	0
Willingham	3	0	1	47	25
Albany	1	0	1	25	13
Lanier	2	1	0	36	13
LaGrange	1	1	0	32	13
Columbus	0	1	2	12	27
Baker	0	2	0	7	41
Jordan	0	3	0	6	91
Warner Robins	0	3	0	19	61
Totals	11	11	4	284	824

### TEAM SCORING

Team	G.	Td's	Exp's	Totals	Avg.
Valdosta	3	18	14	122	40.67
LaGrange	3	9	5	59	19.67
Lanier	3	5	3	36*	12.00
Willingham	4	7	5	47	11.75
Moultrie	3	5	3	33	11.00
Albany	3	5	2	32	10.67
Warner Robins	4	5	1	31	7.75
Baker	3	2	1	13	4.33
Columbus	3	2	0	12	4.00
Jordan	3	1	0	6	3.00
Totals	32	59	34	391	12.22

### SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Thursday—Central vs. Columbus  
Friday—Albany at LaGrange (region game); Moultrie at Baker (region game); Valdosta at Lanier (region game).  
Saturday—Jordan at Willingham (region game).



The Big V Formed By the Valdosta High Band At Halftime On Gridiron

—Times Staff Photo

— 'SOUTHERN SPECIAL' —

# VHS Band Scores With Football Fans

By MARY DICKEY

An invitation to climb aboard the "Southern Special" has been extended to the Valdosta High School football fans. And climb aboard they have.

Students were thrilled by the VHS band as the bugle sounded

the call of the "Southern Special", and people in the stands rose in unison to the strains of "Dixie" at the end of the arrangement.

The musical invitation was first sent out three weeks ago at the school pep rally. But it really caught fire during the half-time activities of the Valdosta-Jordan tilt last week on Cleveland Field.

The number was just one of many selections the Wildcat band played for the crowds. But it was by far the most popular with the fans.

Even more important was the way the hometown crowd greeted the band itself. Dressed in their black and gold uniforms, the highstepping marching musicians and majorettes received enthusiastic applause during the halftime ceremonies.

It seemed to be a turning point in the musical life of the teenagers who paraded up and down and around the field.

The boys and girls seemed to loosen up and smiles were spread across their faces as they formed the VHS letters in the center.

Not only was the marching vastly improved but the music sounded much louder and better.

"With the addition of the herald trumpets and the flag corps, the band has improved," said Director Frank Butenschen.

The red-headed leader of the band said the welcome his group has been receiving this year has played a big part in the overall improvement of the music.

He says the band will play throughout the year red hot jazz, a lot of marches, and popular music.

This is Butenschen's first crack in directing the VHS marchers.

So far he has received the cooperation of the faculty, the students and the parents.

The long hours of rigorous practice is paying off and nobody is complaining, he said, if anything the boys and girls want to practice more.

The band members headed by head drum major Harry Davis get together at 8 a. m. each day until time for class to begin. Then they meet for another practice session which lasts 1½ hours each day.

Thursday evenings, the students go through their paces for two hours or more.

"The band members are taking a certain amount of pride in themselves and they want to continue to do better. Also the students are giving them encouragement and this means a lot," said Butenschen.

He explained that the majority of the band members are freshmen and sophomores. The experience they are getting now will really pay off in a couple of years, he said.

The 24-year-old director, who is the youngest band master in Class AAA schools, said the only real problem the band faces is that of uniforms.

The band department can dress 62 students. Three members can not march because they do not have the uniforms.

In a few years, Butenschen anticipates more than 100 in the band.

He says they need money to buy more uniforms. The band parents and the band boosters club which is open to anybody is working on plans to provide the young people with adequate uniforms.

The Rotary Club has donated \$100 to the band.



Valdosta's Rick Thomas (15) Sails Past Richard Jordan (24) On Way To TD

Times Staff Photo

# 'Cats Roll Past Lanier

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of 17, 7 and 3 yards and passed to Bender for 17 and to Smith for 7; Zant chipped in with gains of 7 and 6 yards and Reaves picked up 7 and 9 yards during this drive.

Just a few minutes later Smith

STATISTICS		
	Val.	Lan.
First Downs	24	4
Yards Rushing	312	67
Yards Passing	185	-1
Passes	10-21	4-11
Passes Intc. By	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Punting	1-47	7-39
Penalties	6-78	5-45

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — Valdosta — Thomas 14-153 yds., Smith 11-53 yds., Zant 10-31 yds., Reaves 3-23 yds., Barker 8-19 yds., Bell 6-11 yds., Beck 3-11 yds., Lee 1-6 yds.; Lanier — Bonifay 2-38 yds., Robinson 6-24 yds., Ginepri 4-25 yds., Carstarphen 5-minus 24 yds.

Passing — Thomas 10-16-179 yds., Smith 0-1, Lee 1-3-6 yds., Strom 0-1; Lanier — Carstarphen 1-6-10 yds., Bonifay 3-5-minus 11 yds.

Pass Receiving — Valdosta — Smith 4-101 yds., Reaves 3-49 yds., Bender 2-19 yds., Holtzclaw 1-9 yds., Hendley 1-7 yds.; Lanier — Ginepri 1-10 yds., Richardson 1-2 yds.

Punt Returns — Valdosta — Smith 2-19 yds.

Kickoff Returns — Lanier — Ginepri 4-96 yds., Bradley 1-17 yds., Robinson 1-11 yds.

Defense (Tackle Leaders) — Valdosta — Myddleton 9, Schroer 7, Holtzclaw 5, Reaves 4, Bell 3, Hall 2, Norwood 4, Martin 2, Lanier — Seward 12, Jarriel 9, Richardson 7, Gearhart 6, Smaha 5, Burnett 5, Ginepri 9.

returned a Lanier punt 54 yards for a TD, but the penalty flags were flying and this one was nullified.

Third period — Valdosta eliminated all doubt about the outcome of the game by scoring

three quick TD's in this stanza.

It took the 'Cats just six plays to cover 87 yards. Thomas went the last 61 yards on a sprint around right end. Earlier Thomas ran for 9 yards; Barker 3 and 2; Zant 6 and Reaves 6.

The 'Cats zipped 62 yards in four plays for the next tally. A 27-yard pass from Thomas to Smith was the payoff play. A Thomas-to-Reaves aerial which was good for 30 yards set up this score.

For their final marker the 'Cats moved 57 yards in seven plays. Thomas sprinted 22 yards on a sweep around right end for the TD.

Fourth period — The 'Cats kept their attack moving in the final period, but could add no more points. One drive carried from Valdosta's 13 to the Lanier 16. It ended when Myddleton's second try for a field goal was

just a shade to the left of his intended target.

#### LINEUPS

##### VALDOSTA

Ends — Bender, Hendley, Holtzclaw, Buie, Haddock, Ireland.  
Tackles — Henry, Schroer, Hunter, Oliver, Norwood, Spencer, Perryman, Harnage, Cannon.

Centers — Robinson, Moore, Joseph, Dove.

Guards — Jones, Myddleton, Patterson, Hall, Crane, Bray, Martin, Holt.

Backs — Zant, Barker, Bell, Thomas, Blanton, Godwin, Lee, Reaves, Smith, McLeod, Strom, Beck, Pearson.

##### LANIER

Ends — Richardson, Jarriel, Carter, Gerhart, Steward.

Tackles — Squires, Durden, Smaha.

Guards — Burnett, Hatcher, Crosby, Williams.

Centers — Williamson, Groover.

Backs — Carstarphen, Ginepri, Collinsworth, Bradley, Robinson, Jordan, Sanders, Bonifay, Grover, MacGregor, Champion.

Score by quarters:

Valdosta	6	6	20	0-32
Lanier	0	0	0	0-0

Scoring TD's — Valdosta-Thomas 3 (1 yd. run, 61 yd. run, 22 yd. run), Smith 2 (2 yd. run, 27 yd. pass from Thomas).  
Pat's — Valdosta — Smith 3 (placements).

AT VHS

# JAN SHELTON NAMED MERIT SEMI-FINALIST

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Fighting a deadline on the school paper, taking part in the Tri-Hi-Y, participating in the Racquet Club, and playing on the tennis team at Valdosta High School are all taken in stride by Merit Scholarship semi-finalist Jan Shelton.

The ash-blond senior was named to the honor this week by the Merit Scholarship Qualifying Board.

Jan is among the 11,000 seniors throughout the country who attained the semi-finalist status. Each semi-finalist now moves a step closer to winning a four-year Merit Scholarship to the college of his choice.

The Beta Club student became a semi-finalist through her outstanding performance on the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test.

She must now take another rigorous three-hour examination given by the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board Dec. 1 in competing for a finalist position.

Jan, however, does not keep her nose buried in the books. She is the news editor of the Dosta Outlook, besides her various activities at the school and takes an active part in the youth program at the Lee Street Baptist Church.



—Times Staff Photo

Jan Shelton Works on Next Issue of Outlook

## Workshop Slated At Valdosta High For Club Officers

Valdosta High School club secretaries and treasurers will learn how to write minutes and keep books next week.

A week long workshop is planned for these club officials by the VHS Future Business Leaders of America Club.

The club secretaries will meet Wednesday and Thursday from 8 until 8:30 a.m. in the school library and the treasurers will meet Monday, Tuesday and Friday at the same time.

Mrs. Barbara Edmondson, FBLA sponsor, and Mrs. Edwina Burgsteiner of the VHS business office will conduct the study sessions for the treasurers and Miss Ted Phelps, president. Valdosta Business and Professional Woman's Club will conduct the session for the secretaries.

## VHS French Club Sets Open House

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Exhibits of French art, architecture, literature, fashions, music and commerce will be on display at the French Club's open house Sunday from 3 to 5 p. m.

The Valdosta High School organization headed by James Lineberger has worked all week on the open house.

Special guests will include Miss Josette Cantoloup, Prof. Robert Owens and Prof. John Brown from Valdosta State College, the VHS faculty and the Valdosta Board of Education.

A film on French culture will be shown.

Other officers of the club are Ann Bennett, vice president; Dian Quattlebaum, treasurer; Tony Siegrist, secretary; Elaine Parish, publicity; and Mrs. C. E. Connell, advisor.

# Going To England, She'll Miss 'Dosta

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The athletic department of Valdosta High School will be losing one of its best all round participants when Barbara Knoll leaves for England Oct. 15.

Barbara who has lived here for the past four years will be going with her parents Col. and Mrs. G. C. Knoll for a two to three-year tour of duty in Lakenheath, England.

She sort of hates to leave even though she is looking to living abroad for awhile.

"I have made a lot of friends here and I like Valdosta better than any other place we've ever lived," she said.

Barbara has lived in Texas, Atlanta and Norway. With her father in the Air Force Barbara says "We kinda' move around."

Since living in Valdosta she has excelled skills in basketball and tennis. And she gives the credit to basketball coach Bill Davis and tennis coach Mrs. Herman Johnson.

"Without them, I couldn't have done a thing in either sport," she said.

Barbara has been a member of the varsity tennis team since her freshman year and a first string forward basketball team since her sophomore year.

Although she was on the team that placed third in the state AAA basketball tournament last year, it is in tennis that she has taken so many honors.

With her doubles partner Nancy Simon, the two girls have participated and placed high in every tournament they've played in. The girls won the state AAA doubles crown last May.

And this summer, Barbara and Nancy went to the Cracker Land tennis tourney in Athens and came in second in the 16 and under division. Still wanting more tennis, they were first runners-up in the East Coast Championship in Daytona, Fla., in the 18 and under group.

They won the doubles title in the Georgia-Carolina Open in Augusta in the 18 and under di-

vision. Barbara then was first runner-up in the 16 and under event for singles.

She completely dominated the Valdosta Invitational Tennis Tournament here this year when she captured both the singles and doubles crowns in the 18 and under group.

The tennis queen says anybody can learn to play tennis. She admits a little ability helps but to practice and stick to the game is the main prerequisite for a good player.

Barbara, who is a "B" student, says a good player also keeps his temper under control.

"I get mad at myself in tennis

and basketball and not the other person and I manage to control my anger and try not to take it out on someone else," she said.

She admits she is always nervous before a game or a tennis match. But after Barbara starts playing it disappears.

"I'm going to really miss her. Barbara is one of the finest individuals I've ever known," says Mrs. Johnson.

The tennis coach said Barbara is the type of girl who would do well in anything.

What does Barbara do for relaxation? Bows naturally. Her average score is 130, which isn't bad.



Barbara Dribbles Past Susan Rodgers

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## VHS Student To Represent DECA at Fair

Warren Clayton, Georgia DECA president will represent the Club at the Southeastern Fair Association luncheon in Atlanta Wednesday.

Clayton is a student at Valdosta High School.

He and the state president of the F H A, F F A, D C T and V O T vocational organizations will attend the luncheon, which is given in honor of educational displays erected by these groups at the fair.

Dr. Claude Purcell, State superintendent of schools, will preside over the meeting.

### TRAVEL FOR SILENT PART

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP)—John Crowley drove an 80-mile round trip nightly from his home in Ship Bottom to appear in a summer stock production here. And then he didn't speak a line all summer.

Crowley played a mute in the local production of "The Fantasticks."

# VHS Junior May Meet JFK

By MARY DICKEY

A pretty Valdosta High School junior has a chance of meeting President Kennedy, thanks to the Senate Youth bill.

Libba Winston has been named by the VHS faculty to represent the school in the Eighth District Meet Oct. 11. According to Principal Howard Bridges, Libba will be competing with students in Waycross from other schools for

the right to represent the district in the state finals to determine who will make the trip to the nation's capitol.

Two students will be selected from each of the 50 states to spend a week in Washington Jan. 27-Feb. 1. The week will include a meeting with the President, an interview with each student's senators and meetings with members of the executive office.

The teen-agers will see the Sen-

ate in operation and get a taste of the political life in Washington.

The Youth Bill was passed last year and has been so successful among the college set that Congress decided to give the high schoolers a chance to see how their country's government is run.

The collegians had summer jobs working as secretaries, aides and even drafting speeches for senators and congressmen.

Libba, however, has a more

than average high school interest in politics. Her uncle Robert Stephens of Athens is congressman from the Tenth District.

She was named to represent the school on the basis of her scholastic standing and her leadership. The ash blonde junior turned in a 97 average this summer in U. S. history and last year had a 98 average in world history.

Besides being qualified in the academic sense of the word, Libba is serving her third year as representative on the VHS Student Council. She is secretary of the junior class, a member of the Beta Club, French Club, Choraliers, and was vice president of her sophomore class.

All this, Bridges said, has made Libba the one most likely to score highest on the test at Waycross.

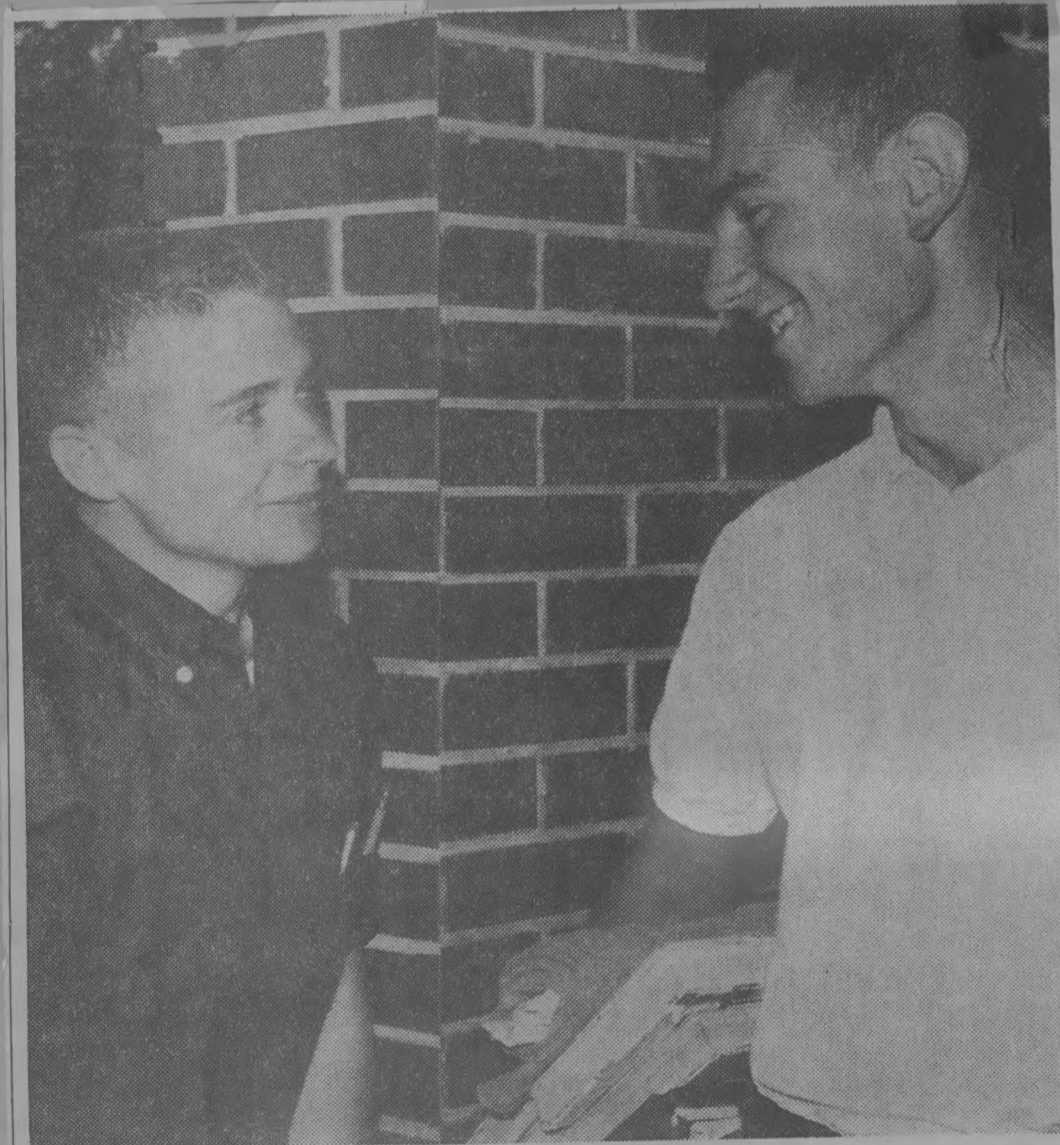
She is not taking the honor lightly. This weekend she is hitting the books and the magazines to bone up on current events as much as possible.

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Winston, she feels that someone else "more qualified and older" should have been chosen from VHS.

"I just hope I can read everything I'm supposed to. There will be an awful lot of seniors there who will know so much more than I do about our government," she said.



Libba Winston Bones up on Latest



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Charles Barker and Bobby Steele Are Ready for Year's Activities

## BARKER LEADS SENIORS

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Charles Barker has been chosen by his classmates to lead the senior class this year. Barker was the likely candidate to head the group during their final year at Valdosta High School.

He has been active in practically every phase of the school life and has received state-wide recognition for his academic abilities, especially in the field of science.

Serving with him will be Beverly Gunter, vice president; Mark Holloway, secretary; and Lucille Dawson, treasurer.

The job of heading the junior class has fallen on the shoulders of Bobby Steele. His officers include Ann Bennett, vice president; Libba Winston, secretary; and Shelia McCoy, treasurer.

Kay Kock is president of the sophomore class. Others elected are Betty Potts, vice president; Larry Harrell, secretary; and Phyllis Giles treasurer.

The freshman selected Sally Shingler as their president; Stan Christian, vice president; Diane Jolly, secretary; and Steve Coleman, treasurer.

**SAMMY**

# GLASSMAN

*Times Sports Editor*

## 'Cats Now Listening When Bazemore Talks

Earlier in the season coach Wright Bazemore said he was talking but his football Wildcats weren't listening. I would say the VHS grid boss is now getting his messages through to his charges.

Before the 'Cats played Lanier's Poets last Thursday at Macon, Bazemore said Valdosta's running attack needed improving.



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this season and 28th in a row since the start of the 1960 campaign.

Bazemore was pleased with his team's performance and said so.

"The boys gave a good team effort and for the first time this season our attack was well balanced between passing and running," the VHS mentor said.

"I am, however, concerned about all of the penalties we've drawn in the four games we have played. I haven't agreed with all of the calls, but here is a hard, cold fact. We've got to stop drawing so many penalties.

"Penalties haven't hurt us so far, but in a close game they could be costly. I don't know the answer, but we must work something out."

### Penalties Can Be Costly

Against the Poets two of Valdosta's first half TD's were nullified by penalties. The 'Cats went on to win by a comfortable margin. But as Bazemore said, penalties in a close game can make the difference between victory and defeat.

Lanier was supposed to be a stiff test for the 'Cats. They passed this particular grid "exam" with flying colors. Traditional rival Albany is next on the schedule. You'll be hearing more about the Indians later this week.

**Now let's shift the scene to last Friday's battle between coach Carlton Adams' Lowndes County Golden Eagles and coach Walter Foy's Brooks County Tigers.**

LOHI posted a 39-13 win and deserves praise for the triumph. At the same time Brooks, although it has now lost four in a row, is due a verbal pat on the back.

Midway the third period the score was tied 13-13. LOHI full-back Pat Harrell broke the game wide open with TD runs of 64 and 60 yards. Victor Smith clinched it for the Eagles when he intercepted a pass and went 99 yards back up the field for a TD.

# VHS Hopes To Avoid Tribe 'Booby Trap'

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats clash with Albany here Friday and they hope to avoid the kind of football booby trap the Indians sprung on them here in 1958.

Four years ago coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats were riding the crest of a 30-game victory streak. The string ended when Albany beat Valdosta, 27-6, in a game played here.

When 'Dosta and Albany tangle at 8 p. m. Friday here at Cleveland field, the 'Cats will put a 28-game winning streak on the line. Coach Pat Field's Tribe has ambitions to make history repeat by ending Valdosta's current winning spree.

The game will mark the reuel of one of South Georgia's best prep grid series, a string of games which has produced

many classic football duels and more than just a few surprises.

Region 1-AAA honors and a full measure of football prestige will be at stake. The 'Cats are 4-0 in all games and top the 1-AAA standings with a 3-0 league record. They must win to retain the lead. Albany is 2-1-1 for the season and 1-1-1 in league play. A win will keep them in the race, while a loss will virtually end their title hopes.

The 'Cats will use their now familiar two-unit system with the following players likely to be called on for front line action:

Linemen — Dick Bender, Danny Hendley, Bill Holt, Wally Colson, Bill Holtzclaw, Frank Hadcock, Christy Patterson, Bill Myddleton, William (Bo) Hall, Greg Jones, Bill Henry, Bill Holt, Jack Martin, Bobby Moore, Jimmy Robinson, Foy Norwood,

Charles Oliver, Randy Hunter, Billy Schroer; backs — Sirosis Barker, Giles Smith, Rich Thomas, Stan Reaves, Walter Zant, Cloy Blanton, Neil Bell, Terry Godwin, Hank Lee.

Albany will counter with a two-platoon plan of its own. The Indians' offensive and defensive regulars are as follows:

Offense — ends Pete Hudson (178, sr.) and Barney Farr (166, sr.), tackles Ronnie Broach (177, jr.) and Buddy Cox (216, jr.), guards Johnny Halleyburton (170, jr.) and Wayne Vinson (186, sr.) center James Benson (210, sr.), quarterback Tommy James (180, sr.), halfbacks Lester Whatley (170, sr.) and Richard Wuller (170, sr.), fullback Wayne Barfield (175, jr.).

Defense — ends Cecil Strickland (160, soph.) and Bob Evans (149, jr.), tackles Gene Watson (240, jr.), Charles Arnold (190, jr.) and Tom Rhodes (225, sr.), guard Bill Golden (219, sr.), linebackers Curtis Green (185, jr.), Gary Morris (160, sr.) and Joe Mann (155, jr.), safetymen Jackie Pennington (175, soph.) and Rodney Folmer (155, jr.).

Victories for the 'Cats have been over Baker (28-0), Waycross (48-13), Jordan (46-0) and Lanier (32-0). In the first three games they used the forward pass and kick return as their chief offensive weapons. Against Lanier they showed a hard-hitting ground attack. In all four games they displayed defensive toughness.

Albany has beaten Benedictine (7-0) and Warner Robins (19-7). The Indians tied Columbus, 6-6, and dropped a 14-13 to highly regarded LaGrange.

They have a strong running game and a standout passer in James. The Albany defense, which has limited four foes to only four touchdowns, has a reputation for toughness.

"Albany has a big, strong and fast-improving team," Bazemore said. "The Indians are always at their best when they play us. We are expecting a very tough game and I just hope our boys are ready."



Member Of Wildcats' 'Go-Team': Tackle Charles Oliver

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# 'Dosta, Albany Tangle Tonight

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta tangles with traditional football rival Albany here tonight with the 'Cats shooting for a victory they need to stay atop the Region 1-AAAA standings.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and coach Pat Field's Indians will get their grid duel underway at 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

The Wildcats, who have won 28 straight since the start of the 1960 season, are 4-0 in all games this year and pace 1-AAA with a 3-0 regional record. Their nearest rivals are Willingham's Rams who have a 4-0-1 chart. A loss to Albany tonight would drop VHS down into second place.

Albany's Tribe is 2-1-1 for the season and 1-1-1 in league play. They are still in contention for the title and to retain that status they must win tonight.

Theme song in the Albany camp this week has been "Let's Make Football History Repeat Itself." Back in 1958 the Indians licked the 'Cats, 26-7, in a game here. That snapped a 30-game winning streak the Wildcats had going at that time. They now have ambitions to end Valdosta's current victory string.

The form chart favors the 'Cats tonight. But in the long and colorful Valdosta-Albany series, the form chart has been wrong on quite a few occasions.

After winning in '58, Albany triumphed over VHS again in 1959. Valdosta came on to win in 1960 and 1961 to even off the series dating from the time they began meeting as 1-AAA opponents. There were many other meetings between the two before '58, and as now the rivalry was keen.

Both teams use two-unit systems and they rate about even in depth. Albany has a slight poundage advantage and the Valdosta team has a slight edge in experience.

Valdosta has beaten Baker (28-0), Waycross (48-13), Jordan (46-0), and Lanier (32-0). Albany has trimmed Benedictine (7-0) and Warner Robins (19-7). The Indians tied Columbus, 6-6, and dropped a 14-13 decision to highly regarded LaGrange. Since they've met no mutual foe, a comparison of scores isn't possible.

Both have big, hard-to-move lines and a reputation for defensive toughness. The 'Cats have limited four opponents to two touchdowns. The Tribe has given up just four TD's in four starts.

At the same time they both have sharp-blocking lines and backs who rank the league's offensive leaders.

Albany quarterback Tommy James has hit on 14 of 34 passes for 322 yards and a pair of TD's. He's the third leading passer in the league. Halfback Richard Wuller has gained 262 yards rushing, caught five passes for 120 yards and returned seven punts a total of 93 yards.

The 'Cats can counter with backs likes Giles Smith, Rick Thomas, Stan Reaves and Walter Zant. Smith has rushed for 158 yards, pulled in 12 passes and accounted for 120 yards, returned 14 punts 327 yards, has averaged 38.71 on seven punts and scored 63 points.

Thomas has picked up 209 yards along the ground and has completed 27 of 44 passes for 520 yards and five touchdowns. Reaves has gained 130 yards rushing and caught seven passes that were good for 119 yards. Zant has gained 139 yards along the ground. Sharp blocking has helped pave the way for them.

"Albany had a good team at the start of the season and has improved tremendously," Bazemore said. "They are always at their best against us. It's going to take a determined effort for us to have a chance to stay with them."

# Junior 'Cats Turn Back LOHI, 54-0

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta rolled to a 54-0 victory over Lowndes County in a junior varsity football game here Thursday night.

The win was the second in four starts for coach Joe Wilson's VHS Junior Wildcats.

First time Valdosta got possession of the ball it drove 70 yards for a touchdown. The Junior 'Cats went on to score in every period.

Glenn Davis sparked the Valdosta attack. He scored two touchdowns himself and passed for two more. Bill Parramore and Gene Seago each scored twice, while Jimmy Neal and Ronnie Stevens accounted for one TD apiece.

Lowndes drove to the Valdosta 15 in the first period for its most serious scoring threat.

Linemen who sparked on offense for Valdosta included Wayne New, Kenneth Clifton, Mike Drumbheller, Mark Hollis, Dennis Wetherington and Mike Garwood. Defensive standouts included Kendall Varnadoe, Bob Bennett, Ricky Rogers, Charles Holtzclaw, John Gunter, Junior Morgan, Bobby King, James Bazzle and Bud Smith.

Score by quarters follows:

Valdosta	7	14	13	20	54
Lowndes	0	0	0	0	0



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## Valdosta High's Largest 'Scholarship Squad'

Receiving sweaters were (L to R), 1st row, Vallotton, Davis, Allen, Lindstrom, Dasher, Courtenay, Barker, Thomas; 2nd row, Shelton, Browning, McIntyre, N. Smith, M. Smith, D. Smith, LaMontagne,

Martin; 3rd row, Adair, Gunter, Kessler, Chitwood, Harris, Babcock, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Hamill, May, Odom, Minchew.

# VHS SCHOLARS GET SWEATERS

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High School today turned out its biggest "scholastic squad" for a sweater-awarding ceremony.

Twenty eight seniors were awarded sweaters for scholastic achievement. They received the awards during a chapel program this morning at the school.

All had compiled a scholastic average of 90 or better for the first three years of high school.

VHS Principal Howard Bridges

noted that the "scholarship squad" is the largest that the school has had since the awards were initiated in 1960.

"The number has picked up every year," he declared, "and I think the sweaters have provided an incentive for many of these students."

Bridges explained that the awards were initiated by men who are anxious to see all phases of student activities recognized in some tangible way.

"We have always recognized scholastic achievement," Bridges said, "but this is the first time we have done so with tangible awards."

Those receiving the scholastic award sweaters are as follows:

Joe Vallotton, Harry Davis, Donald Allen, Billy Lindstrom, Steve Dasher, Bradley Courtenay, Charles Barker, Rick Thomas, Jan Shelton, Dale Browning, Sally McIntyre.

Nancy Smith, Margaret Ann

Smith, Darlene Smith, Sandy LaMontagne, Russell Martin, Ellen Adair, Beverly Gunter, Sandra Kessler, Laurice Chitwood, Marilyn Harris.

Judy Babcock, Diane Quattlebaum, Susan Rodgers, Eulouise Hamill, Susan May, Danice Odom, Teresa Minchew.

# 'Cats Clip Albany In Tough Contest

## VHS Has to Battle Hard All Way In 28-0 Victory

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They got plenty of help up front from Dick Bender, Wally Colson, Bill Holtzclaw, Danny Hendley, Bill Henry, Charles Oliver, Randy Hunter, Christy Patterson, Bo Hall, Greg Jones, Bill Holt, Bobby Moore, Jimmy Robinson and Foy Norwood.

Backs who did their part to help the victory cause in addition to Thomas, Smith, Zant and Reaves were Neil Bell, Clyo Blanton, Hank Lee, Sirosis Barker and Terry Godwin.

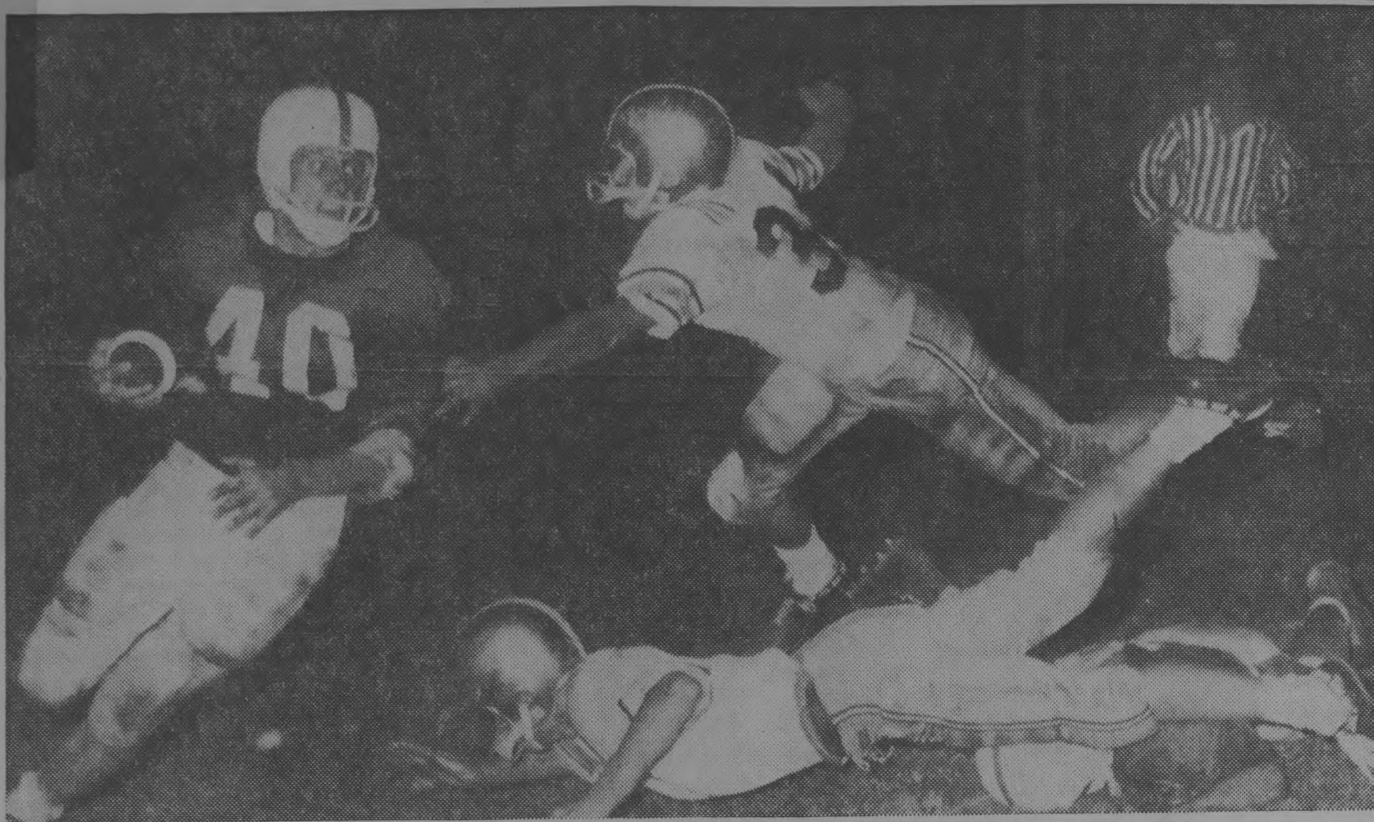
Scores and threats in the game are as follows:

First period: Albany got its offense moving and went from its own 32 to the Valdosta 21 with the help of a 15-yard penalty. The threat ended when Schroer threw Albany quarterback Tommy James for a four yard loss on



—Times Staff Photo

Valdosta's Rick Thomas (15) Comes Out of the Pack Looking For Route to End Zone



—Times Staff Photo

Two Wildcats Just Miss In Try To Stop Albany's Richard Wuller

# Wildcats Thump Indians

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fourth down at the 24. Second period: The 'Cats started moving late in the first period and scored on the second play of the second stanza. Thomas climaxed a 12-play, 75-yard march by getting a TD on a nine-yard sweep around right end. During the drive Zant run for 5, 10, 9 and 1 yards. Thomas chipped in with a six-yard run and Smith got 2 yards on one carry. A key play was a 22-yard pass from Thomas to Bender which carried to the 29. Smith booted the extra point, the first of four straight for him.

The Wildcats struck for their second TD quickly. They wheeled 69 yards in five plays. The payoff came on a sparkling 30-

yard run by Zant. A five-yard run by Barker, a Thomas-to-Bender pass for 11, a gallop of 9 by Smith and a 12-yard sprint by Thomas got the TD march rolling.

Almost before the Indians knew what was happening, Thomas connected with Smith on a pass play

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Yards Rushing	163	56
Yards Passing	153	29
Passes	13-17	4-12
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Fumbles Lost	2	0
Punting	4-30.3	9-32.4
Penalties	5-54	3-34

which covered 61 yards and went for a TD. This one, however, was nullified by a penalty.

Time was running out in the second period when Albany's Barfield got loose and went 46 yards.

Blanton flagged him down at the Valdosta 38. Then Blanton intercepted an Albany pass at the eight to end what might have been a threat.

Third period: Albany started the second half 14 points behind, but still battling. The Tribe recovered a Valdosta fumble at the Wildcats' 49. Two plays later Barfield got loose again. This time he went 48 yards to score. But the officials ruled that an Indian was guilty of clipping and the score was nullified and the Tribe was moved back to the 33. This was the high-mark for Albany. The VHS defense shoved Albany back out to the 49 and the Indians got nothing but a long distance view of the Valdosta goal line from then until the finish.

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Fourth period: The Wildcats were in charge all the way in the final period. They moved from their own 32 to the Albany 10. The Indians' defense stopped them this time, but the 'Cats weren't to be denied for long. Thomas passed 41 yards to Reaves and the Wildcats had their third TD. Reaves got behind the Albany

ed the kick eight yards to the Albany 29 and six plays later Thomas passed six yards to Smith for Valdosta's fourth tally. Zant and Barker chipped in with a pair of nine-yard runs and a 5-yard, Thomas-to-Bender figured in this drive.

## LINEUPS

**VALDOSTA**  
 Ends — Bender, Colson, Holtzclaw, Hendley, Buie, Haddock, Ireland.  
 Tackles — Schroer, Henry, Oliver, Hunter, Cannon, Harnage, Perryman.  
 Guards — Patterson, Myddleton, Hall, Jones, Holt, Martin, Bray, Crane.  
 Centers — Moore, Robinson, Norwood, Dove, Joseph, Buckner.  
 Backs — Zant, Bell, Thomas, Blanton, Godwin, Lee, Reaves, Smith, Barker, Strom, Beck, Welch.

**ALBANY**  
 Ends — Strong, Farr, Hudson, Evan, Strickland.  
 Tackles — Rhodes, Roberts, Broach, Watson, Cox, Hickman.  
 Guards — Arnold, Hallyburton, Vinson, Golden.  
 Centers — Benson, Hayes.  
 Backs — Pennington, James Rozar, Whatley, Waldrop, Barfield, Mann, Margeson, Wuller, Morris, McGilvary, Folmer.

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## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — Valdosta — Zant 15-93, Thomas 8-32, Smith 5-17, Barker 3-17, Reaves 2-4, Welch 2-1; Albany — Barfield 6-58, Wuller 9-46, James 13-minus 41.

Passing — Valdosta — Thomas 13-17-153; Albany — James 4-11-29.

Pass Receiving — Valdosta — Bender 5-47, Smith 4-33, Hendley 2-38, Reaves 2-45; Albany — Hudson 2-15, Farr 1-8, Wuller 1-6.

Punt Returns — Valdosta — Smith 7-32.

Kickoff returns — Albany — Wuller 4-59.

Defense (tackle leaders) — Valdosta — Myddleton 10, Schroer 11, Colson 6, Reaves 5, Norwood 5, Holt 4, Holtzclaw 4, Blanton 2, Moore 2, Hall 2; Albany — Folmer 5, Margeson 5, Morris 4, Farr 3, Arnold 3, Mann 3.

safety man and Thomas hit him with a perfectly-thrown pass at about the 10. Reaves breezed in from there. Valdosta got to start this scoring try from fairly close range because the VHS defenders had backed Albany up against its own goal line and forced a punt from the nine.

The VHS "stop'em" crew did it again a few minutes later. They bottled the Tribe up and forced a punt from the four. Smith return-

# Valdosta Streaks Toward Another State AAA Crown

By ELLWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS, Ga.—The Valdosta Wildcats, who now have won five straight games this season and who have a three-year winning streak that has now reached 29 straight games, have only five opponents standing in the way a third straight unbeaten campaign.

This week the 'Cats are host to the Columbus Blue Devils and after that Valdosta must still meet Moultrie, Willingham, Warner Robins and LaGrange.

So far this season the 'Cats goal line has not been crossed by a Region-One, Class-AAA opponent and only two scores have been made by the opposition in five games.

Valdosta has blanked Baker, Jordan, Lanier and Albany in region play but Waycross came up with two touchdowns in the final period of their meeting.

The last team to win over Valdosta was Waycross, the Wildcat loss coming in the final game of the 1959 campaign by a 6-10 score. Waycross came up with a first-period touchdown and then added a field goal in the third period while Valdosta scored in the final quarter.

The Wildcats have now run up a total of 182 points in five games for an average of better than 36-points per game.

Valdosta has scored 27 touchdowns, added 20 extra points.

LaGrange is the only other team in the region with better than 100-points, the Grangers having scored 16 touchdowns, 10 conversions, and a safety for a 108-point total.

Valdosta also tops the region in defensive play with an opponent total of but 13 points with Willingham in the runner-up spot by

**REGION-ONE, CLASS-AAA**

Season Records

Teams	Won	Lost	Ties	Points	Opp. Pts.
Valdosta	5	0	0	182	13
Willingham	4	0	2	80	38
LaGrange	4	1	0	108	47
Moultrie	4	1	0	66	34
Baker	3	2	0	55	59
Albany	2	2	1	45	55
Lanier	2	2	0	36	45
Columbus	1	2	2	32	54
Warner Robins	1	4	0	45	103
Jordan	0	5	0	18	138
Totals	26	19	5	667	586

## Bazemore Says Wildcats Starting Uphill Climb

Coach Wright Bazemore figures the football road his Wildcats are traveling has started to follow an uphill route.

The 'Cats turned back traditional rival Albany, 28-0, here Friday night. They boosted their three-season victory string to 29 games and kept ahead of the Region 1-AAA pack.

Valdosta's victory over Albany was clear-cut and well deserved. The 'Cats, however, had to work harder for the triumph than they did for their first four this season.



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mistakes, but all in all there was good team effort.

"We are halfway through our schedule and from here on things are going to get rougher. Albany gave us just a sample of what we can expect in the future.

"Albany was certainly no easy mark and Willingham, LaGrange and Moultrie, three teams we haven't met, are all rated stronger. Columbus and Warner Robins are two others we still have to play. Neither of them is going to be a push over."

Team effort tipped the scales in the 'Cats' favor, but Bazemore said several individuals deserved verbal pats on the back.

"I thought Rick Thomas and Walter Zant were two backs who did an especially good job on offense," the VHS grid boss said. "I said before the season started Rick was potentially a fine passer. Just look at his record. He hit 13 of 17 against Albany for more than 150 yards. A coach certainly can't expect more than that. He's shown running talent and he directs the club with poise. He's had a lot of pressure on him and so far he's come through in fine style.

### Zant Gave Extra Effort

"You know it takes good receivers to make a passing attack click. In this regard Stan Reaves, Giles Smith and Dick Bender have done very well all season. We have other good receivers, but they have been the leaders.

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After near misses against three other Region 1-AAA toughies, Columbus' Blue Devils are hoping to spear the Valdosta Wildcats on their football pitchfork here Friday night.

When you compare won-loss records the game doesn't figure to be much of a match. Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats have won five straight and top the regional standings with a 4-0 league record. Coach Jim Pyburn's Imps are 1-2-2 for the season and 0-2-2 in league play.

But the Blue Devils, who failed to win a game in 1961, have turned out to be a major surprise under their new mentor Pyburn.

They battled Willingham to a 0-0 tie. After that the Rams from Macon won four straight and now are second in the regional race. The Blue Devils tied Albany 6-6, a team which gave the 'Cats plenty of trouble before submitting 28-0 last week. And Columbus gave Moultrie, a team tied for third in the 1-AAA standings, a real scare last Friday before the Packers rallied to win 21-13.

In other games Pyburn's charges have beaten Central, Ala., 13-0, and bowed to Lanier, 21-6.

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"Our boys had better believe me when I say Columbus is a far better ball club than its won-loss record indicates," Bazemore said. "With just a few better breaks they could very easily have a 4-1 record instead of 1-2-2."

"They have two quarterbacks who can throw, a pair of fine running backs and some of the best linemen in the league. The main difference between them this season and last is their spirit. Coach Pyburn has done a great job getting them ready mentally to play tough football."

"They've moved the ball consistently against everyone they have played. And everyone who

has scored against them has had to work mighty hard for the points they got."

With that Bazemore said his charges will divide their practice time equally between work on offense and defense in preparations for the homecoming tilt with the Imps.

Indications are that one and possibly two VHS regulars will miss the Columbus game.

Halfback Cloy Blanton is hobbled by a knee injury and guard Greg Jones is troubled by a sprained ankle.

Blanton redamaged a knee which was already hurt in the game with Albany. He was on crutches earlier this week and

Bazemore said it is doubtful if he will see action Friday. If Blanton can't go, then Neil Bell will take over his corner linebacker post on the defensive unit.

Except for Blanton and Jones the 'Cats came out of the Albany game, a rock'em-sock'em affair, in pretty good physical condition.

## THE 'CATS TOP ALBANY, 28-0

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# 'Cats Have 2 Gaps In Defensive Unit

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

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Valdosta football boss Wright Bazemore has hung out the sign "Linebackers Wanted" on the eve of the Wildcats' football meeting with the Columbus Blue Devils.

The 'Cats and coach Jim Pyburn's Imps will square off at 8 p. m. Friday here at Cleveland Field in a Region 1-AAA affair.

And the way things stand right now two key members of the Wildcats' defensive unit will be sitting on the sideline watching.

Clyo Blanton has a damaged knee and Terry Godwin has a wrist injury. Blanton was hurt in last Friday's Albany game. Godwin cracked a bone in his right wrist in practice this week. Both are linebackers and both have done their share for a VHS defensive cause which has limited five foes to a total of just two touchdowns.

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"Right now I would say both Blanton and Godwin are definitely out for Friday night," Bazemore said. "That gives us a double problem. We've got to come up with two linebackers."

Even with Blanton and Godwin out and offensive guard Greg Jones hobbled by an ankle injury, the Wildcats will still go into the game favored. They top the 1-AAA standings with a 4-0 league mark and have extended a three-season winning streak to 29 games.

The Columbus team they will meet has a 1-2-2 overall record and an 0-2-2 regional chart. But the Imps gained ties with league toughies Willingham and Albany and forced highly regarded Moultrie to rally for a win last week.

Bazemore has tagged Columbus "as much, much better than its record indicates" and he's been trying to get his charges ready mentally and physically for a tough game.

While Blanton, Godwin and Jones are ailing, other members of VHS' regular front line crew are ready.

They include linemen Dick Bender, Danny Hendley, Bill Holtzclaw, Wally Colson, Frank Haddock, Christy Patterson, Bill Myddleton, Bill Holt, Bill Henry, Jack Martin, Bobby Moore, Charles Oliver, Bill Schroer, Randy Hunter, Foy Norwood and Jimmy Robinson and backs Sirois Barker, Giles Smith, Rick Thomas, Stan Reaves, Walter Zant, Hank Lee and Neil Bell.

Columbus regulars include the following:

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passes. VHS flankman Bender is the second leading pass receiver in the region with 10 catches to his credit that accounted for 171 yards.

Columbus' one-two quarterback

combo of Dunn and Langford has completed 25 of 65 passes for 371 yards. Hodges, in addition to being an outstanding linemen, is 1-AAA's leading punter with a 37.69 average on 26 kicks.

Ends Leslie Cohn (155), Robert Milano (155), Billy Tucker (180), and Billy Coleman (165), tackles Lee Gill (190), Richard Hodges (200), and Phillip Upchurch (190), guards Ray Duncan (186), and Ken Darrell (180), center Bobby White (185), quarterbacks Charlie Langford (160), and Joe Dunn (150), halfbacks Barry Mitchell (170), Penny Pennington (150), John McCamey (165), and Skippy Patterson (155), and fullback Larry Hughes (160).

These boys licked Central, Ala. (13-0) and tied Willingham (0-0) and Albany (6-6). They went down battling in losses to Lanier (21-6) and Moultrie (21-13).

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The 'Cats' attack leaders are Smith, Thomas, Zant and Reaves.

Smith leads the 1-AAA scoring race with 73 points. He has gained 175 yards rushing, caught 16 passes for 223 yards, returned 21 kicks 359 yards and has averaged 35.81 yards on 11 punts. He tops the league in pass receptions and punt returns, and owns 1-AAA's second best punting average.

Thomas is the region's leading passer with 40 completions on 61 tries for 673 yards and seven TD's. He's also gained 241 yards rushing.

Zant is the 'Cats ground attack leader with 242 yards to his credit. Reaves has picked up 134 yards rushing and helped account for 164 more by catching nine

# 'Cats Continue Streak, Thump Columbus, 41-6

## VHS Strikes Through Air, Along Ground For Victory

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Striking swiftly both along the ground and through the air Valdosta's Wildcats thumped Columbus' Blue Devils, 41-6, in a Region 1-AAA football outing here Friday night.

Approximately 7,500 fans saw coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats win their sixth straight this season and chalk up their fifth region victory to tighten their hold on first place in the 1-AAA title scramble.

The victory was the 30th straight for the 'Cats since the start of the 1960 season, matching Valdosta's second longest winning spree. The VHS record is still 40 in a row won by Bazemore-coached teams in 1951-52-53-54. The current 'Cats are now even with the Valdosta teams of 1956-57-58.

Quarterback Rick Thomas and halfback Giles Smith had a hand in the scoring of all of Valdosta's points. Thomas tallied TD's on a one-yard plunge and a sizzling 94-yard run and passed 44-yards to end Bill Holtzclaw for a third marker. Smith scored on runs of one and eight yards and connected with end Danny Hendley on a

36-yard pass play which was good for six points. Smith booted five extra points.

They all had plenty of help as the VHS attack clicked for 14 first downs, 262 yards rushing and 104 passing.

Valdosta's hard-hitting defense stopped Columbus, which now has a 1-3-2 record, cold on the ground. The Imps came out of the game with minus five yards rushing.

With pint-sized quarterback Joe Dunn the triggerman, the Imps, finished with a passing total that included 11 completions in 19 tries for 116 yards and a touchdown. The Columbus tally came in the final period on a 31-yard pitch from Dunn to halfback Barry Mitchell.

Valdosta put two TD's on the board with scoring marches of 64 and 55 yards in the first two periods. Just before the half Columbus bid for a TD that would have put it back in the ball game.

The Imps' Bobby White engineered the first interception of a Thomas pass this season. He picked off the ball at the 50 and went to the VHS 20. Charlie Langford passed 19 yards to Jack Romeo and Columbus had a first-and-goal-to-go situation at the Valdosta one. With a penalty giving them an extra down, the Imps tried five times to score, but the Valdosta defense refused to budge. Hank Lee batted down a pass to spoil Columbus' last chance.

The second half had just gotten under way when Thomas raced 94 yards for a TD. There was never any doubt about the outcome of the game after that.

Before the tilt was over every

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'Cats' Giles Smith, Football Part Company

—Times Staff Photo

# Odd-Dressed Grads Show Up At Game

By MARY DICKEY

Alumnae returned to Valdosta High School Friday evening but not dressed in their usual attire.

Bringing with them the odor of moth repellents, the former students came to the VHS-Columbus homecoming football game wearing jackets, letters and sweaters they had won while attending the school.

They were helping to carry out this year's theme "Down Memory Lane" at the request of the VHS student Council and the Valdosta Touchdown Club.

Some could hardly get into their old jackets. Many sweaters were moth eaten and ragged but they were worn or carried nevertheless.

Annette Howell Turner wore her cheerleader megaphone.

Dr. Lloyd Burns came to the game wearing his 1940 Wildcat jacket. The team captured the state crown that year.

Another man was seen carrying his faded black and orange

jacket over one arm. His wife wore a basketball sweater.

These forms of recognition were won in athletics, band, or scholastic endeavors. It was surprising to see how many of the former students still had their awards.

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One male graduate was overheard to remark he would have to write his old high school flame to get back his jacket.

"Why she took my sweater, my jacket and then I gave her my football to wear. I never got them back," he said.

John B. Lastinger showed up wearing his basketball sweater. He remarked he should have worn his wife's — hers had more stripes.

Everyone got a kick out of seeing who was wearing what. And the present-day Wildcats won their 30th straight.

The old grads saw Teresa Minchew and Barbara Underwood, feature twirlers in the band, do a baton routine with fire and the homecoming queen and her court was presented.

Radiant Beverly Gunter and Mark Hallway were crowned at the halftime by last year's queen Sharon Smith and principal Howard Bridges.

The queen's court included seniors Margaret Ann Smith and Billy Lindstrum, juniors Carol Harris, Bobby Steele, sophomores Kay Koch and Bill Castleberry, and freshmen Teresa Rodgers and Jo Rodgers.

Former kings and queens were also introduced.

Bringing to a close a week of activities will be the annual homecoming dance tonight at the Valdosta Junior High School. The Collegians will provide the entertainment from 8 to 12 p.m.

Thursday night, Miss Flame was named at the pep rally. Ruth Ann Seyfrid, a senior, was elected by the football team to represent them throughout the celebration.

Friday at chapel, Jenny Wetherington and Bradley Courtney were selected as Mr. and Miss Spirit. They were nominated by the cheerleaders and voted on by the students.



VHS' Homecoming King and Queen Mark Hallway and Beverly Gunter



VHS Students Wrecked Everything In Sight Including This Car For the Parade During Homecoming

—Times Staff Photos

# Wildcats' Thomas AP 'Back Of Week'

Roll Call of Stars  
By HUGH SCHUTTE

Associated Press Sports Writer

A standout on a team that is loaded with stars gets the nod this week as the Associated Press Back of the Week. He is Valdosta quarterback Rick Thomas.

Sharing top honors in this week's AP Roll Call of Stars, is Athens end Mike Williams, Line-man of the Week.

Thomas, a 155-pound senior, has helped to guide Valdosta to four straight wins this season, giving the Wildcats a victory string of 28 in a row. During that time they have racked up consecutive state Class AAA championships in 1960 and '61—and they are a prohibitive choice to make it three.

Thomas put on quite a show last week in leading the Wildcats

to a 32-0 win over Macon's Lanier High. He made touchdowns on runs of 1, 61 and 22 yards, passed 27 yards for another TD while hitting 10 of 16 passes for 112 yards. He also had a better than 10-yards per carry rushing average, picking up 152 yards on 14 tries.

Williams was a stickout on both offense and defense as Athens tripped Hart County 19-0. His outstanding defensive play included 11 individual tackles and many more assists. On offense he caught four passes good for 42 yards and two of his catches set up Trojan touchdowns.

Here are the other nominations:

GILES SMITH—Valdosta senior halfback, scored twice, gained 53 yards on 11 carries and caught four passes good for 101 yards.

WALLY COLSON—A 195-pound senior end, recovered fumble that paved way

for Valdosta's first touchdown; did outstanding job on blocking.

BILL SCHROER, FOY NORWOOD and BILL MYDDLETON—Perennial nominees, these three are the anchors in the center of Valdosta's line and helped hold Lanier to a total offense of 64 yards.

JIMMY PAYNE and JOHN BOLLES—Led Baker of Columbus to a 21-12 upset victory over previously undefeated Moultrie, Payne getting one TD and Bolles two.

JERRY SMITH—Scored on 43-yard run and led Moultrie offense with 121 yards in 15 carries.

LARRY GOOD—Mitchell County quarterback, scored once and passed for another in 26-12 victory over Worth County.

BILLY SINGLETARY—Paced defense in Thomasville's 26-6 triumph over Tifton, making 11 tackles and blocking conversion attempt.

JOHN RICH, DICKIE THOMPSON and JUSTIN BALDWIN — Thomasville halfbacks Rich and Thompson scored two TDs apiece while quarterback Baldwin hit on 4 of 5 pass attempts for 92 yards.

PAT HARRELL—Lowndes County fullback who broke open game with Brooks County by scoring on runs of 64 and 60 yards as Lowndes County won 39-13. He also scored again and had 150 yards on six carries.

BRUCE BLACK—Led Lowndes defense with 12 tackles.

DAVID TYE—Americus center who was outstanding on defense in 27-0 win over Georgia Military College.

TOMMY FREEMAN and EDWIN FEAGIN — Halfback and fullback for Americus, Freeman picked up 70 yards in 12 attempts and a TD while Feagin had 74 yards in four tries plus a 52-yard scoring run.

LARRY SIRMANS—A 130-pound Cook County halfback who scored on runs of 70 and 18 yards and picked up 98 yards in 13 tries in 27-0 win over Berrien.

CHARLES GIGNILLIAT — Gainesville quarterback who hit on 8 of 8 pass attempts, setting up or scoring four touchdowns in 32-6 pasting of Marist.

JIMMY KEMP — Tallied three of Gainesville's TDs on runs of 2, 7 and 51 yards.

DAVID COOPER—Caught a 21-yard pass for one score and hustled 48 yards with a punt return for another in Avondale's 20-0 victory over R. E. Lee.

## VHS' Smith Takes Over Point Lead

By ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS—Valdosta halfback Giles Smith has taken over the lead in the Region 1-AAA football scoring race.

Smith, a running, pass catching and kicking star, has amassed 49 points in three games. He has scored six touchdowns and booted 13 PAT's. Smith captured the 1-AAA scoring crown in 1961.

Holding down second place in the current race is LaGrange's Stanley Crawford with 47 points. Another Valdostan, quarterback Rick Thomas, is third with 24 points.

Scoring leaders follow:

	Td	PAT	Tot.
1. Smith, Valdosta	6	13	49
2. Crawford, LaGrange	7	5	47
3. Thomas, Valdosta	4	0	24
4. Wuller, Albany	3	0	18
5. Reaves, Valdosta	3	0	18
6. Carstarphen, Lanier	2	0	12
7. Bradberry, Moultrie	2	0	12
8. Gaines, Willingham	2	0	12
9. Zant, Valdosta	2	0	12
10. Holmes, Warner Robins	2	0	12
11. Long, Warner Robins	2	0	12
12. McNeil, Willingham	1	2	8
13. Bryant, Willingham	1	1	7
14. Bowen, Willingham	1	1	7
15. Barfield, Albany	1	1	7
16. James, Albany	1	1	7
17. Jordan, Lanier	1	0	6
18. Jones, Lanier	0	6	6
19. Richardson, Lanier	1	0	6
20. Carter, Lanier	1	0	6
21. Bolles, Baker	1	0	6
22. Short, Baker	1	0	6
23. Mitchell, Columbus	1	0	6
24. Langford, Columbus	1	0	6
25. Rutland, Jordan	1	0	6
26. Ashley, LaGrange	1	0	6
27. Gilliam, LaGrange	1	0	6
28. Smith, Moultrie	1	0	6
29. Brown, Moultrie	1	0	6
30. Pippin, Moultrie	1	0	6
31. Payne, Willingham	1	0	6
32. Wagner, Willingham	1	0	6
33. Millican, Warner Robins	1	0	6
34. McLeod, Valdosta	1	0	6
35. Bell, Valdosta	1	0	6
36. Bender, Valdosta	1	0	6

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## GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

## Coaches Jumpy As Upset Fever Hits Region 1-AAA

Coaches in Region 1-AAA are going around these days taking hurried glances back over their shoulders.

Upset fever has hit the league and all the mentors are wondering whose turn it will be to get ambushed next.

It's midseason and Valdosta is the only member of the strong, 10-team circuit with an unblemished record. Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats are 4-0 for the year and lead the standings with a 3-0 regional mark.



SAMMY GLASSMAN

# Tribe To 'Platoon' In Duel With 'Cats

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

It will be "platoon" against "platoon" when Valdosta's Wildcats and Albany's Indians renew one of South Georgia's oldest high school football series here Friday night.

Using offensive and defensive units, plus some spares, coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats have rolled to 28 straight victories since 1960. They've won four in a row this season and top the Region 1-AAA standings with a 3-0 league mark. The 'Cats' depth has paved the way for more than one of those triumphs.

The Albany team they meet this week, however, hopes to match them in manpower.

Coach Pat Field also has a "go-team" and a "stop'em crew" and with them the fast-improving Tribe has compiled a 2-1-1 overall mark and a 1-1-1 regional chart.

Victories for the Wildcats have been over Baker (28-0), Waycross (48-13), Jordan (46-0) and Lanier (32-0). Albany has trimmed Benedictine (7-0) and Warner Robins (19-7). It played Columbus to a 6-6 tie and dropped a 14-13 decision to highly regarded LaGrange.

"You can say we are going to get a taste of our own medicine when we play Albany," Bazemore said. "Like us they have offensive and defensive specialists. We have a good size ball club, but Albany is even bigger.

"They can match us in size and depth. We are in for a tough ball game. It's always tough when we play Albany. We've scouted them twice, in their opening game and then last week against LaGrange. Our scout says Albany was a good ball club to start with and has made tremendous improvement.

"Coach Field has his boys really scrapping. LaGrange scored two quick touchdowns against them. But Albany battled back

and almost pulled the game out of the fire. That's the way Albany always plays against us—they go hard all the way."

In pre-season talk Field called his Indians a "young team." A run down of the Indians' list of 22 regulars shows 10 are seniors, 10 juniors and only two are sophomores. Albany has seven returning regulars in the fold. That makes the Tribe a fairly close match for the veteran VHS crew in the experience department.

Bazemore said the 'Cats will divide their practice time before the game working on all phases of their offense and defense.

"Albany has a strong running game and a good passing at-

tack," the VHS grid boss said. "At the same time they defense well against both runs and passes. They've allowed just four touchdowns in four games and believe me no one has been able to push them around."

Here's another thought the fans can kick around. Valdosta will go into the game as the form chart favorite. But in the long series between the 'Cats and Indians the form chart has proved wrong about as often as it has proved right.

Valdosta wants a win to keep atop the 1-AAA standings. A victory for Albany is a must if it is going to keep its title hopes alive.

Fan interest is high and the result is expected to be a crowd in the 8,000 to 10,000 range at Cleveland Field on Friday night.

## Thomas, Smith Among Region 1-AAA Leaders

By ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS — Valdosta's Rick Thomas and LaGrange's Stanley Crawford are the individual leaders in two of Region 1-AAA's major offensive departments.

Thomas is the league's leading passer. He has hit on 27 of 44 passes for 520 yards and five touchdowns.

Crawford paces the rushing race with 412 yards on 43 carries for a sizzling 9.44 average.

Another Valdostan, Giles Smith, is the leader in three departments. He's the top pass receiver with 12 catches for 190 yards; sets the punting pace with a 38.71 average on seven boots and has lugged back 14 punts a total of 327 yards to lead in that section.

The leaders plus figures on Valdosta players follows:

RUSHING			
	Carries	Net	Avg.
1. Crawford, LaGrange	43	406	9.44
2. Holmes, Warner Robins	53	388	7.32
3. Wagner, Willingham	50	269	5.38
4. Smith, Moultrie	39	262	6.71
5. Wuller, Albany	52	262	5.03
6. Ashley, LaGrange	47	275	5.85
7. Short, Baker	60	256	4.26
8. Bolles, Baker	49	215	4.38
9. Thomas, Valdosta	31	209	6.74
10. Gaines, Willingham	47	201	4.27
11. Fox, Jordan	45	193	4.28
12. Bradberry, Moultrie	39	160	4.10
13. Barfield, Albany	35	159	4.54
14. Smith, Valdosta	28	158	5.64
15. Carstarphen, Lanier	42	158	3.76
16. Sanders, Lanier	38	146	3.84
17. Zant, Valdosta	32	139	4.34
18. Goss, Willingham	20	134	6.70
19. Pippin, Moultrie	25	131	5.24
20. Reaves, Valdosta	18	130	7.22
21. Ginepri, Lanier	30	125	4.16
22. Evans, Willingham	29	114	3.93
23. Payne, Willingham	31	106	3.42
24. Linder, Moultrie	15	89	5.93
25. McLeod, Valdosta	13	86	6.61
37. Barker, Valdosta	24	58	2.41
43. Bell, Valdosta	12	43	3.58
48. Lee, Valdosta	10	35	3.50
49. Beck, Valdosta	10	33	3.30

PASSING			
	Att.	Cpl.	Gain
1. Thomas, Valdosta	44	27	520
2. Gaines, Willingham	5	47	332
3. James, Albany	4	34	322
4. Gillam, LaGrange	4	33	149
5. Carstarphen, Lanier	4	48	296
6. Dunn, Columbus	4	20	8
7. Long, Warner Robins	4	32	12
8. Garnto, Jordan	4	35	10
9. Pippin, Moultrie	4	26	8
10. Horne, Baker	4	15	6
11. Langford, Columbus	4	10	4
12. Smith, Valdosta	4	3	2
13. Hamilton, Jordan	4	10	3
14. Lee, Valdosta	4	6	4

PASS RECEIVING			
	Catches	yds	td's
1. Smith, Valdosta	12	190	3
2. Ginepri, Lanier	12	143	0
3. Bender, Valdosta	5	124	1
4. Wuller, Albany	5	120	1
5. Reaves, Valdosta	7	119	0
6. Farr, Albany	6	95	0
7. Morris, Albany	1	82	1
8. Bowen, Willingham	6	78	0
9. Allgire, Warner Robins	6	67	0
10. Bryant, Willingham	4	65	1
18. Bell, Valdosta	3	45	1

PASSES INTERCEPTED BY			
	Inter.	Yds.	
1. Reaves, Valdosta	3	50	
2. Gillam, LaGrange	2	50	
3. Carter, Lanier	1	45	
4. Dunn, Columbus	2	41	
5. Hunnicutt, LaGrange	1	40	
6. Folmar, Albany	2	37	
7. Hamilton, Jordan	1	31	
8. Ashley, LaGrange	1	27	
9. McNeil, Willingham	1	25	
10. Gaines, Willingham	1	14	
11. Fiveash, Willingham	1	15	

PUNTS			
	Kicks	yds.	Avg.
1. Smith, Valdosta	7	271	38.7
2. Davis, Baker	22	802	36.45
3. Rhodes, Albany	14	490	35.00
4. Cason, Jordan	33	1077	34.74
5. Crawford, LaGrange	14	441	33.92
6. Knight, Warner Robins	15	485	32.33
7. Lindsey, Willingham	18	575	31.94

## Junior 'Cats, Lowndes Clash Here Tonight

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Teams representing Valdosta High and Lowndes County High will hookup in a junior varsity football game here tonight.

The contest is slated for 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field.

Coach Joe Wilson's VHS Junior Wildcats will be out to improve on a 1-2 record. They have beaten Cook while losing to Waycross and Moultrie.

LOHI's Junior Eagles will be making their first start here this season.



VHS Tackle Billy Schroer Ready To Go Times Staff Photo

# 'Cats Battle Imps; Seek 30th Victory

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta clashes with the Columbus Blue Devils here tonight with the Wildcats seeking a win they need to match their school's second longest football victory streak.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and Coach Jim Pyburn's Imps will tangle at 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

The Wildcats' two most successful football eras were in 1951-52-53-54, when they won 40 straight and in 1956-57-58, when they won 30 in a row.

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Right now the 'Cats have a 29-game victory string going. It dates back to the start of the 1960 season. If they get by Columbus tonight it will be 30 games in a row, tying that 1956-57-58 effort.

There are other reasons why the 'Cats both want and need a triumph. They now top the Region 1-AAA standings with a 4-0 chart and a victory is a must if they are to stay ahead of the pack.

Columbus, with a 1-2-2 overall record and an 0-2-2 regional mark is the underdog. But the Imps tied Willingham and Albany and went down battling before Moultrie. Those are three league toughies and the Columbus eleven has proved it is no push over.

The Imps beat Central, Ala. (13-0) and tied Willingham (0-0)

and Albany (6-6). They lost to Lainer (21 - 6) and to Moultrie (21-13). Victories for the 'Cats have been over Baker (28 - 0), Waycross (48-13), Jordan (46-0), Lanier (32-0) and Albany (28-0).

There should be some aerial fireworks with Valdosta's Rick Thomas matched against Columbus' two-man quarterback combo of Charlie Langford and Joe Dunn.

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Thomas is 1-AAA's top aerialist with 40 completions on 61 tries for 673 yards and seven TD's.

Between them Langford and Dunn have hit on 25 passes in 65 tries for 371 yards.

The game will also feature a duel between the region's two best punters. Columbus tackle Richard Hodges has averaged 37.69 yards on 26 kicks. Valdosta halfback Giles Smith has averaged 35.81 yards on 11 boots.

Valdosta will continue to use its now familiar two-unit system. A pair of defensive stickouts, linebackers Cyo Blanton and Terry Godwin, aren't expected to play. Blanton is hobbled by a knee injury. Godwin has been sidelined by a wrist injury.

The Imps' don't substitute by units, but they have a total of 17 players who are classified as regulars.

## Junior 'Cats 41-19 Victor Over Brooks

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

With Glenn Davis accounting for three touchdowns, Valdosta clipped Brooks County (Quitman) 41-19, in a junior varsity football duel here Thursday night.

The victory was the third in five starts for coach Joe Wilson's Junior Wildcats.

Davis accounted for TD's on runs of 3, 17 and 6 yards. Gene Seago got one for Valdosta on a 24-yard run. Ronnie Stevens galloped 42 yards for another. A nine-yard romp by Jimmy Neal put still another TD on the scoreboard for the Junior 'Cats.

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Brooks, held in check in the first half, scored three times in the last two periods. Two passes and a pass interception accounted for the visitor's TD's.

Forward wall stickouts for the Junior 'Cats includes Ken Clifton, Wayne New, Ricky Rogers, Billy Holtzclaw, Mike Garwood, Clay Freeman, Earl Wetherington, Bob Bennett, Johnny G u n t e r, Bud Smith, Jimmy Clyatt and Fred Carlo.

Score by quarters:

Valdosta	21	7	13	0-41
Brooks	0	0	6	13-19



—Times Staff Photo

The Trix-Roger Martin, Ivey Plair, John Nichols, Charles Oliver and Billy Golden

## RED HOT COMBO-NATION, TRIX

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A red hot twisting combo has emerged from Valdosta High School.

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It all started out as a family affair in the Nichols clan.

According to John Nichols, spokesman for the combo, his older brothers, Nic and Lyle, got electric guitars and learned to play anything from rhythm'n blues to Kingston Trio type numbers.

Charles Oliver obtained a guitar of his own and learned a few tunes from Lyle. John became interested and used his brother's instruments to learn from Charles.

Soon, John was taking lessons

from Lyle and out of the lessons emerged "The Trix." John and Charles decided to call themselves that after much deliberation.

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"It's short and catchy. Anything else we liked was too long," said John, who is a junior at VHS.

Charles, a first string tackle for the Wildcats, prefers "Sleep Walk" to John's livelier twist arrangements.

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Lately, The Trix have been taking more guitar lessons from Lou Farlow whom they consider quite an authority on the art of guitar pickin'. Farlow plays the guitar in Botie Chitty's band.

Teaming up with Billy Golden on the piano and Ivey Plair on

the drums, the group has been entertaining the high schoolers this year at various Junior Cotillion functions.

Like most teen-age music groups, they want to improve on their arrangements and they don't pattern themselves after any one group or individual.

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Charles confesses Ricky Nelson is his favorite vocalist while John seems to prefer the Ventures.

None of the boys let their guitar pickin', drum beating or piano playing interfere with their school work.

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"We practice in our spare time," said John.

### VHS DE Club Officers Will Train At Rome

Officers of the Distributive Education Club at Valdosta High School will leave Sunday for a two-day officers training conference in Rome.

Bobby Young, president; Ellen Squires, secretary; and Jo-Ann Bennett, reporter, will take part in the workshop.

VHS' state officers, Warren Clayton, president, and Joy Rati-gan, historian, left today to meet with other DE officials to make plans for the state convention in March. Jo-Ann is a candidate for state parliamentarian.

# Key Regional Tilts Next For VHS, LOHI

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats and Lowndes County's Golden Eagles must follow similar football routes this week as they are to meet stout league foes in key games on the road.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats will tangle with Moultrie's Packers at Moultrie Friday night in a Region 1-AAA outing. That same night coach Carlton Adams' Eagles will be matching blocks and tackles with Bainbridge's Bearcats in a 1-AA (West) scrap at Bainbridge.

These will be just two of eight games this week involving area

## AREA GRID SLATE

Thursday

Chiefland at Jasper

Friday

Valdosta at Moultrie

Lowndes at Bainbridge

Berrien at Atkinson

Brooks at Cook

Bacon at Clinch

Florida High at Madison

Saturday

Hahira vs. Jennings at Jasper

teams. And those eight contests will be spaced over a three-day period starting Thursday and ending Saturday.

Jasper will host Chiefland in a Thursday-night affair that will get the area action for the week underway. The windup affair will be a Saturday - night clash between Hahira and Jennings at Jasper.

Games Friday, in addition to those involving Valdosta and LOHI, will be Berrien County (Nashville) at Atkinson County (Pearson), Brooks County (Quitman) at Cook (Adel), Bacon County (Alma) at Clinch County (Homerville) and Florida High (Tallahassee) at Madison.

The Wildcats, winners of six straight this season, top the 1-AAA standings with a 5-0 league mark. The Moultrie team they meet is 5-1 for the year and holds down third place in the league standings with a 4 - 1 regional chart.

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The 'Cats had trouble getting by coach Knuck McCrary's Packers 7-0 in a game played here last season. They are sure to have more trouble when they meet Moultrie on its home field this time.

Victories for 'Dosta have been over Baker (28-0), Waycross (48-13), Jordan (46-0), Lanier (32-0), Albany (28-0) and Columbus (41-6). Moultrie has beaten Jordan (19-0), Albany (7-0), Cairo (7-0), Columbus (21 - 13) and Warner Robins (13-0). The Packers were trimmed by Baker (21 - 13) in what was classified as an upset.

## Wildcats Still Atop 'AAA' List

ATLANTA (AP) — The three leading teams in each classification held their places in this week's voting for the Top Ten among Georgia high school football teams.

But there was considerable turnover on the remainder of the list as the experts voting in the Atlanta Journal-sponsored weekly poll brought new schools into the lineup and dropped others.

For the first time this season Region 2AAA has a representative among the Top Ten—Augusta's Richmond Academy. The Cadets, who dropped two games at the opening of the season to strong South Carolina clubs, were put in the No. 10 spot.

Here's the way they line up this week (won-loss records in parenthesis):

Class AAA: No. 1, Valdosta (6-0); No. 2, Avondale (6 - 0); No. 3, Northside (7 - 0); No. 4, Willingham (5-0-2); No. 5, Murphy (5-1); No. 6, Moultrie (5-1); No. 7, Marietta (6-1); No. 8 (tie) Westminster 6-1 and Dykes (7-0); No. 10, Richmond Academy (4-2).

# PACKERS UNPACKING GOODS FOR A VALDOSTA INVASION

By ROY BEMIS

The flatlands of south Georgia will ring with the clamor of clashing bodies Friday night as the Moultrie Packers and the Valdosta Wildcats, two of the top teams in the 1-AAA conference, meet in Moultrie.

Valdosta is riding high with a 6-0-0 record, holding the top notch in the 1-AAA totem pole and have the number one berth in the AAA top ten contention. Moultrie is not far behind with a 5-1-0 record, the number three spot in the 1-AAA region and are holding the number six position in the AAA top ten.

"We're goin' to play football," said Packer Coach W. M. McCrary, "and we're goin' to make a contest out of it. They've (Valdosta) got pep and power, and are coming to play football."

MOULTRIE'S line averages out to about 170 pounds, and will be going against the Wildcats' "Headhunters," one of the heaviest lines that Valdosta has had.

The Packers' backfield will be led by Charlie Pippin, who "can handle a ball and has good speed." While Valdosta's backfield will be spot-

## Moultrie Special

lighted by all-Stater Stan Reaves, one of the finest backs in Wildcat history.

Moultrie has 14 veterans back this year, and the team has had no serious injuries this season, with the exception of the minor bruises and knocks expected on a football team.

## SEE AMERICUS FIRST

# Valdosta, Rossville Head Top Two Prep Grid Classes

By JACK DOANE

The string gets tighter each week as the prep football season races down the home stretch, but the top clubs in all five of the state's classifications continue to charge like Citation heading for the finish line.

Despite an outbreak of upsets last week which cost numerous teams a place in their respective top tens, the first three in all classifications held fast. In AAA, it's still Valdosta, Avondale and Northside. In AA, it's Rossville, Cairo and Coffee County, Ameri-

CLASS AAA			
Team	Record	1st Plc. Votes	Total Pts.
1. Valdosta	6-0	10	160
2. Avondale	6-0	0	88
3. Northside	7-0	0	80
4. Wilmington	5-0-2	0	47
5. Murphy	5-1	0	44
6. Moultrie	5-1	0	40
7. Marietta	6-1	0	34
8. (tie) Westminster	6-1	0	32
Dykes	7-0	0	32
10. Richmond Academy	4-2	0	11

# 'Cats Get Defense Ready For Moultrie

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta is stressing defense in preparations for its game with Moultrie, but right now the number of Wildcat defensive regulars who are just watching almost matches the number who are taking part in drills.

The duel between coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and coach Knuck McCrary's Packers is slated for Friday night at Moultrie. The traditional rivals will meet in a crucial Region 1-AAA affair.

Valdosta tops the standings with a 5-0 league record. Moultrie is third in the race with a 4-1 regional chart. The 'Cats must win to stay ahead of the pack. Moultrie must triumph to keep its title hopes alive.

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Valdosta is the state's top-ranked Class AAA team. But Moultrie is fifth on the state ranking list. It has ambitions to move up the ladder and will certainly do it if it beats 'Dosta.

Outstanding team speed plus a veteran backfield adds up to a potent offensive punch for the Packers. They've been held to less than two touchdowns in only two of the six games they have played.

"It's going to take our best defensive effort to even slow Moultrie down," Bazemore said. "Now we turn up with a string of injuries and most of those who are hurt are defensive regulars. You might say we've got problems."

Linebackers Clyo Blanton (knee injury) and Terry Godwin (wrist injury) missed last week's game with Columbus. Both are being counted out in planning for the Moultrie tilt.

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Middle guard Bill Myddleton has a sprained ankle and safetyman Hank Lee has a bad shoulder. They are being held out of rough work. Both are expected to play Friday, but neither may be

able to go full speed.

Ready or not, VHS "stop'em" crew will have the problem of trying to hold a talented Moultrie backfield corps in check.

The Packers backfield regulars include quarterback Charlie Pippin (175, sr.), halfbacks Brad Bradberry (175, sr.), Jerry Smith (150, sr.), Butch Brown (150, sr.) and Joe Linder (160, jr.) and fullbacks Tom Beard (170, jr.) and Denn's Floyd (180, sr.).

Pippin excels as both a runner and passer. The running pass is his speciality. He ranks among the 1-AAA leaders as both a runner and passer. Smith is averaging close to seven yards a carry. Bradberry and Brown are averaging close to five yards a jaunt.

"Moultrie has good backs in depth," Bazemore said. "In typical Moultrie fashion they run hard. And there are a half dozen of them who have the speed to score from any spot on the field."

The 'Cats also have good backs in depth and the likes of Giles Smith, Rick Thomas, Stan Reaves and Walter Zant are sure to give the Packers some defensive worries. They've been the attack leaders while 'Dosta has scored 28 or more points in six straight games.

Sirosis Barker, Neil Bell and the injured Blanton, Godwin and Lee are other backs who have been doing their share to help the VHS football cause on either offense or defense.

## First College Workshop Held For VHS Seniors

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Students won't differ much in high school or college, Valdosta High School seniors were told Tuesday night at a college workshop.

Mrs. Caroline Thomas, Valdosta State College registrar, said, "High school and college aren't that different. The best indication for success in college is success in high school."

This was the first type of college workshop held in this area.

Miss Eleanor Hambrick, a home economics instructor representing Abraham Baldwin College at Tifton, encouraged seniors to visit several schools before choosing one.

Miss Marguerite Ford, VHS guidance counselor, explained scholarships and loans available to college students.

Miss Betty Jo Greene, a VSC sophomore, spoke on problems of college life.

The workshop at the high school was sponsored by the VHS student council and guidance office.

# 'Cats, Packers Tangle Tonight

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta collides with traditional rival Moultrie tonight at Moultrie and the Wildcats are staking a lot of football hopes on a victory over the highly-regarded Packers.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats have won 30 straight since 1960. They have won six in a row this year and top the Region 1-AAA standings with a 5-0 league mark. They are currently the top-ranked Class AAA team in the state.

To keep their victory strings going, to hang on to the league lead and to retain the No. 1 state ranking they must beat coach Knuck McCrary's finely turned Moultrie gridiron machine.

Bazemore rates Moultrie "much stronger than any team we've met this season." There are facts and figures to back up the claim.

McCrary's charges are 5-1 for the season and hold down third place in the regional race with a 4-1 league chart. They are the fifth-ranked "AAA" team in Georgia. They have a talent-rich backfield corps. Only two of six foes has held the Moultrie scoring machine to less than two touchdowns. The Packers also have a proven-tough defense which has blanked four opponents.

Valdosta has also compiled some impressive statistics in its climb to the top. The Wildcats have scored 28 or more points in all of the games they have played up to now. They have limited six opponents to just three touchdowns, whitewashing the opposition four times.

Some of the finest backs in the state will be on opposite sides of the line of scrimmage tonight. The 'Cats' will be counting on fellows like Giles Smith, Rick Thomas, Stan Reaves and Walter Zant to lead their attack.

Smith is the region's top scorer and pass receiver. Thomas is 1-AAA's leading passer and the loop's total offense leader. Reaves is a talented two-way performer and Zant, although small, is an elusive and hard-hitting runner.

The Packers' offense is built around Charlie Pippin, Brad Bradberry, Jerry Smith, Tom Beard, Dennis Floyd, Butch Brown and Joe Linder.

Pippin sparkles as both a runner and passer. In fact, the running-pass is his specialty. Jerry Smith, with 445 yards to his credit on 64 carries, ranks fourth on the 1-AAA individual rushing chart. Bradberry, a three-year veteran is a swiftee who combines running and pass catching talent.

There are indications that a scoring duel is in the offing.

Whether this develops or not will depend on how the things go in the line. Valdosta's forward wall owns a weight advantage, while the Packers up front are supposed to be quicker.

Valdosta will go into the game somewhat below par physically. Cloy Blanton and Terry Godwin, both defensive specialists will definitely miss the game because of injuries.

Middle guard Bill Myddleton, one of the kingpins in the 'Cats' defensive setup, has a sprained ankle. Bazemore, however, says "Myddleton will start and go just as long as he can."

Safetyman Hank Lee, Thomas and Reaves have what the VHS grid boss describes as an "assortment of bruises." All three are expected to be ready for duty tonight.

## Junior 'Cats Chalk Up 13-6 Victory

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A second half rally gave Valdosta a 13-6 victory over Waycross in a junior varsity football game here Thursday night.

The victory was the third straight for coach Joe Wilson's Junior Wildcats and boosted their record to 4-2. With the triumph the Junior 'Cats also avenged a 34-6 loss to Waycross earlier in the season.

During the early going last night it looked like Waycross might be on its way toward another triumph. The Junior 'Cats got a drive started and moved to the Waycross 25.

Then on Waycross' first play from scrimmage, quarterback Roy Harris sped 75 yards for a TD which staked the visitors to a 6-0 lead.

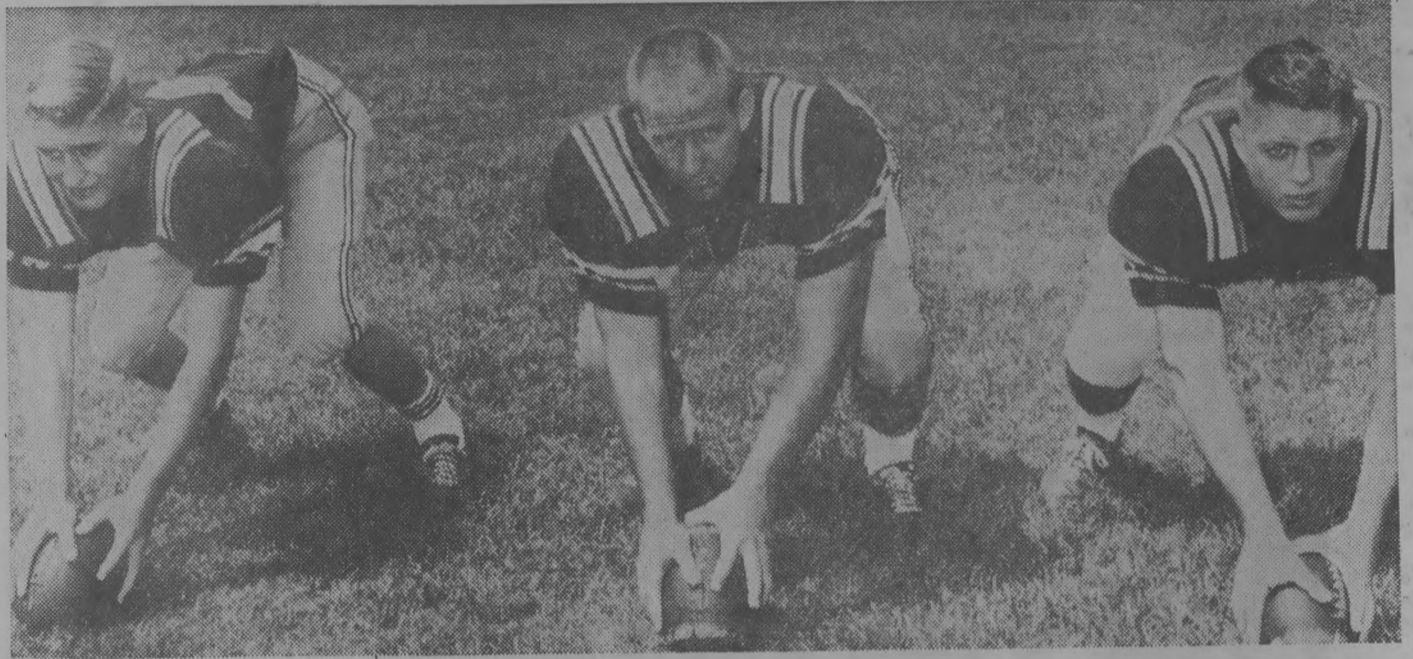
The Junior 'Cats got even in the third period when Glenn Davis passed nine yards to Dennis Wetherington for a TD which climaxed a 70-yard drive.

With time running out in the final period, Valdosta's Kendall Varnedoe recovered a fumble at mid-field. Valdosta put its attack in high gear and drove for the winning touchdown. Davis scored on a 10-yard run with less than a minute of playing time remaining. Gene Seago ran for the PAT.

In addition to those who figured in the scoring, Wilson had a verbal pat on the back for the following players:

Ronnie Stevens, Jimmy Neal, Bill Parramore, Charles Holtzclaw, Mike Garwood, Mike Drumheller, Mark Hollis, Darrell Wetherington, Johnny Gunter, Bob Bennett, Ricky Rogers, Junior Morgan, Bob King, Wayne New, Kenneth Clifton and Bud Smith.

Gunter suffered a broken ankle in the game.



Wildcats' Center Corps: (L to R) Tommy Dowe, Foy Norwood, Jimmy Robinson

—Times Staff Photo

# Pressure On 'Dosta Line In Battle With Moultrie

By **SAMMY GLASSMAN**  
Times Sports Editor

The pressure will be on Valdosta's line in more ways than one when the Wildcats tangle with Moultrie's Packers at Moultrie Friday night.

It will be a crucial Region 1-AAA test for coach Wright Baze-

Sale of tickets for the Valdosta-Moultrie game will end here tonight. Adult general admission and student tickets for the game, to be played at Moultrie, are being offered here at Belcher's Drug Store. Valdosta's quota of reserved seat tickets for the tilt has been sold out.

more's unbeaten 'Cats and the VHS forward wall must shoulder a big burden.

The men up front on the 'Cats' defensive unit will have the task of trying to check Moultrie elite backfield corps which ranks with

the best in the state.

So far no one has been able to shut out coach Knuck McCrary's offense-minded Packers. So it figures a scoring duel might develop. If it does, then Valdosta's forward wall troops must clear the way and give the 'Cats' backs a chance to go for points.

Valdosta's regulars in the line include Dick Bender, Bill Holtzclaw, Danny Hendley, Wally Colson, Frank Haddock, Christie Patterson, Bill Myddleton, William (Bo) Hall, Greg Jones, Bill Henry, Bill Holt, Jack Martin, Bobby Moore, Charles Oliver, Billy Schroer, Randy Hunter, Foy Norwood and Jimmy Robinson.

Up to now the VHS linemen have more than held their own. The 'Cats have won six straight, beating five league foes in the process. Valdosta has given up just three touchdowns in the half dozen outings and has chalked up 28 or more points in every game. The Valdosta line corps has been doing its share to help the cause.

"A whole lot has been said about Moultrie's fine set of backs," Bazemore said. "Believe me, McCrary has the backfield 'horses.' Moultrie also has the 'horses' up front. The Packers' line is big, strong and very fast. Our linemen certainly have their work cut out for them on both offense and defense."

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Moultrie's forward wall regulars include ends Bob Montgomery (178, jr.), Brooks Shelton (170, sr.) and Hamps Jenkins (175, sr.), tackles Bobby Ricks (175, jr.), Bobby Cobb (190, jr.), Otis Bryant (200, sr.) and Ronnie Moncrief (210, sr.), guards Larry Tomlinson (185, sr.), Jay Cranford (155, jr.) and Phil Walsh (155, sr.) and center Wayne Ragland (175, sr.).

Valdosta will have a slight weight advantage in the line, but isn't expected to have any edge at all in the speed department.

The game has the fans both here and at Moultrie in a high state of excitement. There are a

lot of reasons.

Valdosta is 6-0 in all games and heads the 1-AAA race with a 5-0 mark. It must win to keep the lead and also keep its three-season victory streak, which is now pegged a 30 - games going. The Wildcats are the state's top-ranked Class AAA team.

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Moultrie's gridiron credentials are also as impressive. The Packers are 5-1 in all games and are third in the region race with a 4-1 chart. They hold down fifth place on the state "AAA" rating chart. They are still very much in the regional title scramble.

Add in the fact that Valdosta

and Moultrie are traditional rivals and it is not hard to see why an overflow crowd is expected to turn up for the game.

Wins for the 'Cats this year have been over Baker (28 - 0), Waycross (48-13), Jordan (46-0), Lanier (32-0), Albany (28-0) and Columbus (41 - 6). Moultrie has beaten Jordan (19-0) Albany (7-0), Cairo (7-0), Columbus (21-13) and Warner Robins (13-0). It was upset by Baker (21-12).

Jonathan Eber, 21, of Deerfield, Mass., will captain Columbia's 1962 cross-country team. His hobbies are automotives, swimming and hunting.

# VALDOSTA RACKS IMPS, TEN SHY OF RECORD

## Thomas and Smith Lead 'Cats To 30th Straight Victory

Special to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

VALDOSTA, Ga., Oct. 13—Striking swiftly both cats thumped Columbus' Blue Devils, 41-6, in a Region along the ground and through the air Valdosta's Wild-1-AAA football outing here Friday night.

Approximately 7,500 fans saw coach Wright Bazemore's Wild-cats win their sixth straight this season and chalk up their fifth region victory to tighten their hold on first place in the 1-AAA title scramble.

The victory was the 30th straight for the 'Cats since the start of the 1960 season, matching Valdosta's second longest winning spree. The VHS record is still 40 in a row won by Bazemore-coached teams in 1951-52-53-54. The current 'Cats are now even with the Valdosta teams of 1956-57-58.

**QUARTERBACK RICK THOMAS** and halfback Giles Smith had a hand in the scoring of all of Valdosta's points. Thomas tallied TD's on a one-yard plunge and a sizzling 94-yard run and passed 44 yards to end Bill Holtzclaw for a third marker. Smith scored on runs from one and eight yards and

connected with end Danny Hendley on a 26-yard pass play which was good for six points. Smith booted five extra points.

They all had plenty of help as the VHS attack clicked for 14 first downs, 262 yards rushing and 104 passing.

Valdosta's hard-hitting defense stopped Columbus, which now has a 1-3-2 record, cold on the ground. The Imps came out of the game with minus five yards rushing.

**WITH PINT-SIZED** quarterback Joe Dunn the Triggerman, the Imps finished with a passing total that included 11 completions in 19 tries for 16 yards and a touchdown. The Columbus tally came in the final period on a 31-yard pitch from Dunn to halfback Harry Mitchell.

Valdosta put two TD's on the board with scoring marches of 64 and 55 yards in the first two periods. Just before half, Columbus bid for a TD that would have put it back in the ball game.

The Imps' Bobby White engineered the first interception of a Thomas pass this season. He picked off the ball at the 50 and went to the VHS 20. Charlie Langford passed 19 yards to Jack Romeo and Columbus had a first-and-goal-to-go situation at the Valdosta one. With a penalty giving them an extra down, the Imps tried five times to score, but the Valdosta defense refused to budge. Hank Lee batted down

VALDOSTA		THE YARDSTICK		COLUMBUS	
14	First Downs	7	7	20	7-41
262	Yards Rushing	0	0	0	6-6
104	Yards Passing				
41	Penalties				

a pass to spoil Columbus' last chance.

The second half had just gotten under way when Thomas raced 94 yards for a TD. There was never any doubt about the outcome of the game after that.

Valdosta ..... 7 7 20 7-41  
Columbus ..... 0 0 0 6-6  
Scoring TDs: Valdosta—Thomson 2 (1-yd. run, 94-yd. run), Smith 2 (1-yd. run, 8-yd. run), Holtzclaw (44-yd. pass from Thomas), Hendley (36-yd. pass from Smith).  
Columbus—Mitchell (31-yd. pass from Dunn).  
PATs: Valdosta—Smith 5 (placements).

### Blakely Wins

Special to Atlanta Journal-Constitution

BLAKELY, Ga., Oct. 13—The Blakely Bobcats won their sixth game of the season Friday night, running roughshod over the Pelham Hornets, 40-7.

After a scoreless first quarter, quarterback Trey Herring set the scoring state as a 33-yard keeper which carried to the 17. Three plays later Bill George whirled over the goal, culminating a 65-yard touchdown drive, and Ed Morton booted the extra point. Herring took to the air to set up the next one, tossing to Ward Holman for 23 yards, to Ed Morton for 15 and Milton White traveled the other nine yards on two tries to score from the 2. Morton's extra point kick was good.

In the third frame Blakely made two quick scores, both by Holman, the first on a 75-yard punt return and another on a 54-yard end sweep.



Joe Vallotton and Arthur McMillin Send Out the Paper's Bills



Outlook Goes to Press As Russell Martin, Grady Bradley, Darlene Smith and Judy Babcock Make Corrections

# Time Has Changed Dosta Outlook

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Today's high school newspaper has a greater responsibility to the students than it did 10, 15, or even 20 years ago.

And the Dosta Outlook keenly feels the role it plays in the life of a Valdosta High School teenager. This year's staff knows that the crises of the United States and the international problems facing our country affects the students.

No longer does the monthly publication stick just to reporting goings on about the school. Gone is the trite gossip columns. In their places is news concerning our country's relations here and abroad.

The editorial page speaks out. During the recent gubernatorial race in Georgia, the editorial page editors supported and blasted the candidates. They tried to give the readers platforms of both major candidates.

Instead of advocating school reforms every issue, the editors view the Cuban and Berlin situations. Our country's administration is not safe from the pen of these young journalists.

"The high school newspaper is the source of information for the pupils. They should feel free to comment on situations that affect them whether now or in the future," said Mrs. L. L. Moncus, Outlook advisor.

Mrs. Moncus feels she is fortunate to be able to work with this year's staff.

They started working on the paper during the summer so the students could have an Outlook the first day of school.

"This week we have been observing National Newspaper Week. The journalism class as well as the staff have made posters and fixed bulletin boards for display throughout the school," Mrs. Moncus said.

At the invitation of the staff, Eugene Patterson, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, spoke to the students at chapel exercises Friday.

"This really helped to inspire the staff and my journalism class," the youthful advisor said.

She said the Adel born Patterson told the students not to get discouraged and to rewrite and rewrite until they are satisfied

with their copy.

So many times, she explained, teen-agers are impatient with themselves because they can't sit down and simply dash off a good feature or news story.

The fledgling juniors and seniors who write and work for the publication have a real desire to be on the Outlook.

"They wouldn't take journalism if they didn't," she said. There's a lot of work involved in getting out a paper, she added.

For instance, this summer, the business manager got out and sold ads not only for the paper but for the football programs that are sold at each home game.

Proceeds from the programs and the funds the Outlook receives from the advisors pay for the publication of the paper.

"Our school newspaper is one of the few high school papers that distributes each issue without charge to the students and faculty," Mrs. Moncus added.



—Times Staff Photo

Wildcats' Hank Lee (18) Moves In to Stop Moultrie's Jerry Smith

# 'Dosta Wins 31st

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threat of the night.

Moultrie also threw up a tough defense which the penalty-plagued Wildcats had trouble solving. But the 'Cats clicked for two all-important TDs late in the game.

All who played for Valdosta shared in the hard-earned victory. In addition to Thomas, Smith, Holt and Schroer they were Dick Bender, Danny Hendley, Bill Holtzclaw, Wally Colson, Bill Henry, Charles Oliver, Ronnie Cannon, Randy Hunter, Bill Myddleton, Bobby Moore, William (Bo) Hall, Greg Jones, Jimmy Robinson, Foy Norwood, Walter Zant, Sirosis Barker, Neil Bell, Hank Lee, Stan Reaves and Wayne Pearson.

Thomas was the offense leader gaining 98 yards on 11 carries and hitting 9 of 19 passes for 96 yards. Colson turned in one of the best performances of his ca-

STATISTICS		
	Val.	Moult.
First Downs	11	7
Yards Rushing	151	51
Yards Passing	96	36
Passes	9-19	4-13
Passes Intc. By	2	2
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Punting	4-31.2	6-38
Penalties	5-60	1-5

reer. He made nine individual tackles, with virtually all of his stops throwing Moultrie ball carriers for losses.

But in the final analysis it was team effort and the Wildcats' determination to win despite adverse conditions which gained Valdosta its important triumph.

Scoring threats and tallies went like this:

First quarter: The Wildcats got their offense going and moved from their own 44 to the Moultrie 10. Zant went six yards to the four, but a penalty nullified the gain and put the Wildcats back out at the 23. They stalled.

Second quarter: VHS got rolling again and was at the Moultrie 28 when a penalty stopped them again. Then Thomas pegged 60 yards up the middle to Smith for a TD. It was nullified by a penalty.

The 'Cats moved from their own 37 to the Moultrie five. Thomas knifed down to the two and the penalty flags started flying again.

The 'Cats were moved back out to the 11. They had gotten back to

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — Valdosta — G. Smith 7-13, Thomas 11-98, Reaves 2-19, Zant 8-27, Barker 1-5, Lee 2-1; Moultrie — J. Smith, 15-40, Bradberry 7-23, Pippin 9-minus 18, Linder 3-4, Beard 2-2.  
Passing — Valdosta — Thomas 9-19-96; Moultrie — Pippin 3-12-36, Linder 1-0-0.  
Pass Receiving — Valdosta — G. Smith 5-54, Reaves 3-35; Moultrie — Montgomery 2-21, Brown 1-3, Linder 2-17.  
Punt Returns — Valdosta — G. Smith 3-28; Moultrie — Bradberry 1-6.  
Kickoff Returns — Moultrie — Pippin 1-17.  
Defense (tackle leaders) — Valdosta — Colson 9, Reaves 8, Bell 7, Holtzclaw 6, Hall 3, Moore 3, Lee 3; Moultrie — Beard 6, Bryant 5, Sheldon 4, Brown 3, Walsh 3.

the five when Moultrie's Brad Bradberry intercepted a pass to end this threat.

There was an exchange of pass interceptions with Thomas picking one off one for Valdosta and Pippin nabbing one for Moultrie. The half ended without any scoring.

Third Period: The 'Cats' Lee intercepted a pass at the Moultrie 48. Valdosta couldn't move and punted. The Packers were at their own 17 when Valdosta's Holt recovered a fumble. Down went a penalty marker and VHS was back out at the 22. But Thomas hit Smith with a pass that was good for 16 yards and carried to the six. Smith bulled his way five yards to the one. Thomas took it over from there. Smith split the upright with his PAT and Valdosta had a 7-0 lead.

Fourth period: Moultrie's Floyd recovered a fumble at the Moultrie 48. Before another play was run, an official let fly a penalty marker and the Packers were 15 yards closer to pay dirt at the Valdosta 36. The VHS defense threw Moultrie back to the 48, but the Packers came back determined. With runs of 9 and 8 yards by Jerry Smith and passes of 11 and 10 yards from Pippin to Bob Montgomery, Moultrie scored. Floyd booted the PAT and it was a 7-7 game.

The Packers kicked off and Giles Smith returned it 19 yards to the Valdosta 21. Barker went five yards to the 26. On the next play Thomas came out of the pack, shed tacklers to get into the clear on the right sideline. At

the Moultrie 35 a Packer defender tried to bounce Thomas out of bound. Thomas not only refused to go down, but hardly broke stride. Thomas had limped through most of the game because of a bruised leg. But his stride was smooth and swift as he outran the last Moultrie defender who had a chance to catch him. It was a 74-yard touchdown run and it meant victory for the 'Cats.

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Moultrie tried to get a last-minute drive started and made some headway to the Valdosta 36. There the 'Cats applied the brakes. Colson, Holtzclaw and Hall were in on key stops that forced the Packers to give up the ball. Zant went one yard, Thomas gained eight and Lee dived for one to give the 'Cats a first down and they ran out the clock and preserved their six-point lead.

#### LINEUPS

**Valdosta**  
Ends — Bender, Hendley, Holtzclaw, Colson.  
Tackles — Schroer, Henry, Oliver, Cannon, Hunter.  
Guards — Myddleton, Moore, Hall, Jones, Holt.  
Centers — Robinson, Norwood.  
Backs — Zant, Barker, Bell, Thomas, Lee, Reaves, Smith, Pearson.  
**Moultrie**  
Ends — Jenkins, Jim Holmes, John Holmes, Passmore, Sheldon, Montgomery.  
Tackles — Bryant, Moncrief, Ricks, Cobb.  
Guards — Knight, Walsh, Cranford, Sumner, Tomlinson.  
Centers — Tucker, Ragland.  
Backs — Faison, Pippin, Hall, Brown, Bradberry, Linder, Strickland, Taylor, Beard, Floyd, Smith.  
Score by quarters:  
Valdosta 0 0 7 6-13  
Moultrie 0 0 7 0-7  
Scoring TD's — Valdosta — Thomas 2 (1 yd. run, 74 yd. run); Moultrie — Pippin (3 yd. run), PAT's — Valdosta — Smith (Placement); Moultrie — Floyd (Placement).

# Thomas 74-Yard Gallop Trips Moultrie, 13-7

## Never-Say-Die Valdostans Defeat Inspired Packers

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

MOULTRIE—Quarterback Rick Thomas, a badly bruised leg and all, went 74 yards for a touchdown with less than six minutes of playing time remaining as a never-say-die band of Valdosta Wildcats beat the Moultrie Packers, 13-7, here Friday night.

Up until Thomas romped for a TD, with no less than four Moultrie defenders getting a hand on him but none able to hold him, it had been a night of frustration

for coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats.

In the first half they had seen a Thomas to halfback Giles Smith pass that went 60 yards for a TD wiped off the books by a penalty. They had also seen penalties and an inspired Packer defense stall them at Moultrie's 4, 28, and 5.

Then late in the third period Valdosta guard Bill Holt recovered a fumble at Moultrie's 17 and three plays later Thomas dived over from the one for the Wildcats' and the game's first score. Smith booted the extra point.

But the Packers recovered a VHS fumble at midfield and, with the help of a 15-yard penalty against the 'Cats, plus sharp passing by Charlie Pippin and key runs by Jerry Smith, scored. The count was knotted when Dennis Floyd kicked the PAT.

The Moultrie partisans in the crowd of approximately 9,000 went wild. Just over a minute later it was the more than 4,000 Valdosta fans in the crowd who were on their feet cheering and dancing as Thomas got loose to score the winning TD.

Valdosta was penalized five times for a total of 60 yards. Each penalty came at a time when it greatly hampered the Wildcats' cause. And each penalty seemed to serve as emotional tonic for the Packers who were primed and ready for the game and needed only slight encouragement to give an inspired performance.

The game was a bruiser from start to finish, but the Packers drew just one penalty, for being offside late in the final stanza when the issue had already been settled.

But the 'Cats came out of it with their seventh straight victory of the season and their sixth Region 1-AAA win, one they needed to hold on to first place in the league race. The victory was the 31st in a row for the 'Cats since the start of the 1960 and now represents Valdosta's second longest winning skein. It surpasses the 30-game mark compiled in 1956-57-58, but is still nine short of the 40 in a row the 'Cats won in 1951-52-53-54.



Thomas, Bazemore Seconds After Quarterback's Game-Winning 74-Yard Run  
—Times Staff Photo

The loss left coach Knuck McCrary's Packers with a 5-2 record for the season and a 4-2 regional mark. Moultrie is now virtually eliminated from the title race.

Valdosta's triumph may have been a costly one. Tackle Billy Schroer suffered a knee injury early in the first period and saw no more action in the game. Full extent of his injury has not been determined, but speculation immediately after the game was that the damage might be serious enough to sideline him for a considerable length of time. Several other Valdosta players were shaken up in the bruising and at times rather wild affair, but none were apparently hurt seriously.

In the final period the 'Cats Giles Smith and Moultrie's Doug Hall were ejected from the game. There were moments when tempers flared on the playing field. When it was over the 'Cats and Packers exchanged hand shakes and slaps on the back in friendly fashion in the middle of the field.

The game was for the most part a defensive battle. In that respect the Wildcats more than held their own.

Valdosta kept Moultrie back of its own 40 yard during the whole

## 'Cats Were 'Tested' In Game At Moultrie

"It was mighty rough all the way, but the boys pulled it out of the fire and that was fine."

Those were coach Wright Bazemore's views after the Wildcats' 13-7 victory over the Moultrie Packers last Friday at Moultrie.

It was indeed a tough go all the way for the 'Cats. In the first half they stormed up and down the field, but untimely penalties and a hard-hitting Packer defense denied them a score.

Then after Bill Holt recovered a fumble at the Moultrie 17 and the 'Cats drove in for their first TD, the Packers came right back to score and tie it up.

Rick Thomas' 74-yard TD sprint with less than six minutes of playing time remaining tipped the scales in the Wildcats' favor.

It was in every respect a great run by a youngster who had taken a tremendous pounding. Moultrie kept the pressure on Thomas all night. Time after time the Packers ground him to the turf after he had let fire with passes. He went into the game with an injured leg. He limped his way through most of the contest. In the clutch he had enough determination to make the kind of play which marks him as a champion.



**SAMMY GLASSMAN**

In my book all of the Wildcats played it like champions all the way. It was, as coach Bazemore said, rough. Every penalty VHS drew was costly. The Packers were primed and ready. Let's take nothing away from coach Knuck McCrary's charges. They came to play and they did. They did an exceptionally good job of stalling Valdosta's ground attack. They gave Thomas little time to throw. They got one chance to score and they made it payoff.

But bad breaks notwithstanding and despite the tough opposition from Moultrie, the 'Cats came through for a victory. It is on this that Valdosta's long victory string has been built. And it will take this and more to keep it going.

### **Pressure Keeps Mounting**

Much has been said about the officiating in the game. From my rather distant view of the game from the pressbox, I could see justification for some of the penalties called against the 'Cats. At other times I didn't agree with the officials' calls. Several times I thought Moultrie was guilty of rule infractions, but the Packers drew just one penalty, a five-yarder for an obvious off-sides.

My opinion is that the officials let the game get out of hand, that they let things get too rough, that they hesitated at times when quick action could have eliminated some of the tension which kept mounting in the game. But time after time the officials hesitated and seemed unsure of what they were doing, or they took no action at all.

It was a test for the 'Cats. Up to now they haven't been in real trouble in a ball game. I never had the feeling that they would lose, but there were times when I thought they would have to settle for a tie. But the 'Cats did not settle for a tie. They won. My hat is off to every boy who played for Valdosta in the game. All did their share.

The pressure on Valdosta keeps mounting. Moultrie was tough and Willingham, their foe this week, will be tougher. As Bazemore has said many, many times, you must earn what you get in football. I think the 'Cats earned their victory over Moultrie.

# 'Cats, Rams Battle In State Spotlight

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats will go against Willingham's Rams here Friday night in a game that will highlight prep football action in the area and will be in the state limelight.

At stake in the duel between coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and coach Billy Henderson's Rams will be first place in the Region 1-AAA race. Fans throughout the state will have an interest in this one.

Area teams will be involved in seven other games, six on Friday and one on Saturday. The

#### AREA GRID SLATE

##### Friday

Willingham at Valdosta  
Camden at Hahira  
Berrien at Clinch  
Brooks at Thomasville  
Cook at Fitzgerald  
Baldwin at Jennings  
Jasper at Union County

##### Saturday

Madison at Lowndes

Saturday night affair will be between Lowndes County's Golden Eagles and the Madison, Fla., Red Devils. It will also be played here.

In other games Friday, Camden County (Woodbine) will be at Hahira, Berrien County (Nashville) at Clinch County (Homerville), Brooks County (Quitman) at Thomasville, Cook (Adel) at Fitzgerald, Baldwin at Jennings and Jasper at Union City.

Valdosta's Wildcats, still battered and bruised after a rough game with Moultrie last week, will face a well-rested Willingham team. The Rams had an open date last Friday.

The 'Cats are 7-0 for the season and 6-0 in regional play. They are atop the 1-AAA standings. Willingham, showing unexpected power, is unbeaten after seven starts, but has been tied twice. It is 5-0-1 in league competition and can grab the 1-AAA lead by beating the 'Cats.

# Valdosta Steps Up Tempo In Practice

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Coach Wright Bazemore has told his Valdosta Wildcats they can "expect plenty of hard work in practice this week and our toughest game of the season on Friday night."

Bazemore's 'Cats will tangle with coach Bill Henderson's Rams of Macon with the Region 1-AAA lead on the line.

Valdosta, winner of seven straight this season, is atop the loop standing with a 6-0 mark. The Rams are 5-0-2 in all games and hold down second place in the region title scramble with a 5-0-1 league mark. The 'Cats need a win to stay on top. The Rams want a victory so they can take over the lead.

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The Wildcats have a growing injury list, but Bazemore said they can not afford to slacken their practice pace.

"It would be nice if we could take it easy this week and let some of our injured boys have a rest," the VHS grid boss said. "But we can't afford to do that. Willingham has a much better ball club than Moultrie. I'm sure our boys understand what that means."

Last week the 'Cats were hard pressed to gain a 13-7 victory over Moultrie. They had their share of the bad breaks in the game, but they also had plenty of trouble trying to handle the Packers.

Way things stand now at least three VHS regulars will miss the fray with Willingham. Halfback Cloy Blanton and quarterback Terry Godwin are still sidelined by old injuries. Tackle Billy Schroer came out of the Moultrie game with a badly injured knee. Bazemore sees no hope at all for Schroer to play this week.

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In addition, quite a few other VHS players are battered and bruised. The 'Cats are in their worst physical condition of the season.

By contrast Willingham will come into the game well rested and at full strength. The Rams had an open date last week. That has given them extra time to prepare for the game and has allowed several of their injured players to round back into playing condition.

Willingham got scant attention in pre-season title talk. But the Rams now have a solid football reputation. They are the fourth-ranked Class AAA team in the state. They are noted for defensive toughness and a never-say-die spirit.

The Rams have beaten Warner Robins (27-12), Baker (13-7), LaGrange (7-6), Jordan (26-6) and Albany (7-0). They played to a 0-0 tie with Columbus and a 7-7

draw with Athens. Willingham's game with Columbus was played in a driving rain storm.

In addition to that win over Moultrie last week, the 'Cats have trimmed Baker (28-0), Waycross (48-13), Jordan (46-0), Lanier (32-0), Albany (28-0) and Columbus (41-6). They were the pre-season title pick in 1-AAA and are now first on the state "AAA" rating

chart.

The game here Friday night will attract state wide attention and is expected to lure a crowd in the 9,000 to 10,000 range to Cleveland Field.

# VALDOSTA HAS CLOSE CALL

## Moultrie Throws in a Big Scare; Rick Thomas Leads 13-7 Victory

Special to The Atlanta Journal

MOULTRIE, Ga., Oct. 20—Two south Georgia football giants squared off here Friday night and slugged it out for four quarters before the Moultrie Packers fell to state-title-bound Valdosta, 13-7.

Valdosta's Rick Thomas raced 74 yards to paydirt to clinch the win for the undefeated Wildcats, who now own 31 consecutive victories.

But not before the Moultrie line proved that it could stand toe-to-toe and slug it out with the best of them.

The first half was devoted mostly to defensive play and when the buzzer sounded for the intermission the two clubs were locked in an 0-0 stranglehold.

However, the Wildcats, coached by the Wizard of Georgia high school football, Wright Bazemore, capitalized on a Moultrie mistake in the third quarter and put the scoreboard to work.

VALDOSTA'S Bobby Moore recovered a Moultrie fumble on the Packers' 17 and on the fourth play from scrimmage quarterback Rick Thomas plunged it over from the two. Giles Smith kicked the PAT and the Cats led, 7-0.

Moultrie got even in the final stanza. On the last play of the third quarter Moultrie's, Dennis Floyd recovered a 'Cat fumble on the Moultrie 49. A 15-yard penalty put the Packers in Valdosta territory for the first time of the evening and they wasted

no time taking advantage of the break.

On the 11th play from scrimmage Charlie Pippin got the TD on a quarterback keeper from the three. Two pass plays, both from Pippin to Bob Montgomery, set up the tally. Floyd added the point and it was a new ball game.

BUT NOT for long. Terry Falson kicked off to the Valdosta three and Smith brought it back to the 21. Sirois Baker pounded the middle for five yards before Thomas tip-toed his way through a batch of Moultrie defenders and went 74 yards to score.

The Packers got another drive under way, picking up a pair of first downs, but it fizzled out at the Moultrie 46 and it was just a matter of Valdosta running out the clock.

# VALDOSTA, EXPECT STERN TEST

## Other Powers Likely to Roll In Friday Games

By JACK DOANE

Several of the state's prep football powers face the supreme tests of their seasons this week, but several others are expected to continue as king of the hill in their respective classifications with little difficulty.

The big boys of the two top classes, AAA and AA, have the tough assignments. Valdosta, scared by Moultrie before gaining a 13-7 nod last week, hosts unbeaten, twice-tied Willingham of Macon Friday night in one of the biggest games in the state. A victory would practically clinch the Region 1-AAA crown for the Wildcats.

# Wildcats, Rams Scrap For Lead

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

A nose-to-nose tussel with defense the keynote is expected when the Valdosta Wildcats and the Willingham Rams, Region 1-AAA's leaders, collide here tonight.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats will meet coach Billy Henderson's Rams at 8 p. m. before what is sure to be a capacity crowd at Cleveland Field.

It will be the Wildcats' last regular season "home" game of the 1962 campaign. The 'Cats, 7-0 in all games and 6-0 in regional play, now top the 1-AAA standings.

Willingham, with a 5-0-2 mark for the year and a 5-0-1 loop chart, are second in the 1-AAA standings.

The 'Cats must win to keep the lead. The Rams want a win which will put them in the driver's seat.

Both are recognized as Class AAA powers at the state level. Valdosta is rated first and Willingham fourth among all the "AAA" teams in Georgia.

They both have proven-tough defenses. The 'Cats have limited seven foes to a total of four touchdowns. Henderson's charges have given up just six TD's in a similar number of games. The Rams' defense against passing is the best in the league. Valdosta's air

game is its top offensive weapon.

Valdosta had a hard-fought game with Moultrie last week. It has three regulars out of action with injuries and quite a few more who are slowed by an assortment of bruises and sprains.

But Bazemore stepped up the tempo in practice this week after vowing, "we may be tired and battered, but we've got to be ready to play our best game of the season." The VHS grid boss has said he thinks it will take the 'Cats' best effort if they hope to trim the Rams and boost their three-season victory string to 32 games.

Willingham has moved to the forefront in the 1-AAA title scramble after receiving scant mention in pre-season championship talk. The Rams are noted for their enthusiasm, which has helped carry them to unexpected heights.

Henderson's crew had an open date last week, giving Willingham extra time to prepare for the 'Cats and also time for some of their injured players to round back into playing condition.

Both teams have the kind of backs that can keep any "stop-em crew" busy, so there may be some offensive fireworks.

Willingham quarterback Pete Gaines, a four-year veteran, has gained 270 yards rushing on 67 carries for a 4.02 average and

has hit on 22 of 59 passes for 451 yards and five TD's. In full-back Jeff Wagner, the Rams have the sixth leading rusher in 1-AAA. One of Gaines' favorite passing targets is end Mark Bowen who has snagged 10 aerials which have accounted for 190 yards.

Rick Thomas, Giles, Smith, Stan Reaves and Walter Zant are the backs who have led the Wildcats' attack this year. Thomas is the total offense leader in 1-AAA with 1,318 yards rushing and passing to his credit. Smith is the scoring leader, the top pass receiver and is setting the pace as a punt returner.

Zant is a talented runner. Reaves is a two-way performer who excels as a runner and pass receiver.

## Pressure On Wildcats Builds With Each Game

The pressure on Valdosta's football Wildcats continues to build and some of it is being applied by their own coach Wright Bazemore.

With a 12-0 win over Willingham last Friday, the 'Cats boosted their overall record this year to 8-0 and their Region 1-AAA mark to 7-0. Figuring it by baseball standards, they now have a one and a half game lead over the Rams of Macon, who are the 'Cats' nearest rivals.



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"Certainly every one who has played us has been primed and ready. I know the boys are really feeling the pressure, but this game with Warner Robins is an important one. We can't slack off now."

Bazemore has applied some more pressure by telling his charges they must cash in on more of their scoring opportunities. Against Willingham, the 'Cats got inside the Rams' 20-yard line six times but scored on only two occasions.

"Willingham had a very strong defense," Bazemore said. "They were especially tough close to their own goal line. But in any game you get just so many chances to score. We've got to get tougher when we get in close and start cashing in on our opportunities. There may be a game in which we get just one chance and we will have to make it good or else."

### **Determined Run**

A very determined six-yard run by fullback Walter Zant got one of those markers for the 'Cats against the Rams. Zant weighs just 145. A big Willingham defender got a clear shot at him at the four. Zant refused to go down, and the result was a TD. Zant turned in a fine performance all the way and drew praise from Bazemore.

"We got a good team effort and the Willingham team we beat was strong and well coached," Bazemore said. "Walter Zant did a great job, so did Stan Reaves and Bo Hall, among others. Really, there were a lot of our boys who deserve praise."

Three members of the Willingham team certainly made an impression on me. They were quarterback Pete Gaines, halfback Bobby Bryant and end Mark Bowen. Gaines is a fine passer who stays cool under fire. Bryant showed talent as a runner and pass receiver. Bowen was one of the Willingham defenders who gave the 'Cats so much trouble and he excelled as a pass receiver.

As Bazemore said, team effort won it for the Wildcats. This was a Willingham team which was listed fourth on the state Class AAA rating chart. All the Valdosta players who saw action, and there were more than 20 of them, did their part to help the cause.

And as their coach has also said, the pressure continues to mount. For the ninth straight week the 'Cats must be "up" when they go to Warner Robins Friday.

# 'Cats Crush Richmond, 32-0, For 3rd Straight S. Ga. Title



Smith Romps 52 Yards On Punt Return For Score; He Made His Way Out of This Pack of Musketeers

Times Staff Photo

## VHS, Murphy Clash Here Friday For State Crown

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

AUGUSTA—A crushing defense and a swift-striking attack were the football weapons Valdosta's Wildcats used to beat Richmond Academy's Musketeers 32-0 here Friday night.

With the triumph coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats, the Region 1-AAA kingpins, claimed the South Georgia Class AAA championship for the third year in a row and earned the right to meet newly crowned North Georgia champ Murphy of Atlanta in the state finals. The state title play-off is slated at Valdosta next Friday night.

Valdosta also chalked up its 11th straight win this season and ran its three-season unbeaten string to 35 games. It is the third year in a row they have knocked off Richmond, the Region 2-AAA king, in the South Georgia playoff.

A crowd of approximately 10,000 packed Richmond's ancient wooden-decked stadium. Most came expecting a close game. They saw a Valdosta runaway. The licking was the worst for Richmond, now coached by Bill Fulcher, since 1948. The Musketeers went to the sideline with a 7-4-1 record for the season.

Valdosta's attack accounted for more than 300 yards rushing and passing and the 'Cats tallied in every quarter. Richmond was held to minus six yards rushing and only 34 passing. It got across midfield just one time. In the second period the Musketeers made a timid thrust to the 'Cats' 43. The game was just as one-sided in favor of Valdosta as the statistics and final score indicated.

Quarterback Rick Thomas accounted for three VHS tallies on runs of six, two and four yards. The first came after end Danny Hendley recovered a fumble at the Richmond 33 on the second play of the game. The 'Cats quickly turned it into a score and coasted home from there.

Other 'Dosta tallies came on a 24-yard run by fullback Walter Zant and a 52-yard punt return by halfback Giles Smith. Halfback Stan Reaves set up one tally

with a 45-yard run, went 59 yards on another romp and later scored, only to have the TD nullified by a penalty. A 69-yard punt return by Smith which carried to the Richmond five was also wiped off the books by a penalty. The Musketeers also made one goal line stand inside their five to keep the 'Cats from enlarging their already "healthy" point total.

With Foy Norwood, Bo Hall, Bill Myddleton, Bill Holtzclaw and Billy Schroer the defensive leaders, the 'Cats' stopped Richmond's highly touted ground attack cold. When the Musketeers tried to move through the air, the hard-charging Wildcats more often than not kept Richmond quarterbacks Carl Menger and Lee Howard from even throwing.

Before the contest was over every able bodied member of the Valdosta squad had gone into the game and deserved a share of the praise Bazemore had for what he described as a "wonderful team"

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# Tough Rams Fall To 'Cats, 12-0

## First-Half Scoring Drives Give VHS 32nd Win In Row

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

Valdosta cracked through Willingham's tough defense for a pair of first half touchdowns and threw up a football road block of their own which held firm all the way as the Wildcats turned back the Rams, 12-0, here Friday night.

The Wildcats reached paydirt at the end of 61 and 52 yard drives in the first and second periods. Fullback Walter Zant got the first tally on a six-yard run and quarterback Rick Thomas scored the other on a one-yard plunge.

Valdosta got inside Willingham's 20 on four other occasions, but the Rams stopped these thrusts. The 'Cats missed first downs by inches at the nine and the five to halt their progress toward the goal.

But with the Valdosta stop'em crew more than holding its own, 12 points was plenty as Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats ran their victory string this season to eight games, boosted their Region 1-AAA record to 7-0 and tightened their hold on first place in the league race. The win was the 32nd in a row for the 'Cats since of the 1960 campaign.

The setback was the first for coach Billy Henderson's Rams from Macon this season after five wins and a pair of ties. They now have a 5-1-1 regional mark and little hope of catching Valdosta in the 1-AAA title scramble.

Valdosta's rock-ribbed defense limited Willingham to only one scoring threat. This came in the closing minutes of the game when the Rams rode the passing arm of quarterback Pete Gaines and the running halfback Bobby Bryant 33 yards to a first down at the Valdosta nine. The Rams tried two running plays and a pair of passes. None clicked and Willingham's deepest penetration died at the Wildcats' six yard line when the Valdosta defenders refused to give another inch.

With Thomas, Zant, halfback Stan Reeves, halfback Giles Smith and fullback Sirosis Barker the backs who led the attack, VHS piled up 18 first downs and a total of 281 yards rushing and passing. But the Rams defense always tightened close to the goal line and the 'Cats had to settle for two TD's.

Beside holding the Macon crew scoreless, the Valdosta defensive effort limited the Rams to eight

# Wildcats Tighten Hold On 1-AAA Lead

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first downs, just 34 yards rushing and 84 yards passing.

Reaves was a kingpin in the stop'em effort. He made four individual tackles, assisted on quite a few others, recovered a Willingham fumble and broke up at least a half dozen Ram passes, several in critical situations. Tackle leaders for the 'Cats were guard William (Bo) Hall with nine, guard Bill Myddleton with seven and guard Bill Holt with five.

Reaves gained 47 yards rushing. Thomas picked up 41 yards along the ground and hit on nine of 19 passes for 104 yards. Smith caught four passes which ac-

Hunter, Greg Jones, Jack Martin, Bobby Moore, Jimmy Robinson, Foy Norwood, Hank Lee and Wayne Pearson as the 'Cats gave a smooth team effort to win.

Colson recovered a fumble that started Valdosta on its first touchdown drive.

Willingham's Gaines hit on 11 of 23 passes for 84 yards, but finished with minus 26 yards on six running tries. Bryant gained 48 yards on 10 runs and caught six passes which were good for 47 yards. End Mark Bowen caught three passes and was Willingham's defense leader with eight tackles to his credit.

Scores and threats in the game went like this:

First period: Willingham took the opening kickoff and with the help of three offside penalties called against the 'Cats moved to the Valdosta 39. Then Colson recovered a Willingham fumble and the Wildcats went 61 yards back up the field to score, with Zant getting the TD on a determined six-yard run. Key plays in the drive were a 12-yard run by Thomas and a 19-yard pass from Thomas to Smith. Barker gained

counted for 64 yards. Barker gained 30 yards, Smith 30 and Zant 2.

They all got plenty of help from Benny Hendley, Dick Bender, Holtzclaw, Wally Colson, Bill Ry, Charles Oliver, Randy

2,4 and 1; Reaves went an even four yards each of the three times he carried. Smith's PAT boot was wide to the right.

Second period: With the help of a 15 yard penalty against Willingham, Valdosta moved from its own 40 to the Rams' nine. A five-yard penalty against the 'Cats moved them back out to the 14. The Rams' defense held and VHS lost the ball on downs at the 14.

\* Next time Valdosta got possession of the ball it moved 52 yards in 10 plays to score its second and final TD. Thomas accounted for this one on a one-yard plunge. Smith's PAT kick was wide to the left this time. During this drive Smith got loose for gains of 18, 5 and 4 yards. Reaves picked up five on one run, Karker 2, Thomas 4, and Zant 5, 3 and 5.

With time running out in the first half the 'Cats went from their own 34 to the Willingham 18. The Rams' Bryant intercepted a pass in the end zone to end this threat.

Third quarter: Valdosta started rolling again. It moved from its own 40 and then had to give up the ball at the Willingham nine when a fourth down play fell just inches short of enough for a first down.

Two plays later Reaves recovered a Willingham fumble at the Rams 15. The 'Cats had another chance, but this one ended at the five when again Valdosta failed to



'Cats' Stan Reaves (23) Goes For 5 Yards

TIMES STAFF PHOTOS

make a first down by inches.

Fourth period: The Rams made their serious bid for a touchdown with a last-minute drive which carried from the Valdosta 43 to the Wildcats' six. Gaines completed two passes for 13 yards and Bryant got loose for gains of 15 and 5 yards to keep this march moving. But in two running and two passing tries from the nine, the Rams could pick up just three yards and Valdosta took over on downs at the six. Reaves batted down one pass in the end zone.

**LINEUPS**  
**Valdosta**  
 Ends — Hendley, Bender, Holtzclaw, Colson.  
 Tackles — Henry, Oliver, Hunter.  
 Guards — Myddleton, Hall, Jones, Holt, Martin.  
 Centers — Moore, Robinson, Norwood.  
 Backs — Zant, Barker, Thomas, Lee, Reaves, Smith, Pearson.  
**Willingham**  
 Ends — Bowen, Clay, Lindsey.  
 Tackles — Pulliam, Jordan, Johnson, Summers, Bateman, Nobles.  
 Guards — McNeil, Ginn, Kania, Mason.  
 Centers — Jordan, Carrell, Kinard.  
 Backs — Bryant, Gaines, Colson, Wagner, Evans, Fiveash.  
 Score by quarters:  
 Valdosta 6 6 0 0—12  
 Willingham 0 0 0 0—0  
 Scoring TD's — Valdosta — Zant (6 yd. run), Thomas (1 yd. run).



Willingham's Bobby Bryant (10) Leaves Valdosta Defenders In His Wake

# Talented Valdosta Led by Top Pair

By ROY BEMIS

It has been said that "football is king in Valdosta," and from the looks of Valdosta High's Region 1-AAA record for this season and last season, it sure looks that way.

So far this year, Valdosta has racked up eight wins, no ties and no losses, and last year at the end of the season, they had a 10-0-0 record, plus one state championship.

This season, senior quarterback Rick Thomas is leading the Wildcats to another possible state championship.

In an interview with Coach Wright Bazemore, he said that Thomas "is one of the finest passers that we've had in a long time. Last year he was held down by Bruce Bennett (Valdosta's all-America). When he started this season he didn't get out there and try and be another Bennett, he tried to be just Rick Thomas, which surprised a lot of people."

**THOMAS**, an all-A student and a four-letter man, averages from 75 to 100 yards in rushing per game, has collected 85 points, thrown 75 passes, completing 53 of them, with 10 going for the touchdown, and has scored more touchdowns than anyone else in the region. Thomas is also within 200 yards of All-American Bruce Bennett's all-time record for the 1-AAA region, and Coach Wright Bazemore says that "his chances are good in catching up with Bennett's record in the next two games."

Rick stands 5', 11" in his stocking feet, and tips the scales at 162 pounds.

Standing by Rick's side in the backfield is another well known back in the south Georgia area, and also the state, Giles Smith.

Smith, who stands 5', 11" also and weighs 170 pounds, leads the

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1-AAA Region in scoring, pass receiving, extra point and is second in the region in punting. Smith also received Honorable Mention in the all-State competition last year, and is an all-State candidate for this season.

**SMITH IS** an average student, and is sporting four letters like his cohort Thomas. Smith is also the co-captain of the team.

Smith excels in defense and is considered a good runner by Bazemore.

# 'Dosta Can Settle Region Title Issue

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta hopes to settle the Region 1-AAA title issue while Lowndes County and Hahira close out their seasons in prep football games this week.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Valdosta Wildcats will meet the Warner Robins Demons at Warner Robins on Friday night. The 'Cats have two more Region 1-

## AREA GRID SLATE

Friday

Valdosta at Warner Robins  
Lowndes at Berrien  
Hahira at Charlton  
Mitchell at Brooks  
Jeff Davis at Cook  
Clinch at Atkinson  
Jennings at Crawfordville  
Perry at Madison  
Newberry at Jasper

AAA games to play, but can nail down their third straight league title with a win over the Demons.

Lowndes County's Golden Eagles and Berrien County's Rebels will clash at Nashville. Hahira's Tigers will tackle the Charlton County Indians at Folkston. The games are the final ones this season for both LOHI and Hahira.

In other games Friday night involving area teams, Jeff Davis (Hazelhurst) will be at Cook (Adel), Mitchell County (Camilla) at Brooks County (Quitman), Clinch County (Homerville) at Atkinson County (Pearson), Jennings at Crawfordville, Perry at Madison and Newberry at Jasper.

Valdosta will carry an 8-0 overall record and a 7-0 regional mark into its game with Warner Robins. The Demons are 2-6 for the season and 1-6 in league play. While Robins has few victories to its credit, it gave such league toughies as Willingham, Moultrie and LaGrange real battles.

The Demons are out of the 1-AAA title race but would consider their season an outstanding success if they could pull off an upset win over the 'Cats.

Coach Carlton Adams' LOHI Eagles (5-4) and coach Lillard Gibb's Berrien Rebels (3-5) are traditional rivals. Both would like to finish their seasons on victory notes.

The Eagles will be out to halt a three-game losing skid. The three setbacks were by one-point

margins. The Rebs have won two in a row and have ambitions to make LOHI their third straight victim.

Coach Warren Alexander's Hahira Tigers will be meeting Charlton in a 1-B (East) affair. The Tigers are 3-6 for the season and 1-3 in league play. Charlton has a 1-7 chart in all games and a 1-2 loop mark.

The Region 1-A (East) crown will be on the line when Cook's Hornets (6-1-1) tangle with Jeff Davis' unbeaten Yellow Jackets (8-0) at Adel. The Hornets and

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## Football Meet For Ladies Slated Tonight

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A football program for the ladies will be staged here tonight by Valdosta High grid boss Wright Bazemore.

The program is slated for 8 p. m. at the Georgia Power Company auditorium. It is being sponsored by the Valdosta Touchdown Club.

Movies of VHS' games with Moultrie and Willingham will be shown and Bazemore will offer comments on these games and answer any questions the feminine fans have about football. Also to be shown are color movies of VHS' homecoming ceremonies.

"Tonight's meeting is open to the public," TD Club president Johnny B. Lastinger said. "It however, is primarily for the ladies. They can't attend our TD Club movie meetings, so coach Bazemore has agreed to have a special movie meeting for the feminine football fans tonight."

Jackets have identical 3-0 regional records.

Brooks' Tigers (0-8) and Mitchell (4-3) are 1-A (West) opponents and traditional rivals.

Clinch's Panthers (5-4) will also bring down the curtain on their 1962 campaign when they go against 1-B (East) opponent Atkinson (2-6).

Madison will carry a 3-4 record into its game with Perry and the Red Devils will be shooting for a win to boost their average up to the .500 mark.

Jasper has a 3-3 record and the Newberry team it will be facing is rated strong.

Other games around the state Friday include the following:

Jordan at Albany, Fitzgerald at Bacon, Lanier at Baker, Tifton at Crisp, Coffee at Dodge, Americus at Dublin, Columbus at LaGrange, Bainbridge at Miller, Blackshear at Patterson, Cairo at Ware, Waycross at Jesup, Moultrie at Willingham, Thomasville at Worth.

# Valdosta Defenders Expect Busy Night

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's stout stop'em crew, which has helped pave the way for the Wildcats' eight straight wins this season, is getting ready for another busy night.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats go to Warner Robins on Friday for a Region 1-AAA battle with an offense-minded crew of football Demons.

The Wildcats need just one more triumph to nail down their third straight 1-AAA crown. They would like to beat the Demons and settle the issue this week, before closing out their regular season at LaGrange on Nov. 9.

Warner Robins has an overall record of 2-6 and a league mark of 1-6. The Demons also have a fleet back named Mark Holmes who has averaged gaining close to 100 yards a game in eight contests this year. Holmes is a 175 pounder who is making a strong bid for All-State honors.

"Warner Robins has good size, they use a two-team system like we do and in this boy Holmes they have one of the finest backs in the state," Bazemore said. "They haven't won too many games, but they've played very well against many of the strongest teams in our region.

"They beat Jordan last week for their first region win of the season. It's the kind of thing that is sure to boost their spirits and get them ready to give an inspired performance against us."

Beside the win over Jordan, which came by a 19-6 margin, the Demons also turned back non-league foe Perry (12-7). The Demons' losses have been to Willingham (27-12) Lanier (15-0), Albany (21-6), LaGrange (35-14), Moultrie (13-0) and Columbus (38-0).

The injury jinx continues to plague the 'Cats. Offensive tackle Charles Oliver came out of last week's bruising game with Willingham with a damaged leg. Other regulars already on the ailing list are halfback Cloy Blanton, quarterback Terry Godwin, halfback Neil Bell and tackle Billy Schroer. None of them saw action last week and there is little chance that any in this group will get to play against Warner Robins.

But the 'Cats, who are 8-0 for the season and 7-0 in loop play, are favored to lick the Demons, clinch the 1-AAA title and boost their three-season victory string to 33 games.

Wins this year for Valdosta have been over Baker (28-0), Waycross (48-13), Jordan (46-0), Lanier (32-0), Albany (28-0), Columbus (41-6), Moultrie (13-7) and Willingham (12-0).

In addition to making defensive

plans, the 'Cats are spending time polishing their offense in practice this week.

Bazemore said earlier in the week the " 'Cats weren't taking advantage of all of their scoring chances." He called for them to "get tougher when we get down there close to the goal line."

Against Willingham last week, the Wildcats got inside the Rams' 20 yard line six times, but managed to score just two touchdowns.

Besides Holmes, the Warner Robins backfield regulars include quarterback Mike Long (155), halfbacks Burnie Adams (165), Rodney McWhirter (170), Jimmy Perkins (170), Glenn Ginn (160),

Jim Catt (150) and Don Morgan (150) and fullbacks Dick Allgire (200), David Burns (150) and Tom Blake (180).

Quarterback Rick Thomas, halfbacks Giles Smith and Stan Reaves and fullbacks Walter Zant and Sirosis Barker are the attack leaders for the 'Cats. Quarterback Hank Lee is a defensive regular along with the injured Blanton, Godwin and Bell. In recent games halfback Wayne Pearson has seen extensive duty with the stop'em crew.

John Grayson is in his third season as U. of Washington basketball coach. He is an Oklahoma graduate.

# 'Cats Talk Title; Baze Has Warning

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's football Wildcats will go to Warner Robins Friday night with championship talk flying and VHS grid boss Wright Bazemore warning his charges to watch out for a grid-iron booby-trap.

The 'Cats will tangle with coach David Barker's Demons in a game slated to begin at 8 p. m.

Valdosta has a 8-0 record for the season and tops the Region 1-AAA standings with a 7-0 league mark. Warner Robins is 2-6 for year and 1-6 in league play.

A win for Valdosta over Warner Robins will assure the Wildcats of their third straight 1-AAA crown, although they still have another league game with La-Grange on Nov. 9.

The 'Cats are favored over the Demons, but Bazemore is far from being relaxed.

"I've told the boys before and I'll tell them again now," Bazemore said. "Nothing is assured

in football. You've got to earn your victories on the playing field. You can't win a game with just talk.

"Warner Robins is out of the title race, but that doesn't mean it won't be primed and ready for us. They have a young team which has made steady improvement. They've played on almost equal terms with some of the strongest teams in the region. They are going to be playing at their field. Add it all up and it comes to this. We've got to be ready for a tough game."

The Demons have size in the line and a halfback named Mark Holmes who ranks with the top rushers in the league.

Warner Robins' forward wall regulars include the following:

Ends Alton Knight (180), Robert Story (165), Jerry Warnack (155), Burnie Yeargy (180) and Kenny Skogen (190), tackles Kenny Hanlin (210), Charles Mark (205), George Johnson (205) and

David Barry (195), guards Tom Gates (180), Bobby Lord (195) and Billy Wynn (185) and center Ronald Mole (185).

Regulars for the 'Cats up front include Dick Bender, Danny Hendley, Bill Holtzclaw, Wally Colson, Frank Haddock, Christie Patterson, Bill Myddleton, William (Bo) Hall, Greg Jones, Bill Henry, Bill Holt, Jack Martin, Bobby Moore, Charles Oliver, Bill Schroer, Randy Hunter, Foy Norwood and Jimmy Robinson.

Schroer missed last week's game with Willingham because of a knee injury. He will see no action against the Demons. Oliver is slowed by a leg injury and is doubtful for Friday night.

The Wildcats have limited eight opponents to a total of just four touchdowns. The 'Cats have clicked for two or more TD's in every game they have played, Valdosta's proven-tough line corps has more than held its own on both offense and defense all the way this season.

# 'Cats Go After Regional Crown

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats have a chance to end the Region 1-AAA championship race a week earlier than usual.

Coach Wright Bazemore 'Cats meet Warner Robins' Demons at Warner Robins tonight. A win for Valdosta in this regional battle will give the 'Cats their third straight loop crown.

It has been traditional in the past for 1-AAA race to go right down to the wire. In 1960 and 1961 Valdosta didn't clinch the championship until the final regular season outing.

After meeting the Demons tonight, VHS still must keep a football date with LaGrange's Grangers at LaGrange on Nov. 9. But if the Bazemoremen can turn back Warner Robins, they will already be in the throne room before they have to make the long trip to LaGrange.

Valdosta, with an overall record of 8-0 and a regional mark of 7-0, is favored over Warner Robins, which has an overall record of 2-6 and a league chart of 1-6.

But Bazemore, who has learned to expect the unexpected in football, has been conducting an anti-overconfidence campaign this week.

"You can't talk your way to a championship," Bazemore has been telling his charges, "You must earn a championship on the playing field. The Warner Robins team is much better than its win-loss record would seem to indicate. This is an important game for us and we better be ready for an all-out effort."

One worry for the 'Cats is a Demon halfback named Mark Holmes. This 175-pound speedster has picked up 619 yards on 85 carries for a 7.28 average. He is the third leading rusher in the region.

"Holmes has size, power and more speed than any back we've gone against this year," Bazemore said. "He's capable of going all the way from any spot on the field."

The Wildcats own the best defensive record against opposing "ground troops" in the league, but Holmes and his Warner Robins teammates are sure to keep VHS' stop'em crew busy tonight.

Valdosta is still well below par physically. Regulars Billy Schroer, Cloy Blanton, Neil Bell and Terry Godwin aren't expected to see any action tonight because of injuries. Charles Oliver is hampered by a leg injury and Wayne Pearson is troubled by a bruised hip. They are on the doubtful list.

Pearson was called on for front-line duty when the 'Cats' line-backer corps was hit hard by the injury jinx. Now, Bazemore says freshman quarterback Robert Strom may have to take over for Pearson on the defensive unit.

"We are to the point where we must find replacements for the replacements," Bazemore said.

Offensive fireworks are expected, and the 'Cats will be counting on quarterback Rick Thomas,

halfbacks Stan Reaves and Giles Smith and fullbacks Walter Zant and Sirois Barker to lead their attack.

Smith and Thomas between them are the individual leaders in five Region 1-AAA offensive statistical departments. They are currently second and third in the loop scoring race.

No one has held Valdosta to less than two touchdowns in a

game and the VHS defense has limited eight opponents to a total of just four touchdowns.



WRIGHT BAZEMORE  
Seeks Perfect Season

## Valdosta, Ft. Valley, Morgan Battle for Region Repeats

### Cook, J. Davis, Meet at Adel

The regular prep football season rolls down to its next to last week around the state Friday night, and when the decisions are rendered a majority of the state's region and subregion titles will have been settled.

Valdosta and Fort Valley, defending champions in Class AAA and B attempt to take the first step back against Warner Robins

and Manchester. Valdosta will clinch the 1-AAA title with a win, and Fort Valley, the 3-B South title.

At Madison, homestanding Morgan County, the 1961 North Georgia B champion, stages its annual dogfight with Washington-Wilkes for the 4-B South title, and at Adel host Cook and Jeff Davis of Hazlehurst will settle the 1-A South title.

Bradwell Institute and Claxton eliminate the loser from 2-B East

contention at Hinesville. Bradwell, 4-0-1 in region play, would still have to face Metter, likewise 4-0-1, in the last game of the season to decide the title in event of a victory. Claxton, however, would be virtually home free by beating Bradwell.

At Waycross, Wayne County of Jesup can qualify for a playoff of a regular with season tie with Coffee County by dumping Waycross. However, a Waycross win eliminates Wayne and hands the 1-AA East title to Coffee.

# Hornets Rout 2nd-Ranked Jackets For Region Win

By DAVID FAUSETT  
Times Correspondent

ADEL — Cook High's Hornets pulled the upset of the year and will have the experts today doing some head scratching as they routed previously unbeaten and untied Jeff Davis, 35-0, here Friday night. It was a sweet football victory.

## Ernie Davis Itching To Join Browns

CLEVELAND (AP) — Ernie Davis, whose bout with leukemia put him out of the professional football picture here before the season started, says he feels ready physically and "itching to join the team." The former All-America halfback at Syracuse was given the go-ahead to work out Oct. 8, a few days after the Cleveland Browns disclosed that the 22-year-old prize rookie had been afflicted with leukemia.

Doctors said then the disease was in a perfect state of remission, meaning that it had been halted temporarily — which is not uncommon in leukemia cases.

Whether he plays is up to Coach Paul Brown, and reports are that the coach is reluctant to put Davis on the team at this time.

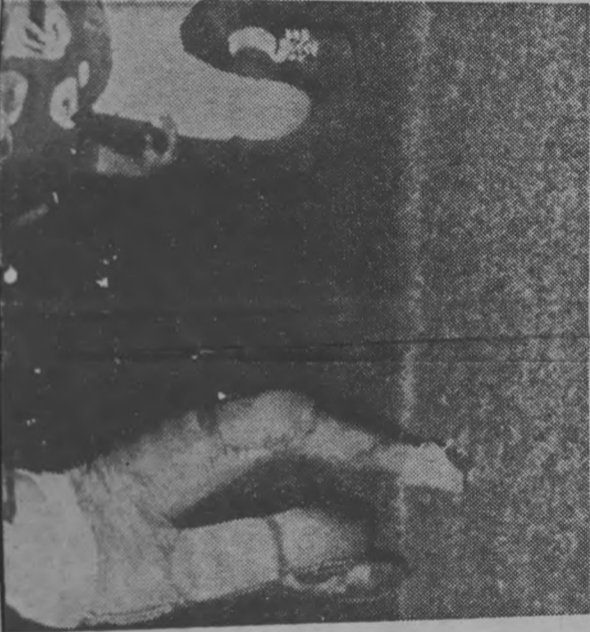
Davis has a burning ambition to play with the Browns.

## Newberry, Ference Win

BY WRITER

at ground attack and a surprise quarterback paved the way for a 16-0 win over league foe

the next play from the 45 yard



Stan Reaves Grabs Thomas Pass

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at the Warner Robins 48. They went 62 yards in five plays to score. Thomas got the tally on an 8-yard sweep around left end. Smith booted the PAT. A 22-yard pass from Thomas to Smith and an 18-yard jaunt by Thomas were the big gainers.

Next time Valdosta got possession of the ball it wheeled 44 yards in two plays to score. Reaves went 17 yards and Smith scored

	Val.	W. R.
First Downs	19	11
Yards Rushing	356	119
Yards Passing	94	15
Passes	8-5	15-7
Passes Intcp.	1	1
Fumbles Lost	2	2
Punting	1-53	4-33
Penalties	11-75	4-31

ed on a 27-yard canter. Smith PAT boot was right on target. Second quarter: The Wildcats covered 58 yards in five plays for their third tally. The clincher was a 19-yard run by Thomas. A Thomas to Dick Bender pass, which covered 22 yards set up this marker. Smith's PAT try missed this time.

The Wildcats' fourth score came on a three-play, 35-yard drive. Barker went four, Thomas passed 25 to Wally Colson and Barker bulled his way six more yards



Rick Thomas Breaks Into Open As Deamon Tries to Hold On For Dear Life

# 'Cats Drub Demons

The Demons were on the move again at the Valdosta 18 when the game ended.

Score by quarters:  
Valdosta 14 13 14 6—47  
Warner Robins 0 0 0 7—7

Scoring TD's—Valdosta — Thomas 3 (runs of 8, 19 and 20), Smith 5 (runs of 27, 76 and 35), Barker (run of 6); Warner Robins—Burns (run of 8). PAT's—Valdosta—Smith 5 (placements); Warner Robins—Story (placement).

# Madison Trips Perry On Two Late Scores

MADISON, Fla.—Madison's Red Devils turned the trick with two fourth quarter touchdowns to trip rival foe Perry, 19-13, here Friday night.

Jerry Rainwater electrified the crowd in the first period when he dashed 80 yards for a Perry marker. Perry missed the point after.

Madison, however, came right back with a 60-yard drive capped by Wayne Weger going into the end zone from three yards out.

Also Bradley Smith, Bill Bunting and Dan Burnette were defensive stars for the Red Devils

TIMES STAFF PHOTOS

**CITY BOFE MEET**

# City School Students Overrun VSC Library

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta State College's library is being overrun by students—not its own but those from Valdosta High.

This situation was revealed at a meeting of the Valdosta Board of Education Monday night.

Dr. J. Ralph Thaxton, a member of the city board of education and president of VSC, said the influx of high school students at the VSC library "isn't fair to our college students."

"I've instructed our (VSC's) librarians to let the high school students use the library all they want from 4 p. m. to 6 p. m. each day," Thaxton said. "Our students have other activities at those times and relative few of them go to the library."

"But at night our students need to study and they need to have the library to themselves. They can't do it. They can't even find a seat because so many high school students are there. Now, this isn't fair to the VSC people."

Mrs. M. M. Harris, a BofE member, termed the Valdosta High library "inadequate for the students' needs." She expressed sympathy with the college president's views.

"The teachers at the high school are assigning the pupils research papers that require a lot of reference material," Mrs. Harris said. "It can't all be found at the school (VHS) library. I think the high school library should be better stocked with reference material."

Earl Mayo, board treasurer, said he thought it was unfair for teachers to assign topics for research on which the high school students have no means of getting needed information.

"Footnotes on term papers are a must for the high school students," Mayo said, "they are going to the college library to get the needed material and that isn't fair to the college."

Another board member, J. L. Newbern, suggested the high school students go to the Carnegie

Library downtown instead of using the college books all the time.

"If the high school can't supply them with the needed material, they (the VHS students) should go downtown and get the information," Newbern said.

W. G. Nunn, superintendent of city schools, pointed out that each year the VHS library spends about \$2,000 on needed books, magazines and films for the school's use.

Board members recommended that VHS librarians "get new lists of books needed by the pupils for their work."

In other matters, the board commended Lomax Junior High School for raising money toward the purchase of new band uniforms.

The board does not furnish money to city schools for such uniforms. In the past Band Boosters and Parents Teachers Associations have raised funds for band uniforms at various schools.

"The Lomax band is quite good and the students have worked hard all year," said Nunn.

The board granted City Recreation Director Darrell Robinson's request for use of the Val-

dosta Junior High School auditorium one night a week for the adult square dance classes.

The Valdosta High band will be allowed to go to LaGrange Friday night for the Wildcat-Granger football game.

Frank Butenschon, band director, was given the board's permission to select a junior or senior band member to participate in the U. S. All-American Band.

The touring band, Butenschon explained, will give concerts all over the U. S. and Mexico this year. He said it was an honor for a student from VHS to be asked to become a member.

The selection will be made by the director and a committee from the school within the next two weeks, Butenschon told the board.

Board chairman S. L. Mason said the VHS band and Butenschon have done a remarkable job this year.

Reuben Yancey was placed in charge of Civil Defense measures at the city schools. The Valdosta attorney will work with CD director W. P. Watters in seeing that the schools get what they need for Civil Defense.

# Valdosta Rolls Over Unbeaten As Usual

## Wildcats Near Third Straight Perfect Season in AAA Play

By ELLWOOD MOYER

The Valdosta Wildcats need but a season-closing win over LaGrange to give Coach Wright Bazemore an unprecedented third consecutive undefeated season in Region One, Class AAA play comes to a close this week with the Willingham Rams and the Lanier Poets battling for second place in the final regional standings in their big Macon battle.

The final games all feature important items. Columbus high plays Jordan and the Blue Devils need a tie in this one to win the Bi-City title. A tie would also give Coach Jim Pyburn the Bi-City championship but a loss would throw the Imps into a two-way tie with Baker for the honors.

Meanwhile Jordan needs a win in this one to escape a winless season.

The Baker Lions, who have never won six games in one season, will try for the third time to get that win as Coach Bubba Ball closes out the campaign against Warner Robins.

Twice before Coach Bazemore has come up with two consecutive undefeated seasons at Valdosta but the 'Cats have never been able to go three years without a setback.

Back in 1952 and 1953, Valdosta scored 14 straight wins each season but then had to settle for an 8-2-1 record in 1954. Again in 1956 and 1957, the 'Cats put together 13 straight wins each season but then ran into a 6-3-1 mark in 1958.

Already Bazemore has won nine state championships and this season he hopes to make it 10 with a machine that now has rolled to 33 straight wins.

Valdosta took state titles under Bazemore in 1940, 1947, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1956, 1957, 1960 and 1961.

The Valdosta machine rolled to a 47-7 win over Warner Robins this past week and in doing so, the 'Cats ran their total points for the season to 295. In nine games, Valdosta has now scored 44 touchdowns and added the extra point 31 times.

At nine games last year, the

'Cats had 294 points while in 1960 at the same time Valdosta had scored 257 points.

In play this past week, second-place Willingham and fourth-place Moultrie battled to a 14-14 standstill while third-place Lanier and fifth-place Baker had to settle for a scoreless tie.

A total of five region games have now been tied and outside of region play, the members played three tie games while scoring seven wins. No region team lost a game this year to a non-region eleven.

Warner Robins and Valdosta remain as the only two clubs in the region who have not played a tie game this season. Once-beaten Willingham has played no less than three tie games.

For the over-all season for Region 1, Class AAA, the circuit shows six of the team with an average over .500 while only four clubs are under the break-even point. One of these clubs, Columbus, is favored over Jordan and a win here would even the Blue Devils for the campaign.

Albany, Warner Robins and Jordan will all finish under the .500 mark regardless of what happens Friday night.

The region teams have scored 1,188 points while their opponents have been able to tally but 1,107.

The region teams have converted 112 times after their 170 touchdowns while the opposition has a conversion total of 103 after 166 touchdowns.

The region figures to date look as follows:

REGION 1-AAA FIGURES					
TEAMS	SEASON RECORDS			Pts.	Opts.
	W.	L.	T.		
Valdosta	9	0	0	295	23
Willingham	8	0	0	101	44
Lanier	7	0	0	117	45
Moultrie	4	4	0	120	81
LaGrange	4	4	0	168	110
Baker	4	4	0	91	101
Columbus	3	4	0	87	114
Albany	2	4	0	85	44
Warner Robins	0	8	0	27	24
Jordan	0	8	0	37	231

REGION RECORDS					
TEAMS	SEASON RECORDS			Pts.	Opts.
	W.	L.	T.		
Valdosta	9	0	0	247	20
Willingham	8	0	0	114	58
Lanier	7	0	0	113	81
Moultrie	4	4	0	85	101
Baker	4	4	0	121	102
LaGrange	4	4	0	90	108
Columbus	3	4	0	78	44
Albany	2	4	0	67	207
Warner Robins	0	8	0	37	231
Jordan	0	8	0	37	231

FINAL WEEK'S SCHEDULE—Valdosta at LaGrange, Moultrie at Albany, Willingham vs. Lanier, Warner Robins at Baker, Jordan vs. Columbus.

REGION 1-AAA CHAMPIONS		
YEAR	TEAM	YEAR
1962	Valdosta	1954
1961	Valdosta	1953
1960	Valdosta	1952
1959	Albany	1951
1958	LaGrange	1950
1957	Columbus	1949
1956	Lanier	1948
1955	LaGrange	1947
1954	Albany	1946



Times Staff Photo

VHS Backs Set For Demons: Wayne Pearson, Robert Strom, Neil Bell, Albert McLeod, Stan Reaves

## VALDOSTA LOCKS UP 1-AAA TITLE

Special to The Journal-Constitution

WARNER ROBINS, Ga., Nov. 3—Valdosta High appeared to be in a rut Saturday morning. Friday night the Wildcats beat Warner Robins, 47-7, to clinch their third straight Region 1-AAA crown.

The win qualifies Wright Bazemore's Wildcats for their third straight crack at the Class AAA Crown.

Halfback Giles Smith and quarterback Rick Thomas had field "nights" for the winners. Each scored three touchdowns. Thomas tallied on runs of eight, 19 and 20 yards. A 60-yard Thomas TD run was called back by a penalty. Smith scored on runs of 27, 56 and 35 yards.

Sirois Barker got the other TD on a six-yard smash.

WARNER ROBINS scored its TD in the game after a drive of 71 yards in seven plays. David Burns climaxed it with a seven-yard burst.

The victory was Valdosta's 33rd in a row. The third straight 1-AAA title is not a record, however. Lanier once won it four times in a row.

# Valdosta Tops AAA Ranks Again

By JACK DOANE  
Atlanta Journal Prep Editor

The Atlanta Journal's 10-man rating board, made up of the foremost high school football authorities in Georgia, has decreed that Valdosta, Rossville, Americus, Morgan Co. and Lincolnton are the class of their respective classifications in the Georgia prep world.

Of course, no rating service or poll ever devised proved infallible, but The Journal's elite selectors had no trouble in deciding on the first place team in any division since early in the season. The five leaders of the classifications have a combined record of 51-9-0, and there is no reason to suspect any are headed for calamity.

Not since the middle of September have any of the five failed to be rated on top of their division. All stood firm as challengers came and went.

The final week of the regular season and the first weekend of playoffs did create some crucial changes in the ratings. For instance, three teams in Class AAA who had beaten adversaries they faced last weekend, were upset victims. Murphy toppled Northside for the 3-AAA crown, Decatur rose to a fifth-place ranking and the 4-AAA crown after edging mighty Avondale, 7-6; and Westminster grabbed a 16-14 penetration triumph from Gainesville for 3-AAA honors.

Three new teams made the grade in AAA in the final rankings of 1962. Decatur was the only one not mentioned recently, and it jumped all the way to fifth. Richmond Academy's victory over Aquinas apparently impressed the pollsters and the Musketeers climbed to eighth. Jenkins of Savannah, Richmond's foe Friday in Augusta for the 2-AAA title, rose to a 10th-place tie with Moultrie. Gainesville, Grady and Benedictine, 13-0 loser to Savannah, fell from the first 10.

In Class AA changes were few. In fact, all of the teams mentioned in the top ten last week made it again, although Headland and St. Pius tied for 10th this time as Elbert Co. became a newcomer, taking over ninth place after toppling Hart Co. Coffee Co. and Cairo finished as the top challengers to Rossville with Wayne Co. and Cedartown, Rossville's foe this week, tied for fifth.

Americus' clamp on first in Class A wasn't challenged. Screven Co. took over second, swapping places with Tucker. There were no newcomers in this classification as Cook High, Carrollton, North Habersham, Dublin, White Co., Thomasville and Jeff Davis followed in that order.

Blakely's first loss of the year to Marianna, Fla., last weekend didn't cost the Bobcats any prestige as they finished as runners-up to Morgan Co. in Class B. Only newcomer the final week in this classification was Metter, which leaped all the way to a fifth-place tie with Washington-Wilkes. Manchester dropped out after losing to West Point.

Lincolnton was a unanimous choice for the Class C crown, just as Valdosta was in Class A. Again, there were no changes here among the first ten teams, although a few shuffled with West Point reclaiming second and Warren Co. dropping to third after its 27-0 loss to Lincolnton.

Americus was named tops on nine of the 10 Class A ballots and collected 99 points. Morgan Co. got eight top spots and 98 in Class B.

# 'Cats Start Wait; Cook Eyes Playoff

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats have started a long wait, Cook's Hornets are busy preparing for a title showdown and three Florida elevens are still thinking about regular season play.

That's the football situation for area high school teams this week.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats have finished up their regular season. They compiled a perfect

County, have finished grid action for the year.

On Monday, the Wildcats saw movies of their game last week with LaGrange and then were excused for the remainder of the day by Bazemore.

"We will work some this week, but there isn't too much we can do," Bazemore said. "We'll have to wait and see how the 2-AAA playoff comes out and then start making definite plans after we know which team we will be playing."

"I'm hoping that during this time off some of our injured players will be able to round back into playing condition. I'm hoping the long wait is going to help us, but you can never be sure."

The Hornets and Adel will go full speed all the way this week. The Americus team they meet in the 1-A playoff is rated the No. 1 Class A team in the state. Cook is fourth on the state rating chart.

"Americus is well coached, it has size, speed and experience," Rich said. "It's a team which makes very few mistakes. It's the top-ranked team in our class in the state and it's unbeaten. We are going to have to give our very best effort if we expect to

have a chance."

Rich reports his Hornets started the week in good physical condition and he's hoping the Cook squad can go into the title game at full strength.

Madison will carry a 4-5 record into its game at Blountstown. The Red Devils will close their season with this one.

Jasper has a 4-4 record and hopes to move back above the .500 mark by licking Dixie County.

Jasper and Jennings will end their seasons when they meet each other on Nov. 21.

## AREA GRID SLATE Friday Cook vs Americus at Moultrie (1-A Playoff) Jasper at Dixie County Madison at Blountstown

10-0 record and clinched the Region 1-AAA championship for the third year in a row.

Valdosta has earned a berth in the South Georgia Class AAA playoff. The 'Cats, however, won't play until Nov. 23. In fact, Valdosta will have to wait until this weekend when Jenkins (Savannah) and Richmond Academy (August) decide the 2-AAA title issue to find out who their South Georgia playoff foe will be.

Coach Bobby Rich's Cook Hornets of Adel have very little waiting before they play an all-important game. They meet Americus' unbeaten Panthers at Moultrie on Friday night with the Region 1-A championship on the line. Cook (8-1-1) is the 1-A (East) champ and Americus (10-0) is the 1-A (West) titleholder.

Down south of the Georgia-Florida line, Madison plays at Blountstown and Jasper at Dixie County in a pair of regular season affair Friday. Jennings has an open date this week, but still has a game on its slate.

Five other area teams, Lowndes County, Hahira, Berrien County, Brooks County and Clinch

# WILDCATS TOP-RANKED ON FINAL AAA BALLOT

ATLANTA (AP)—The final ratings of Georgia high school football teams finds Valdosta in Class AAA and Lincolnton in Class C still leading just as they were after the first week of the season.

Valdosta's Wildcats, heavily favored to repeat for the third time as state champions, took all 10 first place votes as did Lincolnton.

Undefeated Americus got nine of the first place ballots in Class A, the other going to Screven County. Morgan County, also with a perfect record, led in Class B balloting with either top votes while Blakely took the other two.

There wasn't as much unanimity on the Class AA teams. Rossville got six first place votes as Coffee County took two and Cairo and Cedartown one each. However, undefeated Rossville had a 10-point edge over second place Coffee County which has a tie with Wayne County as the only spot on its record.

Points are awarded on the basis of 10 for first, 9 for second, 8 for third, 7 for fourth, 6 for fifth, 5 for sixth, 4 for seventh, 3 for eighth, 2 for ninth, 1 for tenth. Here are the final ratings for the 1962 season (points in brackets):

Class AAA — No. 1 Valdosta (100), No. 2 Murphy (81), No. 3 Avondale (67), No. 4 Northside (56), No. 5 Decatur (41), No. 6 Westminster (38), No. 7 Willing-

ham (34), No. 8 Richmond Academy (32), No. 9 Marietta (18), No. 10 (tie) Jenkins and Moultrie (17).

Class AA—No. 1 Rossville (93), No. 2 Coffee Co. (83), No. 3 Cairo (74), No. 4 North Clayton (64), No. 5 (tie) Wayne Co. and Cedartown (55), No. 7 Chamblee (49), No. 8 Dalton (34), No. 9 Elbert Co. (15), No. 10 (tie) Headland and St. Pius (11).

Class A—No. 1 Americus (99), No. 2 Screven Co. (80), No. 3 Tucker (75), No. 4 Cook (63), No. 5 Carrollton (58), No. 6 North Habersham (54), No. 7 Dublin (34), No. 8 White Co. (27), No.

9 Thomasville (26), No. 10 Jeff Davis (17).

Class B—No. 1 Morgan Co. (98), No. 2 Blakely (88), No. 3 Rockdale Co. (63), No. 4 Hawkinsville (51), No. 5 (tie) Washington-Wilkes and Metter (41), No. 7 Jackson (31), No. 8 (tie) Bradwell Institute and Camden Co. (30), No. 10 Fort Valley (22).

Class C—No. 1 Lincolnton (100), No. 2 West Point (82), No. 3 Warren Co. (70), No. 4 Monticello (66), No. 5 Pacelli (46), No. 6 (tie) Jones Co. and Tallapoosa (38), No. 8 Davis (36), No. 9 Savannah Country Day (35), No. 10 Louisville Academy (24).

# CATS COP TITLE, P'KERS TIE RAMS

## Second Ranked Avondale Rolls Over Druid Hills, Albany Drops Jordan

By HUGH SCHUTTE

Associated Press Sports Writer

For the third straight year it appears the Valdosta Wildcats have won the right to play in the finals of the Georgia Class AAA high school football playoffs.

The Wildcats won their 33rd straight game Friday night, 47-7 over Warner Robins, and cinched the Region 1AAA Title. Since none of the Region 2AAA teams seem to have the depth to match Valdosta, the Wildcats probably will be the South Georgia representative come the night of Nov. 30.

In North Georgia the picture is quite a bit muddier. Avondale, ranked No. 2 behind Valdosta, rolled over Druid Hills 40-0 and now will meet Decatur for the 4AAA championship. Decatur won sub-region with a 22-7 victory over Griffin.

Northside, also undefeated and ranked No. 3, plays O'Keefe tonight. However, the Tigers already have won a spot in the Milk Bowl which will settle the City League (Region 3AAA) title. Murphy, which bowed to Northside by one point, 14-13, in regular season play, won the other berth Thursday night with a 14-7 win over Grady. Murphy was rated No. 5.

The No. 4 team last week, Marietta, dropped a 14-13 decision to a battling team from Westminster. That set up a rematch between the Wildcats and Gainesville for the Region 5AAA crown. Westminster, tied for sixth place in the ratings with Willingham, bowed to the Red Elephants in the earlier meeting.

Gainesville won the playoff spot by racking up a 20-13 victory over Athens.

Willingham and Moultrie, ranked eighth just behind the Rams and Westminster, played to a 14-14 tie. Jenkins, tied for tenth with Benedictine, downed Savannah, 27-20. Benedictine had an off night while Dykes, No. 9, bowed to Fulton 27-7.

Avondale led 14-0 over Druid Hills before the game was five minutes old and then continued to build up the score despite liberal use of reserves.

Westminster went out at the half trailing 13-0, but came back with two touchdowns on brute power and a pair of perfect conversion kicks that provided the margin of victory. The big man in the Wildcats' attack was Johnny Martin who went 117 yards on 21 carries and made the two crucial extra point kicks as well as one of the TDs.

Moultrie also trailed at the half—as Willingham led 14-0. But the Packers got fired up during the intermission. Grabbing a fumble by the Rams quarterback Pete Gaines on the Willingham 35, the Packers drove over for their first tally 11 plays later. Then Jerry Smith broke away on a 52-yard run for the tying touchdown.

Dykes, which had played only the smaller schools in the City League prior to last week's loss to Brown, found Fulton too much for them to handle. Quarterback Ralph Lynch picked up two Fulton TDs on one-yard runs and passed for two other tallies, once for 60 yards and then for 7.

Thomaston's R. E. Lee gained some revenge for a loss last year to Gordon by marking up a 9-7 win. The Rebels got a first period safety after a punt died on the Gordon one and Jimmy Stewart was tackled in the end zone. Albany put on its biggest of-

gained 222 yards rushing and 115 passing.

Glynn Academy also had a big night, amassing 395 yards in a 26-12 victory over Swainsboro.

LaGrange marked up a 13-0 win over Columbus as Jim Hunnicutt rolled up the yardage to set up the first score and end Randy Mahaffey caught a five-yard pass for the other.

Jenkins and Savannah staged a donneybrook that the Warriors finally won 27-20. The big play was a 75-yard pass from quarterback Dewey Warren to Raymond Nesbitt just 19 seconds before the end of the first half. That put Jenkins ahead 21-14 and when they marched 42 yards in 10 plays for a third quarter score Savannah couldn't catch them.

Lanier could move the ball almost at will against Baker, but the Poets just couldn't get across the double stripes and they had to settle for a 0-0 tie. Three fumbles lost and two pass interceptions cost Lanier dearly.

A 79-yard run with an intercepted pass by fullback Bill Helms gave North Fulton a 12-0 win over Brown. And Cross Key tripped Southwest DeKalb 14-0 despite an 87-yard kickoff by Butch Casey.

# Point Title For Smith Now Official

By ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS — It's official now — Valdosta halfback Giles Smith is Region 1-AAA's scoring leader for the 1962 season.

A final tabulation of figures shows the 116 point total previously announced for Smith is correct. In the 10 regular season games which count in the statistics, Smith made 14 touchdowns and kicked 32 extra points.

Valdosta teammate Rick Thomas finished second with 114 points. He accounted for all of his markers by scoring 19 touchdowns. This matched the second highest TD total for a league player. Moultrie's Ray Mercer scored 19 touchdowns in 1950 and accounted for 21 the next season.

Smith also won the individual scoring crown in 1961 and is the second player in the region to claim the title two years in a row. Mercer did it in 1950 (114 points) and 1951 (149 points and record).

Smith's 32 extra points was the second highest for this department in the region's history. He set the 1-AAA and state Class AAA record by making 38 conversions in 1961.

Finishing third in the point race behind the two Valdostans was LaGrange's Stanley Crawford with 93. He was followed by Moultrie's Jerry Smith, 54, and Warner Robins' Mark Holmes and Moultrie's Charlie Pippin, 36 each.

Two other Valdostans, Walter Zant and Stan Reaves, tied for seventh place. They scored 24 points as did Carstarphen of Lanier, Ashley of LaGrange, Wuller of Albany and Ginepri of Lanier.



Talented Backs: Smith, Godwin (now out with injury), Lee, Thomas —Times Staff Photo

# Thomas Has Chance To Break 2 Records

By ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS—Valdosta quarterback Rick Thomas is within striking distance of two Region 1-AAA individual offensive records.

Thomas is the total offense leader with 1,624 yards to his credit. The league record in this department was the 1,736 yards rushing and passing Bruce Bennett, another VHS quarterback, gained in 1961. Thomas needs 113 yards to break the record.

The 'Dosta signal-caller also has a chance to establish a new passing record for 1-AAA. After nine games he has 1,023 yards to his credit with 66 completions in 122 tries. R. E. Lee's Billy Cox set the passing record when he threw for 1,123 yards in 1952. Thomas needs 101 yards passing to top this standard.

If Thomas is to break either record he must do it Friday night against LaGrange. That will be the final regular season game for Valdosta, although it is already assured of a berth in the South Georgia Class AAA playoff. Region records are based only on play during the regular season.

Another Valdosta back, Giles Smith, is the individual leader in three other statistical departments. He has caught 28 passes for 382 yards, returned 34 punts 453 yards and averaged 36.67 yards a try on 21 punts. All are top marks.

The individual rushing leader is LaGrange's Stanley Crawford. He has picked up 824 yards on

83 carries for an 8.79 average.

Individual leaders follow:

RUSHING			
	Carries	Net	Avg.
Crawford, LaGrange	93	818	8.79
Smith, Moultrie	113	782	6.92
Holmes, Warner Robins	99	697	7.04
Thomas, Valdosta	75	601	8.01
Ashley, LaGrange	92	600	6.52
Bolles, Baker	109	514	4.71
Fox, Jordan	105	449	4.27
Smith, Valdosta	68	435	6.30
Wuller, Albany	92	403	4.38
Carstarphen, Lanier	78	397	5.08
Wagner, Willingham	39	368	9.43
Hughes, Columbus	61	360	5.90
Barfield, Albany	78	354	4.53
Saunders, Lanier	63	334	5.30
Zant, Valdosta	67	303	4.52
Ginepri, Lanier	58	283	4.87
Bradberry, Moultrie	73	282	3.86
Reaves, Valdosta	45	272	6.04
Short, Baker	71	269	3.78
Ligon, Baker	75	264	3.52

PASSING			
	Att.	Cpl.	Gain
Thomas, Valdosta	112	66	1023
Gaines, Willingham	90	39	627
James, Albany	83	31	554
Carstarphen, Lanier	72	39	453
Gilliam, LaGrange	72	28	447
Long, Warner Robins	75	32	329
Pippin, Moultrie	73	29	319
Dunn, Columbus	54	27	319
Bonifay, Lanier	31	22	221
Horne, Baker	41	11	215
Langford, Columbus	27	9	161
Cason, Jordan	46	15	147
Garnto, Jordan	56	15	143
Pennington, Albany	15	8	111
Smith, Valdosta	7	4	96

Pass Receiving			
	Catches	Yds.	Td's
Smith, Valdosta	28	382	4
Bowen, Willingham	17	290	2
Bender, Valdosta	15	252	1
Ginepri, Lanier	19	235	1
Wuller, Albany	12	207	0
Richardson, Lanier	13	176	2
Millano, Columbus	5	167	2
Farr, Albany	8	120	0
Bryant, Willingham	12	119	1
Reaves, Valdosta	16	225	1
Mahaffey, LaGrange	10	117	2
Mitchell, Columbus	9	115	2
Romeo, Columbus	9	110	0

Intercepted Passes			
		Infer.	Yds.
Ginepri, Lanier	2		118
Reaves, Valdosta	5		78
Gilliam, LaGrange	4		62
Folmar, Albany	3		48
Carter, Lanier	1		45
Dunn, Columbus	2		41
Hunnicut, LaGrange	1		40
Ashley, LaGrange	2		37

Punts			
	Kicks	yds.	Avg.
Smith, Valdosta	21	770	36.67
Crawford, LaGrange	32	1119	36.09
Davis, Baker	44	1540	35.00
Rhodes, Albany	33	1167	34.32
Knight, Warner Robins	37	1245	33.64
Fiveash, Willingham	16	499	31.18

Punt Returns			
	Ref.	Yds.	
Smith, Valdosta	34	453	
Wuller, Albany	17	215	
Owens, Baker	7	162	
Bradberry, Moultrie	13	155	
Crawford, LaGrange	11	140	
Gaines, Willingham	12	101	
Gilliam, LaGrange	8	99	
Thomas, Valdosta	3	79	

Kickoff Returns			
	Ref.	Yds.	
Cason, Jordan	13	295	
Horne, Columbus	12	284	
Gaines, Willingham	9	207	
Ginepri, Lanier	8	203	
Smith, Moultrie	8	197	
Crawford, LaGrange	8	144	
Hudson, Jordan	9	141	
Wuller, Albany	7	106	
Reaves, Valdosta	2	103	

# Valdosta's Smith Edges Out Teammate in 1-AAA Scoring

## Giles Repeats 1961 Feats

By ELLWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS, Ga.—For the first time since the 1951 season, Region-One, Class-AAA has a two-time winner in the individual scoring race as Giles Smith of Valdosta copped the title for the second time running as he nosed out a team mate, Rick Thomas, by a margin of two points.

Smith came up with a total of 14 touchdowns and 32 extra points for 116 points for the season while Thomas had 19 touchdowns for 114 points.

Last year Smith also used his extra point conversions as a means for winning the scoring title. Giles had 12 touchdowns and 38 extra points for a total of 110 points while Bruce Bennett scored 18 touchdowns for a total of 108 points.

Smith's 116 points this season proved to be the third high total run up by the region scoring leader since the 1949 season. Ray Mercer of Moultrie holds the scoring record of 149 points set in 1951 and Jimmy Burson of LaGrange came along in 1958 and finished the season with 120 points.

gion record on conversions with 38 but this year he fell short with only 32 extra points. The next high mark in this department would be Mercer's 23 in 1951.

Only once before the region play has a scoring leader repeated and that was back in 1951 when Mercer came up with 149 points

after winning the title in 1950 with 14 points.

A total of 196 touchdowns were scored this past season while the extra-point conversion was made 196 times. One safety and two field goals were thrown in along the way for a season total of 1,308 points.

# 'Cats Plan Defense For Swift Grangers

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

There are two "extras" associated with the Valdosta Wildcats' preparations for their Friday night football game with the LaGrange Grangers at LaGrange.

The 'Cats are spending extra time working on defense and their

especially at LaGrange, you better be ready. Some of our boys have already started talking about the South Georgia playoff. They better forget that and focus all their attention on LaGrange. They should remember what happened the last time we went to LaGrange.

Last time the 'Cats met the Grangers on their home field was in 1960. Valdosta had to rally for two touchdowns in the final six minutes of play to squeeze out a 14-13 victory.

The 'Cats will carry a 9-0 overall record and a title-clinching 8-0

regional record with them to LaGrange. Also at stake will be a 33-game victory streak the Wildcats have been building since the start of the '60 campaign.

The Grangers have a 5-3-1 record for the year and a 4-3-1 league mark. Their title hopes are gone, but they aren't making any secret about the fact that they want to be the team to derail Valdosta's victory express.

Wins for the 'Cats this year have been over Baker (28-0), Waycross (48-13), Jordan (46-0), Lanier (32-0), Albany (28-0), Columbus (41-6), Moultrie (13-7), Willingham (12-0) and Warner Robins (47-7).

LaGrange has beaten Lanett, Ala. (27-7), Jordan (26-6), Albany (14-13), Warner Robins (35-14) and Columbus (13-0). They played Moultrie to a 20-20 tie. Losses for the Grangers have been to Willingham (7-6), Baker (23-14) and Lanier (20-13).

Injuries continue to cut into Valdosta's once deep player ranks. Regulars Billy Schroer, Clyo Blanton, Terry Godwin and Greg Jones are sure to miss the LaGrange game.

An assortment of bruises and sprains have slowed down quite a few other members of VHS's front-line troops, including Bill Myddleton, William (Bo) Hall, Charles Oliver, Jack Martin and Stan Reaves.

coach, Wright Bazemore, is spending extra time worrying about his charges having a psychological let down.

Coach Oliver Hunnicutt's always-tough Grangers have been held to less than two touchdowns by only one of nine foes this season. The swift LaGrange crew has the best team rushing average in Region 1-AAA. That's why the 'Cats are devoting a lot of their practice time to defense.

In contrast to what happened in 1960 and 1961, the 'Cats will meet LaGrange in their regular season finale with the 1-AAA crown already clinched. The past two years they had to beat the Grangers to get into the regional throne room.

"We've already won the region championship, but that doesn't mean we can afford to let down," Bazemore said. "When you play one of Oliver Hunnicutt's teams,

# 'Cats Blaze Thru Grangers, 20-0

## VHS Ends Third Straight Perfect Gridiron Campaign

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

LAGRANGE — Valdosta took everything the weatherman and Coach Oliver Hunnicutt's Grangers could throw at them for a half, then the Wildcats blazed to a 20-0 football victory over LaGrange here Friday night.

Valdosta halfback Giles Smith lighted the 'Cats' victory bonfire on the chilled turf of Callaway Stadium with a 44-yard touchdown sprint mid-way the third period which broke a 0-0 deadlock.

Quarterback Rick Thomas added fuel to the flames with a 65-yard scoring jaunt a few seconds later and kept the bonfire burning with a seven-yard scoring scamper in the final stanza.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats also helped ward off rain, sleet, a bone-chilling wind and the Grangers with a redhot defense which cooked on the front burner all the way on a night when the temperature dropped below the freezing mark.

When it was over a happy Wright Bazemore toasted his nearly-frozen fingers and feet on the 'Cats' 10th straight triumph this year and their 34th victory in a string which dates back to the start of the 1960 season. It was the regular season finale for Valdosta and its third straight perfect campaign. The Wildcats clinched the Region 1-AAA title last week and established unquestionable authority in the league by turning back LaGrange, their final league foe. Valdosta moves on to the South Georgia Class AAA playoffs next.

With rain and sleet falling on an already muddy field, the Wildcats survived three Granger TD scares in the first half and lost a scoring change of their own with a fumble at the LaGrange one. But the VHS stop'em crew stood firm during it all.

It was a different story in the second half. Smith and Thomas supplied the touchdown punch and Valdosta defenders made sure LaGrange's highly regarded rushing attack never had a chance to get out of low gear.

The LaGrange "scares" in the first half came when halfback Stanley Crawford went 60 yards with the opening kickoff and Thomas, the last man with a chance to stop him, didn't nail the Granger speedster until he had gotten to the 18. Stout defensive play ended this threat quickly.

Then LaGrange halfback Mason Ashley appeared to go 82 yards for a TD, but the officials ruled the ball had been blown dead just five yards past the line of scrimmage and Ashley's long gallop after the whistle meant nothing.



—Times Staff Photo

With 'Cats' Victory In Rain: VHS Grid Boss Wright Bazemore (L) Aide Bill Bennett Cold, But Happy.

# Wildcats, Grangers Play For Prestige

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats go against LaGrange's Grangers Friday night with no title, but a lot of football prestige riding on the outcome.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats will close out their regular season against coach Oliver Hunicutt's Grangers at LaGrange.

In both 1960 and 1961 Valdosta victories over the Grangers in regular season finales settled the Region 1-AAA title issues. But the 'Cats have already clinched the region championship this year.

LaGrange however, is a traditional rival for Valdosta and even though the game won't have a championship flavor it is sure to

be an exciting affair.

In other games this week involving area teams, Blackshear will be at Cook (Adel), Thomasville Central at Brooks County (Quitman), Clinch County (Homerville) at Atkinson County (Pearson), Jennings at Crescent City, Madison at Monticello and Reddick at Jasper.

The 1962 campaigns of Berrien, Brooks and Clinch will end this week. Area teams Lowndes County and Hahira finished up last week.

Valdosta will put three victory strings on the line at LaGrange. They've won nine straight this year, including eight in a row against regional foes and they have a three-season win streak

which has now been stretched to 33 games. LaGrange is 5-3-1 for the season and 4-3-1 in league play.

All of the Grangers' losses have been by close margins. Coach Bobby Rich's Cook Hornets have a 7-1-1 record and are

## AREA GRID SLATE Friday

Valdosta at LaGrange  
Berrien at Worth  
Central at Brooks  
Blackshear at Cook  
Clinch at Atkinson  
Jennings at Crescent City  
Madison at Monticello  
Reddick at Jasper

riding the crest of a seven-game victory string which has earned them the Region 1 - A (East) crown. The Blackshear team they meet has a 3-4-2 chart.

This will be the last regular season game for Cook, but Rich's charges must keep a date with the winner of the 1-A (West) race in the playoffs. Thomasville and Americus play this week in a game which will decide the title issue in the eastern half of 1-A.

Berrien, 3-6, will be facing a Worth team which has a 4-5 chart. Brooks is winless after nine games, but hopes to turn back Central (2-6) and finish on a victory note.

Clinch is 4-5 and can finish with a .500 average by licking Atkinson.

Jennings will carry a 1-6-1 record into its battle with Crescent City. Madison, after two wins in a row, has a 4-4 record on the eve of its contest with Monticello.

Jasper is 4-3 and hopes to improve on it by trimming Reddick.

Other games around the state include the following:

Thursday—Jordan vs. Columbus at Columbus.

Friday — Moultrie at Albany  
Jesup at Appling, Cairo at Bairbridge, Warner Robins at Baker  
Camden at Charlton, Irwin at Fitzgerald, Waycross at Glynn Academy, Bacon at Jeff Davis, Willingham vs. Lanier at Macon, Ware at Statesboro, Americus at Thomasville, Coffee at Tifton.

## Early Valdosta Scores Topple Willingham, 12-0

Special to Atlanta Journal-Constitution

VALDOSTA, Oct. 27 — Valdosta cracked through Willingham's tough defense for a pair of first half touchdowns and threw up a football road block of their own which held from all the way as the Wildcats turned back the Rams, 12-0, here Friday night.

The Wildcats reached paydirt at the end of 61- and 52-yard drives in the first and second periods. Fullback Walter Zant got the first tally on a six-yard run and quarterback Rick Thomas scored the other on a one-yard plunge.

Valdosta got inside Willingham's 20 on four other occasions, but the Rams stopped these thrusts. The 'Cats missed first downs by inches at the nine and the five to halt their progress toward the goal.

But with the Valdosta stop 'em crew more than holding its own, 12 points was plenty as Coach Bazemore's Wildcats ran their victory string this season to eight games, boosted their Region 1-AAA record to 7-0 and tightened their hold on first place in the league race. The win was the 32nd in a row for the 'Cats since the start of the 1960 campaign.

The setback was the first for Coach Billy Henderson's Rams from Macon this season after five wins and a pair of ties. They now have a 5-1-1 regional mark and little hope of catching Valdosta in the 1-AAA title scramble.

Valdosta's rock-ribbed defense limited Willingham to only one scoring threat. This came in the closing minutes of the game when the Rams rode the passing arm of quarterback Pete Gaines and the running of Bobby Bryant 33 yards to a first down at the Valdosta nine. The Rams tried two running plays and a pair of passes. None clicked and Willingham's deepest penetration died at the Wildcats' six-yard line when the Valdosta defend-

VALDOSTA		WILLINGHAM	
18	First Downs	8	
177	Yards Passing	34	
104	Penalties	84	
6-45		1-15	
SCORE BY QUARTERS			
Valdosta	6	6	0
Willingham	0	0	0
Scoring TDs—Valdosta-Zant (6-yard run), Thomas (1-yard run).			

With Thomas, Zant, halfback Stan Reaves, halfback Giles Smith and fullback Sirosis Barker the backs who led the attack, VHS piled up 18 first downs and a total of 281 yards rushing and passing. But the Rams' defense always tightened close to the goal line and the 'Cats had to settle for two TDs.

Besides holding the Macon crew scoreless, the Valdosta defensive effort limited the Rams to only eight first downs, just 34 yards rushing and only 84 yards passing.

Reaves was a kingpin in the stop'em effort. He made four individual tackles, assisted on quite a few others, recovered a Willingham fumble and broke up at least a half dozen Ram passes, several in critical situations. Tackle leaders for the 'Cats were guard William (Bo) Hall with nine, guard Bill Myddleton with seven and guard Bill Holt with five.

Reaves gained 47 yards rushing. Thomas picked up 41 yards along the ground and hit on nine of 19 passes for 104 yards. Smith caught four passes which accounted for 64 yards. Barker gained 30 yards, Smith 30 and Zant 22.

Willingham's Gaines hit on 11 of 23 passes for 84 yards but finished with minus 26 yards on six running tries. Bryant gained 48 yards on 10 runs and caught six passes which were good for 47 yards. End Mark Boyer.



# Valdosta - LaGrange Scoring Duel Seen

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Two of Georgia's all-time great coaches and some of the state's finest high school backs will be in opposite corners when Valdosta's Wildcats meet LaGrange's Grangers at LaGrange Friday night.

Wright Bazemore, the guiding hand behind the 'Cats and Oliver Hunnicutt, the Grangers' grid boss, are both members of Georgia's High School Hall of Fame.

They were the first two active football coaches selected for such honors and both have been turning out great teams for many years.

Close friends off the field, Bazemore and Hunnicutt are intense coaching rivals. Both have plans they hope will carry their team to victory in the Region 1-AAA affair.

The 'Cats, with an overall record of 9-0 and an 8-0 league mark, have already clinched the region title. LaGrange, with a 5-3-1 chart for the season and a 4-3-1 league record, has no championship hopes. But the two teams are traditional rivals and the winner will earn a full measure of football prestige.

If past records mean anything the game will be a scoring duel. One has held the 'Cats to less than two touchdowns this year. Only one of nine foes has limited the Grangers to less than a pair of TD's.

Backfield leaders for the Wildcats are quarterback Rick Thomas, halfbacks Stan Reaves and Les Smith and fullbacks Walter Zant and Sirois Barker.

Thomas is 1-AAA's top passer and total offense leader. Smith is the best pass receiving record in the circuit and excels as a runner and kicker. Zant, Reaves and Barker have all done their share to keep the VHS attack moving.

Backfield regulars for the Grangers include quarterback Wayne Gillam, halfbacks Mason Ashley, Jimmy Crawford and Jim Hunnicutt and fullback John Ruggiero.

Crawford has averaged close to nine yards a carry and is the top rusher in 1-AAA. Ashley, with a better than six-yards-per-try average, ranks fifth in the individual rushing list.

Gillam is a slick passer who gives the Grangers a sharp aerial game. He has thrown eight TD passes.

The Region 1-AAA individual scoring title will be on the line. Smith is the current leader with 108 points, followed by Thomas with 102 and Crawford with 93.

Beside the five offensive stick-outs, other VHS backfield regulars

include Hank Lee, Wayne Pearson, Robert Strom, Terry Godwin, Cloy Blanton and Neil Bell. They are defensive specialists.

Godwin, Blanton and Bell are injured and not expected to see action tomorrow night.

The 'Cats have stressed defense in practice this week while Bazemore has cautioned his charges to guard against a psychological let down.

"As always LaGrange is well coached and it plays 'hard-nose' football," Bazemore said. "They have outstanding team speed and they are going to be ready for us. We've also got to be ready."

## Valdosta Eyes Finals Berth

By The Associated Press

For the third straight year it appears the Valdosta Wildcats have won the right to play in the finals of the Georgia Class AAA high school football playoffs.

The Wildcats won their 33rd straight game Friday night, 47-7 over Warner Robins, and clinched the Region 1-AAA title. Since none of the Region 2-AAA teams seem to have the depth to match Valdosta, the Wildcats probably will be the South Georgia representative come the night of Nov. 30.

In North Georgia the picture is quite a bit muddier. Avondale, ranked No. 2 behind Valdosta, rolled over Druid Hills, 40-0, and now will meet Decatur for the 4-AAA championship. Decatur won sub-region with a 22-7 victory over Griffin.

Willingham and Moultrie, ranked eighth, played to a 14-14 tie. Jenkins, tied for 10th with Benedictine, downed Savannah, 27-20. Benedictine had an off night while Dykes, No. 9, bowed to Fulton, 27-7.

Valdosta's two candidates for all-state backfield berths, halfback Giles Smith and quarterback Rick Thomas, scored three touchdowns apiece in the Wildcat romp. Smith ran 32, 76 and 35 yards for his scores and booted five extra points while Thomas tallied on runs of 9, 20 and 20 yards and passed 20 yards to end Wally Colson for another touchdown.

Moultrie trailed at the half—as Willingham led, 14-0. But the Packers got fired up during the intermission. Grabbing a fumble by Rams quarterback Pete Gaines on the Willingham 35, the Packers drove over for their first tally 11 plays later. Then Jerry Smith broke away on a 52-yard run for the tying touchdown.

Albany put on its biggest offensive show of the year in rolling over Jordan, 33-6. The Indians gained 222 yards rushing and 115 passing.

Glynn Academy also had a big night, amassing 395 yards in a 26-12 victory over Swainsboro.

Jenkins and Savannah staged a donnybrook that the Warriors finally won, 27-20. The big play was a 75-yard pass from quarterback Dewey Warren to Raymond Nesbitt just 19 seconds before the end of the first half. That put Jenkins ahead, 21-14, and when they marched 42 yards in 10 plays for a third quarter score Savannah couldn't catch them.

## 'AAA' LEADER

# Scribes Rank 'Dosta 1st On Every Ballot

ATLANTA (AP) — The leaders among Georgia high school teams held to their places this week as there were few changes among the Top Ten.

In Class AAA, Marietta dropped from fourth to eighth place following its loss to Westminster while Dykes fell out entirely on the basis of a defeat by Fulton and Jenkins was bumped by Richmond Academy despite a win over Savannah.

Bainbridge, which has a 7-2 record and was a 33-0 winner over Miller County last week, was bumped from Class AA by Headland which is 8-2. That was the only major change in that classification.

Murray County had been tied for tenth in Class A, but is not listed this week. Jackson and Camden County made the elite list in Class B while Claxton fell out. McEachern was the only victim in Class C with Jones County taking its place.

Valdosta continued to dominate the ballots of the 10 sports writers from other states taking part in the Atlanta Journal - sponsored poll. The Wildcats were the only team to head every ballot. Northside moved up on Avondale, No. 2 in Class AAA, but the Blue Devils still led 87 to 82 in points.

The points are awarded on the basis of 10 for first, 9 for second, etc. Rossville had seven firsts and 91 points to lead Class AA while Coffee County had two firsts and 78 points followed by Cairo with one first and 76 points.

Americus had eight of the top places in Class A for 98 points while Screven County (No. 3) had one of the firsts and Thomasville (No. 7) had the other.

Morgan County led Class B with seven first while runnerup Blakely had the other three. Lincolnton missed matching Valdosta's standing by only one point. The Class C leader had nine firsts and 99 points while Warren County had the other top mention and 89 points.

Here's the way they stand this week (points in parenthesis):

Class AAA — No. 1 Valdosta (100), No. 2 Avondale (87), No. 3 Northside (82), No. 4 Murphy (59), No. 5 Westminster (36), No. 6 Willingham (33), No. 7 Gainesville (30), No. 8 Marietta (24), No. 9 Grady (18), No. 10 (tie) Benedictine and Richmond Academy (15).

Class AA—No. 1 Rossville (91), No. 2 Coffee County (78), No. 3 Cairo (76), No. 4 North Clayton (71), No. 5 Cedartown (58), No. 6 Wayne County (54), No. 7 Chamblee (40), No. 8 Dalton (26), No.

9 St. Pius (15), No. 10 Headland (14).

Class A—No. 1 Americus (98), No. 2 Tucker (70), No. 3 Screven County (61), No. 4 Dublin (50), No. 5 North Habersham (50), No. 6 Carrollton (49), No. 7 Thomasville (48), No. 8 Cook (46), No. 9 Jeff Davis (38), No. 10 White County (23).

Class B—No. 1 Morgan County (94), No. 2 Blakely (91), No. 3 Bradwell Institute (68), No. 4 Rockdale County (64), No. 5 Hawkinsville (53), No. 6 Washington-Wilkes (40), No. 7 Roswell (32), No. 8 Manchester (27), No. 9 Jackson (24), No. 10 (tie) Fort Valley and Camden County (13).

Class C—No. 1 Lincolnton (99), No. 2 Warren County (89), No. 3 West Point (76), No. 4 Monticello (67), No. 5 Pacelli (44), No. 6 (tie) Jones County and Davis (40), No. 8 Tallapoosa (32), No. 9 Louisville Academy (31), No. 10 Savannah Country Day (17).

# VALDOSTA REJOICES OVER 1-AAA VICTORY

## Jenkins Wins 2-AAA West Crown; Richmond Takes 2-AAA East

By ROY BEMIS  
Atlanta Journal Staff Writer

LAGRANGE, Ga., Nov. 10—A loud chant coming from the Valdosta High dressing room here Friday night emphasized a belief that most experts in the state have held all season.

Clear and as brisk as the night air, the Valdosta team shouted in unison, "We're No. 1."

There is little doubt of the validity of the claim. After all, the Wildcats had just finished their third straight undefeated season by polishing off LaGrange, 20-0. Many of the same players who were shouting haven't tasted defeat in 35 games.

THERE WERE some anxious moments early in the game, however, LaGrange held the Wildcats

VALDOSTA	YARDSTICK	LAGRANGE	(6)
7	First Downs	5	5
147	Yards Rushing	7	7
35	Yards Passing	42	42
29	Penalties	10	10

to a 0-0 deadlock as the teams left the aggravating rain and penetrating wind for the warmth of the dressing room at halftime.

In fact, LaGrange scored a touchdown, but it was called back because of a penalty. In the second quarter LaGrange halfback Mason Ashley took a punt on his 17 and raced 83 yards for an apparent TD, but the officials detected a foul and it was negated.

The Grangers kept Valdosta bottled up the entire first half. The only run of any note was Giles Smith's 29-yard punt return. But it too was called back because of a penalty.

IN THE SECOND half Valdosta showed the form which has enabled the Wildcats to win two straight AAA titles.

Early in the third quarter Smith took the ball and scampered off his right tackle 43 yards for a score. He also booted the PAT.

After LaGrange failed to move following the ensuing kickoff, Valdosta took over at its own 35 and on the next snap quarterback Rick Thomas raced 65 yards for a touchdown.

VALDOSTA got its final TD in the fourth quarter on a 50-yard drive. Thomas swept over from seven yards out. Smith again booted the PAT, his 116th point of the season which gave him his third straight 1-AAA scoring title. It is the first time a player has won the 1-AAA scoring title three consecutive years.

Valdosta coach Wright Bazemore was obviously pleased with his team's effort.

"We're real proud about our second-half comeback," Bazemore

said. "I've got a good bunch of boys here."

OFFENSIVE leader for the Wildcats was Thomas, who had 110 yards on the ground.

For LaGrange, fullback John Ruggiero and halfback Stanley Crawford carried the load.

Defensive stickouts in the stellar Valdosta defense were Foy Norwood and Bill Holt. Bob Smith and Harris Bagley were most noticeable defensively for the Grangers.

Valdosta 0 0 13 7—20  
LaGrange 0 0 0 0—0  
Scoring: Smith, 45, run (Smith, kick); Thomas, 65, run (kick failed); Thomas, 7, run (Smith, kick).

STATESBORO 14, WARE CO. 6

STATESBORO—Statesboro closed out its season on a winning note here Friday night.

The home team knocked off AA Ware County, 14-6, behind the touchdown running of halfbacks Billy Cone and Jim Hines.

## SCORES

By the Associated Press

Detroit 15	Cincinnati 14
West Chester 60	Chevney 0
Bethel (Kan.) 24	McPherson 6
College of Emporia 62	Kansas Wesleyan 13
Missouri Valley 38	Culver-Stockett 6
Southwestern (Kan.) 41	Sterling (Kan.) 13
Baker (Kan.) 53	Friends (Kan.) 0
Occidental 42	Cal Tech 6
Cal. Poly (San Luis Obispo) 41	Santa Clara 22

CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Murphy 14	Northside 0
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4-AAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Decatur 7	Avondale 6
Elbert County 14	Hart County 6
Willingham 7	Lanier 6
Richmond Academy 18	Aquinas 0
Savannah 13	Benedictine 0
Americus 12	Thomasville 6
Cairo 14	Bainbridge 13
Waycross 19	Glynn Academy 0
Carrollton 7	Newnan 0
Screven County 10	Dublin 0
Dalton 19	Murray County 6
Cedartown 41	West Fannin 0
Hapeville 6	Campbell Fairburn 0
Monroe 21	Newton County 13
Central Thomasville 24	Brooks Co. 7
Mitchell County 26	Pelham 20
Cook County 7	Blackshear 0
Wayne County 34	Appling County 6
Rockdale County 35	St. Joseph 0
West Point 24	Manchester 13
Moultrie 13	Albany 7
Worth County 33	Berrien 6
Morgan County 27	Rabun County 6
Norcross 25	Clarkston 0
Baldwin 27	Jones County 7
Marianna (Fla.) 13	Blakely 6
Fitzgerald 21	Irwin County 6
North Gwinnett 12	Forsyth County 0
Monticello 41	Warner Robins B 0
Jackson 14	Putnam County 0
Lincolnton 27	Warrenton 0
Baker 40	Warner Robins 6
Valdosta 20	LaGrange 0
Tucker 33	Roswell 18
West Point 24	Manchester 13
Washington-Wilkes 33	Jefferson 6
Hogansville 9	Dallas 7
Wayne County 35	Appling County 6



Staff Photo—Ken Patterson  
**COACH CHARLIE GREENE POINTS TO PLAY**  
Billy Zant (10) Is Ready for Action



Staff Photo—Ken Patterson  
**VALDOSTA'S RICK THOMAS (15) PICKS UP A FIRST DOWN**  
LaGrange's Freddie Mansour (24) Finally Makes Tackle

# Smith Grabs Region 1-AAA Point Lead

By ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS — Valdosta half-back Giles Smith, the early season leader, has moved back out front in the Region 1-AAA individual football scoring race.

Smith made 23 points against Warner Robins last week to boost his total for the year to 108.

Teammate Rick Thomas is in second place with 102 points. Thomas accounted for 18 points in Valdosta's 47-7 romp over the Demons of Warner Robins.

LaGrange's Stanley Crawford, who went scoreless against Columbus, is now third with 93 points.

Valdosta and LaGrange play this week. Smith, Thomas and Crawford will settle the scoring race in this game. Final 1-AAA statistics are based only on regular season contests.

Smith was the league scoring champ in 1961 with 110 points.

Scoring leaders follow:

	Td	PAT	Tot.
Smith, Valdosta	13	30	108
Thomas, Valdosta	17	0	102
Crawford, LaGrange	13	15	93
Smith, Moultrie	6	0	36
Pippin, Moultrie	5	0	30
Holmes, Warner Robins	5	0	30
Carstarphen, Lanier	4	0	24
Ginepri, Lanier	4	0	24
Ashley, LaGrange	4	0	24
Wuller, Albany	4	0	24
Zant, Valdosta	4	0	24
Reaves, Valdosta	4	0	24
Hunnicut, LaGrange	3	1	19
Barfield, Albany	3	1	19
Bolles, Baker	3	0	18
Storzy, Warner Robins	3	1	19
Payne, Baker	3	0	18
Owens, Baker	3	0	18
Langford, Columbus	3	0	18
Hughes, Columbus	3	0	18
James, Albany	2	6	18



—Times Staff Photo

## Flowers For Injured Gridder

Valdosta High Principal Howard Bridges (C) and VHS coach Wright Bazemore (R) present flowers to Greg Jones. Jones, a Wildcat guard, underwent an operation for the removal of a kidney after being injured in a game

at Warner Robins on Nov. 2. He's back home now and well on the way toward recovery. The flowers Bridges and Bazemore are presenting are gifts of the VHS players and coaches and the Valdosta Touchdown Club.

# Sweet Potatoes To Get Plug



Lowndes essay contestants examine jumbo potatoes fresh from the field. Left-right: Sandra Kessler, Judy Babcock, and Danice Odom. —Times Staff Photo

## IN BROOKS

### Winners Of Soil Essay Are Named

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

QUITMAN — Suwannee Schmoe is the Brooks County winner of the Middle South Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Essay Contest.

This is according to J. W. Lewis Jr., Brooks County soil supervisor.

Lewis said Annie Laurie McElroy placed second. County prizes were \$25 and \$20.

The soil supervisor said the essay winners wrote on the subject "Soil Conservation Districts, A Story of Yesteryear, Today and Tomorrow."

The Brooks County winner will now compete at the district level. First prize in the district is \$25 and the first prize in the state is a four-year scholarship to any Georgia College.

Lewis released the following school winners in the contest:

12th grade: Annie Laurie McElroy, Morris Crosby and Joe Yates; 11th grade: Jimmy Hewett, Fred Tedder and Ann Spires; 10th grade: Frankie McElroy, Larry Bricker; 9th grade: Martha Warmack, Jackie Sorrell and Bobbie Faye Johnson.

Lewis said the following firms provided the cash prizes for the school and county winners:

B. C. Packing Co., Brooks County Kiwanis Club, Citizens National Bank, Dairyco, Bank of Quitman, Griner-Price Chev. Co., West End Tractor Co., Hope Hines Co. Brooks Co.

VALDOSTA VALIANT

## Wright: Schroer Is the Very Best

By ROY BEMIS

Wright Bazemore was emphatic, even eager. "I could talk about Billy Schroer all day."

Schroer, for those who are not informed, is a 210-pound tackle from Valdosta, who is considered one of the best linemen in Georgia prep history by many college coaches. Georgia Tech's Bobby Dodd included.

This blustering youth is everything a coach could desire. He's fast as a halfback. He can block, is a natural leader and an athlete in the purest sense of the word.

Coach Bazemore, who rarely, if ever, comments on one of his players, said, "He's one of the finest linemen I have ever had the pleasure of coaching, and he's a good, clean, Christian boy . . . the type boy you want to have on your squad. Just don't make 'em any better than he is."

From the looks of Schroer's record and honors, one can easily see why Bazemore thinks so much of his star tackle.

He averages anywhere from 10 to 12 tackles a game, and was voted the Most Valuable Lineman, and Lineman of the Year last season for Valdosta. He was also given honorable mention as an All-American tackle at the end of last year's season and, in a pre-season poll, was ranked as an All-American.

He managed to grab a place on the All-State team last year, and is a candidate for the same honor this season. He has a slot in the line on the All-Southwest Georgia team, and has had his name on the Prep Honor Roll almost everytime he has walked onto the field this season.

College scouts from as far west as Texas Christian, as far north as West Point and from all over the SEC have been sniffing at Schroer's heels this season. He is considered as one of the finest

# 'CATS CLAW RICHMOND, EYE EAGLES

By TERRY KAY  
Atlanta Journal Staff Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga., Nov. 24.

One would have to be brutally frank about it. Valdosta is the king of Georgia high school football, unofficially.

Friday night, at the Richmond Academy stadium, the Wildcats of Wright Bazemore made one last stopoff before attempting to make their kinship official. The team that has gone undefeated for three years literally blasted past the Academy of Richmond County, 32-0, taking with its victory the South Georgia AAA championship.

Actually, there was little skepticism among the nearly 9,500 people who came out to witness the mismatched Musketeers meet the visiting Valdostians. Even the

## YARDSTICK

	VALDOSTA	RICHMOND
First Downs	16	4
Rushing	239	9
Passing	88	42
Penalties	32	26

grossly exaggerated phraseology that preceded the Wildcats to Augusta held true Friday night. Bazemore's boys lived up to every line of legitimate and legendary copy that has been written about them.

RICK THOMAS, a quarterback who has an amazing ability to beat your brains out, got things going in the affirmative for Valdosta early in the first period.

Richmond Academy had won the toss and elected to receive. Fullback Terry Corley ran two dive plays. On the second, he and the ball became separated, and Valdosta's Bill Hendley recovered. Eight plays later Thomas carried it over.

The others came like monthly bills—with aggravating regularity.

Thomas scored another from two yards. Giles Smith kicked the PAT. In the second half, fullback Walter Zant ripped 24 yards for one. A few minutes later, Smith took a punt on his own 47, jerked off the grasp of three men and jogged 53 yards to score. On the last one, late in the fourth period, Thomas cruised four yards. On the PAT try after the final score, Smith tossed to Stan Reaves. Zero. It was finished, 32-0.

IF THERE had to be anything pitiful about Valdosta's exhibition, it was the tough luck of Reaves, the one single performer who caused the crowd to rise in harmonious amazement.

Twice, once for 46 yards and once for 59 yards, the 170-pound rambler broke clear on a brilliant display of footwork. Both times he was caught, once on the five-yard line and once on the four. The first defensive effort to stop Reaves was executed by Kent Logan. The second was made by Eddie Gay.

"Those runs by Reaves were tough breaks," Bazemore said after the game. "I tell you, mister, he's a fine boy. You know if I use him both ways, he's really got it."

Valdosta  
Richmond Academy 6 7 12 7-32  
Valdosta scoring: Thomas 5, run (kick failed); Thomas 2, run (Smith kick); Zant 24, run (kick failed); Smith 53, punt return (kick failed); Thomas 4, run (Reaves pass from Smith).

# Musketeers Anxious For Shot At 'Cats

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Richmond Academy's Musketeers are anxious for a football rematch with Valdosta's Wildcats and they are going to get it on Friday night.

Valdosta, Region 1 - AAA titleholder and Richmond, the 2-AAA king, will be meeting at Augusta with the South Georgia Class AAA championship on the line.

This will be the third South Georgia playoff meeting between

Tickets for Valdosta-Richmond Academy game at Augusta will go on sale here Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Bob Belcher's Drug Store, 310 N. Patterson St. Reserved seat, adult general admission and student tickets will be offered for sale here.

the 'Cats and Musketeers in as many years. Richmond is looking for its first win in the series and has vowed it will get it this time.

Coach Wright Bazemore's VHS crew beat Richmond 2-0 at Augusta in 1960 with a statistical formula having to be applied when the game ended in a 0-0 tie. Last year the 'Cats walloped Richmond 28-0 in a game played here. It was one of the most one-sided defeats in many years for the Richmond County gridiron delegation.

Frank Inman was at the Augusta helm in 1960 and 1961. Young Bill Fulcher, a former Richmond, Georgia Tech and Washington Redskin star, is the Musketeers' grid boss now and he is confident he and his boys can handle the 'Cats this time.

Last week before Richmond played and beat Jenkins 7-0 to claim the 2-AAA crown, Fulcher said the Musketeers were looking forward to Valdosta.

"Our boys still remember that 28-0 humiliation against Valdosta last year," Fulcher said. "We're looking forward to Valdosta. We are anxious to play them again."

Richmond has a 7-3-1 record with all of its losses coming early in the season. It, according to Fulcher, has made tremendous improvement. Its win over Jenkins last Friday has been offered as proof. The Savannah team beat the Musketeers 20-13, in a regular season affair.

Bazemore, who takes a cautious approach when talking about any future foe, says he has great respect for Richmond.

"As usual, Richmond is big and tough," Bazemore said. "We've got to play them at Augusta and our boys know how things went the last time we played there."

"Since Richmond has a new coach it means we don't know what to expect. Coach Fulcher has certainly done a great job and I know he's going to have some surprises ready for us Friday night."

The 'Cats will carry a 10-0 record for the season and a three-year winning streak of 34 games with them to Augusta. They ruled as state Class AAA champions in

1960 and 1961 and would certainly like to claim the state crown again.

To gain a berth in the state playoff finals they've got to get by Richmond this week.

Valdosta finished up regular season play on Nov. 9. With no game to play last week, they

slackened their practice pace somewhat.

Now they know who they are going to play and Bazemore has promised his charges a lot of hard work this week.

"We coasted a little last week," the VHS mentor said. "We've got to go in high gear all this week."



GILES SMITH

BILL MYDDLETON

BILLY SCHROER

TIMES STAFF PHOTOS  
RICK THOMAS

# Four Wildcats Picked On AP All-State Team

By HUGH SCHUTTE  
Associated Press Sports Writer

Triple-threat star Giles Smith of Valdosta High School is the captain of the Associated Press 1962 Class AAA All-State football team announced today.

Smith, who has been outstanding during a four-year career with the Wildcats, heads a 22-man squad that also includes three of his teammates. One of them, quarterback Rick Thomas, pressed Smith for the Region IAAA scoring leadership this year.

However, Smith came through again, piling up 116 points while Thomas had 114. Smith, a highly confident, versatile halfback, also does the punting and place-kicking for the Wildcats and has been an outstanding pass re-

ceiver, leading the region for two years. In addition, he is a more-than-adequate passer when called upon and a very good defensive player.

Thomas succeeded last year's All-State captain, the remarkable Bruce Bennett, as quarterback and came through in a fashion to almost eclipse the 1961 star. Among other exploits, Thomas broke the region total offense mark with more than 1,750 yards passing and running.

Other Wildcats named to the squad are Billy Schroer, 6-foot-2, 210-pound tackle, and Bill Myddleton, a 5-foot-10, 207-pound guard. They are the only repeaters from last year's All-State team as they were the only juniors named then. And both were unanimous choices of all who saw them play as Val-

dosta extended its victory string to 35 games.

There are 16 other high schools represented on the squad, but only Atlanta Murphy and Macon Willingham had more than one place. Murphy, Region 3AAA — City League—champs, is represented by halfback Roy Jarrett and tackle Tommy Yates. For Willingham, runner-up to Valdosta in IAAA, it is end Mark Bowen and quarterback Pete Gaines.

Exactly half of the players on the 22-man squad hail from the rough, tough Region IAAA. The newly set-up 5AAA has three places, 3AAA has five, 4AAA two and 2AAA only one.

Thomas wasn't the only player on the All-State team to rewrite a record book. Brown quarterback Kim King, one of the best left-handed passers ever to step on a Georgia gridiron, rang up a total of nearly 1,600 yards to beat his own record of 1,306 last year.

King, a triple-threat who also did Brown's place-kicking and punting, amassed 1,233 yards in the air including nine touchdown heaves.

Both Thomas and King would be pleased with the pass-catching ability of the four ends selected—particularly a pair of targets like 6-foot-6 Randy Mahaffey of LaGrange and 6-3 Paul Handmacher of Atlanta Northside. Tommy Elliott of Decatur and Willingham's Mark Bowen were excellent offensively, but were selected as much for their defensive talents.

The tackle corps headed by

Schroer has plenty of heft and mobility. Baker's 6-foot-3, 235-pound John Preston is the biggest man on the team while Marietta's Cary Thompson and Yates tip the scales at 200 pounds.

Myddleton's running mates at guard would delight a college coach. They are Jimmy Cooley (188) of Avondale, Doug Shields (200) of Atlanta North Fulton and Tommy Seward (190) of Macon's Lanier.

There were fewer centers nominated this season than in many a year. It may be caused by changes in defensive alignments which find a guard dropping back to middle-linebacker. The two chosen are Bobby White of Columbus and Dwight Hutchins of Gainesville, both stickouts.

Joining Smith, Thomas, King, Jarrett and Gaines in the backfield are John Martin of Westminster, Mark Holmes of Warner Robins, and Len McKellar of Butler.

McKellar was a jack of all trades, playing at end as well as wingback, blocking back and defensive sideback. At 185, he is the heaviest man in the backfield; Holmes is the smallest at 165. But Holmes, like Smith and Thomas, was a spectacular runner—a threat to go all the way every time he got the ball.

Every player on the squad is a senior, not through design but by ability. And there were plenty of outstanding seniors who failed to draw enough support in the balloting to get more than honorable mention.

Pos.	Player	School	Wt.	Ht.	Class
E	Tommy Elliott	Decatur	190	6-2	Sr.
E	Randy Mahaffey	LaGrange	180	6-6	Sr.
E	Paul Handmacher	Northside	195	6-3	Sr.
E	Mark Bowen	Willingham	175	5-11	Sr.
T	Billy Schroer	Valdosta	210	6-2	Sr.
T	Cary Thompson	Marietta	200	6-3	Sr.
T	Tommy Yates	Murphy	200	6-0	Sr.
T	John Preston	Baker	235	6-3	Sr.
G	Bill Myddleton	Valdosta	207	5-10	Sr.
G	Jimmy Cooley	Avondale	188	6-0	Sr.
G	Doug Shields	North Fulton	200	5-11	Sr.
G	Tommy Seward	Lanier	190	5-11	Sr.
C	Bobby White	Columbus	185	6-1	Sr.
C	Dwight Hutchins	Gainesville	208	6-0	Sr.
B	Giles Smith	Valdosta	170	5-11	Sr.
B	Rick Thomas	Valdosta	170	5-10	Sr.
B	Kim King	Brown	170	5-11	Sr.
B	Roy Jarrett	Murphy	180	6-0	Sr.
B	John Martin	Westminster	175	5-11	Sr.
B	Mark Holmes	Warner Robins	165	5-11	Sr.
B	Pete Gaines	Willingham	170	6-1	Sr.
B	Len McKellar	Butler	185	6-0	Sr.

#### HONORABLE MENTION

ENDS—Mike Williams, Athens; Pete Hudson, Albany; Tommy Fiebelkorn, Grady; Lamar Melvin, Brown; Richard Rosebush, Westminster; Steve Weeks, Savannah; Wally Colson, Valdosta; Bob Montgomery, Moultrie; Bill Hawthorne, Marietta; Charles George, Glynn Academy.

TACKLES—Lanier Phillips, Gainesville; Ronnie Moncrief, Moultrie; Mike Coburn, Benedictine; David Crowe, Smith; Laurie Croff, Westminster; Wayne Hamilton, South Cobb; Felton Lancaster, Cross Keys; Steve Copeland, Sylvan.

GUARDS — Tommy Brooks, Athens; Phil Sims, Murphy; Ed Cuyler, Aquinas; Carley McNeil, Willingham; Larry Creel, Gordon; Dayton Johnson, Avondale; Perry Phillips, Osborne; Sammy Kelleff, Westminster; Harris Bagley, LaGrange; James Bessman, Aquinas.

CENTERS — Foy Norwood, Valdosta; James Benson, Albany; Mac Gillam, Rus-

sell; Kenneth Hart, Forest Park; Bill Helms, North Fulton; Lloyd Timberlake, Westminster.

BACKS—Price Chennault, Dykes; Paul Tankersley, Roosevelt; Charles Mason, Northside; Woody Chastain, Athens; Tommy Carlisle, Avondale; Jerry Smith, Moultrie; Richard Ligon, Baker; Rene Ginepri, Lanier; Tee Carstarphen, Lanier; Richard Wuller, Albany; Stanley Crawford, LaGrange; Wayne Gilliam, LaGrange; Dickie Watson, Marietta; Walter Chadwick, Decatur; George Dounis, North Fulton; Jimmy Stewart, Gordon; Willard Blunschli, South Cobb; Danny Mitchell, Butler; David Cooper, Avondale; Richard Lutz, Benedictine; Richard McLeod, Richmond Academy; Teddy Corley, Richmond Academy.



**WALTER ZANT**  
VHS Fullback

# 'Dosta, Murphy TD Duel Hinted

By **SAMMY GLASSMAN**  
Times Sports Editor

It appears that something is going to have to give when Valdosta's Wildcats and Murphy's Eagles of Atlanta meet for the state Class AAA football championship here Friday night.

To put it another way coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and coach Lawrence (Lefty) Thompson's Eagles have been spending a lot of their pre-game practice time working on defense.

Both teams have explosive attacks with the kind of running and passing games that can strike for a touchdown at any time and from any spot on the field.

Murphy has compiled an 11-1 record during a march which carried it to the North Georgia throne room. It has averaged 22.2 points a game. Three foes managed to hold the Eagles for two touchdowns. Against nine other opponents Thompson's charges reached paydirt three or more times.

Valdosta, winner of 11 straight in a string that earned the 'Cats their third straight South Georgia title, has averaged better than 30 points a game. It was held to a pair of TD's in two games and scored three or more times in the other eight.

Backfield regulars for the Eagles are quarterback Jimmy Berry (165), halfbacks Roy Jarrett (180), Mac Perry (180) and Jimmy Blissett (150) and Terry Moon (160).

Jarrett, an All-Stater, is the attack leader. He has more than 1,000 yards rushing to his credit and has averaged close to seven yards a run. Jarrett can also throw. He's unleashed a half dozen aerial scoring bombs.

Berry's rushing and passing total also tops the 1,000 yard mark. He has a dozen TD passes to his credit and is an excellent defender. Berry has been credited with 17 pass interceptions.

The Murphy quarterback can throw with accuracy on the run,

which makes him a very tough man to defense.

Backfield leaders on the 'Cats "go-team" are quarterback Rick Thomas, halfbacks Giles Smith and Stan Reaves and fullbacks Walter Zant and Sirois Barker. On defense Valdosta gets plenty of help from such backs as Hank Lee, Terry Godwin and Neil Bell. Another VHS backfield regular, Clyo Blanton, will miss the game because of a knee injury.

Between them Thomas and Smith led virtually every individual offensive statistical department in Region 1-AAA. Both were picked on the Associated Press' All-State team.

Balance, however, is the secret of Valdosta's offensive success. Reaves is a talented runner and pass receiver. Right now, however, a hand injury limits his pass catching ability. Zant is small, but has good speed. Barker offers a measure of power.

If the weather is clear and the field is dry the more than 9,000 fans expected to turn out for the game should be treated to quite an offensive show.

"I've studied our scouts' report on Murphy for four days," Bazemore said. "I still haven't been able to figure out how we

can even slow them down. We are going to be mighty, mighty busy on defense. And let me tell you, those Atlanta boys play it tough on defense.

"It's going to take determination and perfect execution by us on both offense and defense for us to have a chance."

Valdosta will be going for its third straight state Class AAA championship. They have a chance to become the 10th Bazemore-coached team to wear a state football crown.

Murphy has its sights on its second Georgia "AAA" diadem. The Eagles were state champs in 1952.

## Valdosta Dominates 1-AAA 'Star Squad'

By **ELWOOD MOYER**

**COLUMBUS**—The Valdosta Wildcats dominate the 1962 All-Region 1-AAA football squad.

Six members of coach Wright Bazemore's unbeaten Valdosta team were named to the first team. A total of 15 VHS players were selected on the All-Region squad.

Baker earned two first team berths, and LaGrange, Columbus and Warner Robins one each in voting by sports writers and broadcasters in region cities.

Valdosta quarterback Rick Thomas set a new region offensive mark as he picked up a total of 1,752 yards rushing and passing and placed second in the region scoring, was the only unanimous choice of all participating in the poll and thus was named the "Back Of The Year."

Guard Billy Myddleton and tackle Billy Schroer both topped the voting in the line and were named "co-linemen of the year."

Other Valdostans named to the first team were end Wally Colson, center Foy Norwood (a guard on the star list) and halfback Giles Smith.

On the third team is end Bill Holtzclaw, guard Greg Jones, center Jimmy Robinson and fullback Walter Zant. Gaining honorable mention were ends Dick Bender and Danny Hendley, guards William (Bo) Hall and

Bill Holt and halfback Stan Reaves.

The All-Region list is as follows:

**FIRST TEAM:** Randy Mahaffey, LaGrange, and Wally Colson, Valdosta; tackles Billy Schroer, Valdosta, and John Preston, Baker; guards Bill Myddleton, Valdosta, and Foy Norwood, Valdosta; center Bobby White, Columbus; quarterback Rick Thomas, Valdosta; halfbacks Giles Smith, Valdosta, and Mark Holmes, Warner Robins; fullback Richard Ligon, Baker.

**SECOND TEAM:** Ends Mark Bowen, Willingham, and George Langworth, Baker; tackles Richard Hodges, Columbus, and Roy Squires, Lanier; guards Harris Bagley, LaGrange, and Mike Purdie, Baker; center Nick Halck, Baker; quarterback Charles Pippin, Moultrie; halfbacks Stanley Crawford, LaGrange and Jerry Smith, Moultrie; fullback Bill Fox, Jordan.

**THIRD TEAM:** Ends Bob Montgomery, Moultrie, Bill Holtzclaw, Valdosta, and Pete Hudson, Albany; tackles Ronnie Moncrief, Moultrie, and Jimmy Payne, Baker; guards Tommy Seward, Lanier, Greg Jones, Valdosta, Phil Welch, Moultrie, and Carley McNeil, Willingham; centers Jimmy Robinson, Valdosta, and Larry Williams, Lanier; quarterback Pete Gaines, Willingham; halfbacks John Bolles, Baker, and Rene Ginepri, Lanier; fullbacks Dennis Floyd, Moultrie, and Walter Zant, Valdosta.

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Ends Howard Smith, LaGrange, Dick Bender, Valdosta, Danny Hendley, Valdosta and Jack Romeo, Columbus; tackles Phil Durden, Lanier, Tommy Bassett, Baker, Hawley Smith, LaGrange, Lee Gill, Columbus, and Tommy Rhodes, Albany; guards Bobby Lord, Warner Robins, Larry Joe Tomlinson, Moultrie, William (Bo) Hall, Valdosta, Bill Holt, Valdosta, Ronald Ogletree, Baker, and Bobby Knight, Moultrie; centers Richard Jordan, Willingham, James Benson, Albany and Freddie Monsour, LaGrange; quarterbacks Tee Carstarphen, Lanier, and Wayne Gillam, LaGrange; halfbacks Mason Ashley, LaGrange, Bobby Bryant, Willingham and Stan Reaves, Valdosta;

## Wildcats Were Ready To 'Play Football'

Make no mistake about the fact that the Valdosta Wildcats went to Augusta last Friday ready to play football. And play football they did as they rolled past Richmond Academy's Musketeers 32-0 to capture the South Georgia Class AAA championship.

The 'Cats' record is familiar to local fans. Coach Wright Bazemore's charges have won 11 straight this season. They've won 35 in a row in a string which started in 1960. They have won the 1-AAA and South Georgia crowns three straight times. They were state champs in 1960 and 1961 and have ambitions



SAMMY GLASSMAN

night.

Many fans, including me, thought Richmond would be tough to get by. But the 'Cats had both their offense and defense sharp. They forced a fumble, got a scoring chance at close range and went ahead early in the first quarter. From there on it was a steamroller operation for 'Dosta.

### Go-Team Line Sparkled

Bill Fulcher, Richmond's capable young head coach must have learned a lesson. In pre-game talk he had said his Musketeers were looking forward to meeting Valdosta and that they were anxious to avenge the losses Richmond had suffered at the hands of the 'Cats in 1960 and 1961.

Bazemore, who has been in the coaching business for quite a while, followed his usual pre-game routine. He made no promises because he knows that football is a game in which you must be ready to accept the unexpected.

"We are going to try to be ready to play a good football game against Richmond," was Bazemore's most stirring pre-game comment.

As was noted earlier — the 'Cats were ready.

Team effort has carried the Wildcats this far. It, more than anything else, accounted for the smooth performance and one-sided triumph over Richmond.

I thought the 'Cats' offensive linemen turned in one of their best performances. They opened gaping holes in the Musketeers' supposed-to-be tough defense. Backs like Rick Thomas, Giles Smith, Stan Reaves and Walter Zant skipped through those big gaps with ease.

### Reaves Had Good Night

Reaves had one of his best nights. He set up a TD with a 45-yard run and put the Wildcats in position for another score with a 59-yard run. That second TD try failed, but it took an untimely penalty to check the 'Cats.

Stan finished with 118 yards rushing on eight carries. Keep in mind that this boy was playing with an injured hand. But Reaves is the type boy who wouldn't want to sit out a game if he had a broken leg.

One subject keeps cropping up. The 'Cats were rated high on the pre-season form chart. Their 1-AAA and South Georgia victories were predicted. The forecasters also picked them to repeat as state champs before the first block was thrown or the first tackle made.

Pressure has been on the Wildcats all the way. Everyone they have played has been shooting high, hoping to end Valdosta's string of triumphs.

The end of the 1962 football road is now in sight. The big one turns up Friday night. Bazemore is going to ask the 'Cats to "get ready" one more time. I'm sure they are going to do all they can to be ready to answer that challenge just one more time.

to become the first team ever to rule the Georgia "AAA" football roost three years in a row.

On Friday night the 'Cats will face Murphy of Atlanta in the state playoff game here. It's the first time in five years that an Atlanta school has made it to the finals. It's the fifth consecutive season a Region 1-AAA delegate has been in the championship showdown. LaGrange and Albany made it to the finals and became state titleholders in 1958-59 before Valdosta moved to the forefront in South Georgia.

The title with Murphy is in the future and you'll be hearing a lot about that game between now and Friday

# Valdosta Rules AAA All-State

## Wildcats Put Four on Team; Murphy, Willingham Land Two

By HUGH SCHUTTE  
Associated Press Sports Writer

As it has for the past two years, Valdosta continued to dominate Georgia high school football during 1962 and four Wildcats were selected for the Associated Press Class AAA All-State team.

Riding a 35-game winning spree that brought them a third straight Region 1-AAA title—and a shot at the state championship they have taken for two years—the Wildcats had more men nominated for the stellar squad than some entire regions. As one sports writer replied somewhat facetiously, "Just put down Valdosta's first team."

It really wasn't so much of a joke, however, as the Wildcats mowed down all nine of the other teams in its region, undoubtedly the toughest in the state, plus natural rival Waycross, last year's Class AA champs.

The rugged Region 1-AAA, led by Valdosta with four players and Macon's Willingham with two, grabbed off half of the 22 spots on the All-State squad. Atlanta Murphy, Region 3-AAA champions, also took two places as the City League put five men on the team. Region 5-AAA, created this year, got three niches, 4-AAA got two and 2-AAA put only one man on the squad.

There are 17 of the 58 Class AAA schools represented on the team despite the tendency of many balloters to lean overwhelmingly toward Valdosta.

Giles Smith, who can do just about anything possible with a football, heads the Valdosta contingent and is captain of the All-State team. For the second straight year he led Region 1-AAA in scoring, marking up 116 points to edge his teammate, quarterback Rick Thomas, by two points.

Smith has been outstanding for four years and this is the second straight year he led the region in scoring. He also has led in punting, pass receiving and conversions. While he is not called upon very often to pass, Smith was more than competent as he completed several long "bombs" for touchdowns.

Thomas stepped into the quarterback spot this season replacing the outstanding Bruce Bennett and handled the chores like a veteran. A straight-A student in the classroom, Thomas ran and passed for more than 1,700 yards to break a region offense record.

Tackle Billy Schroer and guard Bill Myddleton are the Wildcats' other two entries. Both are repeaters from the 1961 All-State team when they were the only juniors chosen.

All four Valdosta players were unanimous choices of those who saw the Wildcats play.

Many college scouts found Georgia a happy hunting ground this year as the number of prospective collegiate players seemed higher than usual. And

many of the boys who lacked votes for the 22-man squad but received honorable mention are also rated top college prospects.

The end corps ranges in height from 5-foot-11 mark Bowen of Willingham, a rugged defender and runner, to 6-foot-6 Randy Mahaffey of LaGrange. Because of his height, Mahaffey makes an excellent target for passers, but 6-foot-3 Paul Handmacher of Northside and Tommy Elliott (6-2) of Decatur also are top receivers. Elliott also punted for a 35-yard average and returned kicks at 30 yards per try.

The tackles are a hefty crew. Schroer is listed at 6-foot-2, 210 pounds while Cary Thompson of Marietta and Tommy Yates of Murphy both are 200-pounders and John Preston of Baker pushes the scales to 235 pounds.

The guards look like they came from a college lineup. Myddleton is the shortest at 5-foot-10, but he is a solid 207 pounds. Lanier's Tommy Seward is 5-11 and 190 while Doug Shields of North Fulton is 5-11 and over 200 pounds. Jimmy Cooley of Avondale is 6-foot even and 188 pounds.

Bobby White of Columbus and Dwight Hutchins of Gainesville man the center post. White is 6-1, 185 pounds and Hutchins is a 208-pound 6-footer.

P. Player	School	Wt.	Ht.	Cl.
E. T. Elliott	Decatur	190	6-2	Sr.
E. R. Mahaffey	LaGrange	180	6-6	Sr.
E. P. H'macher	Northside	195	6-3	Sr.
E. M. Bowen	Willingham	175	5-11	Sr.
T. B. Schroer	Valdosta	210	6-2	Sr.
T. C. Thompson	Marietta	200	6-3	Sr.
T. T. Yates	Murphy	200	6-0	Sr.
T. J. Preston	Baker	235	6-3	Sr.
G. B. Myddleton	Valdosta	207	5-10	Sr.
G. J. Cooley	Avondale	188	6-0	Sr.
G. D. Shields	North Fulton	200	5-11	Sr.
G. T. Seward	Lanier	190	5-11	Sr.
C. B. White	Columbus	185	6-1	Sr.
C. D. Hutchins	Gainesville	208	6-0	Sr.
B. Giles Smith	Valdosta	170	5-11	Sr.
B. R. Thomas	Valdosta	170	5-11	Sr.
B. Kim King	Brown	170	5-11	Sr.
B. Roy Jarrett	Murphy	180	6-0	Sr.
B. John Martin	Westminster	175	5-11	Sr.
B. M. Holmes	W. Robins	165	5-11	Sr.
B. Pete Gaines	Willingham	170	6-1	Sr.
B. L. McKellar	Butler	185	6-0	Sr.

#### HONORABLE MENTION

ENDS—Mike Williams, Athens; Pete Hudson, Albany; Tommy Fiebelkorn, Grady; Lamar Melvin, Brown; Richard Rosebush, Westminster; Steve Weeks, Savannah; Wally Colson, Valdosta; Bob Montgomery, Moultrie; Bill Hawthorne, Marietta; Charles George, Glynn Academy.

TACKLES—Lanier Phillips, Gainesville; Romie Moncrief, Moultrie; Mike Coburn, Benedictine; David Crowe, Smith; Laurie Croft, Westminster; Wayne Hamilton, South Cobb; Felton Lancaster, Cross Keys; Steve Copeland, Sylvan.

GUARDS—Tommy Brooks, Athens; Phil Sims, Murphy; Ed Cuyler, Aquinas; Carley McNeil, Willingham; Larry Creel, Gordon; Dayton Johnson, Avondale; Perry Phillips, Osborne; Sammy Kellett, Westminster; Harris Bagley, LaGrange; James Bessman, Aquinas.

CENTERS—Foye Norwood, Valdosta; James Benson, Albany; Mac Gillam, Russell; Kenneth Hart, Forest Park; Bill Helms, North Fulton; Lloyd Timberlake, Westminster.

BACKS—Price Chennault, Dykes; Paul Tankersley, Roosevelt; Charles Mason, Northside; Woody Chastain, Athens; Tommy Carlisle, Avondale; Jerry Smith, Moultrie; Richard Ligon, Baker; Rene Ginepri, Lanier; Tee Carstarphen, Lanier; Richard Waller, Albany; Stanley Crawford, LaGrange; Wayne Gillam, LaGrange; Dickie Watson, Marietta; Walter Chadwick, Decatur; George Dounis, Willard Blunshi, South Cobb; Jerry Jarrett, Aquinas; Danny Mitchell, Butler; David Cooper, Avondale; Richard Lutz, Benedictine; Richard McLeod, Richmond Academy; Teddy Corley, Richmond Academy.

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## Valdosta And Richmond Now Traditional Rivals

Anyway you look at it Valdosta's Wildcats and Richmond Academy's Musketeers have become traditional football rivals.

This has come about even though the schools belong to different regions and are well over 200 miles apart.

But for the third year in a row the 'Cats and Musketeers will tangle in the playoff for the South Georgia Class AAA championship.

They met first in 1960 at Augusta with Valdosta gaining a 2-0 "statistical" triumph. They clashed the second time here at Valdosta with the Wildcats winning 28-0.

Their third meeting is on tap for Friday night at Augusta and once again a berth in the state "AAA" finals will be at stake.

That 1960 game was a classic. It matched a light, but swift Valdosta team against a big, bruising Richmond eleven. The game ended in a 0-0 tie. A statistical formula used to break all playoff game ties below the



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state title level was applied. Coach Wright Bazemore's charges then were credited with a well-deserved 2-0 victory.

Despite the one-sided score in last year's game, Richmond went down battling. When it was over Bazemore tagged the performance of his charges as their "best of the season."

Now the stage is set for another Valdosta-Richmond outing with a championship up for grabs. Since the two have met no mutual foes, there's no way to compare scores and things like that.

## Musketeers Rebounded

Valdosta coaches who scouted the Musketeers came back with a report that boils down to this: Richmond has size, depth, speed, a strong ground attack and a very tough defense.

Bob Wynn, an Augusta sports scribe, has described the Musketeers as being "very well coached, very enthusiastic and determined to beat Valdosta this time."

Richmond has a new coach, Bill Fulcher, and has proved its ability to take hard knocks and rebound. The Musketeers have a 7-3-1 record. After losing their first two games to a pair of South Carolina entries, they came back to win the 2-AAA crown. They dropped a 20-13 decision to Jenkins during the regular season, then clipped the boys from Savannah, 7-0, in a playoff which decided the 2-AAA title issue.

Fans here are familiar with the 'Cats. They started the season with everyone picking them to win the Region 1-AAA, and South Georgia and State Class AAA crowns. They have been saddled with extra pressure all the way. But they've won 10 in a row and rule as 1-AAA champs. Some of their victories were easy. Some were hard-earned. They've been told by their coach they can expect Richmond to be very tough.

## Fan Interest High

There is, as expected, a lot of fan interest in the game. For example, night dispatchers at the Valdosta and Augusta postoffices have been exchanging football notes for quite a while. P. L. Sessions, assistant superintendent of mails, here drew a cartoon showing a Wildcat chasing a Musketeer with the implication clear. It has all been in fun, but the football faithfuls in both cities are certainly primed and ready for the game.

This will be the third straight long-distance road trip for the 'Cats. For their last two regular season games they had to go to Warner Robins and LaGrange.

If the Valdosta fans are getting travel-weary you can't tell it. Many are planning to go to Augusta, some in special buses.

So in what sounds like a geographical mistake, the issue of football supremacy for Class AAA teams in South Georgia will be decided at Augusta. Augusta is located almost due east of Atlanta and it's just this side of the Georgia-South Carolina dividing line. But the Georgia High School Association says it's in "South Georgia" and that's where the 1-AAA and 2-AAA champs will meet.

The game should be a dilly. That, after all, is the usual case when traditional rivals like Valdosta and Richmond meet.

## Valdosta, Murphy Picked In 'AAA' Playoff Tilts

The job of trying to pick the winners keeps getting tougher and my prediction average continues to shrink. But, as they say, you can't pick'em all right. So I'll take another whirl and try to forecast the high school playoff games and the college tilts on tap this week.

Last week I was right in 29 games and wrong in 10 for a .744 mark. That clipped a point off my season average dropping it to 328-108-.752.

Starting with the prep contests, here's the way I figure this will go.



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have met at this stage of the playoffs. Valdosta won in 1960 and 1961. The confident Musketeers say this is their year to triumph. You regular readers already know I'm going to pick Valdosta. I think the 'Cats will win, but I figure it will be in a close game.

### VALDOSTA VS RICHMOND

As usual the Valdosta Wildcats are favored. As usual, coach Wright Bazemore has told his charges to be ready for a tough game. The Richmond Musketeers started slowly this year, but they have up a full head of steam now and will be hard to handle on their home field. The South Georgia Class AAA championship will be on the line in this one. It is the third straight year Valdosta and Richmond

## Thomas Didn't Waste Time Setting Record

By ELLWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS—One of the big surprises of the 1962 season in Region 1-AAA was the setting of a new individual offensive mark in the circuit only one year after Valdosta's Bruce Bennett smashed the region record that had stood for 10 years.

But that is exactly what Rick Thomas of the same Valdosta team accomplished this season.

Last year Bennett gained 771 yards rushing and added another 965 yards in the air for a total of 1,736.

This figure smashed the region record which Ray Mercer of Moultrie had set back in 1951 when he gained 1,003 yards rushing and added 165 yards passing for a total of 1,168 yards.

This season Thomas topped Bennett's record by a margin of 16 yards as he gained 690 yards rushing and 1,062 yards passing for a total of 1,752 yards.

Bennett came up with his total in 204 plays while Thomas needed 211 plays to set the new mark.

One of the odd features of the race last year was that Jordan's Lawton Garnto also smashed Mercer's record by 180 yards as he gained 462 yards on the ground, 885 yards in the air for a season total of 1,348 yards.

Thomas was the only player in the region to gain more than 1,000 yards this season. Two players came close.

Pete Gaines of Willingham edged Tee Carstarphen of Lanier by a margin of one yard in the battle for runner-up honors. Gaines had 316 yards rushing, 644 yards passing, for a 960 yards total. Carstarphen, meanwhile had 447 yards rushing and added 512 yards in the air for a total of 959 yards.

Bennett, however, came up with one honor last season that Thomas was not able to land this year. Bennett paced the region in both rushing and passing while Thomas had to be content with fourth place on the ground. Thomas, like Bennett, was the leading passer in the region and Rick bested Bennett here as he became the second back in 12 years of play to gain more than 1,000 yards in the air.

air and had to be content with a fourth place finish.

Mark Holmes of Warner Robins had 820 yards on the ground and added 38 in the air and held to fifth place, some 17 yards short of Jerry Smith.

Rounding out the top 10 in the region offensively were: Stan Crawford of LaGrange in sixth place, Giles Smith of Valdosta seventh, Tommy James of Albany eighth, Charlie Pippin of Moultrie ninth and Wayne Gillam of LaGrange tenth.

Figures on the top 10 on the total offense list are as follows:

	Rushing	Passing	Tot.
1. Thomas, Valdosta	690	1062	1,752
2. Gaines, Willingham	316	644	960
3. Carstarphen, Lanier	447	512	959
4. Smith, Moultrie	875	0	875
5. Holmes, Warner Robins	820	38	858
6. Crawford, LaGrange	837	0	837
7. Smith, Valdosta	690	96	786
8. James, Albany	25	627	652
9. Pippin, Moultrie	184	418	602
10. Gillam, LaGrange	44	491	535

## Valdosta High Band Headlines Rotary Program

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School band, under the direction of Frank Butenschon III, provided the program at Wednesday's Rotary Club.

At the beginning of the program the band played the numbers they will use at the football game in Augusta on Friday night. Later they played some numbers they expect to use in district and state competitions in the near future.

The director explained the difference between the type numbers used for outdoor football games and those used in concert playing.

After the program, members of the club expressed pleasure at the progress the band has made in recent months and predicted it will go far in district and state competition this year.

# VHS Injury List Starts To Shrink

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
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For the first time in several weeks the Valdosta Wildcats' list of players sidelined because of injuries is starting to shrink.

And VHS grid boss Wright Bazemore says the trend is welcome as the 'Cats get ready to battle Richmond Academy's Musketeers for the South Georgia Class AAA football championship at Augusta Friday night.

"We are going to need all the manpower we can muster," Bazemore said. "Richmond has more than enough size and depth to match us."

Although still not able to go full speed, tackle Billy Schroer, halfback Neil Bell and quarterback Perry Godwin are back on the active list. Schroer and Bell have been sidelined with knee injuries. Godwin has been out since mid-season with a cracked wrist bone.

Three VHS regulars, halfback Clyo Blanton, guard Greg Jones

and center Bobby Moore, will miss the playoff game because of injuries. Still, the 'Cats hope to go into the fray in better physical shape than they have been for several weeks.

The Wildcats were idle last week and the 'Cats slowed down their drill pace to give some boys with bruises and sprains a chance to rest.

"We needed the week off because of injuries," Bazemore said. "I just hope we didn't lose our fine edge. Sometimes a layoff can hurt a team's timing. We'll find out Friday night whether that week off helped or hurt us."

This will be the third straight year Valdosta and Richmond, which is coached by Bill Fulcher, have met in the South Georgia title game. Valdosta earned a 2-0 "statistical" victory at Augusta in 1960 and clipped the Musketeers 28-0, here last year.

"Our scout report shows the current Richmond team is almost as big as the one we played at Augusta in 1960. It also shows

that the Musketeers have fine team speed, more speed than any one we've played this year. They have a very strong defense, a very tough ground attack and when they have to they can throw."

Valdosta won 10 straight in its march to its third Region 1-AAA crown. Wins for the 'Cats have been over Baker (28-0), Waycross (48-13), Jordan (46-0), Lanier (32-0), Albany (28-0), Columbus (41-6), Moultrie (13-7), Willingham (12-0), Warner Robins (47-7) and LaGrange (20-0). The 'Cats have won 34 in a row over a three-season span.

Richmond, after a slow start, finished strong to compile a 7-3-1 record. It nailed down the 2-AAA crown by licking Jenkins of Savannah 7-0, in a playoff last week.

Jenkins handed the Musketeers a 20-13 setback during the regular season. Benedictine of Savannah held the Augusta crew to a 7-7 tie. Fulcher's charges suffered their other two losses to out-of-state teams, Columbia, S. C. (12-6) and North Augusta, S. C. (6-0).

In addition to the win over Jenkins in the 2-AAA playoff, Richmond has beaten Glynn Academy (Brunswick) 7-0, Groves (Savannah) 7-0, Savannah 27-13, Butler (Augusta) 20-7, Riverside (Gainesville) 27-7 and Aquinas (Augusta) 18-0.

Since the 'Cats and Musketeers have met no mutual foes, a comparison of scores doesn't give even a hint as to how the game might come out.

Both teams have a reputation for defensive toughness. The Wildcats are rated the edge in passing and Richmond is supposed to have the stronger ground attack.

Winner of the Valdosta - Richmond battle will earn a berth in the state Class AAA finals. Murphy of Atlanta and Westminster are playing for the North Georgia "AAA" crown this week.

# VHS, Richmond Play For Crown

## South Georgia Playoff Ends 'Cats' Long Wait

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
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With their long wait over, Valdosta's Wildcats will go against Richmond Academy's Musketeers at Augusta tonight in the playoff for the South Georgia Class AAA football championship.

The Wildcats clinched the Region 1-AAA championship three weeks ago, qualifying them for the South Georgia playoff. They finished their regular season, with a perfect 10-0 record, two weeks ago.

Since then the 'Cats have been waiting; first for Richmond to settle the 2-AAA title issue and then for the playoff date to turn up.

Richmond knocked off Jenkins 7-0 last Friday in the 2-AAA title duel and with that triumph boosted its record to 7-3-1.

This will be the third year in a row coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats have gone against the Musketeers in the South Georgia championship duel. In both 1960 and in 1961 VHS beat Richmond and went on to win the state title.

But Richmond has a new coach, Bill Fulcher, and renewed ambitions. Fulcher hasn't beat around the bush. He has said the Musketeers are looking forward to meeting Valdosta again and are determined to lick the Wildcats this time.

Both teams are rated strong defensively. Richmond has a powerful ground attack led by Carl

Menger, David Volipitto, Richard McLeod, and Teddy Corley. Corley is a 185-pound power runner who has scored 47 points.

The 'Cats are hoping for a dry field. They like to throw and they depend more on speed than power to make their ground game click.

Valdosta's offensive leaders are Rick Thomas, Giles Smith, Stan Reaves, Walter Zant and Sirois Barker.

Between them, Smith and Thomas made almost a clean sweep of individual offensive honors in 1-AAA this season.

Both the 'Cats and Musketeers have size and depth in the line. During the layoff, tackle Billy Schroer rejoined the VHS fold. Sidelined for three weeks with a knee injury, Schroer is slated to see action tonight. But Bazemore has said the hard-hitting lineman may not be able to go full speed.

Last time Valdosta and Richmond met at Augusta they staged a prep gridiron classic. The game was a hard-fought affair and ended in a 0-0 tie. The 'Cats got credit for a 2-0 "statistical" victory. Last year, on their home field, the Wildcats beat the Mus-

keteers 28-0.

Should tonight's game end in a tie, here's what will happen. The team with the most first downs will get a point. The team with the most yardage rushing and passing will get a point. The team with the most penetrations inside the other's 20 yard line will get a point.

Survivor of the Valdosta-Richmond fray will earn a berth in the state Class AAA playoff finals. Murphy is to meet Westminster tonight in the North Georgia "AAA" championship contest.

## WARY OF JARRETT

# CAGEY VALDOSTA COACH HAS PRAISE FOR EAGLES

By WAYNE THOMPSON

Call it modesty, call it public relations . . . Valdosta assistant coach Joe Wilson was reluctant to admit Friday night that the defending AAA champion Wildcats would be playing for the honors again this Friday.

Wilson, assistant to Wright Bazemore, sat at Grady Stadium watching the rebirth of the Murphy Eagles and he wasn't conceding the unbeaten Wildcats a thing in far-off Augusta.

"Don't be too sure about next week," Wilson warned an inquisitive press box associate. "We haven't gotten out of Augusta yet."

That was before Wilson heard a report that the Wildcats were rolling as usual. He took the news without a smile, almost indifferently, as if to say, "So what did you expect?"

Meanwhile, Wilson has nothing but praise for Murphy and told Eagle coach Lefty Thompson after the game, "You've got a very good team, it should be a good one at Valdosta on Friday night."

"By the way can I do anything for you . . . I mean about accommodations?" Wilson asked, at the same time flashing a post card of a motel he thought Thompson's Eagles might like to stay in.

"No, we'll take care of everything at this end . . . of course, you might hold out some of your top boys Friday night," Thompson kidded.

Wilson didn't get the joke, but he forced a smile and shook the hand of the Murphy mentor, again congratulating him on the North Georgia

championship and the 23-7 victory over Westminster.

Wilson admitted earlier, "The Murphy passing game could hurt us. That Berry (Jimmy) and Jarrett (Roy) are two of the finest backs we've seen. Yates (Tommy) is everything we heard he was. They're tough."

Valdosta head coach Wright Bazemore had said the same thing many times before this season about other Wildcat victims.

As late as Wednesday of last week, Bazemore was quoted as saying that Richmond Academy was in excellent position to upset the Wildcats, using the motivation of playoff defeats during the past two seasons.

He even thought Richmond had good enough personnel to do the job if they got fired up. Final score, remember, Valdosta 32, Richmond Academy 0 . . . a gross mis-match.

Murphy knows about Valdosta, though Eagle coach Thompson came up with a bit of public relations himself Friday night saying, "I've been taking them one at a time. I haven't thought ahead of Westminster all week."

"We had a scout in Augusta and we'll prepare for them this week. I know they must be every bit as good as they say they are . . . everybody I've talked to says so."

**MURPHY MEMO**—Murphy end Mac Perry, one of the top receivers for the Eagles all season who missed the Westminster game after an attack of glandular fever, is through for the season. Perry's buddy, Jimmy Berry, took over the place kicking chores Friday and was true on four straight, ending up each effort flat on his back.



Wildcats' Rick Thomas (15) Starts Six-Yard TD Run

TIMES STAFF PHOTOS

# 'Cats Top Richmond

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effort." Scoring in the game went like this:

First quarter: On Richmond's second play from scrimmage Hendley recovered a fumble at the Musketeers' 33. Eight plays later Thomas circled left end for six yards and a TD. Runs by Zant, Thomas and Reaves had moved the ball down close. Smith's PAT boot was wide to the right.

Second quarter: Hall recovered a Richmond fumble at the 50. On the next play Reaves popped

### STATISTICS

	Val.	Rich.
First Downs	16	4
Yards Rushing	239	-6
Yards Passing	88	34
Passes	8-13	4-8
Passes Intc. by	0	0
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Punting	1-36	8-36.1
Penalties	5-33	4-26

through the middle and raced 45 yards to the Musketeers five. It took the 'Cats four plays to do it, but Thomas scored on a two-yard romp. Smith's PAT kick was good. Before the period ended, Valdosta drove to the Richmond three, then lost the ball on downs at the seven.

Third quarter: The 'Cats wheeled 67 yards in six plays for their third tally. Zant, on a determined, zig-zag run went the last 24 yards to score. Smith again missed with his extra point kick.

Reaves got lose again, this time sprinting 59 yards to the Richmond five. Two plays later he scored, but it was nullified by a penalty. The 'Cats were checked and had to give up the football back at the 18.

Earlier in the game Smith had

a 69-yard punt return nullified by a penalty. This time he went 52 yards after fielding a Richmond kick for a score that was allowed to stand. As he caught the ball three Musketeer defenders appeared to have him cornered. The swift VHS halfback shifted-gears, came out of the trap and did some dazzling broken field running behind good blocking to go all the way. Smith's conversion was wide of the mark.

Fourth quarter: The 'Cats moved 63 yards in 15 plays for their final TD. The score came on a four-yard run by Thomas. The quarterback connected with end Dick Bender on passes that were good for eight and 14 yards and "pitched" one 11 yards to end

for the PAT.

### LINEUPS

**Valdosta**  
Ends: Bender, Hendley, Holtzclaw, Colson, Goff, Haddock.  
Tackles: Schroer, Hunter, Oliver, Norwood, Spencer, Cannon, Harnage, Perryman.

Guards: Holt, Martin, Myddleton, Patterson, Hall, Bray, Crane.  
Centers: Robinson, Dove, Joseph, Buckner.

Backs: Zant, Barker, Thomas, Godwin, Lee, Reaves, Smith, Pearson, Bell, McLeod, Strom, Beck, Welch.

### RICHMOND

Ends: Brown, Harrrell, Holsonbake, Grooms, J. Mann, Sammons, E. Mann.  
Tackles: McClure, Mavisin, Wren.

Guards: Cook, Waddley, Beattie, Mays, Scott.

Centers: Bennett, Burnett.  
Backs: Menger, Howard Gay, Templeton, Logan, McLeod, Corley, White, Gardner.

Score by quarters:  
VALDOSTA 6 7 12 7-32  
RICHMOND 0 0 0 0

Scoring TD's — Valdosta — Thomas 3 (runs of 6, 2 and 4 yards), Zant (run of 24 yards), Smith (52 yard punt return). PAT's — Valdosta — Smith (kick), Reaves (pass from Smith).

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta — Reaves 8-118, Zant 11-64, Thomas 15-25, Smith 6-20, Strom 3-5, McLeod 1-3, Barker 2-4; Richmond — Corley 8-26, Volpitto 8-16, McLeod 2-3, Menger 8-minus 23, Howard 4-minus 16.

Passing: Valdosta — Thomas 8-13-88; Richmond — Menger 4-8-34.

Pass receiving: Valdosta — Bender 3-36, Smith 4-34, Reaves 1-12, Colson 1-11; Richmond — Sammons 2-17, Volpitto 1-7, Holsonbake 1-10.

Punt returns: Valdosta — Smith 3-74. Kickoff returns: Richmond — Corley 3-54, Volpitto 1-19, Howard 2-21, McLeod 1-20.

Defense (tackle leaders): Valdosta — Norwood 8, Hall 6, Myddleton 6, Holtzclaw 4, Schroer 3, Hendley 3, Lee 3, Holt 3, Pearson 2; Richmond — Bennett 10, Howard 6, Waddley 6, Fitzgerald 5, Mann 5, Gay 5.

Wally Colson during the march. As a change of pace, Smith faked a kick and passed to Reaves

## Title Game Ducats On Sale Monday

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Tickets for the state championship game here next Friday night will go on sale Monday at Barnes Drug Store in Brookwood Plaza, according to Valdosta High School principal Howard Bridges.

Season ticket holders will get first crack at reserved tickets. Those holding season tickets can pick up the championship game ducats between 2 p.m. Monday and 2 p.m. Wednesday, Bridges said.

About 1,500 reserved seats will go on sale Wednesday at 2 p.m. for the general public at Bob Belcher's Drub Store, 301 N. Patterson St., Bridges said.

Fiction was at a low at LOHI. . . The same can be said for VHS. . . Neither school shelved a novel by William Faulkner, John Steinbeck and only a couple of Ernest Hemmingway's books. . .

Two of the greatest books of our time were noticeably left off the shelves. . . Pulitzer prize winning "Advise and Consent" and "To Kill a Mocking Bird" should somehow find their way into the school libraries. . .

Much can be said about the physics, biology, botany, chemistry and other math and science materials. . . They are the best books in the libraries. . . Students of these subjects should have no trouble in finding what he needs. . .

But the student who is writing on the history of the English novel or the development of English poetry or anything else on as critical analysis of literature and the authors is bound to find the going hard. . . The material is not there and what is there is not enough for high schoolers. . .

## Flocking to VSC

Something should be done. . . The juniors and seniors are flocking to the college library and are at times keeping the VSC students out because of lack of room. . .

The lack of material is not anyone one person's fault. . . Both boards of education spend hundreds of dollars each year on the library. . .

The Carnegie Library downtown is well equipped along reference lines. . . That library belongs to the people of this area and students should take advantage of it and make good use of its materials. . .

## Football Scores

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS College Football

- Northwestern 29, Miami 7
- Georgia High School Football Playoffs
- Class AAA North Georgia Championship
- Murphy 28, Westminster 7
- Class AAA South Georgia Championship
- Valdosta 32, Richmond Academy 0
- Class AA North Georgia Championship
- Rossville 21, Elbert County 0
- Class AA South Georgia Championship
- North Clayton 7, Wayne Co. 6
- Class A North Georgia Championship
- Carrollton 20, Tucker 7
- Class A South Georgia Championship
- Americus 13, Screven Co. 7
- Class B North Georgia Championship
- Morgan Co. 32, Manchester 6

# 'Cats, Eagles Aim For Title

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats and Murphy's Eagles meet here Friday night in the state Class AAA football championship game and both have a bushel basket full of reasons for wanting to win.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats are the South Georgia champs and have won 11 straight this year.

They ruled as state champs in 1960 and 1961 and Valdosta wants to become the first team ever to finish atop the Georgia "AAA" grid heap three years in a row.

They have a three-year victory string going. They've won 35 in

a row and will be shooting for 36. The old consecutive game winning streak for "AAA" teams was 18 set by Albany. A win for VHS Friday would exactly double the old standard.

Playing in classes ranging from "B" to "AAA," teams coached by Bazemore have won nine state crowns. The '62 'Cats would like to tack one more state diadem on Bazemore's record and make it an even 10.

Coach Lawrence (Lefty) Thompson's Eagles from Atlanta can look in several directions and find reasons to inspire them to make an all-out bid for victory.

They have a sparkling 11-1-0 record. They already rule as Region 3-AAA, Atlanta City and North Georgia Class AAA champs.

They are the first Atlanta school to reach the state finals in five years. They want to be the first delegate from the capitol city to become the Georgia grid king since the mid-1950's.

Murphy won the state crown in 1952, so the Eagles will be shooting for their second Georgia title.

Like all other teams that Valdosta has played, the Eagles want to be the ones to halt the Wildcats' victory string.

Triumphs for Valdosta this year have been over Baker (28-0), Waycross (48-13), Jordan (46-0), Lanier (32-0), Albany (28-0), Columbus (41-6), Moultrie (13-7), Willingham (12-0), Warner Robins (47-7), LaGrange (20-0) and Richmond (32-0).

That win over Richmond came last week and gave the 'Cats their third consecutive South Georgia title. The 'Cats finished two full games ahead of their nearest rival in the 1-AAA race this year.

Murphy's lone defeat came by a 13-12 margin to Northside in their second regular season game. Murphy and Northside met again in the playoff for the 3-AAA diadem. The Eagles romped to a 14-0 victory.

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To become North Georgia champs, Murphy beat 4-AAA king Decatur, 19-0, and turned back 5-AAA champ Westminster, 28-7.

In regular season play they romped past West Fulton (25-0), North Fulton (27-6), East Atlanta (35-0), Fulton (18-0), Brown (27-14), Sylvan (20-7), Southwest (27-14) and Grady (14-6).

While Valdosta had an easy time of it with Richmond last week, Bazemore figures the battle with Murphy will be quite different.

"This will be Murphy's third straight playoff game," Bazemore said. "They really know what pressure is and they are going to be ready. Our scouts rate Murphy as much stronger than any team we've played. They have a tough defense and a well balanced attack.

"We are going to have our hands full Friday night and we better be ready."

# Rebs' Home Opener Set

## Valdosta State Cagers To Meet Alabama Christian Here Monday

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta State College's Rebels will make their first "home" appearance of the 1962-63 basketball season here Monday night.

Coach Gary Colson's Rebels will meet the Alabama Christian College Eagles in a game slated for 8:15 p. m. at the VSC gym.

The Rebs launched their campaign in the Tipoff Tournament at Rome last week. They licked Berry, 55-36, in the opening round then bowed to Shorter, 52-40, in the finals.

That means VSC will carry a 1-1 record into its contest with coach Willard Tate's Eagles on Monday.

Next Friday and Saturday, the Rebs will be in Lakeland, Fla., playing in the Citrus tournament with Florida Southern, Rollins and Mercer. First round pairings for the tourney call for Valdosta State to play Florida Southern and Rollins to meet Mercer.

But Alabama Christian is the chief worry for the moment for Colson's charges.

The Rebs licked the Eagles 85-61 in the only game they played last season. But that was ball team and they had an all-freshman squad.

The Montgomery, Ala., quintet has all of its 1961-62 starters in the fold, plus 6-6 Jackie Bradford. A few seasons back Bradford averaged better than 30 points a game while playing for

Pine Grove High.

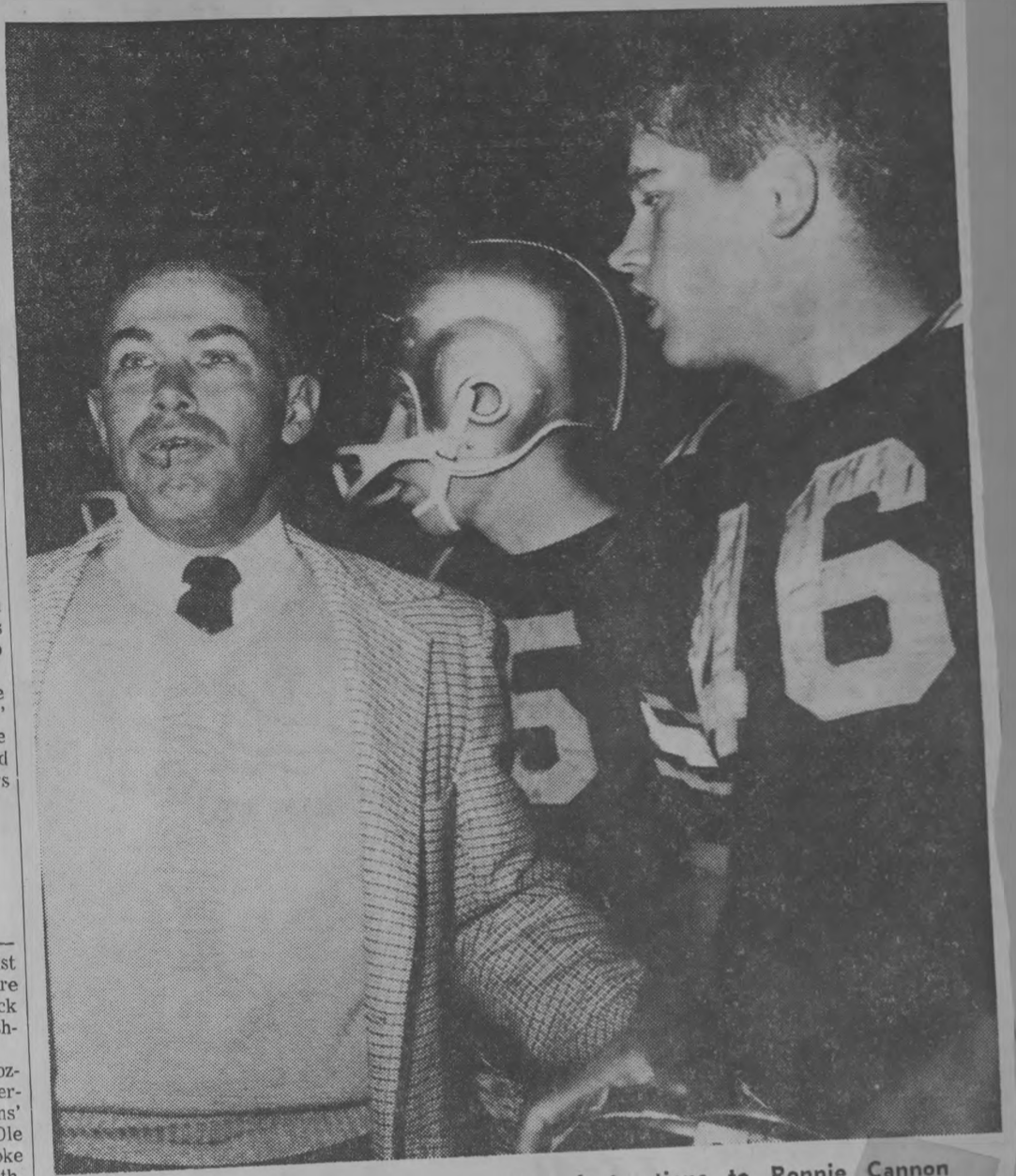
Valdosta State has followed a Alabama Christian's first basket-slowed down practice pace during the Thanksgiving holidays. Colson said he was uncertain about his starters for Monday's game, but he hinted a lineup shuffle might be in the offing.

"I haven't decided about the starters for Monday's game," Colson said. "There are some things which must be considered before a final choice of starters can be made."

### Luke Sparkles In Frosh Game

STATE COLLEGE, Miss. — Butch Luke, a defensive specialist from Valdosta, Ga., did his share as Mississippi State turned back ole Miss, 14-0, in a college freshman football game Friday.

Luke, a linebacker, made a dozen individual tackles. He recovered a fumble at the Baby Maroons' two-yard line to halt one Ole Miss scoring threat and broke up a pass which nipped off another Baby Rebel scoring try.



VHS Grid Boss Wright Bazemore Gives Instructions to Ronnie Cannon



—Times Staff Photo

### Junior Garden Club Readies Christmas Decorations

Christmas decorations and arrangements are being made this weekend by the Valdosta Junior Garden Club for their annual demonstration Tuesday at the Garden Center auditorium at 4:15 p.m. Club members Darlene Smith, Mary Young Smotherman, Susan Shingler and Judy Babcock spent most of their

Thanksgiving holidays getting the program ready. Girls of high school and junior high school ages are invited to the meeting. Darlene says girls at the demonstration will be shown new ways of decorating for Christmas and party ideas.

## MURPHY, VALDOSTA ARE READY

By TERRY KAY

It's almost like the story of the little train that puffed along say "I know I can. I know I can."

Both Murphy High School, settled in an edge of metropolitan Atlanta, and Valdosta High School, a few miles north of Florida, are taking that attitude this week as time nears for the two to make combat for Georgia's AAA football crownship on Friday night at Valdosta.

Valdosta, of course, is the for-certain-enough-real football power of Coach Wright Bazemore; the power that has more distance between winning and losing than any other team in the state, three years to be exact.

"THIS WOULD make our third straight triple A championship," Coach Bazemore said early Wednesday morning. "Yes, Valdosta has had three straight championships before, back in the early fifties when we were in Class A.

"But I tell you," the coach continued, "we know that Murphy has one of the best in the state and people tell us the best that we've faced in three years. It's not going to be an easy game."

Bazemore declined to compare the 1962 team with the others before them. "It's almost like comparing sons. You just don't like to do it.

If the weather is cold in Valdosta, the football action won't be. Murphy, under Coach Lefty Thompson, is carrying the hope and potential of an upset to the Southern city.

"It would take a supreme effort on our part to defeat Valdosta," said Coach Thompson. "But I think we might do it. The boys have a good attitude about the game and that means a lot."

Thompson confirmed that star and Mac Perry, out with glandular fever, would definitely miss the game. "We'll miss him three important ways, defense, pass receiving and blocking.

"Even Perry's replacement on defense, Roger Derthick, will be out. He has a torn ligament."

Coach Thompson emphasized the power of Valdosta on punt returns.

"That might make a difference," he said. "Our punter, Jimmy Blissett (who kicks bare-foot), gets them high and long. I hope that is in our favor."



Valdosta Tackle Corps: Henry Harnage, Ronnie Cannon, Billy Schroer, Charles Oliver, Bill Henry, Randy Hunter

—Times Staff Photo

# VHS, Richmond Polish Attacks

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Both the Valdosta Wildcats and Richmond Academy Musketeers have offensive plans they hope will work against the other's proven tough defense.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and coach Bill Fulcher's Musketeers will meet Friday night at Augusta in a playoff for the South Georgia Class AAA football championship.

The 'Cats have won 10 games in a march which carried them to their third straight Region 1-AAA title. In those 10 outings they allowed five touchdowns and shut out six opponents.

Richmond has a 7-3-1 record. It has whitewashed four foes and limited as many more to a single touchdown. Fulcher has proclaimed

ed that the Musketeers' strong defense paved the way for them to win the 2-AAA diadem.

But neither coach has been bold enough to predict that the game tomorrow night might end in a scoreless tie.

Richmond has eight backfield regulars. They are quarterbacks Carl Menger (160, jr.) and Lee Howard (160, sr.), halfbacks David Volipitto (170, soph.), Richard McLeod (158, jr.), Kent Logan (158, jr.) and Eddie Gay (172, soph.) and fullbacks Teddy Corley (185, jr.) and Billy White (170, jr.).

The Musketeers have a very strong ground attack led by Menger, Volipitto, McLeod and Corley. Corley has scored 42 points and McLeod has 30 to his credit.

Menger is a much better than average passer and the Musketeers can and will strike through the air.

Offensive leaders for the 'Cats this season have been quarterback Rick Thomas, halfbacks Giles Smith and Stan Reaves and fullbacks Walter Zant and Sirois Barker.

Thomas led Region 1-AAA in passing and total offense while Smith set the pace in the league in scoring and pass receiving.

The 'Cats like to throw and their running game depends more on speed than power.

Other backs who are regulars for Valdosta are quarterbacks Hank Lee and Terry Godwin and halfbacks Neil Bell and Cloy Blanton. They are defensive specialist. Injuries will keep Blanton on the sideline tomorrow night. Godwin and Bell have just returned to the active list after being out with injuries.

Much will depend on how the "battle" of the lines goes. Forward wall regulars for the 'Cats include Dick Bender, Danny Hendley, Bill Holtzclaw, Wally Colson, Frank Haddock, Christie Patterson, Bill Myddleton, Bo Hall, Bill Henry, Bill Holt, Jack

Martin, Charles Oliver, Billy Schroer, Randy Hunter, Foy Norwood and Jimmy Robinson. Two other front-line troopers, guards Greg Jones and Bobby Moore, are out with injuries.

Richmond also has a full set of offensive and defensive specialists in the line. They include the following:

Ends Phil Brown (170, sr.), Robert Holsonback (170, jr.), Steve Harrell (160, jr.) and Julius Mann (175, jr.), tackles Bill Mauldin (200, sr.), Berry Wren (170, sr.) and Larry Fitzgerald (200, sr.), guards Lloyd May (195, sr.), Tommy Beatie (155, soph.) and Tom Cook (175, sr.) and centers Ricky Burnett (195, jr.) and Ken Burnett (185, jr.).

This will be the third straight year Valdosta and Richmond have met in the South Georgia "AAA" playoff. The first time was in 1960 at Augusta and that one did end in a scoreless tie. The 'Cats got credit for a 2-0 "statistical" victory that year. In 1961 they met here, with VHS notching a 28-0 win.