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1963-'64

Barbara Knoll Continues Net Success In England

Notes On This And That:

Fomer Valdosta High tennis and basketball star Barbara Knoll enjoyed net success in England this summer.

Barbara moved to England with her parents. Her father is a U. S. Air Force colonel who is stationed there.



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Anyway, Barbara won the singles crown and shared in a doubles title in the Bury and West Suffolk Junior tourney and won the 18 singles crowns in the Humpthorn Junior and Ladies Open events. She earned second place honors in three other tourneys.

She writes that she will be returning to the U. S. next summer and her current plans are to attend Trinity University. Trinity has a well known student named Chuck McKinley, America's top-ranked amateur netter.

While attending VHS, Barbara teamed with Nancy Simon to win the Georgia State Class AAA girls doubles crown in 1962. She won

or finished high in quite a few other tournaments.

Bill Mote of Valdosta, while fishing near the Miller Bridge between Hahira and Morven in Lowndes County, came up with more than a fish. Mote leveled a rifle at a big rattlesnake he found crawling along a river road. It netted him one snake, five feet, five inches long.

Valdostan Jerry Varnado, an end candidate at Georgia, suffered a broken finger during a recent drill. Haven't heard how long the injury will keep Varnado on the sideline.

A Columbus scribe says "Baker will have the best team in its football history this season." Valdosta's Wildcats will open their 1963 season against Baker here on Friday night.

Mistaken Identity?

And Complete Sport Magazine has recognized the unbeaten 1962 VHS team as the nation's best prep eleven for last season and predicts the 'Cats will repeat. The story says the 1963 'Cats will be loaded with veterans and will have a king-size line and backfield. In reality VHS will be young and must "rebuild." "Those were mighty nice things Complete Sports said about our 1963 team," Bazemore said. "I just wish we were going to be as big and have as many veterans as the story claims. They must have gotten us mixed up with another team."

Bazemore contends his current VHS squad is so inexperienced "the boys didn't even know how to say the pre-game prayer" before a recent practice contest.

And Cook (Adel) coach Bobby Rich says he wants to borrow "Coach Bazemore's crying towel." "We graduated, in proportion, just as many regulars as Valdosta did," Rich says. "My song is just as sad as the one Coach Bazemore is singing." Cook opens against Lowndes County this week, but the Golden Eagles certainly aren't taking the Hornets lightly. At least LOHI grid boss David Barker has been warning his charges to be ready for a very tough game.

VHS 3rd On Rate Chart

ATLANTA (AP)—In every class except AAA, last year's champions head the new season's opening parade in the Top Ten of Georgia high school football.

In AAA, Macon Willingham's 21-0 triumph over Warner Robins convinced 6 of a panel of 10 sportswriters that it was kingpin of its class for the moment. The championship Valdosta eleven was idle and wound up third in the ratings.

The opening Top Ten by classes in order:

AAA—Willingham, Richmond, Valdosta, Marietta, Decatur, Grady, Murphy, R. E. Lee, Westminster, Athens.

AA—Rossville, Cedartown, Jesup, Cairo, North Clayton, Ware Co., College Park, Bainbridge, Waycross, Chamblee.

A—Americus, Carrollton, Tucker, Dublin, Murray Co., Pepperell,

Cass, Irwin Co., North Habersham, Thomasville.

B—Morgan Co., Hawkinsville, Manchester, Fort Valley, Roswell, Blakely, Claxton, Camden Co., Coosa, Rabun Co.

C—Lexington, McEachern, Buford, West Point, Davis, Greensboro, Monticello, Bremen, Warren Co., Jones Co.

Baker To Unleash Veteran Backfield

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

While Valdosta continues to look for ways to get its attack moving, the Baker Lions of Columbus have a veteran backfield crew they are ready to turn loose here Friday night.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats and coach Bubba Ball's Lions will open their seasons in a Region 1-AAA encounter slated at Cleveland Field.

The 'Cats will put a three-season, 36-game victory streak on the line and must defend their state Class AAA crown with a squad Bazemore calls VHS' "youngest and least experienced in many, many years."

Among the missing is the 1962 backfield combo of Rick Thomas, Giles Smith, Stan Reeves and Walter Zant. This foursome was chiefly responsible for the Wildcats' 30-points plus scoring average last fall.

Bazemore says the probable backfield starters on offense Friday will be quarterback Cloy Blanton (165-sr.), halfbacks Terry Godwin (145-sr.) and Hank Lee (180-sr.) and fullback Albert McLeod (165-jr.). Halfback Bill Parramore (140-soph.) is slated to open at defensive end and quarterback Robert Strom (155-soph.) will be at a linebacking post with the stop'em crew.

All of this is subject to change, the coach says. Since practice started Bazemore has been moving players from position to position on almost a daily basis. He's tried tackle Foy Norwood and guard Bobby Moore at fullback, tested McLeod at end and had Lee and Blanton alternating between quarterback and halfback.

"We simply haven't been able to move the ball in practice," Bazemore said. "If we can't do it



—Times Staff Photo

CLYO BLANTON

Starter At QB

posed of returning regular from a 1962 team which compiled a 6-3-1 record. They are quarterback Paul Ferguson (175) halfbacks John Bolles (175) and Corky Owens (160) and fullback Jimmy Payne (187). The Lions have two more returning regulars, halfback Harold Lane (155-jr.) and fullback Danny Vinning (175-sr.) plus halfback Warren Bowland (172-sr.), a promising transfer, on its list of defensive starters.

Bolles was Region 1-AAA's sixth-leading rusher in 1962, picking up 603 yards on 120 carries for an average of better than five yards per trip. He's pegged as a sure-bet for All-State honors this year.

Ferguson is a slick thrower, Owens offers good speed and Payne rates as a very strong runner.

To go with all of this is kicking specialist Steve Davis, son of the Lions' top assistant coach Alvin (Pig) Davis. Young Davis scored 16 points last year on 13 PAT's and a field goal. This year his field goal range goes almost back to the mid-field stripe.

Ball, always an optimist, has already predicted Baker will win and avenge a 28-0 licking the Lions suffered at the hands of Valdosta in the 1962 lidlifter.

Part of the basis for that prediction is Ball's contention that the Lions' "offense will be much better than it was last year."

Columbus scribes have tagged the 1963 Baker team the "best in the school's football history." Bazemore, plagued by doubt and worries, has been urging his charges to be "ready to do your best."

ever, were defensive specialists last fall. Incidentally, Bazemore says Lee and Godwin will be two-way performers. They are in line for duty at safety with the de-

Balance Is Watchword In 1-AAA This Season

The sound of football leather popping is starting to echo from prep gridirons around the state, so let's take a closer look at how things shape up for three teams close to home.

Valdosta will be battling in Region 1-AAA, Lowndes County is in the 1-AA (West) scramble and Hahira is competing for the 1-B (East) crown. Those are the three loops we will try to form chart today.

Coach Wright Bazemore's VHS Wildcats have dominated 1-AAA for three years, but they must "rebuild" this time out and for now rate as a question mark club.

Bazemore evaluates 1-AAA this way: "I think the region will be well balanced this year and I don't think anyone will make it through the season unbeaten."

Willingham's Rams were the pre-season pick and they started living up to their rating with a solid, 21-0, victory over Warner Robins. Defense was the Rams' "strong suit" last fall and it looks as if Bill Henderson has another solid stop'em crew.



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Moultrie, with a veteran line; Albany with experience at all positions, and Lanier, with plenty of offensive talent, are three others rated very high. Columbus scribes have been saying both Columbus High and Baker will "have their strongest teams ever" and Jordan looked impressive in an opening win over Central, Ala.

Not too much has been heard from or said about LaGrange. But the Grangers have some vets and many youngsters with potential. Here's something to remember, coach Oliver Hunnicutt's teams are always tough.

It's like Bazemore said, 1-AAA offers balance this year and I'll let you do your own guessing about the probable winner.



THE BLAZERS TO APPEAR ON TELETHON

A well-known local band, The Blazers, auditioned in Albany recently for an appearance on the Boys Ranch Telethon to be held there March 14 and 15. They will appear at about 12:00 Saturday night. Another local combo, The Chevelles, of Hahira, announced in last week's Independent its appearance on the telethon.

The Blazers are composed of Ansel Clark, lead guitar,

Roger Milam, rhythm guitar, Bobby Steele, base guitar, and Ivey Plair at the drums. This will be Ivey's second appearance on the telethon, but the first appearance for the other three members.

The band auditioned with "Penetration", originally composed by the Ventures.

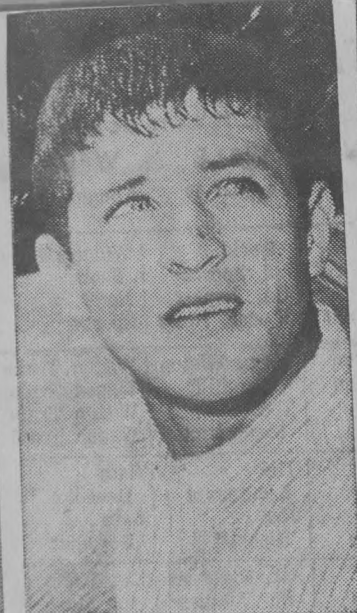
The Blazers will also appear in the Valdosta High School Talent Show Friday night at 8:00 at the school.



RICHARDS
Uphold Law



ROSEMOND
Patriotism



YOUNG
No



FRANCES
Practice



BYRD
Qualified



SPURLOCK
Give Life

How Strong Youngsters 'Love Of Country'?

By MARY RAWLS

Adults often complain teenagers are spoiled and take for granted freedom and the good life they enjoy in this country.

But a poll conducted this week by the Valdosta Daily Times shows young people give serious thought to what constitutes a good American.

In a nationwide poll by a magazine more than four-fifths of the 1,346 polled consider themselves loyal citizens. The old-fashioned phrase "love of country," turns out to be choice of one-fifth of them (across the country), as the most important characteristic of a responsible citizen.

"If a person truly loves his country, he is loyal and all the other things follow naturally," declared a junior at Lowndes County High School.

Those who don't consider themselves good Americans

criticize their own apathy about public affairs, lack of learning about the country and, in general, "taking the easy way out."

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"I feel I'm a good American but far from the best," said Linda Bailey, 16, of Hahira High School.

"Everybody has room for improvement," she added.

Ellice Passmore, 15, of Hahira High said to be an American means freedom to set your own ideals.

"I feel I've lived up to mine," she said.

Peggy Stith, 15, of HHS said she thinks young people as a whole are loyal Americans.

Jeanne Baca, 14, of Valdosta High School said she is loyal to her country while Terry Frances, 15, of VHS said "everyone should practice what they preach patriotism."

Willingness to die for the coun-

try was not on everybody's list as a characteristic for a loyal American.

Bob Young, 18, VHS said "No, I'm not as loyal as I should be. I wouldn't give my life for my country I don't think."

"I think patriotism is respect for ones country. I have that but it depends on the situation, who we were fighting as to whether or not I'd be willing to give my life," said Bobo Rosemond, 15, VHS.

Girls seem more willing to give up their lives for the country than boys.

"That's because they know they don't have to die as readily as men do," said a LOHI senior.

Ann Spurlock, 16, of VHS said she was willing to die for her country.

James Lineberger, 16, VHS said he wouldn't give up his

"But I would join the Peace Corps. I believe in America because it provides opportunities, freedom. I appreciate what little freedom there is left in the world, however it all seems to be going to pot even here," said Lineberger.

Jeanie Byrd, 16, of VHS said, "I think I have all the qualifications of being a good citizen."

"I try to uphold the law and do what I can for my country. Yes, I think I'm loyal," said 16-year-old Dave Richards of VHS.

Nearly all agreed that honesty, courage and vitality, consideration and respect for others were part of being a good citizen.

And keeping politically informed is a characteristic not a single student polled named as a definite qualification for a



LINEBERGER
Going To Pot



BACA



—Times Staff Photo
Teammates Congratulate VHS' Cloy Blanton (16) As Ref Signals TD He Scored

'Dosta Edges Baker, 6-0

Young Team Shows Tough Defense In Season Debut

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's youthful Wildcats made up for what football polish they might lack with raw courage as they edged past Baker's Lions of Columbus, 6-0, in a super thriller here Friday night.

It was the season opener for coach Wright Bazemore's Cats, who have many new faces in the lineup but showed the crowd of approximately 7,500 a traditionally tough Valdosta defense and a rocket-quick scoring thrust with less than six minutes left to play.

The triumph stretched a VHS winning streak which dates back to the start of the 1960 season to 37 games. It got the 'Cats started with a Region 1-AAA win and gave Bazemore a thrill that he said "matched any state championship victory."

It was a stunning setback for a veteran Baker team rated in pre-game speculation as the best in the Lions' football history. Coach Bubba Ball's Lions, however, didn't go down easily. The 'Cats had to claw for their lives all the way.

Valdosta's and the game's lone score came with only 5:53 left to play. Halfback Terry Godwin went 51 yards on a dazzling punt return which carried to the 11. Quarterback Cloy Blanton circled right end for the remaining distance with a determined run. He was hit

at the three, but lunged forward to plant the pigskin in paydirt. Foy Norwood's PAT was blocked.

Then Baker tried to fire off a scoring bomb of its own. Halfback Wayne Bowland broke clean on the kickoff return and had legged it 43 yards to the Valdosta 43 when Godwin, the last Wildcat in his way, made the stop. A 25-yard-pass from quarterback Paul Ferguson to end Neil McLean staked the Lions to a first down at the Valdosta 18.

In a series which saw Baker run six plays and the 'Cats draw a pair of penalties, the Lions could move forward only six yards to the 12. The 'Cats took over on downs and hung on to the pigskin to run out the clock and claim what must rank as one of the sweetest victories in Valdosta's long and colorful football history.

That final stand was just a sample of the kind of defense the 'Cats used all the way to stop Baker's highly touted attack.

Bazemore called the triumph a "great team effort" and doing their part to help the cause along with Godwin, Blanton and Norwood were linemen Robert Goff, Jimmy Neal, Bruce Buie, Bill Welch, Larry Wainwright, Stuart Mullis, Ronnie Cannon, Mark Hollis, Steven Wansley, Kenny Clifton, Kendell Varnedoe, Jack Martin and Tommy Dove and backs Billy Bray, Hank Lee, Albert McLeod, Robert Strom and Bill Parramore.

The 'Cats made virtually no headway on offense in the first half, netting just one first down, seven yards rushing and none passing. They got one scoring try when Mullis recovered a fumble at the Baker 25, but the Lions shoved

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No One Knows Answer To Wildcat Question

A question football fans here and around the state keep asking is, how are the Valdosta Wildcats going to do this season?

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats get their 1963 campaign started here Friday night in a Region 1-AAA duel with the Baker Lions of Columbus.

The 'Cats have dominated both 1-AAA and the state Class AAA grid ranks for three years in a row. But this is a "start over" year for them, one in which Bazemore and his aides J. B. Roland, Bill Davis, Charlie Greene and Joe Wilson face a major "rebuilding" job.

Most of the local fans I've talked to are confident the 1963 Wildcats, in keeping with Valdosta's great football tradition, will come through again. Most aren't talking about an unbeaten season, but, nevertheless, a successful campaign.

A pre-season poll of 1-AAA coaches showed they thought VHS would finish

fourth in the Region 1-AAA race. The first of a weekly rating of teams by sportswriters around the state has Valdosta in third place right now.

How can the Wildcats be third best in the state, as the scribes say, and finish fourth in the 1-AAA title scramble, as the region coaches have predicted? Gives you an idea of the division of opinion about the 'Cats.

Bazemore is singing the blues. With him that's not at all unusual. He had a veteran ball club at the start of the 1962 season, one well stocked with returning regulars from a championship team. The VHS mentor, however, didn't exactly sparkle with optimism.

The VHS grid boss says this season he has real cause for concern since this is his "youngest, smallest and least experienced squad in many, many years."



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Working Hard

"We (the VHS coaches) have worked harder than at any time I can remember in the past," Bazemore has said. "I haven't had a good night's sleep since practice started because I keep worrying about who we should play where."

This definitely is a real concern since Bazemore has been juggling players from position to position in wholesale numbers.

He has said over and over the 'Cats' offense, or rather a lack of it, is a major worry. A lack of speed, size and experience in the backfield is, according to the coach, the factor which is slowing down the attack.

Bazemore has said he thinks there is some "defensive potential," but again, the coaches are having to teach the youngsters fundamentals at a time when they should be concentrating on the special things they must be able to do in their opener.

He's tossed out the prediction that since this is a young team the fans can expect it "to do very well in one ball game and only so-so in another." Bazemore says all inexperienced players are prone to making mistakes, "the kind which can 'kill' you against a tough opponent."

Crucial Game

Region 1-AAA has an established reputation for balance and overall strength. This is a fact. Baker, according to its coach Bubba Ball and the Columbus sportswriters, will be much improved this year. And let me say I thought Baker had a tough, well-coached team in 1962 even though it lost to Valdosta, 28-0.

Since the 'Cats are young and untested, this season opener is a crucial game. A victory could provide the spark which would fire them up and result in a successful season. A defeat could deflate them so that a comeback would be difficult.

Frankly, I don't know how the 'Cats will do on Friday night or the remainder of the season. I'm also convinced Bazemore doesn't know how his charges will do this year.

Here are some things which you should keep in mind. This is a new look outfit, but it is a Bazemore-coached Valdosta team. It is going to play with enthusiasm, the boys are going to strike and they are going to give it all they have all the way. This is a Wildcat tradition. It, however, is not an absolute guarantee of victory.

We haven't answered the question, how will the Wildcats do this season? Frankly, no one really knows the answer right now.



'Cats' Hank Lee (18) Slows Warren Bowland (43) As Foy Norwood (44) Moves In to Help

'Dosta Raps Baker

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the 'Cats back out to the 42. Valdosta also had to halt one Baker push to the 20 as the Lions picked up six first downs, 72 yards rushing and 22 passing in the first two periods. Moore recovered a fumble to stop that Baker thrust

STATISTICS

	Val.	Baker
First Downs	7	8
Yards Rushing	80	60
Yards Passing	7	47
Passes	2-6	2-6
Passes Intc. by	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Punting	7-34.5	7-40.3
Penalties	6-42	1-10

plays the 'Cats drove to the nine. The threat ended when the Lions' Bowland intercepted a pass on the goal line and brought it back out to the five.

Blanton was the Valdosta attack leader with 56 yards on 18 carries. McLeod was next with 17 on eight runs. Godwin's total of 96 yards on two punt returns was accomplished with the help of good blocking and some determined running by the small (145 pound), but hard-hitting junior.

There were many heroes in the defensive ranks. Among them were Norwood and Buie, with eight tackles each; Wainwright with five and Lee, McLeod, Moore and Martin with four apiece. But again, team effort was Valdosta's key to success.

Baker never got its highly advertised attack going against the stubborn VHS defense. Halfback Corky Owens, with 25 yards

on six runs, and fullback Jimmy Payne, with 22 yards on 10 tries, were the Lions' rushing leaders.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta — Blanton 18-56, McLeod 8-17, Moore 4-7; Baker — Owen 6-25, Bolles 10-22, Payne 8-15, Bowland 6-11.
 Passing: Valdosta — Blanton 2-3-7, Lee 0-3-0; Baker — Ferguson 2-6-47.
 Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Henry 1-4; Norwood 1-3; Baker — McLean 1-25; Bowland 1-22.
 Punt Return: Valdosta — Godwin 4-96; Baker — Owens 1-4.
 Kickoff Return: Baker — Bowland 2-54, Owens 1-7.
 Defense Leaders (tackles): Valdosta — Norwood—8, Buie —8, Lee — 4, McLeod — 4, Moore —4, Martin — 4, Henry —3, Wainwright — 5, Bray — 3, Blanton —3, Varnedoe — 2, Cannon — 2, Parramore — 2, Strom — 2, Clifton — 2; Baker — Payne 9, Bassett 3, Wells 4, Bolles 3, Burroughs 3.

Quarterback Paul Ferguson hit on two passes for 47 yards. A diving catch by end McLean after the ball had been batted into the air by two Valdosta defenders accounted for one 25-yard completion. Payne was Baker's top defender with nine stops to his credit.

LINEUPS

Valdosta
 Ends: Norwood, Goff, Neal, Buie, Welch.
 Tackles: Wainwright, Mullis, Cannon, Hollis, Wansley.
 Guards: Clifton, Varnedoe, Henry, Martin.
 Centers: Dove.
 Backs: Bray, Godwin, Blanton, Lee, McLeod, Strom, Parramore.
 Baker
 Ends: Harden, Wells, McLean, Emerson.
 Tackles: Lawrence, Holloway, Bassett.
 Guards: Morris, Burroughs, Ogletree.
 Centers: Schumacher.
 Backs: Bowland, Shores, Owens, Payne, Vining, Bolles, Lane, Ferguson, Davis, Harmon.
 Score by quarters follow:
 Valdosta 0 0 6-6
 Baker 0 0 0-0
 Scoring TD's: Valdosta — Blanton, (11 yd. run).



Baker Defender Almost Puts VHS' Blanton In Coaches' Laps

VHS Golfers Open Season With Victory

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's golfing Wildcats opened their 1964 season here Thursday with a victory over the Cook (Adel) Hornets.

Coach Julian LeFiles' 'Cats carded a team total of 327 in the medal-play match over the Valdosta Country Club course. Team score for the Hornets was 345.

Ansel Clark carded a 79 to lead the 'Cats and become medalist in the match. Eddie Register's 81 was low for the foursome from Adel.

Next match for the VSC linksmen is April 3 when they go against Region 1-AAA foe Moultrie there.

Scores in yesterday's match follows:

Valdosta (327) — John Rosemond, 80; Pen Wells, 87; Jimmy Rigsby, 81; Ansel Clark, 79.
 Cook (345) — Thad Wiseman, 82; Eddie Register, 81; Pat Spells, 86; Wayne Wiseman, 96.

Representatives of Valdosta High Tri-Hi-Y are Mary Sessions and Ann Spurlock. Each school is allowed a designated number of Senate or House delegates and one press representatives. This year Miss Sessions has been appointed by the Youth Governor to serve on a special committee which will consider the bills passed in the House or Senate to improve, defeat, or combine the bills. Miss Spurlock will serve as press representative.

By Ann Spurlock

HI-Y AND TRI-HI-Y ATTEND STATE YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Valdosta Remains Top Duck in 1-AAA

By CHICO GENOVESE
Atlanta Journal Staff Writer

VALDOSTA—"I've got just four of 22 regulars back from last year's team and my squad for 1963 of 45 players includes 27 sophomores," Wright Bazemore blurted while waiting for his team's third practice session of the day to begin, "and people think I'm going to win again this season." He chuckled almost sardonically toward his coaches—they didn't return the laugh.

Bazemore, a veteran of 20 years at the Valdosta coaching helm not only is a master strategist and a wizard at extracting a player's best ability, but the years of experience he's spent in 1-AAA competition have gifted the coach with a great perceptive sense. He knows that his 1963 club, riddled by the loss of as much top talent that can be lost through graduation, will resemble the top duck in a shooting gallery all year long.

After 36 successive triumphs and three straight AAA state titles, this is the year rival coaches have been waiting for.

Gone are the likes of Rick Thomas, Giles Smith and Walter Zant from the explosive Wildcat backfield. Gone are Billy Schroer, Bill Myddelton, and Danny Hendiey from the hard-hitting line among others, all of whom contributed stout efforts to the greatest championship high school team in the country for 1962.

SAVAGE SCRIMMAGING, while other schools are just handing out pads, is a Valdosta trademark indelibly inscribed by Bazemore and is the basic reason he can push his club farther and get "that little bit extra" from his boys. Three times a day the Wildcats hit the training field, and each other, with frightening impact.

In the Bazemore practice setup, there are no stragglers—pride keeps each boy keyed up and brutal contact work keeps him in shape. It is here where Valdosta's success story originates.

Leading the 1962 offensive unit for the AAA champs are Foy Norwood, a tackle in 1962, and another tackle, Steve Wansley. Every other first-stringer on this unit will be starting his first varsity contest. Only end Bruce Buie and guard Bill Henry have sufficient credentials as a previous defensive regular. Look dim for the Bazemoremen? Not so, say most observers close enough to Valdosta football to know.

Although Bazemore will be going with an entirely new offensive backfield, one prep football coach in south Georgia who has seen the Wildcats work out often this year as well as in the past, was emphatic in playing down the 1962 collapse rumors about Valdosta.

"DON'T KID yourself," the observer snapped with an admonishing finger waving in your face, "those sophs and juniors he's (Bazemore) got going for him this year, battled his 1962 first team better than any team Valdosta faced all year—and they did it every day in practice."

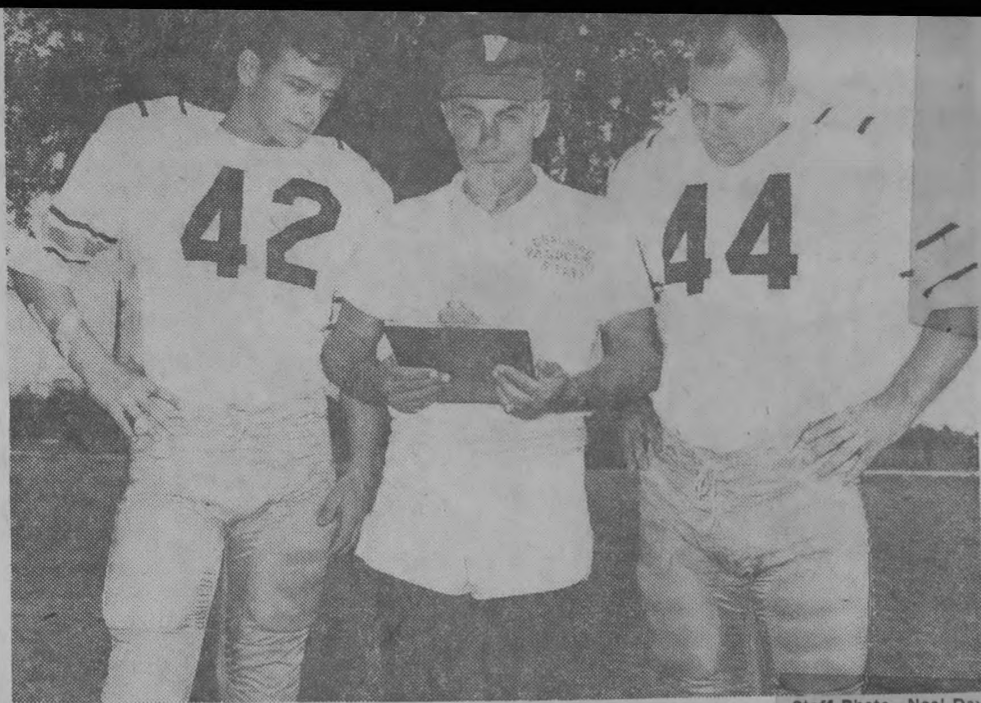
Norwood has been switched to fullback on offense to pick up some of the slack there and Foy's 215 pounds will do plenty of damage. Hank Lee will start at quarterback, Cloy Blanton and Terry Godwin are the Wildcat halfbacks.

Wansley will direct the offensive line charge. He's the only senior of seven first-stringers there. Bruce Buie is the only returning senior on the entire defensive unit for this year. Junior Bill Henry and Buie were defensive starters last year.

Most schools would call this

VALDOSTA ROSTER

Ends: Bruce Buie (Sr. 160 lbs.), Bob Goff (Jr. 155), Emerson Bell (So. 145), John Gunter (So. 160), Butch Pipkin (So. 135), Kenny Bounds (So. 155).
Tackles: Steve Wansley (Sr. 215 lbs.), Jerry Coleman (Jr. 180), Joe Crane (Jr. 175), Stu Mullis (Jr. 195), Jay Perryman (Sr. 165), Wayne Young (So. 145), Mark Hellis (So. 180), Ricky Rogers (So. 175), Larry Wainwright (So. 215), Butch Dollar (Jr. 170).
Guards: Billy Joseph (Jr. 165 lbs.), Jack Martin (Jr. 175), Ken Clifton (So. 175), Jay Hingson (So. 155), Jimmy Miller (So. 165), Bobby Moore (So. 180), Kindall Varnadoe (So. 175), Bill Welch (So. 155).
Centers: Tommy Dove (Jr. 170 lbs.), Clay Freeman (So. 155), Jimmy Giddens (So. 160).
Quarterbacks: Hank Lee (Sr. 180 lbs.), Larry Colson (So. 145), Bob Strom (Sr. 155).
Halfbacks: Cloy Blanton (Sr. 165 lbs.), Billy Bray (Jr. 135), Jimmy Buckner (Jr. 135), Terry Godwin (Jr. 155), Larry Spell (Jr. 145), Mike Garwood (So. 160), Bobby King (So. 145), Bill Passmore (So. 145), Gene Seago (So. 145).
Fullback: Foy Norwood (Sr. 215).



Staff Photo—Noel Davis

VALDOSTA COACH WRIGHT BAZEMORE (C) CHECKS GAME STRATEGY
Fullback Foy Norwood (R), Guard Bill Henry Will Lead AAA Title Defense

year a rebuilding one for Valdosta, Bazemore would also but the ex-Mercer College grid star who twice scored 10 touchdowns in one game during the same season, molds players into seasoned regulars by opening game time. In a sense, it's not practice at all, it's serious business.

Rebuilding year for the national champs—what do you think? Columbus' Baker invades Valdosta Friday night for the 'Cats first test.

Valdosta Lineup Shuffled Again

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats open their 1963 season here Friday night and coach Wright Bazemore is still wrestling with the problem of who to play where.

The lidlifter for the 'Cats is slated for 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field against highly regarded Region 1-AAA opponent Baker of Columbus.

Since pre-season practice started Bazemore has been moving his young and inexperienced players from position to position in search of that "best combination."

The 'Cats won 36 games in a row and three consecutive state Class AAA crowns in 1960-61-62, but they start this year with only a sprinkling of veterans and one of the smallest and least experienced squads in many seasons.

Here's Bazemore's latest list of VHS probable starters for the opener:

Offense — ends Robert Goff (145-jr.) and Bill Welch (150-soph.), tackles Stuart Mullis (185-jr.) and Steve Wansley (215-sr.) or Mark Hollis (175-jr.), center Tommy Dove (165-jr.), quarterback Cloy Blanton (165-sr.), halfbacks Albert McLeod (165-jr.) and Terry Godwin (145-jr.), fullback Bobby Moore (175-soph.).

Defense — ends Bruce Buie (160-sr.) and Jimmy Neel (170-soph.), tackles Ronnie Cannon (200-soph.) and Larry Wainwright (215-soph.), middle guard Kendall Varnadoe (175-soph.), outside linebackers Billy Bray (131-jr.) and Bill Parramore (140-soph.), inside linebackers Foy Norwood (215-sr.) and Ken Clifton (165-soph.) and safetymen Hank Lee (180-sr.) and Robert Strom (155-soph.).

This, as Bazemore has said often, is subject to change right up to the opening whistle tomorrow night. He's already made several changes from a list of probable starters he announced earlier in the week.

But regardless of who winds up playing where, there will be just seven returning regulars in the lineup, Norwood, Martin, Henry, Blanton, Godwin, Moore, and Lee. And right now only Henry is slated to open at the post he held down last fall, offensive guard.

Ball has announced the Lions' probable starters as follows:

Offense — ends Huddleston Harden (179-sr.) and Neil McLean (194-sr.), tackles Tommy Bassett (192-sr.) and Jimmy Lawrence (197-sr.), guards Ronnie Ogletree (163-sr.) and Mike Norris (160-sr.), center Ed Schumacher (175-sr.), quarterback Paul Ferguson (175-sr.), halfbacks John Bolles (165-sr.) and Corky Owens (160-sr.), fullback Jimmy Payne (187-sr.).

Defense — Ends Darwin Box (184-jr.) and McLean, tackles Frank Holloway (186-sr.) and Bassett, middle guard Ed Burroughs (180-jr.), outside linebackers David Harmon (145-sr.) and Billy McQueen (180-sr.), inside linebackers Danny Vinning (175-sr.), safetymen Warren Bowland (172-sr.) and Harold Lane (155-jr.).

There is a wave of football optimism in the Baker camp this year. Ball has already predicted a win for his Lions and the end of the 'Cats victory string. He rates Baker's attack "much improved" and Columbus sportswriters are saying this is the best Baker team in its football history. Last year the Lions compiled a 6-3-1 record, a high mark for them.

Among Baker's probable starters are 13 returning regulars, Harden, Bassett, Lawrence, Ogletree, Schumacher, Ferguson, Bolles, Owens, Payne, Burroughs, Harmon, McQueen, Vinning and Lane. McLane, Holloway, McQueen and Bowland are transfers, but all have previous experience. Morris and Box have moved up from the "B" team.

"We beat Baker last year, but they had one of the strongest teams we faced, including those we met in the state playoffs," Bazemore said. "Now coach Ball and everyone else in Columbus says Baker will be even stronger this year."

"What can I say. I've told our boys they have to be ready to give a 100 per cent plus effort. I'm worried, I'm not fooling and with a team as young as ours I don't know what to expect."

Baze And Fans Thrilled By 'Cats' Win Over Lions

Valdosta grid boss Wright Bazemore, who says he's been in complete shock since his young Wildcats started pre-season drills, is breathing much easier today.

After his youthful 'Cats turned back the Baker Lions of Columbus, 6-0, in their season opener Friday, Bazemore sported a smile which stretched from ear to ear.



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Obviously happy, he said the triumph gave him a thrill that "matched any state championship victory." He said he was as proud of his new look Wildcats as "any group of boys I've coached." He tagged the win a "great team effort."

This was a crucial game for a rebuilding VHS team. Baker was tough in 1962 and the Lions were rated "improved" this time out. The 'Cats had to claw hard all the way, but they won with raw courage the deciding factor.

Defense was the keynote with the Wildcats giving a tremendous stop'em effort to

hold Baker's highly touted attack in check. The 'Cats weren't exactly polished, but they were tough on offense when it counted the most.

In pre-season talk Bazemore said he was hoping the 'Cats would offer defensive strength and he figured they would have to work hard to score since speed in the backfield was lacking. The 'Cats' performance followed that formula to the letter.

But the team Bazemore calls his "smallest, youngest and least experienced in many, many years," notched a victory and it certainly earned it.

The young, but enthusiastic 'Cats are over one big hurdle, but they face nine more.

"This season we've got to take one game at a time," Bazemore said. "We made a fine start, but it's only that. The boys now know for sure what it's going to take for us to win. We can't let down for even a second. We've got to improve and we've got to improve rapidly."

This week the 'Cats must go to Waycross to meet a traditional rival, Waycross. It's a non-regional affair, but if anything will be tougher than the Baker game.

Bazemore didn't promise the local fans victories this season, but he did say it would be "an interesting" campaign. That opener was a heart-stopper. I'm not sure I can survive too many more like it.

It was, however, an important win for the 'Cats, and like Bazemore, it gave me a thrill to match any I've enjoyed while following Valdosta's grid fortunes since 1960.

Balance In Region 1-AAA Already Shows In Scores

Notes On This And That:

Valdosta grid boss Wright Bazemore certainly called the shot when he said Region 1-AAA would offer balance this season.

He said the league was stocked with good teams and none of them might go all the way unbeaten.

Columbus' Blue Devils pulled off last week's big surprise by tying Willingham's Rams, 13-13. Willingham was ranked first on the pre-season form chart for the league.



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Coach Jim Pyburn has done a very, very good job with the Blue Devils at Columbus. Willingham is still very much in the race and the Imps show they have plenty of muscle.

Lanier, offering a steamroller offense, skipped past Warner Robins, 45-0. Around Macon they have been saying this could be the Poets' year.

Albany lived up to its glowing pre-season notices by walloping Benedictine of Savannah, 27-0. Moultrie whacked down a good Jordan team, 34-18. The coaches had pegged the Packers of Moultrie second on the 1-AAA rating list.

Valdosta's youthful Wildcats won an uphill battle with a highly-regarded Baker team, 6-0. It was a good start for an inexperienced team, but the 'Cats, according to Bazemore, must show a world of improvement rapidly. LaGrange was ambushed by Lanette, Ala., 7-0. It's still too early to tell just what coach Oliver Hunnicutt and his Grangers have up their sleeves.

It's going to be an interesting season for Region 1-AAA fans.

VHS-Waycross

Ducats Go On

Sale Tuesday

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Reserved seat tickets for Valdosta-Waycross football game, to be played Friday night at Waycross, will go on sale here Tuesday morning.

The reserved seat ducats, priced at \$2 each, will go on sale at 8 a. m. tomorrow at Belcher's Drug Store. Student tickets, priced at 50 cents each, will also be offered at the same time and place.

Meanwhile, the Valdosta Touchdown Club will begin a series of weekly movie meetings at 8 p. m. tonight at the Valdosta Country Club.

At tonight's meeting, movies of last Friday Valdosta - Baker game which the Wildcats won 6-0, will be shown. VHS grid boss Wright Bazemore will narrate the film and give his views on the game and the upcoming contest with Waycross.

WHEN HOST Waycross trots on field Friday night against mighty Valdosta, the Indian eleven will boast a two-game 1963 record of two wins and no losses over Appling Co. and Jenkins of Savannah. Moreover, this game will carry an importance of "the" game, a contest which can make or break Waycross' championship hopes — or Valdosta's.

Bazemore's marauding Wildcats have chewed 37 straight foes and three consecutive AAA titles, but the 37th Valdosta triumph — last Friday's 6-0 success over Baker — leaves many a team with the thought that possibly it will be the one to snap the gaudy win skein — Waycross is one of those teams now. Confidence is at its zenith and potential is at its bursting point for the Indians.

O'Neal's coaches exude that brimming confidence. Gordon Gray, astute assistant coach for Waycross, put it this way. "We've got boys this year who know they can do a good job," said Gray emphatically, "and this boy Miller (Donnie) will be the one to lead the boys home first."

Bazemore Named Member Physical Fitness Group

ATLANTA (AP)—Gov. Carl E. Sanders has announced the appointment of 19 members from over Georgia to serve on his Council on Physical Fitness.

In announcing the appointments Tuesday, the governor said the council can accomplish "a closer coordination with those programs now being offered in our schools by the Education Department."

Sanders said other possibilities include the extension of programs and services of state agencies as they relate to physical fitness and coordination of the promotion of health appraisals for all children and youth by health, medical and dental groups.

Those appointed to the council were:

Garland F. Pinholster, Atlanta, chairman; Wright Bazemore, Valdosta; Mrs. James Belger, Douglas; Dr. Garland Dickey, Rome; Elmer George, Mrs. Cicero Johnston, Dwight Keith Sr., Freddy Lanoue and Stephen Schmidt, all of Atlanta; Jim Goff, Moultrie; Oliver Hunnicutt, LaGrange; French Johnson, Marietta; Dick

Lane, East Point; Dan McGill and H. C. Pearson of Athens; Elmer Morrow, DeKalb County; Tom Thraikill, Albany; Billy Henderson and Zeb Vance, both of Macon, and A. L. Williams, Augusta.

'Cats Ranked 4th In AAA By Writers

ATLANTA (AP) — Richmond Academy, which defeated North Augusta 21-0 last weekend, took over first place in Class AAA in the Georgia high school football Top Ten.

Willingham, first week leader, slipped to No. 5 this week on the basis of a 13-13 tie by Columbus. Valdosta, which edged Baker of Columbus 6-0, dropped from second to fourth, and Moultrie, 34-18 winner over Jordan, jumped to second place.

The remaining class leaders held on to their positions. Rossville leads in AA, Americus is tops in A, Morgan County leads in B and Lincolnton heads the C group.

The weekly poll is sponsored by the Atlanta Journal and is rated by Bob Wynn, Augusta Herald; Don Biggers, Rome News-Tribune; Paul Robinson, Waycross Journal-Herald; Sammy Glassman, Valdosta Times; Jimmy Knight, Moultrie Observer; Ellwood Moyer, Columbus; Vic Smith, Albany Herald; Billy Deal, Savannah Morning News; Bob Davenport, Associated Press, and Terry Kay, Atlanta Journal.

The TOP Ten by classes in order:

AAA — Richmond Academy, Moultrie, Grady, Valdosta, Willingham, Marietta, R.E. Lee, Decatur, Albany, Westminster.

AA — Rossville, Cairo, Cedartown, Jesup, Waycross, Chamblee, Ware County, Dalton, College Park, North Clayton.

A — Americus, Dublin, Carrollton, Tucker, Cass, Irwin County, Thomasville, Swainsboro, Pepperell, Murray County.

B — Morgan County, Hawkinsville, Roswell, Vidalia, Coosa, Thomson and Cuthbert (tie) and Hogansville, Jackson and Clinch County (tie).

C — Lincolnton, West Point, Davis, Greensboro, Buford, Monticello, Bremen, Buchanan, Jones County, Pacelli.

Sportswriters Hear Many Football Tales Of Woe

Football fans love a winner. Out at Dallas, Texas, they have a group of grid enthusiasts who think the losers also should be heard from.

The Texans have formed an Alibi Club. It meets each Tuesday morning and the speaker for the week is a coach whose team got licked the Saturday before.



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He knows the value of getting high school age players mentally ready for a tough opponent. He's also learned, from long experience, there is no sure thing in football and when a team becomes overconfident it is ripe for a defeat.

And Bazemore saves what compliments he might have for one of his teams or one of his players until after they have proven their ability on the playing field.

During the three years I've followed the 'Cats I've been amazed by Bazemore's change in attitude between a victory on Friday night and the start of a new week of practice on Monday afternoon.

Last Friday night he was obviously happy after his young and inexperienced team edged a veteran Baker outfit, 6-0, in a hard-fought battle.

Back In Shock

Monday afternoon he was, let's say, back in shock. The Baker victory was forgotten and he had begun to think about this week's opponent, traditional rival Waycross.

Keep in mind that Bazemore had had a look at the movies of the VHS-Baker game. He also had a chance to look at a scout report on Waycross. And Bazemore is a realist who know that a victory in one game is no guarantee of a win the next time out.

So after patting his young charges on the back Friday night, he very carefully pointed on the many mistakes they made on Monday afternoon and very truthfully told them the areas in which improvement was needed.

I know Bazemore can get his players to be mentally ready for a strong opponent. I've gone to his office on many Monday afternoons feeling sure the 'Cats would have no trouble with this week's opponent. After listening to Bazemore, I've gone back to the office just as certain that VHS didn't have a Chinaman's chance to keep the score close, much less win.

The injury jinx hit Valdosta's football Wildcats pretty hard last season. At one stage when the 'Cats had a long injury list coach Wright Bazemore remarked, "We've got everyone hurt but the manager." Well, one of the managers in '63 was Robert DeLoach and the injury jinx has finally caught up with him. He recently suffered a broken arm while taking part in a physical education game.

VHS Looks For Way To Improve Attack

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Coach Wright Bazemore is still asking what is now a familiar question: What can be done to give the Valdosta Wildcats' attack more punch?

And he says he's not even close to finding an answer to the question as his charges get ready for a Friday night meeting with traditional rival Waycross at Waycross.

It will be a non-regional game since the 'Cats belong to 1-AAA and coach Earl O'Neal's Bulldogs are members of 1-AA (West). But

The current supply of reserved seat tickets for the Valdosta-Waycross football game, to be played Friday at Waycross, has been sold out. VHS Principal Howard Bridges said adult general admission tickets for the game will go on sale at 8 a. m. Thursday at Belcher's Drug Store. Bridges said an effort is being made to secure some more reserved seat tickets to offer for sale here at that same time.

Valdosta and Waycross are ancient gridiron foes and their meeting, as usual, has the fans in both cities in a high state of excitement.

The 'Cats won the 1962 encounter, 48-13. But last year Valdosta had a veteran team and the Bulldogs were rebuilding. This year the situation is reversed. Bazemore is working with a young and inexperienced team, while O'Neal has a veteran crew ready to roll. The Bulldogs also have ambitions to reverse the score this time out.

Waycross has shown a strong attack and a tough defense while beating Appling County, 13-0, and licking Class AAA Jenkins (Savannah), 14-0. Valdosta got by Baker (Columbus), 6-0, last week with an unpolished but stout defense and a quick score in the fourth period on a 51-yard punt return by halfback Terry Godwin and an 11-yard run by quarterback Cloy Blanton.

Except for that quick TD juant, the 'Cats made little offensive headway. They gained just 80 yards rushing and only seven passing against a Baker team

which Bazemore says, "wasn't supposed to be exceptionally strong on defense."

In their two wins Waycross has piled up a total of 26 first downs, 444 yards rushing and 193 passing. Except for untimely penalties in both games, the Bulldogs' offensive statistics would be even more impressive.

To add to the 'Cats' worries, the Bulldogs held Jenkins and Appling to a combined total of 55 yards rushing and 94 passing and no points. Waycross has a strong defense.

"Frankly, I don't know how we are going to do it, but we've got to figure out some way to move the football," Bazemore said. "We were just plain luck against Baker. It's going to take a lot more than luck for us to have even a slim chance against Waycross."

Seeing most of the backfield action for the 'Cats last week were Blanton (165-sr.), Godwin (145-jr.), halfback Albert McLeod (175-jr.) and fullback Bobby Moore (175-soph.).

They've worked in the offensive backfield this week along with halfbacks Glenn Davis (145-soph.), Larry Stalvey (125-jr.) and Gene Seago (145-soph.) and fullback Mike Garwood (140-soph.). Davis rejoined the squad this week after missing the Baker game and three weeks of practice before that because of illness.

Backs working with the defensive unit include halfbaks Hank Lee (180-sr.), Robert Strom (155-soph.), Bill Parramore (140-soph.) and Billy Bray (131-jr.).

"We are still looking for our best combination" Bazemore said. We are going to keep making changes and hope we can find some way to have at least a little offense.

Waycross' offensive backfield regulars include quarterback Steve Flemming (140-jr.), halfbacks Donnie Miller (170-jr.) and Tommy Zachry (157-sr.) and fullbacks Teddy Everett (185-sr.) and John Knox (157-jr.).

The individual statistics

on Flemming and Everett are impressive. The cat-quick little quarterback, in two games, has gained 161 yards rushing on 27 carries and has hit on 12 of 18 passes for 103 yards. He's scored touchdowns on runs of 19 and 35 yards and passed 37 for another score. Everett, who has both size and speed, has gained 119 yards on 29 runs, has two TD's to his credit and saw a penalty nullify an 87-yard scoring juant against Appling.

"This is a greatly improved Waycross team," Bazemore said. "It has good size, exceptional speed, it hits hard and it's alert. And you can bet coach O'Neal isn't letting his boys forget our 1962 game for a minute."

Four VHS Seniors Are Commended In Merit Testing

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Four seniors at Valdosta High School have been cited for high performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given last spring.

Commended students are Jimmie Norton, Edward Scriven, Carol Tumlinson and Libba Winston.

They re among the 32,000 students throughout the country who are being awarded letters of their outstanding performance on the qualifying test.

"Although they did not reach the status of semifinalists in the current merit program, they are so capable that we wish to call attention in this way to their achievement and academic promise," said John M. Stalnak, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

5 VHS 'Y' Clubbers To Attend Assembly

By ANN SPURLOCK
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Five Valdosta High School 'Y' club members are going to Atlanta this weekend for the annual YMCA Youth Assembly at the state Capitol.

The youths "play" government while there with a governor, house and senate, attorney general, and other state officers. They usually have a thing or two to tell their elders when it's over.

The Valdosta High School contingent leaves Thursday for the Friday-Saturday session in Atlanta.

Going from VHS are Mary Sessions of the Tri-Hi-Y Club, and Lyn McIntosh, Joe Owens and Franky Coan of the Hi-Y Club. This reporter is going from the Tri-Hi-Y Club as a press representative.

Miss Sessions has been appointed to serve on a special committee during the two-day assembly session.

Last year the Valdosta High delegation offered what was judged "the best bill," but this year it isn't proposing any mock legislation.

Advance word from the 'Y' Clubs over the state indicates

there will be 19 bills offered in the House of the Youth Assembly and 26 in the Senate. They must follow the same legislative procedure a bill would when the real lawmaking body is in session.

Among the outstanding events of the two days of activities will be the governor's dinner and reception Friday night at the Dinkler Plaza Hotel. Here those running for state office will present their platforms and will be elected on Saturday by the assembly.

Action taken by the youths usually is given close inspection by the "real" lawmakers of Georgia. Some ideas originated by these high school students from all over the state have been made into law by the real General Assembly.

VALDOSTA BARELY SLIPS AMBUSH BY BAKER, 6-0

Wildcats Show Tough Defense, Win With Only Six Minutes Left

Special to The Atlanta Journal

VALDOSTA—Valdosta's youthful Wildcats made up for what football polish they might lack with raw courage as they edged past Baker's Lions of Columbus, 6-0, in a super thriller here Friday night.

It was the season opener for coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats, who have many new faces in the lineup but showed the crowd of

approximately 7,500 a traditionally tough Valdosta defense and a rocket-quick scoring thrust with less than six minutes left to play.

The triumph stretched a VHS winning streak which dates back to the start of the 1960 season to 37 games. It got the 'Cats started with a Region 1-AAA win and gave Bazemore a thrill that he said matched any state championship victory.

IT WAS A stunning setback for a veteran Baker team rated in pre-game speculation as the best in the Lions' football history. Coach Bubba Ball's Lions, however, didn't go down easily. The 'Cats had to claw for their lives all the way.

Valdosta's and the game's lone score came with only 5:53 left to play. Halfback Terry Godwin went 51 yards on a dazzling punt return which carried to the quarterback Clyo Blanton circled right end for the remaining distance with a determined run. He was hit at the three, but lunged forward to plant the pigskin in paydirt. Foy Norwood's PAT was blocked.

THEN BAKER tried to fire off a scoring bomb of its own. Halfback Wayne Bowland broke clean

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Scoring: Westminster—Buz Wisdom, 53, pass from Tommy Chapman; Tommy Chapman, 8, run; Tommy Chapman pass to Buz Wisdom, 43 (Reid Conyers, kick); Earl Seagraves, 15, run (Conyers, kick); Graham Allen to Danny Fry, 5, pass.

Druid Hills 0 6 0 0-6
SW DeKalb 0 0 7 0-7

Druid Hills Scoring: TD—Karr (1, run). SW DeKalb Scoring: TD—Townsend (1, run). PAT—Townsend (run).

Gainesville 0 0 0 0-0
Griffin 0 7 0 0-7

Griffin Scoring: TDs—Corley (4, pass from Kitchens). PAT—Meriwether.

Gordon 0 0 0 0-0
Decatur 0 14 7 0-21

Decatur Scoring: TDs—Ivey 2 (12, pass from Cardell 5, pass from Cardell); Taffs (30, from Cardell) PATs—Fowlkes 2 (kicks).

Cross Keys 0 0 0 0-0
R. E. Lee 6 7 0 0-13

R. E. Lee Scoring: TDs—Hammonds (recovery of blocked punt in end zone); Perdue (47, pass from Cavan). PAT—Cavin (kick).

Sprayberry 0 0 0 0-0
Campbell 0 0 0 7-7

Campbell Smyrna Scoring: TD—Turner (2, run). PAT—Turner (run).

South Cobb 0 0 0 7-7
R. L. Osborne 0 6 0 13-19

South Cobb Scoring: TDs—Bernard (4, run), PAT—Bryant; R. L. Osborne scoring: TDs—Carpenter (32, run); Flynt (4, run); Nix (blocked punt); PATs—Brand.

Clarkston 6 0 7 0-13
Briarcliff 0 6 0 7-13

Clarkston Scoring: TDs—Pearce (80, kickoff return); Johnson (5, pass from Shockley). PAT—Pearce (kick). Briarcliff Scoring: TDs—McDonald (1, run); Guy (80, run). PAT—Good (kick).

Russell 0 0 0 0-0
GMA 6 6 0 0-12

GMA Scoring: TDs—Sanford (3, 2 runs).

Baker 0 0 0 0-0
Valdosta 0 0 0 6-6

Valdosta Scoring: TDs—Clyo Blanton (10, run).

Gordon Military Academy 0 0 0 0-0
Northside 0 13 0 12-25

Northside Scoring: TDs—Adams, 5, run; 13, run; Salvador, 1, run; Collins, 6, run. PAT—Bivins (kick).

Moultrie 7 14 0 13-34
Jordan 0 6 12 0-18

Moultrie Scoring: TDs—Beard 2 (9, run; 28, run); Linder 2 (1, run; 1, run); Passmore (47, pass from Hall); PATs—Sumner 4 (kicks).

Jordan Scoring: TDs—Cason (3, run); Hudson (4, run); Johnson (14, pass from Garoto).

STATISTICS		Baker
Valdosta	First Downs	8
7	Yards Rushing	60
80	Yards Passing	47
7	Penalties	10
42		

on the kickoff return and had legged it 43 yards to the Valdosta 43 when Godwin, the last Wildcat in his way, made the stop. A 25-yard-pass from quarterback Paul Ferguson to end Neil McLean staked the Lions to a first down at the Valdosta 18.

In a series which saw Baker run six plays and the 'Cats draw a pair of penalties, the Lions could move forward only six yards to the 12. The 'Cats took over on down and hung on to the pigskin to run out the clock and claim what must rank as one of the sweetest victories in Valdosta's long and colorful football history.

Scores by quarters follow:

Valdosta	0	0	0	6-6
Baker	0	0	0	0-0

Scoring TDs: Valdosta—Blanton (11-yd. run).

Valdosta FHA Club Seeks Total Of 50 Members

Members of the Valdosta High School Future Homemakers of America Club have their sights on 50—fifty members of the club this year.

"We want a lot more girls so we can have a lot more things," said Peggy Masterson, club secretary.

Last school year the FHA Club had a membership of 25 VHS girls. Now the club wants to double that number.

Any girls at VHS is eligible to join the club if she has had a year of home economics.

Meeting twice monthly, the FHA group held its first meeting of the 1963-64 school year this week.

Miss Dorothy Ford of Valdosta discussed her collection of fans. Some of the fans from the Far East are as much as 200 years old.

Linda Newkam is serving a president of the FHA Club this year.

Jennings Coach Offers Answer To Baze's Woes

Jennings grid boss Owen Hinton may have found a solution to one of coach Wright Bazemore's football problems.

Since the start of pre-season practice, Bazemore has complained about the lack of enough experienced "players to go around" on one of the youngest squads in Valdosta High School's football history.

"We've got a few experienced boys," Bazemore has said, "but not nearly enough. Take Foy Norwood. I've played that big rascal all over the field, and he's done pretty good wherever I put him. What I need is about six more like him."

That's Bazemore's problem. Hinton offers this answer:

When the Florida mentor finds a griddier with equal talent for more than one position, rather than trying to decide which spot the player is most suited for, he just uses the young man at several positions on the same play.

Maybe Hinton is not thinking about playing Donald Tyre at both quarterback and in the line simultaneously when the season gets underway at Perry tonight, but that's how things have been going during practice this week.

Tyre is the Jennings Panthers' Foy Norwood. He's not as big as the Valdosta 215-pound tackle, fullback, guard, center and end, but he's just about as tough (and friends that's saying a lot for any high school griddier).

A 182-pound, four-year veteran, the Panthers "Poppa Norwood" during drills has been calmly taking the knocks at both the quarterback and guard slots at the same time.

Watching Tyre operate the other day I was amazed to see the lone "giant" on a squad whose average weight is slightly over 100 pounds, handling the chores at both positions.

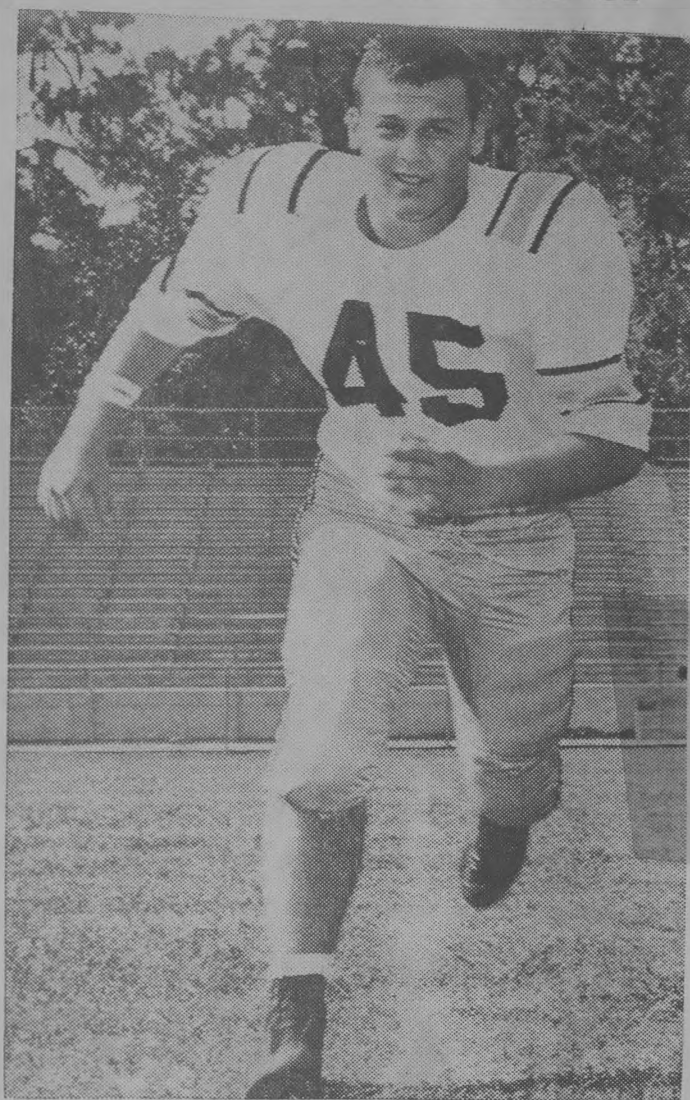


MARTIN MILLER

Waycross Reported In Title Tilt Mood

'Cats, Bulldogs
Renew Ancient
Series Friday

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor



VHS Starter: Jack Martin To Open At Guard

—Times Staff Photo

Waycross' Bulldogs will be playing like it was a state championship game and Valdosta's young Wildcats will be battling for their lives at Waycross Friday night.

That, in so many words, is what VHS coach Wright Bazemore and VHS mentor Earl O'Neal say about the 1963 renewal of one of Georgia's oldest and most colorful high school football series.

O'Neal, a Valdosta native who played at VHS and is a former Valdosta coaching aide, says a "victory over Valdosta would mean as much to Waycross as a state championship." He made this remark in a talk at a Waycross civic club meeting earlier this week.

Bazemore recalls a game Valdosta played with Waycross back in 1959. The Bulldogs licked the Wildcats, 10-6, in that one. That was the last defeat for VHS before it launched a winning streak which has now been stretched to 37 games.

"Whenever you play Waycross, and especially in Waycross, you've got to be ready for a very tough ball game. They play 'hard-nose' football. With our situation this year (VHS has an inexperienced team) we are going to have to battle for our lives all the way," Bazemore said.

After that '59 contest, the Valdosta-Waycross series was interrupted for two years. It was renewed in 1962 with a swift and veteran VHS crew licking a young Waycross outfit, 48-13. Waycross now has the edge in speed and experience and hopes to make it pay off with a victory this time.

O'Neal's charges, who belong to Region 1-AA (West), have a pair of wins to their credit already. They've beaten Appling County, 13-0, and Class AAA Jenkins (Savannah), 14-0. Valdosta opened with a 6-0 win over 1-AAA foe Baker (Columbus).

Waycross has a fleet, and hard-hitting attack and a stout defense. Defense was the keynote in Valdosta's close win over Baker.

As in every game, the play up front is going to have a decided

bearing on the outcome of the game.

Bazemore has listed off 17 VHS linemen as probable starters on either offense or defense. This group follows:

Ends Robert Goff (160-sr.), Jimmy Neal (170-soph.), Jerry Coleman (175-jr.), Bruce Buie (160-sr.), John Gunter (160-soph.) and Foy Norwood (215-sr.), tackles Stuart Mullis (195-jr.), Mark Hollis (175-soph.), Jimmy Miller (170-soph.), Ronnie Cannon (200-soph.), Steve Wansley (215-sr.) and Larry Wainwright (215-soph.), guards Jack Martin (175-jr.), Bill Henry (186-jr.), Kendall Varnedoe (175-soph.) and Kenny Clifton (175-soph.) and center Tommy Dove (170-jr.).

Waycross' forward wall regulars include the following:

Ends Marion Moore (165-sr.), David Spivey (160-sr.), Thomas

Bruce (150-jr.) and Jerry Yermouth (155-jr.), tackles Wayne Sloan (175-sr.), Cary Duncan (199-jr.), Henry Bussey (175-jr.), Butch Davis (200-jr.) and Greg Williams (170-sr.), guards Mike Gates (175-jr.), Jerry Davis (160-jr.) and Buggy Engleberg (180-sr.).

Actually Bazemore is looking over all of his players and making changes as he continues to search for what he calls the "best combination." Position changes are still being made on a daily basis.

The 'Cats made just 80 yards rushing and only seven passing against Baker and Bazemore says "something must be done to get our (Valdosta's) attack moving."

"We've got to have good blocking to make our offense go," the VHS coach said. "Against Baker we didn't just block poorly, we didn't block at all."

DE Club Installs New Officers At Valdosta High

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Officers have been elected in the Distributive Education Club at Valdosta High School with Lewis Register as president.

Serving with Register are Nancy Clark, vice president; Ellen Squires, secretary; Linda Smith, treasurer; Lila Carlo, historian; Lougene Prine, parliamentarian; Allen Graham, sergeant-at-arms; and Eloise Wilkinson, reporter.

The officers, along with the 33 new members, were installed this week.

Wildcats Aren't Ready To Throw In The Towel

"Well, it's over."

The speaker was Valdosta High grid boss Wright Bazemore. The "it" he referred to was a Wildcats winning streak which had stretched to 37 games before Waycross snapped it, 12-0, last Friday night at Waycross.

Bazemore must have felt disappointment, but he certainly didn't show it. He had his chin up, he smiled and he spoke with pride about his charges.

"I'm proud of our boys," he said. "They played well enough to win. We couldn't score against a good Waycross team and that was it. In many respects we showed improvement over our opening game with Baker. I was pleased to see we can make our offense go some, even though we didn't score."

"We made some mistakes, you always do when you lose. But we stayed in the ball game right up to the last couple of minutes. The boys battled hard all the way. They don't need any alibis."

Bazemore has known all along the VHS triumph string would one day have to come



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to an end. He had said the 'Cats' aim was to "put that day off just as long as possible." Winning 37 games over a span covering three full seasons and part of a fourth, the 'Cats more than doubled the previous Georgia Class AAA record for consecutive triumphs. They've put a mark in the record books they can be proud of and one which is likely to stand for a long, long while.

Like Bazemore, I'm still very, very proud of the 'Cats even though they lost. This is a young team which still has much to learn about football. But in keeping with VHS tradition, it is an outfit which battles hard from start to finish. The 'Cats did that at Waycross, but it still wasn't enough.

The Waycross team which beat VHS is a good one. The Bulldogs are well-coached, they are poised and they are in fine physical condition. Coach Earl O'Neal's charges made good use of their opportunities, which is the mark of a successful team. But the 'Cats stuck with them right down to the wire, which is also the mark of a determined team.

After a defeat a team can become dejected and simply give up. But I've never known of a Valdosta team which ever did this. They say you learn more when you lose than when you win. I'm sure the 'Cats are now "wiser" and that they will show it in their next start.

This is still a season in which the 'Cats must strive for constant improvement and take one game at a time. Waycross was good, but there are several teams still on the schedule which, if anything, will be stronger. The 'Cats are still in the Region 1-AAA race. The odds are stacked high against them, but these boys are battlers and they aren't ready to throw in the towel.

Waycross Bulldogs End Wildcats' Long Streak

Valdosta Falls, 12-0,
But Goes Down Battling

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

WAYCROSS—A quick score after a fumble recovery, an 84-yard TD dash after a pass interception and a defense which bent but would not break were the football weapons Waycross' Bulldogs used to beat Valdosta's Wildcats, 12-0, here Friday night.

A crowd of approximately 5,500, one of Waycross' largest, looked on as the alert Bulldogs turned back a band of young 'Cats who went down battling in a cleanly-played rock'em, sock'em affair. The issue was in doubt until there was less than three minutes to play.

The defeat brought an end to a Valdosta victory streak which started with the opening game of 1960 and had been extended for 37 games. The 'Cats launched that triumph string after losing to Waycross, a non-league but traditional rival, in the final game of 1959.

The win earned for Bulldog mentor Earl O'Neal a victory he tagged "more important to Waycross than a state championship." It also earned for him and his charges a thunderous cheer from the Waycross football faithfuls that must have been heard in the next county.

VHS coach Wright Bazemore and his charges left the field with their heads held high. As Bazemore put it "we (Valdosta) played well enough to win, but we couldn't score against a team (Waycross) which was alert and poised all the way. I'm very proud of our boys and they need no alibis."

This was the third win in a row this year for Waycross and the Bulldogs are yet to be scored on. The setback left the 'Cats with a 1-1 chart for the year. VHS belongs to Region 1-AAA and Waycross campaigns in 1-AA (West).

The Bulldogs' first score came in the opening quarter in lightning fashion. End Jerry Yermousky recovered a fumble at the VHS 31 and two plays later halfback Donnie Miller popped through the middle and sped 27 yards for a TD. The PAT boot was wide.

That was Waycross' last offensive spurt of the game. But the Bulldogs threw up a defense which three times stopped Valdosta inside the 19 yard line.

The 'Cats' last bid for victory died with only 2:55 left to play in the final stanza. Their attack had faltered at the 19 in the first period and they had been stopped at the 10 after a 74-yard march early in the fourth stanza.

Valdosta was back knocking at the door when Waycross' David Zachary picked off a fourth-down pass at the 16 and went straight up the sideline behind a screen of blockers for 84 yards and a Bulldog TD which allowed the Waycross fans to breath easy for the

first time.

The Wildcat attack showed marked improvement as it accounted for 14 first downs, 147 yards along the ground route and 40 through the air lanes. But the TD punch wasn't there. After Waycross' quick score in the first period, the VHS defense held firm. Waycross finished with only five first downs and 94 yards rushing.

The Bulldogs got only one first down and gained a total of just four yards in the second half. But they protected their six-point lead with a stout defense and boasted

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Cat and Dog Scramble: Wildcats and Bulldogs Get All Tangled Up As Blanton Tries to Move

—Times Staff Photo

'CATS STOPPED BY WAYCROSS

Valdosta's 37-Game Streak Comes Tumbling Down, 12-0

WAYCROSS, Ga.—One of Georgia's longest football winning streaks was toppled here Friday night when the Waycross Bulldogs defeated Valdosta 12-0.

The Waycross victory snapped the glittering 37-game winning skein of Wright Bazemore's Wildcats who had won three consecutive state AAA titles and had been ranked as the nation's number one prep team by several sources.

Waycross now holds the distinction of having administered the last two defeats suffered by the mighty Wildcats. On Nov. 29, 1959, Waycross won 10-6 for the last previous Valdosta setback before Friday night.

IT TOOK a tremendous team effort by Waycross to turn the tables on a stubborn Valdosta eleven. Johnny Adair, Roy Harris, Gret Williams, James Kurtz, Lewis Engleberg and Joey Fievet led the charging Bulldog defensive unit.

A key pass interception by David Zachary and a fumble recovery followed by a powerful

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their victory margin with Zachary's pass "theft" and long return.

Fullback Bobby Moore led the

second period, but was hauled down from behind after going 24 yards. Quarterback Cloy Blanton was next in line with 41 yards on 22 runs, including a 24-yard jaunt in the last period.

Defense was Waycross' strong suit and the Bulldog leaders in this department were quarterback Roy Harris, halfback Johnny

Adair, guard Bugsy Engleberg tackle Gregory Williams, end Eddie Hanley and tackle Wayne Sloan, who each made five or more tackles; Yermousky, wh

STATISTICS		
	Val.	Way.
First Downs	14	5
Yards Rushing	147	94
Yards Passing	40	0
Passes	3-11	0-2
Passes Intc. by	0	2
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Punting	3-30.1	4-34
Penalties	1-5	2-10

VHS assault. The converted guard blasted his way for 71 yards on 15 carries. He broke clean in the

Individual Statistics		
Rushing: Valdosta — Moore 15-71	Blanton 22-41, Godwin 9-28, McLeod 3-7;	Waycross — Miller 10-47, Everett 11-
38, T. Zachry 5-16, Fleming 7-minu	7.	
Passing: Valdosta — Blanton 1-6-19	Lee 2-5-4; Waycross — Fleming 0-1-	Miller 0-1-0.
Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Goff 3	40.	
Punt Returns: Valdosta — Godwin	1-4; Waycross — Kurtz 2-23.	
Kickoff Returns: Valdosta — Godwin	2-52, Lee 1-15; Waycross — T. Zachry	1-0.
Defense Leaders (Tackles): Valdosta —	Martin 7, Norwood 7, Buie 6, Clifton	4, Lee 4, Blanton 3, Moore 3, Wain-
wright 3; Waycross — Harris 7, Adair	7, Engleberg 5, Williams 5, Hanly 5,	Sloan 5, Fievet 3, D. Zachary, 3.

recovered two VHS fumbles, and Zachary, who intercepted two passes.

Valdosta also had its defensive heroes. Among them were guard Jack Martin and end Foy Norwood, who each made seven stops; end Bruce Buie, six; and tackle Kenny Clifton and halfback Hank Lee, four each.

Others helping earn Bazemore's "I'm proud of you" rating were Ronnie Bounds, Jimmy Neal, Robert Goff, Mike Slack, John Gunter, Larry Wainwright, Ronnie Cannon, Mark Hollis, Steve Wansley, Stuart Mullis, Kendall Varndoe, Billy Joseph, Bill Henry, Jerry Coleman, Tommy Dove, Bill Parramore, Bill Welch, Albert McLeod, Robert Strom, Terry Godwin, Billy Bray and Gene Seago.

LINEUPS

Valdosta
 Ends: Buie, Bounds, Neal, Goff, Norwood, Slack, Gunter.
 Tackles: Wainwright, Cannon, Hollis, Wansley, Mullis.
 Guards: Clifton, Varndoe, Joseph, Martin, Henry.
 Centers: Coleman, Dove.
 Backs: Moore, Parramore, Welch, McLeod, Strom, Lee, Godwin, Blanton, Bray, Seago.

Waycross
 Ends: Moore, Hanly, Sloan, Thomas, Cornelius, Spivey, Yermousky.
 Tackles: Davis, Bussy, Williams.
 Guards: Gogue, Fievet, Engleberg, Hunnicutt, J. Myddelton, S. Myddelton.
 Centers:
 Backs: Fleming, Harris, Miller, Kurtz, D. Zachry, Adair, Knox, Everett, T. Zachry.

Score by quarters follows:
 Valdosta 0 0 0 0—0
 Waycross 6 0 0 6—12
 Scoring TD's: Waycross — Miller (26 run), D. Zachry (84 yd. return of pass interception).

Bazemore's 'Older Boys' Doing Well In College

Coach Wright Bazemore fears he's getting old.

Valdosta High School's grid mentor for the past 22 years says, "It's a sure sign you're getting on in years when you'd rather talk about the good old days — and I'd rather do just that."

The witty grid master used these remarks to open his talk at a Valdosta Touchdown Club meeting here recently. The "Good Ole Days" he was referring to, however, are not so far back. In fact, he was talking about the past three years.

For three seasons Bazemore's Valdosta Wildcats trampled 36 straight foes on their way to three State "AAA" championships.

Then the bottom fell through. The 'Cats are hoping for their second win this season at Columbus tonight. They have dropped three decisions and earned a tie.

"Yeah," he laughed, "It's times like this when I want to forget what's happening now and talk about some of my older boys in college—you notice I'm still calling them 'my boys.'"

So let's take on some age and give a look at what's happening to some of Bazemore's "old boys."

Some of the cream of the Wildcats 1962 crop is now making its home in Atlanta on Georgia Tech's campus. Reports from these indicate Tech couldn't be happier with its new



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roomers.

On the Tech freshman grid squad are ex-Wildcats Giles Smith, Billy Schroer, Bill Myddleton, Danny Hendley and Rick Thomas. All are considered valuable players by the Tech coaches.

Giles Smith, a sparkling, showman type player, has been termed "the best back on the freshman team." The 170-pound halfback has been earning his scholarship both offensively and defensively, according to the Tech sports publicity department.

In the Baby Jackets' first regular season fray against Tennessee, the fleet back snagged a pass from Tech quarterback Kim King and raced to paydirt. The play carried for 76 yards.

Mention of King brings the question to mind, "where's Rick Thomas?" Rick's still around and word is he's doing a good job, but he is in Tech's number two quarterback slot. He is expected to have a good college career.

Tackle Billy Schroer and end Danny Hendley both opened strong, but were slowed by injuries. Schroer missed a week of practice with a sprained ankle and has not fully recovered. Hendley has the same situation. Both, however, have drawn words of praise from their coaches.

Bunky Will Have His Chance

Bill Myddleton is listed as one of the top guards on the Tech frosh squad. A fine future is in sight for him in the college grid world, says Tech.

Valdosta has a representative on the Tech varsity in the person of kicking specialist Bunky Henry. Right now he's having to watch while Bill Lothridge, Mr.-Do-Everything-Well, handles the toe work. Bunky should get his chance next year.

Injuries have also hampered the 'Cats delegates to the University of Tampa, Sirois Barker and Bill Holtzclaw, but the two are reported to be recovering fast.

Barker saw action against McNeese State College in Louisiana. His performance earned him a verbal pat on the back from his coaches. Holtzclaw, an end, got off to a slow start, but has shown potential as a dependable pass receiver.

Valdosta can boast of a large group of representatives at Gainesville, Fla., home of the Florida Gators. Bruce Bennett is a starting defensive safetyman as a sophomore. Allen Holt, a junior guard has been red-shirted this season. Bob Grondahl, also a junior, is still battling for a position on the Gator varsity. Tackle Wally Colson is a starter on the Florida freshman team and Bill Holt is doing well at guard.

Florida State University at Tallahassee is the temporary home of ex-VHS gridgers Bill Dawson and Dick Bender. Dawson was not a link in the 'Cats' victory chain, but was a stickout end in 1959. He plays first string for the Seminoles. Bender suffered an injury but is reported to be coming along well on the FSU frosh squad.

State Likes VHS Pair

Two 1960 Wildcat standouts, Billy Blocker and Butch Luke, are both playing first string at Mississippi State. Bazemore saw the pair perform a few weeks ago in the State-Florida clash. He was pleased with their progress.

Another 1959 Valdosta gridder, tackle Frank King, is now captain of Presbyterian College's Blue Hose. The 220-pounder plays both offensively and defensively and has lettered for the past three years.

Coming back to Georgia on our tour, we stop at Athens for a sight of ex-Wildcats Stan Reaves and Jimmy Robinson. Reaves was a defensive stickout in high school, but is the number one left half on Georgia's freshman team. Coach John Tillitski tags him a good offensive prospect. Robinson has been out of action with an injury, but has given examples of better things to come later.

Also at Georgia is freshman Brinson Lane, a star tackle at Lowndes County during his high school years. He is a substitute right guard, currently ranked number three.

Valdostan Jerry Varnado was making a strong bid for a starting job at end with the Georgia varsity until a broken finger sent him

Mississippi's Troubles Helped Cheer Bazemore

Notes On This And That:

As you might expect Valdosta's 12-0 loss to Waycross last Friday, the first for the Wildcats after 37 straight wins, left coach Wright Bazemore down in the dumps this past weekend.

By Monday, however, his flare for humor in a serious situation was evident again.

"I've got to admit I started feeling better the minute I heard Memphis State had held Mississippi to a 0-0 tie," Bazemore said.

"You know, misery likes company."

Mississippi was ranked second in the nation on a pre-season rating chart for the collegiate elevens. Memphis State was supposed to be a pushover for the Rebs, but weren't.

Valdosta's loss and Mississippi's unexpected tie had a similar effect on the 'Cats and the Rebs. Valdosta was dropped from among Georgia's top-ten Class AAA chart for the first time since 1960 and Ole Miss disappeared from the college rating chart for the first time since anyone can remember.

But as my eight-year-old daughter Debbie, an avid Wildcat fan said, "just wait



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'til next year."

Bazemore, meanwhile, definitely isn't thinking about "next year." He's too concerned about the eight games left on VHS' current schedule.

Paul (Waycross Journal-Herald) Robinson turned poet in his story about the Waycross triumph. "Somewhere in this land today dark clouds may hide the sun, and somewhere bands no longer play and children have no fun. Somewhere over blighted love hangs a veil of distrust. But Waycross hearts are happy today, Valdosta bit the dust," is the way Robinson put it. This was Robinson's version of the late Grantland Rice's "Casey's Revenge," which in turn was a reply to the famous baseball poem "Casey At The Bat."

VHS Latin Club Schedules Meet

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Latin Club at Valdosta High School will meet Thursday afternoon after school to make plans for this year.

The meeting will be held in the auditorium and dues will be paid announces president Portia Thomas.

Bazemore Keeps Wildcats Busy

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's football Wildcats aren't likely to brood too much about their loss to Waycross last Friday—they won't have time.

Coach Wright Bazemore plans to keep them very busy this week preparing for their game this coming Friday with the Jordan Red Jackets at Columbus.

Waycross, a non-league foe, clipped the 'Cats 12-0 and halted a 37-game VHS victory string which had been going since 1960. That setback at the hands of the Bulldogs, however, didn't hurt the 'Cats in the Region 1-AAA race.

But Jordan is a league foe and another licking at the hands of the Red Jackets would put the 'Cats right behind the eight ball in the 1-AAA standings. Before bowing to Waycross, Valdosta opened with a 6-0 win over regional opponent Baker.

"I've told the boys not to brood about that loss to Waycross," Bazemore said, "I've told them they better forget it and concentrate on Jordan. We've got a lot of work to do. We're going to stay busy, so they really won't have much time for looking back."

Jordan was winless in 1962 and dropped a 46-0 decision to Valdosta. But coach Bob Donaldson has a veteran team this year, one which licked Central, Ala., 24-12, gave Moultrie a fit before losing to the now top-ranked Packers, 34-18 and went down battling to highly regarded LaGrange, 22-7.

The troubles for the youthful 'Cats are twofold this week. As Bazemore put it "we've got to show more offensive improvement and we've got to try to figure out a way to slow down Garnto and company."

Valdosta has scored just six points in two games. It got its ground game moving at times against Waycross last week, but was stopped three times inside the Bulldogs' 20-yard line.

"We moved the ball better against Waycross than we did against Baker, Bazemore said, but we didn't score. And glittering offensive statistics don't mean a thing if you don't put some points on the scoreboard. We made some improvement with our offense but we have such a long, long, long way to go."

The Garnto Bazemore mentioned is Jordan's 160-pound senior quarterback Ben Garnto. In three games Garnto has hit on 24 of 56 passes for 462 yards and a touchdown. He's picked up 124 yards rushing and legged it for four TD's.

He's 1-AAA current passing, scoring and total offense leader. His combined total of 586 yards rushing and passing gives him a head start in surpassing the 1-AAA total offense record of 1,752 yards set by ex-Wildcat Rick Thomas in '62.

"Jordan likes to run from the TCU - spread," Bazemore said. "They scatter players from one sideline to the other and Garnto starts from eight to 12 yards back of the line of scrimmage. It's virtually impossible to put the rush on him and keep him from throwing. And this boy throws nothing but strikes. He's also a dangerous runner, with the speed to go all the way on any play. Fact is, Jordan has a veteran team which is much improved over last season."

fullback, but he's making progress. We don't have speed and it means our backs must run with determination on every play and our blocking must improve. I'd have to say our blocking was still poor against Waycross.

"The way that Garnto boy

throws it's going to put a lot of pressure on our defensive secondary. And the boys know that just one defensive mistake can put six points on the board for the opposition. Waycross proved that when it sprung a back loose for a 27-yard touchdown run against us."



—AP Wirephoto

Ex-Guard Bobby Moore Makes Good At FB

Valdostan Seeks State DE Office

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High School's DE club reporter is running for the office of state parliamentarian.

Eloise Wilkinson, 16, will compete with other nominees for the post from Macon, Moultrie, Atlanta, Cordele and Columbus.

Lewis Register, president of the local club, and Ellen Squires, state DE secretary, will accompany Eloise to the conference in Tifton on Sunday.

Ann Walker, 17, has been elected sweetheart of the VHS DE.

She will compete for state sweetheart honors later in the year.

A second year DE student, Ann is the daughter of Mrs. Geneva Walker of 1306 McRee Drive.

Others in the sweetheart court include Barbara McDonald and Laquitta Chaney.

Valdosta High Tennis Coach Given Honor

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High girls tennis coach, Mrs. Herman Johnson, has been picked for a state chairmanship by a national physical education association.

The American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation has selected Mrs. Johnson as its Georgia chairman for girls tennis. This also makes Mrs. Johnson a member of AAHPER's national committee.

Mrs. Johnson will help coordinate and recommend programs to promote tennis both at the state and national level. The AAHPER's work concerning tennis is done in co-operation with the United Lawn Tennis Association.

Mrs. Johnson has served as a physical education instructor and girls tennis coach at VHS for eight years. Her tennis Kittens have ruled as Region 1-AAA champions for five years in a row. A Valdosta High doubles team won the state "AAA" crown in 1962 and another team was runner-up in the same competition this past spring.

Garnto's favorite passing targets are end Robert Starling (147-sr.) and halfback Pat Donahue (149-sr.). Both are speedsters, which is bad news to the 'Cats, who are hampered by a lack of speed as well as by inexperience.

Bazemore listed off 11 backs likely to figure in the 'Cats' backfield plans this week on either offense or defense. They are Clyo Blanton, Bobby Moore, Albert McLeod, Terry Godwin, Bill Parramore, Gene Seago, Hank Lee, Robert Strom, Billy Bray, Glenn Davis and Mike Slack. He's not sure just yet who will be playing offense and who will be playing defense.

Moore, who until two weeks before the season opened was a guard, was the attack leader for VHS last week. A 175-pound sophomore, Moore picked up 71 yards while running from the fullback slot.

"Bobby's running was one of the bright spots in our game last week," Bazemore said. "He still has much to learn about playing



—Times Staff Photo
BRUCE BUIE
Standout Flankman

Baze Says Pressure Still On Wildcats

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's 37 - game victory streak is over and the Wildcats are no longer listed among the top-10 in Georgia's Class AAA prep football ranks, but the pressure on them is still great.

That is the opinion of coach Wright Bazemore, who will take the 'Cats to Columbus Friday night for a Region 1-AAA contest with Jordan's Red Jackets.

Waycross beat the 'Cats, 12-0, last Friday, ending a VHS winning skein which dated back to the start of the 1960 season. The loss dropped Valdosta off the statewide rating chart for the first time in four years.

"Some are saying the pressure is off and we can relax," Bazemore said. "That's just not so. Jordan has not forgotten the 46-0 licking we handed it last year and beating us is still the number one ambition of everyone we play.

"Besides this is a region game and if we are going to make any improvement the time to start doing it is right now. We've still got plenty of pressure on us, perhaps more than before."

Before bowing to Waycross, the 'Cats edged Baker, 6-0, in their 1963 opener. That was a 1-AAA win and if VHS wants to stay in the regional race it's got to get by coach Bob Donaldson's Jackets.

Bazemore has again announced plans to change the Wildcats' starting lineup. He says the major aim is to improve the VHS attack, which has accounted for just six points in two games, and produce a defensive setup that might check Jordan's potent offense.

The probable starters follow:
Offense — ends Robert Goff (155-jr.) and Foy Norwood (215-sr.), tackles Larry Wainwright (215-soph.) and Steve Wansley (215-sr.), guards Billy Joseph (170-jr.) and Bill Henry (186-jr.), center Tommy Dove (170-jr.), quarterback Hank Lee (180-sr.), halfbacks Bill Parramore (150-

soph.) and Cloy Blanton (165-sr.), fullback Bobby Moore (175-soph.).
Defense—ends Albert McLeod (175-jr.) and Bruce Buie (160-sr.), tackles Stuart Mullis (195-jr.) and Ronnie Cannon (200-soph.), middle guard Jack Martin (175-jr.), linebackers Glenn Davis (150-soph.), Norwood, Kenny Clifton (175-soph.) and Billy Bray (131-jr.), safetymen Terry Godwin (155-jr.) and Robert Strom (155-soph.).

This, the VHS grid boss says, is subject to change right up to time for the opening whistle tomorrow night. Major change in the backfield is the installation of Lee at quarterback and Blanton's move to halfback.

Bazemore hasn't been pleased with the way things have gone in practice this week.

"It's been a disappointing week," he said. "The boys have a good mental attitude, but I don't believe we've made any improvement. We are going to be in for a rough time at Columbus."

Jordan has a 1-2 record after licking Central, Ala., 24-12, and losing to Moultrie, 34-18, and to LaGrange, 22-7. But the Jackets are rated greatly improved over

1962 and in Ben Garnto they have 1-AAA's leading passer, total offense pacesetter and top point maker.

Garnto, a 160-pound senior, has hit on 24 of 56 passes for 462 yards, has gained 124 yards rushing, has scored four touchdowns himself and passed for another. After just three games his total offense mark is 586 yards.

Jordan's other regulars are as follows:

Ends Robert Starling (147), William Johnson (150), Allen Owens (155) and Don Chambless (185), tackles Ken Hood (150), Ronnie Cardwell (179) and Mel Jones (189), guards Bobby Upchurch (144), Johnny Hurston (191) and W. A. Tucker (185), center Jimmy Laudermilk (191), halfbacks Pat Donahue (149), Steve Collins (180), George Lee (150) and Tim Hudson (150) and fullbacks Jerry Cason (144) and Ralph Jones (160).

The 'Cats will be almost an even match with the Jackets in the weight department. But Jordan has more seasoned players and owns a definite speed advantage.

Valdosta High Senior Is Merit Semi-Finalist

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A Valdosta High School senior has been named a semi-finalist in the 1963-64 Merit Scholarship competition.

Sandra Gail Anderson is among 13,000 top scholars across the country who attained semi-finalist status.

VHS principal Howard Bridges says Sandra has moved a step closer to winning a four-year Merit Scholarship to the college of her choice.

Semi-finalists must substantiate their qualifying test performance on a second examination, be endorsed by their schools, and fulfill certain routine requirements to become finalists. All merit scholars are selected from the finalist group.

Sandra, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Anderson of N. Field Road, is a member of the Beta Club, Gamma Tri-Hi-Y and the French Club.

She transferred to VHS during her junior year from Lowndes

County High School where she won the English, Latin and scholarship medals.

She was awarded a certificate of scholastic distinction from the University of Georgia last spring. The awards are given to students in the top five per cent of their class.

Sandra is interested in attending the University of Florida.

Sandspurs Go On Sale at VHS

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Sales for the 1963-64 Sandspur at Valdosta High School will begin Monday.

All students are urged to support the school and the annual by subscribing to the yearbook, said editor Libba Winston.

This year at least 500 annuals must be sold in order for the yearbook to be published.

Each Sandspur is \$5. Sales will end Oct. 11.

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Fumbles Stop Cat Attack In Columbus Rain, Mud

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

COLUMBUS—Jordan's Red Jackets showed a special talent for latching on to a slippery pigskin as they beat Valdosta's young football Wildcats, 13-9, in the rain and mud here Friday night.

A crowd of approximately 2,000 braved a steady downpour to watch coach Bob Donaldson's home standing Jackets recover Valdosta fumbles to stop the 'Cats' attack four times at close range and intercept a pass to score what proved to be the winning TD.

The win leveled Jordan's record off at 2-2 and gave the Jackets their first Region 1-AAA triumph in three league starts.

It was Valdosta's first loss in a row and Wright Bazemore's first 1-2 mark in all

games and a 1-1 record in 1-AAA circles.

With the rain coming down all the way on a field which was already soaking wet before the opening whistle, it was the kind of night when you expect some fumbling. The 'Cats followed the usual rainy weather pattern and lost the ball five times on bobbles and once on an interception. Jordan hung on to the pigskin and that was the difference.

Valdosta dominated in the first half and took a 7-0 lead early in the game on a 30-yard touchdown sprint by Cloy Blanton and an accurate PAT kick by Foy Norwood. The Wildcats also stopped a Jordan threat at the 11.

The 'Cats, however, were unable to take advantage of three other scoring opportunities before interception and they were to prove costly when Jordan scored twice in less than two minutes midway the third period to amass enough points to win.

Jacket halfback Jerry Cason set up the first Jordan TD when he went 56 yards on a fake punt that carried to the VHS five. Valdosta held for four downs, but a penalty against the 'Cats gave Jordan a fifth try and this time Ben Garnto sneaked it over from the one-foot-line. Patrick Donahue's PAT boot tied it up.

Jordan kicked off and Valdosta was trying to get out from deep in its own territory when Jacket tackle Johnny Hurston intercepted a pass and lumbered 28 yards for a score which broke VHS' back. The 'Cats blocked the PAT try.

The 'Cats clawed back and picked up two points on a safety when Albert McLeod tackled Cason in the Jordan end zone where he had retreated to retrieve a high snap on a punting try.

Before it was over Valdosta also generated drives which carried as deep as the Jordan 13 and 22, but Jordan recovered fumbles to end both threats.

On their opening drive of the game the Wildcats wheeled from their own 29 to the Jordan 6, but failed to move when a fumble halted them with a fourth-and-one situation.

In the second period the 'Cats stalled at the Jackets' 28 and at the nine because of bobbles. They also saw a penalty nullify a 15-yard TD run by Hank Lee early in the game and keep them from getting a crucial first down at the

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—Times Staff Photo

Jordan's William Johnson (85) Goes 14 Yards After Catching Pass From Ben Garnto

Jackets Hand VHS First 1-AAA Loss

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Jordan 15 as time was running out in the 4th period. A 15-yard penalty against Jordan also moved the 'Cats from the 46 to the 31 and set the stage for Blanton's 30-yard TD sprint.

Valdosta compiled some impressive offensive statistics which in-

took the lead.

Bobby Moore led the VHS ground attack with 101 yards on 17 carries and Blanton legged it for 71 yards on 11 tries. Lee gain-

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta — Blanton 11-71, Lee 18-47, Moore 17-101, Parramore 1-1; Jordan — Garnto 23-33, Jones 4-10, Cason 1-56, Donahue 1-3, Owens 1-0.

Passing: Valdosta — Lee 7-13-93; Jordan — Garnto 2-11-22.

Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Goff 3-59, Godwin 2-23, Blanton 1-4, Norwood 1-7; Jordan — Starling 1-10, Johnson 1-12.

Punt Returns: Valdosta — Godwin 4-35.

Kickoff Returns: Valdosta — Godwin 2-63; Jordan — Donahue 2-41.

Defensive Leaders (Tackle): Valdosta: Norwood 4, Martin 4, Clifton, 4, Buie 4, Godwin 3, McLeod 3, Neal 2, Moore 2; Jordan: Cason 8, Collins 7, Sizemore 5, Tucker 5, Chambless 4, Upchurch 3.

ed 47 yards on 18 carries and hit on seven of 13 passes for 93 yards. Norwood, Jack Martin, Kenny Clifton and Bruce Buie were the defensive leaders with four stops each.

yards rushing and 22 passing, but Cason's long gallop, Hurston's pass interception and the Jackets' ball hawking more than made up the difference.

Cason was a JHS defensive leader with eight stops to his credit. Steve Collins made seven tackles and Don Sizemore and W. A. Tucker accounted for five apiece.

LINEUPS

Valdosta
Ends: Neal, Goff, McLeod, Norwood,
Tackles: Wainwright, Mullis, Cannon,
Wansley.
Guards: Clifton, Welch, Joseph, Henry,
Martin.

Centers: Dove.
Backs: Davis, Bray, Blanton, Godwin,
Lee, Strom, Parramore, Moore, Seago.

Jordan
Ends: Todd, Starling, Hudson, Johnson.
Tackles: Jones, Tucker, Hurston,
Wages, Caldwell, Chambless.
Guards: Mulkey, Loudermilk, Hood.
Centers: Upchurch.

Backs: Jones, Garnto, Sizemore, Owens,
Cason, Moyers, Dixon, Collins, Donahue,
Lee.

Score by quarters follows:
Valdosta
Jordan
Scoring TD's: Val
yd. run); Jord

STATISTICS	
First Downs	Val. Jordan
Yards Rushing	15 4
Yards Passing	225 102
Passes Inc. by	93 22
Fumbles Lost	7-13 2-11
Punting	0 1
Penalties	5 1
	2-44 7-41
	8-51 7-53

cluded 15 first downs, 225 yards rushing and 93 passing, but the VHS scoring punch wasn't strong enough. Jordan's defense stiffened considerably after the Jackets

ENTHUSIASM ABOUNDS

The Wildcat Band: Small In Size, But High In Spirit

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Enthusiastic. That's the way Frank Butenschenon describes his Valdosta High School band.

"We're smaller in number this year, but I've never seen such enthusiasm in young people," said the redheaded band director.

Butenschenon said 26 members

of the Wildcat band were lost last year.

"I think this is one reason why the band is working so hard," he explained.

"They know they have a lot to do and are so full of pep and ideas that before the season is over they'll be one of the sharpest bands you've ever seen," he

added. The band's student conductor, Gary Ziegler, was so steamed up over his job that he went to a five-week summer school at Florida State University.

Ziegler, a senior, received a superior rating at the state music festival last spring. The summer clinic was especially for student conductors in high schools.

"Gary is doing a fine job for us. Our three feature twirlers have worked out their own routines and are quite an addition to the band," said Butenschenon.

Page Ashcomb, Frances McMahon and Laura Resch practice daily on the tedious baton routines.

Besides serving as feature twirlers, the girls also help instruct the flag corps.

Included in this group of girls are JoAnn Beck, Carol Clary, Janice Clark, Carol Hasty, Jo McCrary, Phyllis Thomas, Sandy Belote, Linda Irvey, and Joy Catote.

Butenschenon says his band has 65 members this year. He's optimistic about next year since he'll lose 12 and gain 37.

The 37 will come from Valdosta Junior High School. Since Valdosta is on the 6-3-3 system, the ninth grade is at VJHS.

"Junior high looks sharp this year too. And we'll be getting just about 37 of these students next year," grinned Butenschenon.



VHS' Tommy Barrs, Ted Minnick, David Walker and Ronnie Wayne Blast For The Wildcats

Times Staff Photo



Drum Major Richard Bland Tells Laura Resch, Frances McMahon and Page Ashcomb to Shape Up

Times Staff Photo

Valdosta High Elects Leaders For New Year

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High School students were busy this week electing class officers, student council homeroom representatives and installing new Beta Club members.

Heading the senior class this year is Gerald Joiner. In his cabinet are Carol Harris, vice president; Roger Milam, secretary and Tommy Davenport, treasurer.

Larry Harrell was named president of the junior class with Kay Koch, vice president; Betty Potts, secretary; and Fran Woodward, treasurer.

The sophomores elected Stan Christian as the man for the job of president. Serving with Stan are Sally Shingler, vice president; Carol Clary, secretary; and Linda McLaurin, treasurer.

The junior class officers are going to have their hands full get-

ting ready for the annual Miss VHS beauty contest and making plans for the junior-senior dance this spring.

Tommy Davenport has been given the top post in the Beta Club. Serving with the versatile senior are Fran Woodward, vice president; Benita Thomas, secretary; Joey Davis, treasurer; Betty Potts, social chairman; and Randy Smith, chaplain.

New Beta club members include:

Andy Ashley, Mardie Barnes, Betty Jean Beck, Emerson Bell, Ann Bennett, Cornelia Cauthan, Stan Christian, Carol Clary, Jo Conlin, Mike Garbett.

Becky Giddens, Julie Groover, Greg Gunn, Brenda Hankinson, Susan Hotch, Elliott Karlip, Buddy Kilpatrick, Sharon Lincoln.

Linda McLaurin, Mac McVey, Donna Miller, Jimmy Miller, Janet Odum, Marcia Owens, Elaine

Parrish, Glen Register, Sara Ann Rigsby.

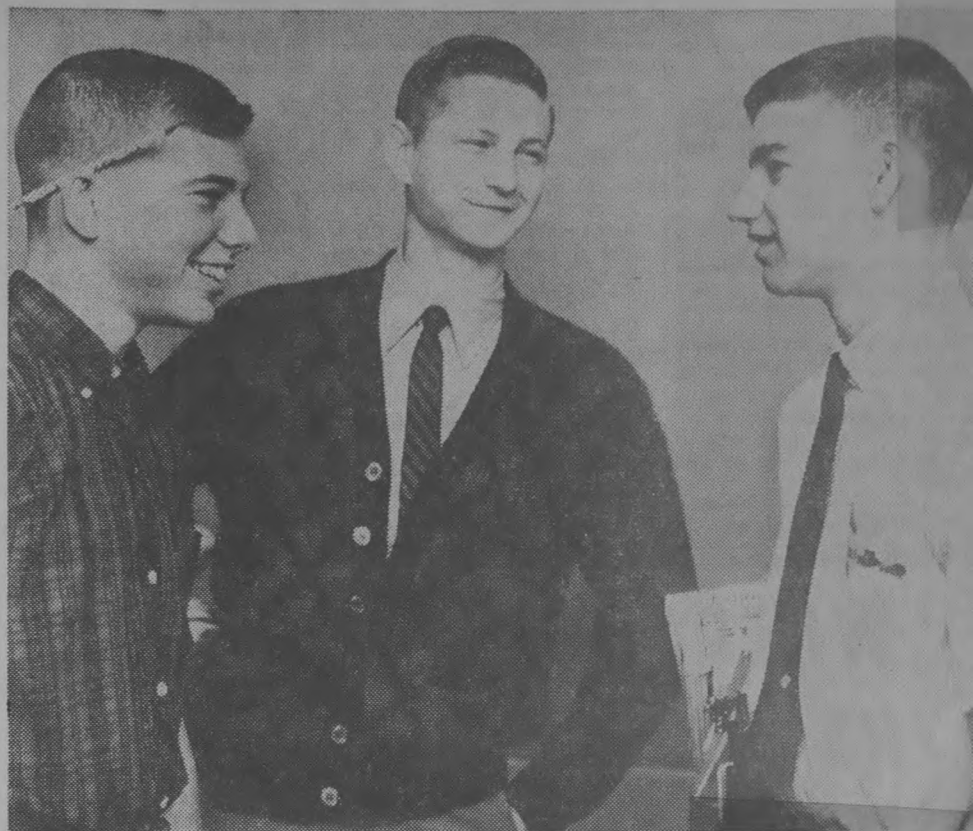
Vickie Ryan, Sally Shingler, Nancy Simon, Robert Strom, Lynn Thomas, Hiram Wilkinson, Cathy Wisenbaker, Creg Wolinski, Johnny Dean, and Brooks Toland.

Student council homeroom representatives:

Seniors: Brenda Hankinson, Bobby Steele, Carol Harris, Frankie Coan, Hiram Wilkinson, and Patsy Garvin.

Juniors: Barbara Reeves, Jimmy Rigsby, Joey Davis, Marsha Lackey, Tommy Barr, Mark Barger, Portia Thomas, Bobbie Catoe, Toni DiMascio, and Betty Potts.

Sophomores: Steve Coleman, Julie Groover, Sharon Lincoln, Linda McLaurin, Steve Minnick, Teresa Rogers, George Flythe, Janet Odum, Caty Wisenbaker, Ginny Griffin, Brenda Bailey, and Robert Bryan.



Stan Christian, Larry Harrell and Gerald Joiner To Lead VHS Classes

Everyone Wants To Have Grid Licks At Valdosta

Some wise football coach once said, "One year lady luck will kiss you on the cheek and the next season she may kick you in the teeth."

Right now Valdosta's football Wildcats must feel as if they've had their uppers and their lowers knocked down their throats.

That 13-9 loss to Jordan's Red Jackets at Columbus last Friday night in the rain and the mud is the kind which hangs in your throat.



GLASSMAN

Now let's get one point straight. I think the Wildcats gave it all they had and that they battled as hard as they could right to the finish. It was not, however, their night and victory opportunities slipped through their fingers.

Let's give credit to Jordan. The weather conditions called for fumbling, miss directed passes and anything but nimble footwork. The Red Jackets did a remarkable job of hanging on to the football when they had it and displayed an uncanny ability to latch on to it when the Wildcats lost contact with the handle. That, in the final analysis, was the difference.

Jordan had only two real scoring opportunities, got a TD on one, missed on another and then picked up a "bonus" in the form of a pass interception. Valdosta got within TD range three times in the first half and twice in the final period. Penalties wiped one Wildcat tally off the books and stalled another drive. Fumbles slammed the door in their face the other times. VHS had to settle for one TD and two points on a safety.

Another wise football coach, Valdosta's Wright Bazemore, once said, "A team is allotted just so many scoring opportunities in a game and to win you've got to make good on a high percentage of your chances." But, as we said, lady luck was swinging for the 'Cats' jaws at Columbus, like the time Terry Godwin got rolling on a kick return. The last Jordan defender with a chance to stop him just tipped one of Godwin's feet. The halfback made an all out effort to regain his balance, but finally did a nosedive in the mud some 10 or 15 yards up the field. It was remarkable he went as far as he did before he fell, but it was the kind of night when one wrong nudge could tip the scales against Valdosta.

Quite A Celebration

If anyone thinks the pressure is off the 'Cats because they tasted defeat they weren't in the stands Friday night. The Columbus crowd was small, but the victory celebration they staged was the kind you expect to see after a state championship triumph. Everyone, but everyone wants to have their football licks at the 'Cats this year.

It's going to be tough for the Wildcats to rebound after two losses in a row. There is, however, just one course for them. They've got to shake off the defeats and strive for improvement. I'm confident that's exactly what they will do.

In the first half against Jordan, Valdosta's running attack was sharper than it has been all season. The blocking was crisp and the backs ran with determination. But the 'Cats had a chance to unleash a pair of touchdown haymakers and they couldn't connect. The defense in the first half also held firm and the Jackets could not score.

The second half, well, things were different. After Jordan tied the score the Jackets became fired up. After they went ahead, they played with real fire. Valdosta battled back hard, but the 'Cats' gears didn't quite mesh.

Next time maybe it will be different. A lot could depend on whether lady luck is in a kissing or kicking mood.

RED JACKETS TOP VALDOSTA

Loss First Region 1-AAA Defeat For Wildcats Since 1959 Season

Special to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

COLUMBUS, Ga.—The Jordan Red Jackets scored a major upset in region 1-AAA play here Friday night as Coach Bob Donaldson's eleven came from behind with two touchdowns within one minute, 29 seconds of play to score a 13-9 win over the Valdosta Wildcats.

The loss snapped a 27-game win streak in region play for the 'Cats who had not lost in the region since losing to LaGrange 0-7 in the next to last game of the 1959 season.

The 'Cats drove to the Jordan five mid-way the opening period only to lose the ball on downs, but moments later were back to score as Cloy Blanton raced 30 yards for the touchdown. Foy Norwood converted for a 7-0 Wildcat lead that held through the half.

JORDAN OPENED the second half by going 60 yards for a touchdown, with Garnto going over from the one. Jerry Cason set up the score when he raced 56 yards on a fake kick on fourth down and 11 on the Jordan 39. Five plays later Johnny Hur-

ston intercepted Hank Lee's pass and raced 28 yards for a second Jordan touchdown which proved the margin of victory.

Valdosta picked up a safety in the final period when Carson tried to run the ball out of the end zone when a bad snap from center went over his head on an attempted punt.

Five lost fumbles hurt the 'Cats. Valdosta lost the ball three straight times in the second period and then twice in the last quarter.

The linescore:
 Valdosta 7 0 0 2-5
 Jordan 0 0 13 0-13
 Scoring: Touchdowns: Valdosta—Blanton (30-yard run); Jordan—Garnto (one-yard run); Hurston (28-yard pass interception). Extra Points: Valdosta—Norwood (placement); Jordan—Donaldson (placement).

Powerful Poets Next For 'Cats

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

There's no rest in sight this week for the somewhat weary high school football troops of Valdosta, Lowndes County and Hahira.

Valdosta's Wildcats, beaten in their last two starts, will host Lanier's powerful Poets here Friday night. Hahira's Tigers, still plagued by the injury jinx, will be at home Friday night for a duel with unbeaten Irwin County (Ocilla).

LOHI's Eagles, also hoping to halt a two-game losing skid, will face the surging Brooks County (Quitman) Tigers here on Saturday night.

In other games Friday night involving area teams, Berrien County (Nashville) will be at

lidlifter to Clinch, 14-6, and then rebounded to trim Tift, 13-7, and Berrien, 7-2.

The duel between Clinch's Panthers and Jeff Davis' Indians at Hazelhurst Friday will be an one of the area headliners. Clinch has a 4-0 record and Jeff Davis is 3-0. It's a non-league test since Clinch belongs to 1-B (East) and JD is in 1-A (East). Both teams, however, have ambitions to keep their victory strings going.

Cook's Hornets have a 1-1-1 record and the Berrien Rebels they will host at Adel are winless after four starts.

Georgia Christian has a 2-1 record and will be making its second start against a varsity football foe at Cross City.

Jennings' Panthers will be going for their third straight win and first Suwanee Conference victory at Mayo. Jasper and Madison will be out to improve on 1-1 records when they face Monticello and Quincy, respectively.

Other games around Georgia include the following:
Thursday — Central, Ala., at Columbus; Thomasville Central at Cairo.

Friday — LaGrange at Albany, Americus at GMC, Bacon at Appling, Atkinson at Patterson, Baker at Moultrie, Jesup at Coffee, Crisp at Fitzgerald, Willingham at Jordan, Tift at Thomasville.

Saturday — Camden at Blackshear.

AREA GRID SLATE

Friday

Lanier at Valdosta
Irwin at Hahira
Berrien at Cook
Clinch at Jeff Davis
GCS at Cross City
Monticello at Jasper
Quincy at Madison
Jennings at Mayo

Saturday

Brooks at Lowndes

Cook (Adel), Clinch County (Homerville) at Jeff Davis (Hazelhurst), Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Cross City, Fla.; Monticello, Fla., at Jasper, Fla.; Quincy, Fla., at Madison, Fla., and Jennings, Fla., at Mayo, Fla.

Valdosta's young Wildcats will carry a 1-2 record into their Region 1-AAA contest with high-stepping Lanier. The 'Cats beat Baker in their opener then lost on the road to Waycross, 12-0, and to Jordan, 13-9. VHS has a 1-1 league chart.

Lanier, boasting one of its best teams in many years, has a 2-1 record after three regional games. The Poets have socked Warner Robins, 45-0, and Columbus, 13-0. Their loss was by a slim, 13-11, margin to Moultrie, Georgia's top-ranked Class AAA team.

Hahira's Tigers have a 2-2 record after licking Vienna last week. But the Tigers are still below par physically and will have to play an Irwin team which has reeled off four straight wins.

Victories for Hahira have been over Atkinson County, 32-0, and Vienna, 27-7. The Tiger losses have been to Jeff Davis, 20-0, and Clinch, 14-0. Irwin has skipped past Coffee, 14-6; Turner, 24-0; Berrien, 39-0, and Bacon, 19-14. Irwin belongs to 1-A (East) and Hahira is a 1-B (East) delegate so no league honors will be at stake.

LOHI's Golden Eagles have a 2-2 chart and the Brooks Tigers they are to meet here Saturday night have a 2-1 record. LOHI campaigns in 1-AA (West) and Brooks is from 1-A (West). This is a non-league game, but a meeting between traditional rivals.

Lowndes started by beating Seminole, 23-0, and Cook, 7-6. Since then the Eagles have lost to Cairo, 27-7, and to Thomasville Central, 14-7. Brooks lost in its



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Murphy and Mrs. Massey: They'll Learn More on Atom at Chicago

CITY TEACHER, PUPIL

FOR STUDY OF ATOM

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A Valdosta High School senior and his science teacher will represent the school at the fifth national Youth Conference on the Atom in Chicago, Nov. 7-9.

Robert J. Murphy and Mrs. Grady Massey are going to Chicago, thanks to the Georgia Power Company's Valdosta division.

C. W. Warner, vice president of the utility firm in Valdosta, said, "Georgia Power and 59 other utilities throughout the nation annually sponsor the Youth Conference on the Atom.

"This is so that a group of the nation's most gifted high school science students and teachers may be given an authoritative picture of the promise of the peaceful uses of the atom and that interest in the study of science be encouraged," said Warner.

Murphy and Mrs. Massey will be among 500 students and teachers at the conference. This also includes representatives of the atomic science field.

The group in Chicago will tour Commonwealth Edison Company's Dresden nuclear power station and the Argonne National Laboratory.

Georgia Power is sponsoring one student and one teacher from each of the utility's seven divisions.

The students were selected by a board from the State Depart-

ment of Education and all participants in the 1963 science fairs were considered.

"I can't understand why I was chosen. There were so many other projects at the state fair that were better than mine," said young Murphy.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Murphy Sr. of 604 Mack Dr., he placed second in the state science fair. He was a finalist for two years in the 8th District science fairs at Waycross.

His project was a leaser he constructed himself.

"It works sort of like a neon sign in the fact it's colored light and not white," he explained.

The leaser, a new technique that was developed in 1960, is a device to generate coherent infrared light. This is pure light in its best form and has one frequency while white light has several.

"With a leaser one can knock holes in diamonds, bounce light off the moon and communicate with it," said Murphy.

Robert says he will again take part in the state science fair—only this time his leaser will be better.

"I was so rushed last year getting it finished, I didn't have time to test it before the judging. I explained this to the judges and I think that's why I didn't get a first place," he said.

Robert, 17, says he wants to attend Georgia Tech and study to

be a physicist or electronics engineer.

Mrs. Massey of 124 E. Park Ave. holds degrees from Valdosta State College and Columbia University. In 1954 she was awarded a fellowship to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

She was named in 1957 by the State Chamber of Commerce as Georgia's Teacher of the year and she is the holder of the Freedom Foundation Award.



'Dosta, Lanier Tangle Tonight

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Coach Wright Bazemore is hoping his football Wildcats get a lot of good breaks tonight because he thinks they will have to be lucky to stay with the highly regarded Lanier Poets.

The 'Cats and coach Jim Nolan's Poets from Macon will tangle in a Region 1-AAA gridiron duel slated for 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field.

Lanier has a 2-1 record, has been tagged the best team turned out by the Macon school in at least 10 years, is the state's fifth-ranked Class AAA entry and rates as a two three TD favorites over the Wildcats.

Valdosta, rebuilding after three consecutive state championship seasons, has a 1-2 record. The 'Cats are back "home" after two successive losses on the "road."

All of the Poets' games have been against league foes. VHS is 1-1 in regional play. Unbeaten Moultrie and Albany head the 1-

Hooks Sr., former Valdosta High and Mercer University grid boss. Linebacker John Harrison is the son of Cotton Harrison, a former Poet football chief.

"We are going to be playing against a lot of talented sons," Bazemore said. "In fact, we are going to be playing against a very, very good football team. Our boys have worked hard and I'm sure they are going to try to do their best."

Boniway has hit on 26 of 45 passes for 297 yards to give the Poets a potent aerial attack.

Lowe, Jordan and MacGregor are all averaging close to five yards per carry to give the Poets muscle along the ground. Lanier's tough defense has allowed just 13 points in three games.

Valdosta, depending mostly on its ground attack, finished with a statistical edge over both Waycross and Jordan. Of the four TD's scored against the 'Cats, two came on pass interceptions.

"We've made some improvement," Bazemore said. "These boys are battlers. We'll try to at least make it interesting."

A total of 200 reserved seat tickets for tonight's Lanier-Valdosta game will go on sale at the main boxoffice near the school at Cleveland Field when it opens at 6:45 p. m. The tickets were offered to Macon fans, weren't sold and have been returned. The tickets are for seats in Section D.

AAA standings and a win tonight is a "must" for both Valdosta and Lanier. The victor will remain in a position to challenge for the crown while the loser will see its title hopes fade.

Victories for Lanier have been over Warner Robins, 45-0, and Columbus, 13-0. Moultrie, the state's top-ranked "AAA" eleven, edged the Poets, 13-11. The 'Cats beat Baker, 6-0, and have lost to Waycross, 12-0, and Jordan, 13-9.

A fumble and a pass interception paved the way for Waycross' two TD's. VHS fumbles, a pass interception and untimely penalties helped give Jordan the boost it needed to lick the 'Cats in the rain.

"You couldn't say the breaks went our way in the last two ball games," Bazemore said. "I just hope we can get some good breaks tonight. We're going to have to be lucky to stay with Lanier."

Macon fans, in a high state of excitement about the game, planned to come to Valdosta on a special train. They couldn't work out a schedule with the railroad, but at last count they had chartered 10 busses for the ride down. Of course, many others will come in cars.

Lanier has an expert passer in senior quarterback Ken Bonifay and some swift and hard hitting runners in senior halfbacks Richard Jordan and Tommy Lowe and fullback Paul MacGregor.

Ken Bonifay is the son of Bob Bonifay, a baseball business manager here when Valdosta had a team in the Georgia - Florida League. There are other noteworthy sons on the Lanier squad.

Center Blake Clark is the son of the late Lem Clark, who for many years was an assistant football coach and head baseball coach at Lanier. Linebacker Bobby Hooks Jr. is the son of Bobby

In an effort to boost annual sales at Valdosta High School, the Sandspur staff staged a chapel program Thursday morning. . . The group presented flash backs in skit form of highlights at VHS through the years. . .

The skit that really brought the house down was the takeoff on the bomb scare at VHS in 1958. . . Students were informed there was a bomb in the building and were asked to leave the building quietly. . . Needless to say there was a mad dash. . . Foy Norwood was dressed in a bath towel and shower cap as he ran across the stage depicting a student taking a shower after physical education. . .

There was a takeoff on Bobby Dasher's father, Billy West Dasher, as he used to sit in class and recite poetry and a group of cheerleaders of which Aubrey Stump, Shirley Stump's father, was once captain. . .

Key Club Expands

VHS key club has taken in the following new members: Emerson Bell, Stan Christian, John Coleman, Johnny Dean, Kent Edwards, Emil Girardin, Robert Goff, John Harrington, Barry Henry, Rubaid Lasseter, James Lineberger, Lyn McIntosh, Mac McVey, Steve Minnick, Joe Owens, Don Reames, Joe Rodgers, Robert Strom, Lyn Thomas, Hiram Wilkinson. . .

Transistor radios are really the thing. . . Students are seen in the halls of local schools with the little earplugs in their ears listening to the World Series. . . Teachers don't seem to mind as long as the radios are switched off during classroom hours. . .

Right now the Valdosta High School Wildcats need your support more than ever before. . . We were more than willing to back them during their winning streak, let's not let the football team down just because they aren't at the top of the football charts. . .

—Times Staff Photo
Valdosta QB: Hank Lee To Be At VHS Helm



—Times Staff Photo
 lyo's Clobbered: Blanton Hit by John Harrison, 14, and Al Gerhardt, 88

Wildcats Tie Lanier Poets

3-3 Deadlock Moral Win For Underdog 'Dosta Team

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
 Times Sports Editor

Some nifty footwork mixed with a generous serving of furious defensive play and a relatively small, but exciting, dash of offense went into the football dish served up here Friday night as Valdosta's young Wildcats battled the favored Lanier Poets to a 3-3 tie.

A crowd of approximately 7,500 saw coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and coach Jim Nolan's Poets from Macon swap hard gridiron licks all the way in the Region 1-AAA thriller.

Lanier got its three points on a 21-yard field goal by kicking specialist Jimmy Jones midway the third period. Valdosta squared accounts when tackle - end Foy Norwood booted one through from 23 yards out midway the final period to kick a field goal the first time in his career he ever tried one.

The tie, which was a moral victory for the underdog Wildcats, left Valdosta with a 1-2-1 record in all games and a 1-1-1 regional chart. Lanier, which ranked fifth in the state among Class AAA teams before the game, now has a 2-1-1 mark for the year and also in the league standings.

Beside Jones and Norwood, Valdosta halfback Cloy Blanton and Lanier end Al Gerhardt showed they had talented toes. They hooked up in a punting duel which was a highlight of the game. Blanton averaged 33.2 yards on six kicks, and two of his boots went into the end zone to cut his average considerably. Gerhardt punted six times for a 43-yard average. Their booming kicks set the stage for the defensive show.

Valdosta came out of the game with a statistical edge and the Wildcats had the most opportunities to score. In the second period VHS ends Kenny Bounds and Bruce Buie covered a Lanier fumble at the Poet 28. The 'Cats moved to the 15 then lost the ball back to Lanier on a bobble. Meanwhile, Lanier failed to get the ball past its own 43 in the first half.

The Poets got rolling at the start of the second half. In eight plays they moved from their own 41 to the VHS 9. A 21-yard air strike from quarterback Ken Bonifay to end George Whitener and a 11-yard gallop by halfback Tommy Lowe were the key gainers.

In three tries at close range the Poets managed to dent the stout Valdosta defense for only five yards. Jones came on and went for a field goal while standing at the 11. His boot was left of center, but it drew a "good" signal from the referees. Lanier never got the ball past midfield after that.

Valdosta's attack started making headway early in the fourth period and the Wildcats moved from their own 42 to the Poets' 4. The big gainer was a pass from quarterback Hank Lee to halfback Terry Godwin. The play covered 34 yards. Godwin took a medium range toss and kept going until he was brought down at the four.

The 'Cats lost two yards on the next play and were back at the six. They drew a five-yard penalty and were back at the 11. A Lee - to - Blanton pass was good for five and put them at the six. Norwood swung his big toe at the

pigskin while standing on the 13 and it was a high hard one that also drew a "good" signal from the officials.

The game finished in a flurry of pass interceptions which kept the fans on their feet cheering. Blanton intercepted a Lanier "pitch" at the Poet 35. Lowe then
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Norwood, Smaha Tie For Lineman Honor

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Foy Norwood, a Valdosta tackle, and linebacker Jiggy Smaha of the Lanier Poets share Lineman of the Week accolades in this week's Associated Press Roll Call of Stars.

Both were chosen for their superior performances in last Friday night Valdosta-Lanier 1-AAA football contest which ended 3-3 deadlock.

Norwood, a 215-pound senior, kicked his first field goal—a 23-yarder—to tie the game in the fourth quarter. He also was outstanding on defense with nine tackles to his credit.

Smaha, a 220-pound senior who who plays inside linebacker, made 11 key tackles and numerous assists and was instrumental in stopping a Valdosta scoring drive at the 11 yard line.

Chosen as AP Back of the Week is Atlanta Brown's Bill Kinard. The 165-pound senior quarterback scored one touchdown, passed 35 yards for another, intercepted two passes and made seven tackles as Brown handed Roosevelt its first defeat of the season, 13-6. Kinard, who was shifted from halfback this season, gained 71 yards in 17 plays for better than a four-yard average.

Here are others who received honorable mention in this week's Roll Call:

STANLEY REDDING and EUGENE RABENSTEIN — Redding, a halfback, gained 49 yards for Moultrie as the Packers whipped Baker of Columbus, 14-7. Rabenstein was outstanding for Moultrie as a defensive end.

BILL MOYE and JOHNNY HINSON—Cairo's senior tackles came up with four key tackles apiece as the Syrupmakers rolled to a 27-0 victory over Thomasville Central.

ED CANNON and JERRY SWAIN—Cannon, a quarterback, and end Swain combined on a 24-yard pass play to give Albany a touchdown and a 7-0 triumph over LaGrange.

JOHN LOVE — LaGrange quarterback connected on 10 of 17 passes for 110 yards as the Grangers bowed to Albany.

DICKY THOMPSON and FELLA ALTMAN—Thompson, Thomasville halfback, scored four touchdowns and passed for another in the Bulldogs' 49-12 defeat of Tift County. Altman, a junior halfback, booted 6 out of 6 conversions and kicked

field goals of 35 and 37 yards for Thomasville.

MIKE HENDERSON—Sophomore quarterback for Tift County completed six of 12 passes for 104 yards and scored one touchdown in loss to Thomasville.

DONALD HAYES—205-pound Cook County fullback scored one touchdown and carried for 83 yards in Cook's 19-6 victory over Berrien County.

DANE PERKINS—Berrien County guard made 11 tackles and nine assists in loss to Cook County.

JACK PAULK and WAYNE EVANS—Fitzgerald backs combined for five touchdowns and 261 yards rushing in 48-14 defeat of Crisp County.

STEVE JOHNSON — Marietta quarterback gained 127 yards and scored one touchdown in directing the Blue Devils past Griffin, 20-13.

STEVE MILLS—Avondale fullback ran seven yards for a touchdown with less than two minutes remaining in the game to give Avondale a 7-3 come-from-behind victory over R. E. Lee.

BRAD HENDERSON—Sophomore quarterback from Willingham passed for three touchdowns, completed six of 10 passes for 90 yards in the Rams' 33-0 rout of Jordan of Columbus.



VHS' Bobby Moore (34) Pushes Off Poets Terry Collinsworth

—Times Staff Photo

Bonifay Has Turn At Football 'Cats

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

It's the Valdosta football Wildcats' turn to get ready for trouble from a Lanier athlete already well known to the VHS basketball and baseball teams.

When coach Jim Nolan's Lanier eleven comes here from Macon Friday night for a Region 1-AAA grid duel with coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats, the Poets' quarterback will be a 145-pound senior named Ken Bonifay.

Bonifay, a little guy with big talent, went on a scoring spree to engineer a Lanier win over the VHS basketball team last winter. Then in the spring this same Bonifay hit a grand slam homer which gave the Poets a victory over the baseball Wildcats.

It's fall now, football is the sport and Bonifay is sure to be in the football Wildcats' hair here on Friday night.

Bonifay's slick ball handling and pinpoint passing is one reason Macon fans are calling this Lanier's best football team in more than 10 years and he is chiefly responsible for the Poets being ranked fifth among Georgia's Class AAA teams.

Lanier has a 2-1 record after three 1-AAA bouts in which it blanked Warner Robins, 45-0, and Columbus, 13-0, and dropped a close, 13-11, decision to Moultrie, a co-leader in 1-AAA and the state's top-ranked "AAA" team. "Lanier has a team which is big, strong, experienced, fast and well balanced," Bazemore said. "And this Bonifay is a great quarterback. He's not big, but he has poise, he's a flawless ball handler and he can throw that football. He's also a darting type runner, the kind who can go all the way."

Bonifay leads an all-senior Lanier backfield which has Tommy Lowe (163) and Richard Jordan (156) at the halfback posts and Paul MacGregor (168) at fullback. In the tough Lanier secondary are linebackers John Harrison (157-jr.), Terry Collinsworth (155-sr.), Jiggy Smaha (220-sr.) and Bobby Hooks Jr. (175-jr.) and safetymen Terry Clifton (145-jr.) and Ray McWilliams (160 - sr.). The Poets also have a kicking specialist named Jimmy Jones who booted a 21-yard field goal against Moultrie.

Bonifay has hit on 26 of 45 passes (.577 average) for 297 yards and two touchdowns. He's legged it for 36 yards on 19 carries, which doesn't reflect his actual running talent.

MacGregor, Lowe and Jordan are all averaging close to five yards per carry. MacGregor has picked 125 yards on 26 runs, Lowe has gained 102 on 18 tries and Jordan has moved the football 79

yards on 24 romps. MacGregor has hauled in five passes for 88 yards and Jordan has latched on to seven aeriels for 64 yards.

The Lanier backs operate behind a big and quick line and it's this combination which has established the Poets as a two to three touchdown favorite.

In the middle of a major rebuilding campaign, the Wildcats have a 1-2 record in all games and a 1-1 regional chart. They beat Baker, 6-0, in their opener and then lost to Waycross, 12-0, and to Jordan, 13-9, in a pair of road games.

Bazemore has announced VHS' probable backfield starters are as follows:

Offense — quarterback Hank Lee (180-sr.), halfbacks Terry Godwin (155-jr.) and Clyo Blanton (165-sr.) and fullback Bobby Moore (175-soph.).

Defense — linebackers Billy Bray (131-jr.), Bill Parramore (150-soph.), Jimmy Neal (175-soph.) and Kenny Clifton (175-

soph.), safetymen Glenn Davis (150-soph.) or Lee and Robert Strom (155-soph.).

Davis suffered a shoulder injury in a non-football accident which has him on the doubtful list right now.

Moore has been the VHS attack leader with 179 yards on 36 carries. Blanton has picked 174 yards on 51 runs and accounted for the two TD's the 'Cats have to their credit in three games. Lee has gained 49 yards rushing on 12 tries and has hit on nine of 21 passes for 114 yards. Godwin has seen only limited service in the go-unit backfield, but has returned nine punts 135 yards and lugged back five kickoffs 143 yards while seeing extensive duty on defense.

Bazemore is continuing to look for ways to help the 'Cats improve their scoring punch. They piled up impressive offensive statistics against both Waycross and Jordan, but came out on the short end of the score in both tilts.

'Cats, Poets Tie

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snagged a VHS toss and the Poets had possession again on their own 44. Lanier tried to get off a scoring aerial and Lee was there to intercept for Valdosta at the Wildcats' 25. VHS started to

STATISTICS

	Val.	Lanier
First Downs	9	6
Yards Rushing	66	57
Yards Passing	111	51
Passes	16-27	6-14
Passes Intc. by	2	1
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Punting	4-33.1	6-43
Penalties	2-20	2-10

move, then bogged down at mid-field and had to give up the ball on downs at the Lanier 48. That's where the fray ended.

Lee was Valdosta's attack leader. He gained 25 yards rushing on 11 carries and hit on 16 of 25 passes for 111 yards. Blanton caught 12 passes for 52 yards and Godwin hauled in two for 37 yards. Lowe, with 41 yards on 11 runs, paced the Lanier ground assault. Bonifay hit on six of 13 passes for 51 yards.

But this was mainly a defensive battle and VHS stop'em crew

heroes included Norwood and Jack Martin, who each made nine stops and Robert Strom, Billy Bray, Bill Henry and Jimmy Neal, who each made five tack-

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta — Lee 11-25, Blanton 6-18, Moore 9-16, Godwin 5-12, Perkins 1 minus 5; Lanier — Lowe 11-41, Jordan 7-15, MacGregor 4-10, Bonifay 5-19.

Passing: Valdosta — Lee 16-25-111, Blanton 0-2-0; Lanier — Bonifay 6-13-51, Jordan 0-1-0.

Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Blanton 12-52, Godwin 2-37, Goff 1-18, Moore 1-4; Lanier — Whitener 1-19, Jordan 2-17, MacGregor 2-15, Lowe 1-0.

Punt Returns: Valdosta — Godwin 2-13; Lanier — Jordan 3-2.

Kickoff Returns: Valdosta — Godwin 1-12; Lanier — Clifton 1-25, Collinsworth 1-20, Jordan 1-19.

Defensive Leaders (Tackles): Valdosta — Norwood 9, Martin 9, Strom 5, Bray 5, Henry 5, Neal 5, Moore 3, Lee 2, Blanton 2, Clifton 2, Godwin 2; Lanier — Smaha 11, Forrester 5, Gerhardt 4, Hinson 3, Fincher 3, McWilliams 3.

les. Neal made all his stops in the first half before an injury forced him out of action.

In addition to the Wildcats already mentioned, linemen Robert Goff, John Gunter, Larry Wainwright, Stuart Mullis, Steve Wainsley, Billy Joseph, Kenny Clifton, Bill Welch, Kendall Varnedoe,

Tommy Dove and Albert McLeod and backs Bobby Moore and Ronnie Perkins did their part in a team performance which enhanced the Wildcats' reputation as gridiron battlers. Perkins, a transfer student from Tallahassee, made his debut with VHS.

Jiggy Smaha, a 220 - pound senior, led the Lanier stop'em effort from a linebacking post. He made 11 tackles. The Poets' Danny Forrester made five stops and Gerhardt got credit for four.

LINEUPS

Valdosta
Ends: Goff, Gunter, Norwood, Buie, Bounds, Neal, McLeod.
Tackles: Wainwright, Mullis, Wainsley.
Guards: Henry, Martin, Joseph, Clifton, Welch, Varnedoe.

Centers: Dove.
Backs: Bray, Blanton, Godwin, Lee, Strom, Parramore, Moore, Perkins.

Lanier
Ends: Bond, Whitener, Gerhardt, Groover.

Tackles: Swain, Burns, Smaha, Willis.
Guards: Wade, Sapp, Forrester, Chanin, Fincher, Hinson.

Centers: Clark.
Backs: Hightower, Lowe, McWilliams, Collinsworth, Clifton, Jordan, Bostick, MacGregor, Harrison, Bonifay.

Score by quarters follows:
Valdosta 0 0 3-3
Lanier 0 0 3 0-3

Scoring: Field Goals — Valdosta — Norwood (from 13 yd. line); Lanier — James (from 11 yd. line).

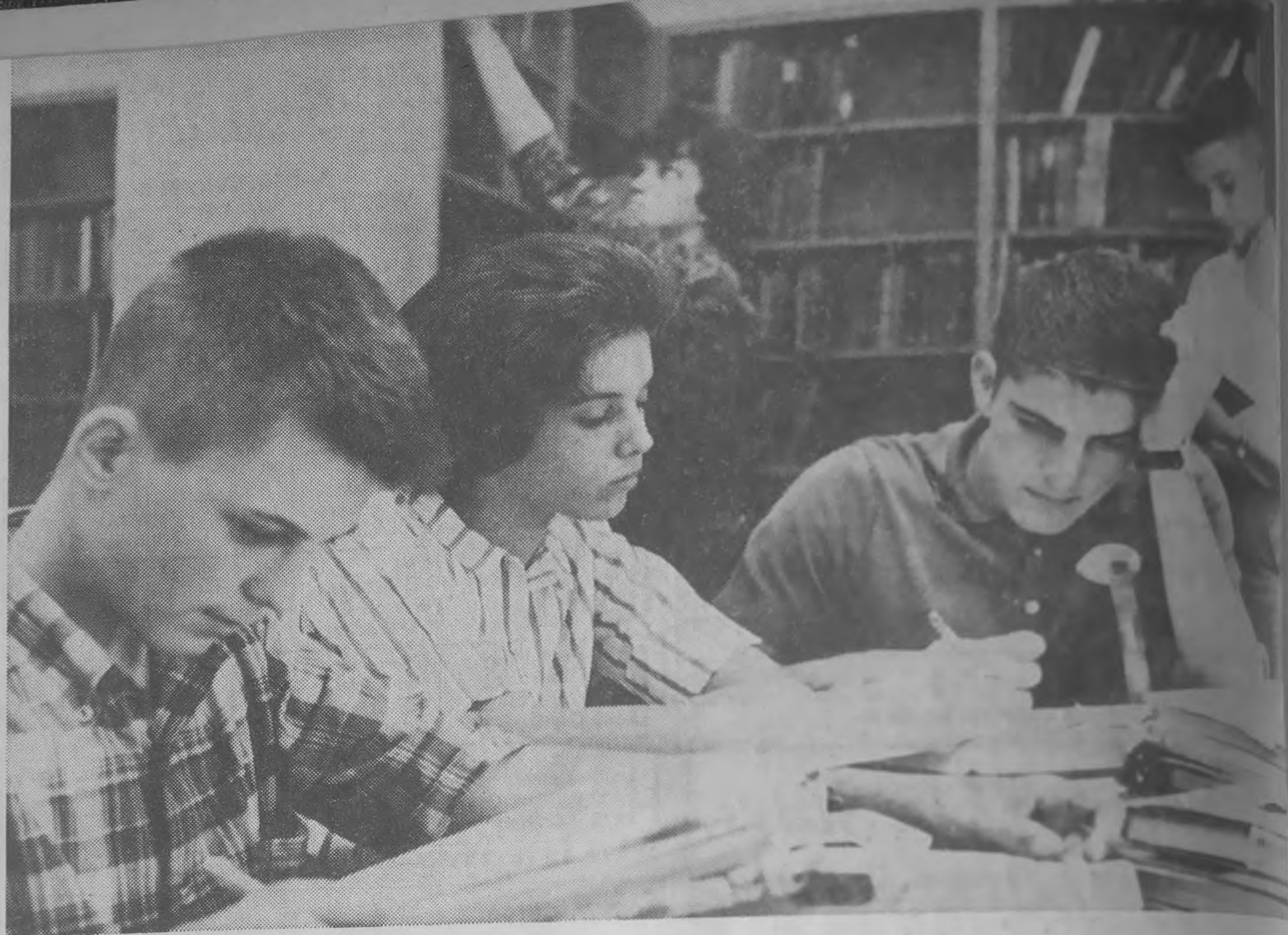
10 Local Netters On Tourney List

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta will be represented by 10 girls at Ormond Fla., this weekend in the Florida East Coast Championship Tennis Tournament.

The two-day event is slated to begin on Saturday and will be staged at the Oriona Racket Club.

The Valdosta girls competing will be Maxine Wilson, Joy Smith, Linda McLaurin, Helen Lawson, Judy Lawson, Toni DiMascio, Susan LaMontagne, Mardi Barnes, Daisy Wall and Ann Freeman.



The Drop Out: There's Just Not Much For Him

They Stayed in School: Buddy Kilpatrick, Sharon Calhoun and Bruce Devley at VHS Library

Drop Outs: Things Don't Work For Them

By MARY RAWLS

Standing before the judge he crammed his hands in his pockets. An I-don't-give-a-darn look was on his young face.

"How old are you son," asked Judge John Peeples in the Valdosta Recorder's Court.

"I'm 17," the boy sullenly answered. He was charged with reckless driving.

"Are you in school?" asked Peeples.

"No."

"Did you graduate or drop-out?" asked the judge.

"I quit," said the boy shrugging his drooped shoulders.

"At what grade level did you quit?" Peeples asked.

"The eighth," he said.

This story is not new. It is not pretty, but it is true. And the facts about all this drop out business are astounding.

The drop-out situation is a serious one, ask any educator. The boy in this story didn't have a job. He said he sometimes helped his brother.

What can he do with an eighth grade education?

What made him drop-out? What makes 60 per cent of all Georgia students drop out of school?

Only 40 per cent of the kids who enrolled in the first grade this year will finish high school, if something isn't done to encourage our children to stay in school.

But here is a bright side of the picture in Valdosta. The Lowndes County Department of Family and Children Services did a survey on more than 400 families on its rolls with children

of school age.

Miss Edna Pafford, Welfare director, said only 10 of this number had dropped out of school.

One 15-year-old girl was pregnant and unmarried; another child did not have proper clothing. The Welfare people got clothes for the child and he is now in school.

One Negro youth was not allowed to go to school because he did not have a birth certificate. Local schools require first graders to show birth certificates upon entering school. Miss Pafford's staff was working to get that child a birth certificate.

Another youth was mentally retarded and two had to work to support their families. Only two of those surveyed dropped out because they had failed a grade.

But the survey took in only 400 families.

What about the seventh and eighth graders who stop going to school.

One boy who has been out of school several years said he disliked it. When he was asked why he quit, he said his parents didn't go any further than the sixth grade and they hated it too.

"I wanted to get out and get a job," he said. He is a frequent visitor to the local pool halls. He is considered by others and himself a crack shot. He didn't mention his job, if there is one.

Another girl dropped out of the ninth grade to get married. After four years of marriage she and her husband, who had finished the 11th grade, have two children and a low income.

"I think we would have been much better

off had both of us finished school," she said. This is a step in the right direction when a drop-out admits it was a mistake.

Her day consists of looking after two children and holding down a part time job as a waitress in the summer.

She should be a happy care-free, teenager who is dating several boys and enjoying life. Instead she is tired and worn at 17 and her hands look like a scrub woman's. She is having trouble with her marriage.

Another boy who dropped out of the seventh grade said he had failed three times. "I was bigger than the others. I didn't get along with my teacher or hardly anybody at school. My old man was never home and my mother just yelled at me all the time, so I quit and went to work. I don't have to take nothing, I told them."

He takes nothing and apparently gives nothing. He is a familiar figure on the street and in the courts. He has been arrested numerous times on reckless driving charges and has a long juvenile record.

Norman LaHood, guidance counselor at Valdosta Junior High School, said he took a survey of teachers in the seventh and eighth grades.

The 321 seventh graders were observed by their instructors for potential drop-out characteristics, LaHood said.

Of the 321 seventh graders, 43 were disinterested in school, 64 were failing in two or more grades, 53 had limited academic ability, 34 resented school routine and restriction, 17 felt they didn't belong in a classroom and 24 showed a marked dislike for school.

Of the 323 eighth graders, the teachers

found that 44 were failing in two or more subjects, 30 had repeated one or more grades, 36 had limited academic ability, 20 were disinterested in the school program and 13 were persistent troublemakers.

LaHood, who has been working for several years with the drop-out problem in Valdosta said 2 1/2% of the children born in Valdosta as mentally retarded while the same number born each year are gifted.

He lists several good reasons for staying in school:

Business and industry are demanding a high school diploma. The door to advancement and further training is likely to be closed to those who do not complete high school.

As more persons become educated, competition for better jobs grows greater. The high school graduate earns about \$183,000 over a life time. This is nearly \$50,000 more than the average lifetime earnings of the eighth grade graduate.

The young, unskilled worker is always the first to suffer when work is hard to find. Employers often regard school drop-outs as poor risks.

Graduation from an American high school enables a person to function effectively in a Democratic society.

And what are we doing about the drop out? The Valdosta Board of Education plans to offer more elective courses at the junior high and high school levels, courses which are being planned and the new area trade school can fill some of the gaps.

But as far as the trade school is concerned, in almost all areas of study a high school diploma to qualify.

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VHS Starter: Steve Wansley To Open At Tackle

Baze Checks Report, Calls For Aspirins

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Coach Wright Bazemore took just one look at the scout report on the Lanier Poets and then the Wildcats' football boss grabbed for the aspirin bottle.

The 'Cats are to meet coach Jim Nolan's Poets here Friday night in a Region 1-AAA outing.

Part of the report which had Bazemore looking for something to soothe his nerves was where the VHS scout said Lanier looks superior in all departments of play to Baker, Waycross and Jordan, the three teams the Wildcats have already met.

The young 'Cats clipped Baker 6-0, in their opener, then lost to Waycross 12-0 and to Jordan 13-9. Valdosta is 1-1 in league play.

Lanier has beaten Warner Robins 45-0 and Columbus 13-0. In between it dropped a 13-11 decision to Moultrie, the state's top-ranked Class AAA team. All were regional games. The 1963 Poets are rated the best to represent the Macon school on the gridiron in at least 10 years.

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It goes without saying Lanier is anxious to have a go at Valdosta this year while the 'Cats are going through a rebuilding phase after setting the pace in the state "AAA" ranks for three years. Plans call for the Macon fans to travel to the game in a special train.

"Lanier has good size, speed, experience and depth," Bazemore said, after reading further in the scout report. "They have a strong running and passing attack and a tough defense. What else is there. We are going to be playing a very good football team, one better than any of the three we've already met.

"Our boys don't have to be told the situation. They've got to be ready to give a superior effort and hope for the breaks. We've also got to show vast improvement in all phases of play. The boys have worked hard, they have good spirit and they've made some progress. We still have such a long, long way to go."

Lanier has been tagged a two to three touchdown favorite, making this the first time since 1959 Valdosta has gone into a game as such a decided underdog.

Bazemore is hoping that the so-called home field advantage will actually help the Wildcats' cause and that as he put it, "we can at least give Lanier a good ball game."

Some of the Wildcats' progress Bazemore spoke about is evident in the offensive statistics they piled up in the two games they lost. The 'Cats outgained both Waycross and Jordan, but couldn't come up with enough scoring punch. And of the four TDs the VHS defense has allowed in three games, two came on pass interceptions.

"We are making the kind of mistakes you expect with an inexperienced team," Bazemore said. "The boys are trying hard to eliminate them. They battled hard all the way against Waycross and Jordan. If they'll keep that up and I'm confident they will, maybe some of the breaks will start going our way."

Line play Friday night is sure to be brisk.

Offensive and defensive regulars in the Poets experienced forward wall include ends Bill Bonds (153-sr.), George Whitner (196-jr.), Bobby Gerhardt (198-soph.) and Danny Forrester (163-soph.), tackles Len Burns (175-jr.), Sonny Swain (190-jr.), Denny Groover (180-jr.), Jiggy Smaha (220-sr.) and Craig Wade (195-sr.), guards Bobby Chanin (160-jr.), Jack Sapp (160-jr.) and Doug Fincher (145-jr.), center Blake Clark (163-sr.).

Bazemore announced VHS' probable starters in the line as follows:

Offense—Ends Robert Goff (155-jr.) and Albert McLeod (175-jr.), tackles Larry Wainwright (215-soph.) and Steve Wansley (215-sr.), guards Bill Welch (155-soph.) and Bill Henry (186-jr.), center Tommy Dove (170-jr.).

Defense—Ends Kenny Bounds (160-soph.) and Bruce Buie (160-sr.), tackles Foy Norwood (215-sr.) and Stuart Mullis (195-jr.) and middle guard Jack Martin (175-jr.).

Wilson-Daniel Finish Second In Tennis Test

ORMOND BEACH, Fla. — Valdosta's Maxine Wilson and Janie Daniel of Waycross were runners-up in the girls 18 doubles of the Florida East Coast Tennis Championships.

The Wilson-Daniel team beat Valdostan Judy Lawson and Sissie Murock of Ormond Beach, 6-0, 6-3 in the semi-finals, then bowed to Alecia Nelson of Jacksonville and Windy Overton of Ormond Beach, 6-1, 6-2, in the title round.

Results of matches involving other Valdosta players follows:

16-doubles: Susan LaMontagne-Mardi Barnes beat Linda Harper-Lelia Duffett, Ormond Beach; 6-2, 6-3, 6-3, first round and lost to Sarah Blymel-Sue Bryant, Jacksonville, 6-2, 6-1, in semi-finals.

14-doubles: Ann Freeman-Daisy Wall lost to Tyra Phipps-Murock, 6-0, 6-3, first round.

18-singles: Wilson lost to Candy Gibson, Ft. Walton Beach, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, and Lawson lost to Sue Bryant, Jacksonville Beach, 6-0, 6-0, in first round.

16-singles: In first round Lawson beat Linda Harper, Daytona Beach, 7-5, 6-2, then lost to Windy Overton, 6-0, 6-1, in second round. Losing in first round were Linda McLaurin to Sandra Bragg, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; Joy Smith to Daniel, 3-6, 2-6; Mardi Barnes to Sarah Blymel, 6-2, 6-1; Susan LaMontagne to Pam Harper, 6-0, 6-0, and Toni DiMascio to Beverly Haile, Gainesville, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

'Cats' Tie With Poets Had Plenty Of Wallop

"A tie football game," a coach once said, "is like kissing your cousin—it's kind of nice, but it doesn't give you a thrill."

I'm not sure coach Wright Bazemore feels that way in regards to the Valdosta Wildcats' 3-3 tie with the Lanier Poets here Friday night. The VHS grid boss does admit the deadlock left him with mixed emotions.



GLASSMAN

"I'm proud of the boys for several reasons," Bazemore said. "They were the underdogs, but they battled all the way and they earned a tie. "On the other hand I was a little disappointed because we got so close again without winning. I consider it a moral victory for us, but it would have been nice to put another one in the win column.

"As I've been saying all along, our boys are battlers. But our schedule keeps getting tougher. We play unbeaten Albany next and we've still got worlds of room for improvement."

The Poets kicking specialist Jimmy Jones booted a field goal from the 11-yard line in the third quarter. This was the only time Lanier got even a close look at the end zone. In the final period an air strike gave VHS a first down at the Lanier four. A two-yard loss and a penalty forced them to go for a field goal with a fourth-and-six situation.

Foy Norwood, trying his first three-point effort in a regulation game, made it good from the 13-yard line. Valdosta got within striking distance of paydirt on two other occasions, but couldn't ring the TD bell.

Jiggy Was A Buster

This Lanier team hit harder, especially on defense, than any I've seen in recent years. One block buster was the Poets' 220-pound linebacker Jiggy Smaha. We should also note that the 'Cats passed out a full quota of hard licks.

Valdosta did a good job of defending Lanier quarterback Ken Bonifay, a youngster who has been drawing rave notices. Bonifay did get off one pass which carried 21 yards and helped set up the Poets' field goal.

Neither the Wildcats or the Poets could get their ground attacks rolling. The VHS air offensive looked better and it was a 34-yard pass play, going from Hank Lee to Terry Godwin, which got VHS within field goal range.

The Wildcats continue to show signs of improvement. Stop and consider this fact. These boys bounced back to tie Georgia's fifth-ranked Class AAA team after suffering two losses in a row.

They may lack the speed needed to have a wheeling-dealing offense and they may error at times the way all inexperienced gridders do. But they have stick'em in keeping with Valdosta's finest football tradition.

Local Grididders Set To Travel

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta, Lowndes County and Hahira will all "hit the road" for high school football games Friday night.

Valdosta's Wildcats will go to Albany for a meeting with the unbeaten Indians. This will be a Region 1-AAA test and a clash between traditional rivals.

LOHI's Eagles are to go to Tifton for a 1-AA (West) duel with the Tift County Blue Devils. Hahira will take a long trip to Donalsonville for a non-league game with Seminole County.

In other games Friday involving area teams Cook (Adel) will be at Bacon County (Alma), Berrien County (Nashville) at Coffee County (Douglas), Charlton County (Folkston) at Clinch County (Homerville), Americus at Brooks County (Quitman), Santa Fe, Fla., at Jasper, Fla., and Fernandina Beach, Fla., at Madison, Fla.

On Saturday, Georgia Christian (Dasher) will play at Jennings, Fla.

Valdosta, which has a 1-2-1 mark in all games and a 1-1-1 regional chart, will be meeting an

AREA GRID SLATE

Friday

Valdosta at Albany
Lowndes at Tift
Hahira at Seminole
Cook at Bacon
Berrien at Coffee
Charlton at Clinch
Americus at Brooks
Santa Fe at Jasper
Fernandina at Madison
Saturday
GCS at Jennings

Albany team which has clicked for four straight wins and shares first place with Moultrie in the 1-AAA standings with a 3-0 league mark. This will be the Wildcats' third road trip and they are still looking for their first win away from home.

league match and Americus facing its second loop foe.

Jasper and Madison will be trying to improve on 1-2 records when they host Santa Fe and Fernandina Beach, respectively.

Jennings' Panthers will be aiming for their fourth straight triumph when they host Georgia Christian's Generals on Saturday. GCS, fielding its first varsity football team, has a 2-2 record. The Generals' wins came over the LOHI and Hahira "B" teams. In two varsity start, GCS has fallen

before Mayo and Cross City. Other games around Georgia include the following:

Thursday — Athens at Willingham, Jordan at Baker.

Friday — Patterson at Appling, Dothan, Ala., at Bainbridge, Fitzgerald at Blackshear, Perry, Fla., at Cairo, Thomasville Central at Worth, Moultrie at Columbus, Glynn at Jesup, Jeff Davis at Irwin, Warner Robins at LaGrange, Thomasville at Mitchell, Ware at Waycross.

Saturday — Savannah at Lanier.

Wildcats' Foes Getting Tougher

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

"We are showing some improvement, but the competition keeps getting tougher."

That, according to coach Wright Bazemore, is the current situation for Valdosta's young football Wildcats.

After losing two in a row, the 'Cats rebounded last week to battle a favored Lanier team to a 3-3 tie. It was a moral victory for VHS over the Poets, who were ranked fifth in the state among Class AAA teams.

But as Bazemore says, the competition keeps getting tougher. On Friday the 'Cats must go to Albany for a meeting with coach Pat Field's Indians.

The Tribe has clicked for four straight wins, shares first place in the Region 1-AAA standings with Moultrie and is ranked second in the state on the "AAA" list. The Indians have their sights focused on the state Class AAA throne room.

Beside that tie with Lanier, VHS has a 6-0 victory over Baker to its credit. Both of these were "home" outings. In two early road trips, Valdosta lost to Waycross, 12-0, and to Jordan (Columbus), 13-9. The 'Cats are 1-1-1 in league play.

Albany has run up its victory string by beating Benedictine (Savannah), 27-0; Columbus, 7-0; Warner Robins, 39-6, and LaGrange, 7-0. That lone Robins TD came against the Indian reserves. The Albany regulars haven't been scored on.

"Our scout report shows Albany is definitely stronger than anyone we've already played," Bazemore said. "We're making some progress, but our opposition is getting progressively tougher."

"Albany has a big, experienced team. Among the 21 boys who have seen the most action for the Indians this year, 15 are seniors. They have a strong ground attack and some talented passers. Their defense, well the regulars haven't been scored on. They are calling this the best Albany team since their state championship crew in '59 and I have to agree."

Field has an all-senior offensive line ready for action. The go-team regulars up front are ends Jerry Swain (160) and Bob Evans (160), tackles Buddy Cox (225) and Sambo Arnold (208), guards Johnny Hallyburton (175) and Roddy Broach (195) and center George Grav

(194). End Cecil Strickland (165-jr.) and Doug Gurr (167-jr.) and tackle Gene Wilson (245-sr.) move into the front ranks on defense.

VHS linemen who will start Friday, according to Bazemore, will probably be the following:

Offense — ends Robert Goff (155-jr.) and Albert McLeod (175-jr.), tackles Larry Wainwright (215-soph.) and Steve Wansley (215-sr.), guards Bill Welch (155-soph.) and Bill Henry (186-jr.), center Tommy Dove (170-jr.).

Defense — ends Kenny Bounds (160-soph.) and Bruce Buie (160-

sr.), tackles Foy Norwood (215-sr.) and Stuart Mullis (185-jr.), middle guard Jack Martin (175-jr.).

"I don't think its necessary to to try to pep talk our boys," Bazemore said. "They understand the situation without anyone having to draw them pictures."

"We are going to have to show tremendous improvement and get all the luck breaks or we might be run completely out of the Albany stadium. Lanier was tough enough, Albany is going to be tougher."

VALDOSTA VS. ALBANY

Albany is sailing along unbeaten, is Georgia's second-ranked "AAA" team and has state championship ambition. Valdosta's young Wildcats are still looking for their first win on the road and will have to play the Indians at Albany. On paper this looks like a mismatch, with the Tribe heavily favored. The 'Cats, however, are bat-

tlers. I stuck with them last week and they responded by tying a favored Lanier team. This week I'm going to climb back on another long, thin limb and pick VHS again.

New Verse Out of Valdosta Has Lanier Poets Tied Up

Wildcats Tie 3-3 With Favorites As Norwood Boots 23-Yard Fielder

Special to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

VALDOSTA—Some nifty footwork mixed with a generous serving of furious defensive play and a small, but exciting, dash of offense went into the football dish served up here Friday night as Valdosta's young Wildcats battled the favored Lanier Poets to a 3-3 tie.

A good crowd of approximately 7,500 saw Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and Coach Jim Nolan's Poets from Macon swap hard gridiron licks all the way in the Region 1-AAA thriller.

Lanier got its three points on a 21-yard field goal by kicking specialist Jimmy Jones midway the third period. Valdosta squared accounts when tackle-end Foy Norwood booted one through from 23 yards out midway the final period as he kicked a field goal the first time in his career he ever tried one.

The tie, which was a moral victory for the underdog Wildcats, left Valdosta with a 1-2-1 record in all games and a 1-1-1 regional chart. Lanier, which ranked fifth in the state among Class AAA teams before the game, now has a 2-1-1 mark for the year and also in the league standings.

BESIDES JONES and Norwood, Valdosta halfback Clyo Blanton and Lanier end Al Gerhardt showed they had talented toes. They hooked up in a punting duel which was a highlight of the

game. Blanton averaged 33.2 yards on six kicks, and two of his boots went into the end zone to cut his average considerably. Gerhardt punted six times for a 43-yard average. Their booming kicks set the stage for the defensive show.

Valdosta came out of the game with a statistical edge and the Wildcats had the most opportunities to score. In the second period ends Kenny Bounds and Bruce Buie covered a Lanier fumble at the Poet 28. The 'Cats moved in to the 15, then lost the ball back to Lanier on a bobble. Meanwhile, Lanier failed to get the ball past its own 43 in the first half.

The Poets got rolling at the start of the second half. In eight plays they moved from their own 41 to the VHS nine. A 21-yard air strike from quarterback Ken Bonifey and end George Whitener and an 11-yard gallop by halfback Tommy Lowe were the key gains. In three tries at close range the Poets managed to dent the stout Valdosta defense for only five yards. Jones came on and went for a field goal while standing at the 11. His boot was left of center but it drew a "good" signal from the referees. Lanier never got the ball past the mid-field after that.

VALDOSTA'S ATTACK started making headway early in the fourth period and the Wildcats moved from their own 42 to the Poets' four. The big gainer was a pass from quarterback Hank Lee to halfback Terry Godwin. The play covered 34 yards. Godwin took a medium range toss and kept going until he was brought down at the four. The 'Cats lost two yards on the next play and were back at the six.

VALDOSTA	YARDSTICK	LANIER
0	First Downs	0
66	Rushing	57
111	Passing	51
20	Penalties	10

They drew a five-yard penalty and were back at the 11. A Lee-to-Blanton pass was good for five and put them at the six. Norwood swung his big toe at the pigskin while standing on the 13 and it was a high hard one that was dead center.

Valdosta	0	0	0	3	3
Lanier	0	0	0	0	0
Scoring: Valdosta—Norwood, 23, field goal. Lanier—Jones 21, field goal.					

'Cats, Indians Meet At Albany

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats will be trying to hold the fort without the help of the calvary at Albany tonight when they meet a tribe of football Indians who are definitely on the warpath.

"We might have a chance if we had the Seventh Calvary helping us," VHS grid boss Wright Bazemore said, "but we've got to try to hold the fort alone."

Bazemore's young Wildcats will be meeting coach Pat Field Albany Indians in a Region 1-AAA encounter which will renew one of Georgia's oldest prep gridiron series.

The Indians already have football scalps of Benedictine (0), Columbus (7-0), Warner (39-6) and LaGrange hanging from their belts and they'd like to add the Wildcat to their collection.

The 'Cats don't have any lined wagons they can circle for protection, but Bazemore's troops are battlers. They Baker (6-0) in their opener to Waycross (12-0) and Jones (13-9), then rebounded last to scrap a favored Lanier to a 3-3 tie.

Forgetting the Wild West Albany has solid football credentials and championship titles. The Indians share the region 1-AAA lead with Macon and are second on the state AAA rating chart.

They have a hard-hitting attack which has averaged 20 points a game and a defense which limited four foe to a total of six points.

Valdosta is "rebuilding" three championship seasons. speed lacking, the 'Cats depend heavily on their defense. In starts, Valdosta has managed to put a total of just 20 points on the scoreboard.

Albany is being favored by two to three touchdown margins. Bazemore, however, thinks young charges are improving and as he put it, "I hope we can get the breaks and give Albany an interesting ball game."

Ready to test the VHS defense are a pair of slick throwing Albany quarterbacks named Jackie Pennington and Ed Cannon and hard-running fullback Wayne Barfield and halfback Tommy Sadler. Operating in front of them is an all-senior line.

Barfield was one of the region's top backs in 1962. He's averaging better than seven yards per carry this year as he makes a strong bid for All-State honors.

While the 'Cats offense has had

only limited success, Valdosta's chief weapon is its ground attack.

The VHS stop'em crew has yielded four touchdowns and a field goal in four outings. Two of those "enemy" TD's came on pass interceptions.

"Let's be realistic," Bazemore said. "Albany has one of the strongest teams in the state. Ad in the fact that it has the home field advantage, and the odds against us are tremendous.

"But we are going over there, try to do our best and hope for a miracle."

Shiela McCoy

TALK OF THE TEENS

An eerie atmosphere has invaded this city. Being only slightly superstitious, students throw a pillar of salt over their left shoulders and creep apprehensively through the day. On their faces is stamped a look which is a cross between sheepishness and fright. They screech madly at the sight of black cats, flee from ladders, break into a cold sweat at the mention of a test, and hope desperately to live until midnight. An agonized glance at the calendar confirms their suspicions — today is Friday the thirteenth. However, contrary to tradition, today brings good luck in the guise of the Valdosta High School Beta Club Talent Show. The performance begins at 8:00, and admission is \$.50 for all. During intermission the Dormets -- Mary Ann Cousart and Ann Golden -- will sing, and Jimbo Smith, Valdosta State College student, will present a skit.

In addition to the talent seen Friday night, Bill Moore and Sandy Van Vliet, VHS students, will air their talent Saturday night. They will sing at the telethon on WALB-TV.

Sandra Anderson and Mrs. Oliver Googe are the VHS Star Student and Teacher. Sandra achieved the highest score on the SAT exam.

The Beta Club Trio - Ann Bennett, Bunny Bridges, and Brenda Hawkinson - copped second place in the spot division in the state convention talent review.

Tough AHS Defense Among State's Best

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

An old football problem is giving Valdosta High grid boss Wright Bazemore some new worries.

Since the season started Bazemore has been searching for ways to improve the young and inexperienced Wildcats' attack. This Friday night VHS faces the task of trying to make its offense go against a team that boast one of the strongest defenses in the state.

Valdosta will go to Albany Friday night for a Region 1-AAA outing against coach Pat Field's Indians. The Tribe, a traditional rival for VHS, has clicked off four straight wins, is tied for first in the 1-AAA standings and is the state's second-ranked Class AAA team.

In four games Albany has allowed just six points, and that lone TD came against the Indian reserves after the AHS regulars had built up a comfortable lead against Warner Robins. The other grid foes the Indians have scalped are Benedictine (Savannah), Columbus and LaGrange, all white washed.

Valdosta has a 1-2-1 record after beating Baker, tying with Lanier and losing to Waycross and Jordan. The 'Cats are 1-1-1 in league play.

While the Albany attack has clicked 80 points, or an average of 20 per game, Valdosta accounted for a total of just 20 points (on two touchdowns, a safety and a field goal) in four contests.

"We lack speed and there's nothing we can do about that," Bazemore said. "There's just one way our attack can improve and that's with better execution of our plays. Let me tell you, Albany has a tough defense, maybe the toughest in the state."

"We are going to have to have to have perfect blocking and some

very determined running on the part of our backs or we might not get a first down against Albany, muchless have a chance to score."

Bazemore named the 'Cats probable backfield starters on offense as quarterback Hank Lee (180-sr.), halfbacks Terry Godwin (155-jr.) and Cloy Blanton (165-sr.) and fullback Bobby Moore (175-soph.) Likely to see defensive duty in the secondary, according to the coach, are Billy Bray (131-jr.), Bill Parramore (150-soph.), Jimmy Neal (175-soph.), Kenny Clifton (175-soph.), Ronnie Perkins (145-sr.) and Robert Strom (155-soph.).

Perkins, a transfer from Tallahassee, Fla., played with the 'Cats last week for the first time against Lanier. He saw most of his action against the Poets on defense, but may see some duty at quarterback this week.

Blanton, with 195 yards on 57 carries, and Moore, with 195 yards to his credit on 45 tries, are the VHS ground attack leaders. Lee hit on 15 of 47 passes for 225 yards. Godwin has returned a total of 17 kickoffs and punts 303 yards.

The 'Cats can't afford to spend all of their practice time this week working on offense. Stopping Albany's hard-hitting attack is another major worry for Bazemore and his boys.

Albany has a half dozen experienced backs it uses on offense. They are quarterbacks Jackie Pennington (160-sr.) and Ed Cannon (165-sr.), halfbacks Kenny Waldrop (170-sr.), Tommy Sadler (175-sr.) and Larry Willis (178-jr.) and fullback Wayne Barfield (185-sr.). They get defensive help from Gaylon Brannon (150-jr.), Robert Margeson (180-sr.), Seaborn Curry (160-jr.), Ricky Rozar (156-sr.) and Rodney Foldmar (150-sr.).

"Albany is knee deep in big, strong backs," Bazemore said.

"Their fullback, Barfield, was one of the most dangerous backs in the region last year and he's much improved this season. He's strong, agile and has fine balance which makes him hard to bring down."

Barfield, Region 1-AAA's third leading scorer, has ripped off 172 yards on 24 carries for a sensational 7.16 average. Sadler has sprinted 122 yards on 20 runs for a 6.1 average. Cannon has hit on 10 of 21 passes for 149 yards and Pennington has connected on 10 of 22 pitches for 106 yards. Each has thrown a pair TD passes.



—Times Staff Photo

Kenny Clifton, Linebacker For 'Cats



—Times Staff Photo

Dana Frazier: Career Or College? She May Decide Wednesday

FOR AREA SCHOOLS

CAREER-COLLEGE NIGHT SET TUESDAY AT VHS

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Forty - seven representatives from business schools, universities, nursing schools and the armed force will be present Tuesday for Career and College Night at Valdosta High School.

The annual project sponsored jointly by the Student Council, DE Club, and the guidance staff at the school will start at 7 p. m.

Purpose of the program is to give students a chance to hear first hand reports on the school they are interested in attending or a career they may want to enter.

This year, in addition to VHS students, seniors from Brooks County High, Hahira High, Lowndes County High, Berrien County High and Lanier County High schools have been invited.

Each student may attend three sessions on schools they are interested in. There will also be time to ask the representatives questions about careers or colleges.

"Many times the College Night helps a student make up his mind as to whether or not he wants a career or college after he or she graduates," said Miss Marguerite Ford, guidance counselor at VS.

VHS senior Dana Frazier hopes the college night will help her decide what she will do after June.

"I can't make up my mind as to what I want to do," said the pretty 17-year-old.

Representatives will be present from the following: U. S. Air Force, U. S. Army, U. S. Coast Guard, U. S. Navy and Women in the Navy, Crawford W. Long Memorial Hospital School, Georgia Baptist Hospital School of

tute of Technology Georgia Southern College, Georgia Southwestern.

Huntington College, LaGrange College, Massey Technical Institute, Mercer University, Middle Georgia College, Norman College, North Florida Junior College.

North Georgia College, Oglethorpe University, Presbyterian

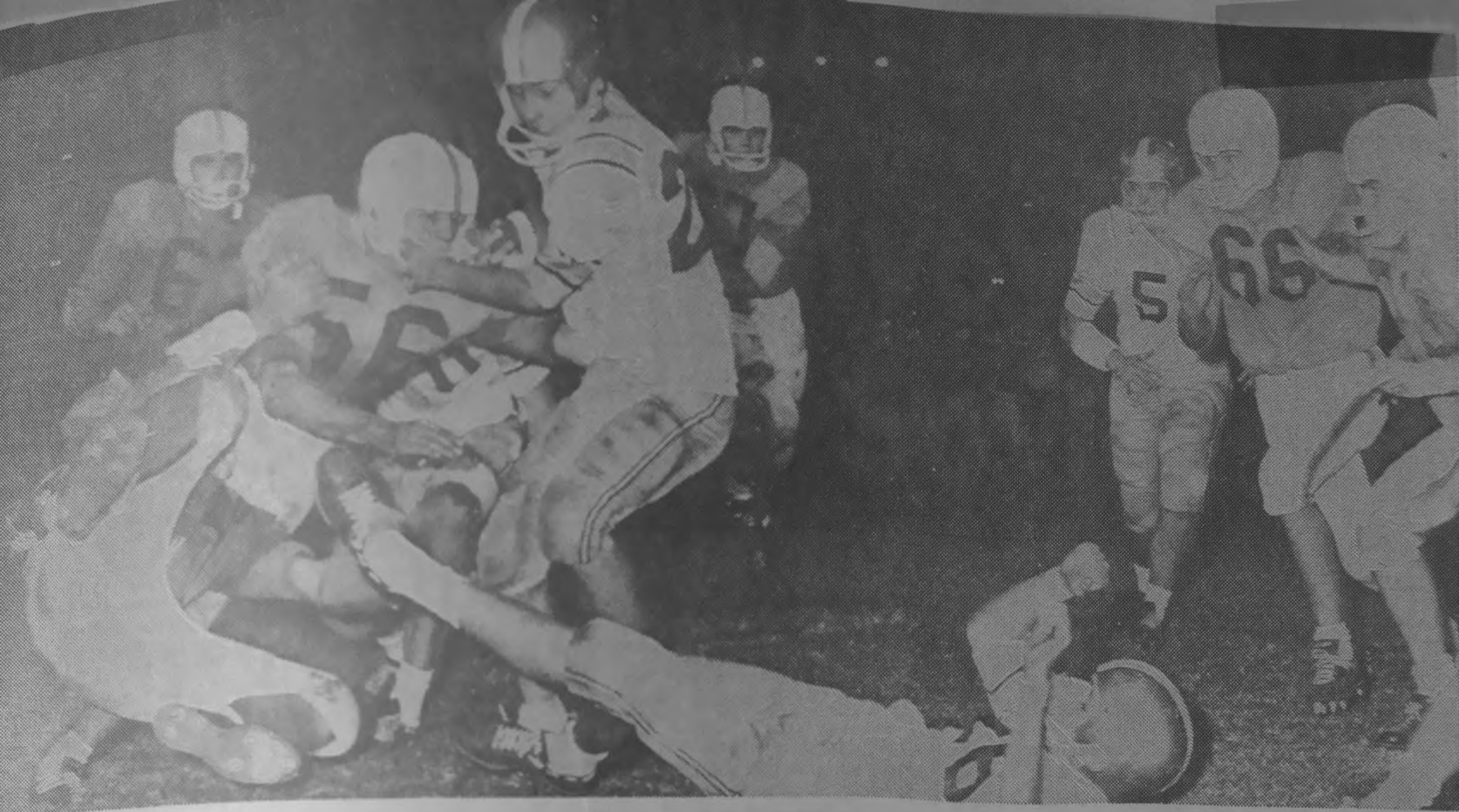
College, Reinhardt College, Shorter College, South Georgia College, South Georgia Technical and Vocational School.

Southern Technical Institute, Tift College, University of Georgia, Valdosta State College, West Georgia College, Wesleyan College and Woman's College of Georgia.

Grady Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Macon Hospital School of Nursing, Medical Center of Columbus, Medical College of Georgia, Pineview Hospital, University Hospital of Nursing.

Central Business College, Greenleaf School of Business, Jones Business College, Massey College, Valdosta Area Vocational-Technical School, Agnes Scott, Andrew College.

Berry College, Emory at Oxford, Emory University, Florida State University, Georgia Insti-



Where's the Cavalry? Cats' Ronnie Perkins Surrounded By Band of Indians Moving In For Kill

—Times Staff Photo

Albany Indians Edge Wildcats

Valdostans Fall, 20-14 In Penalty-Marred Game

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

ALBANY—Albany used a pair of home runs and a bunt to offset some great Valdosta pitching in the second half as the homestanding Indians edged the Wildcats, 20-14, in a penalty-marred football outing here Friday night.

A crowd of approximately 10,000 with Valdosta well represented, saw coach Pat Field's Tribe dominate in the first half and coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats come battling back in the second half to almost pull off an upset.

Officials gave their penalty marker throwing arm a full workout. Valdosta was charged with 13 rule infractions which cost the 'Cats 114 yards. Al-

bany drew six penalties which cost them 60 yards. Both sides had opportunities to turn down still other penalties and four times officials rules both the 'Cats and Indians were guilty of violations on the same play. It stretched the game out to two and a half hours and had the fans booing as often as they cheered.

Both sides had TD's nullified by penalties. The 'Cats had a scoring pass erased and a four-yard TD sprint by Albany wasn't allowed to stand.

Bazemore tagged Albany "a really fine ball club," said he was proud of his charges' comeback in the second half and in a calm voice proclaimed "I can't remember a game in which one of my teams drew as many penalties in critical situations."

When it was over high riding Albany had extended its victory streak to five games and the Wildcats' record read 1-3-1 after another heart-breaking reversal for a Valdosta crew which never quits trying.

It was all Albany in the first half. The Indians scored two touchdowns from long range. One came on a 37-yard air strike from halfback Jackie Pennington to halfback Tommy Sadler. Fullback Thomas and Westman, 4 and 3, Belleville, III. They defeated Vegas, Nev., and Bob Goalby of Las Vegas set by Billy Maxwell of Las Vegas. The pace of the afternoon hunt in the morning.

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Penalties, Barfield Hurt Valdosta Cause At Albany

"We keep getting so close, but we can't quite make it."

That was the way coach Wright Bazemore was feeling after his Valdosta Wildcats had dropped a 20-14 decision to Albany's heavily favored Indians Friday night at Albany.

The setback left the 'Cats with a 1-3-1 record and all of the defeats have been by relatively close margins.

From the way things went in the first half at Albany it looked like the Indians might be headed for a onesided win. They went

out at the half with a 13-0 lead, had had another TD nullified by a penalty and Valdosta hadn't been able to threaten.

But the 1963 Wildcats are a group of boys with tremendous pride. Instead of rolling over and playing dead in the second half, they came back to almost pull the game out of the fire. The 'Cats scored three times on air strikes, but one was nullified by a penalty. The Indians certainly knew they were in a ball game all the way.

Penalties and a hard-running Albany fullback named Wayne Barfield made the difference. The officials had a "flag throwing contest" and in my opinion the officiating left a lot to be desired and spoiled what could have been a very interesting ball game.



GLASSMAN

Let's be honest and say penalties hurt both the Valdosta and Albany causes. Since the 'Cats drew the most penalties, 13 for 114 yards, Valdosta suffered the most. There were so many penalties and so much stalling around by the officials as they tried to make up their minds what to do, the game was stretched into a two and a half hour marathon. One left the stadium feeling they had seen a little football played between a lot of penalties.

Bazemore's only comment, which was made without bitterness and was not designed to take anything away from Albany, was: "I can't remember a game in which one of my teams drew as many penalties in critical situations."

The VHS grid boss tagged Albany "a fine football team" and said he was proud of the Wildcats for their "comeback in the second half."

I understand the officials came from Atlanta. If that's true, perhaps they interpret rules differently in North Georgia than they do in South Georgia. I'll just say I think the officials had a bad night, one in which they made quite a few decisions which I didn't agree with.

While the officials stalled quite a bit during the game, they moved quickly once the final buzzer sounded. They headed for an exit at a full gallop. Maybe they were anxious to get home, it was mighty late at night before the contest ended.

As Bazemore said, Albany has a fine team. One which plays with enthusiasm. Barfield, who's listed on the program at 185 and probably weighs at least 10 pounds more, runs hard and gives extra effort. He picked up more than 150 yards rushing and scored on runs of 50 and one yard. He means much to the Indians who are now all alone atop the Region 1-AAA standings.

The Wildcats, well, they still have their heads up. They don't need any alibis—and they want none. And as I've already said, they are a proud group of boys and they show it by the way they play.

'Redhot Devils' Next For 'Cats

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta and Hahira will have to meet strong league foes on the "road" while Lowndes County will host a tough traditional rival in high school football games this week.

Valdosta's Wildcats are to go against the Columbus Blue Devils in a Region 1-AAA outing at Columbus Saturday night.

In Friday night affairs, LOHI's Eagles will tangle with the Ware County (Waycross) Gators here at Cleveland Field and Hahira's Tigers and the Patterson Eagles will hook up

AREA GRID SLATE Friday

Ware at Lowndes
Hahira at Patterson
Brooks at Worth
Clinch at Camden
Irwin at Cook
Jasper at Mayo
Jennings at Branford
Saturday
Valdosta at Columbus

in a Region 1-B (East) contest at Patterson.

In other games Friday night involving area teams, Brooks County (Quitman) will be at Worth County (Sylvester), Clinch County (Homerville) at Camden County (Woodbine), Irwin County (Ocilla) at Cook (Adel), Jasper, Fla., at Mayo, Fla., and Jennings, Fla., at Branford, Fla.

Three area teams, Berrien County (Nashville), Georgia Christian (Dasher) and Madison, have open dates this week and will be idle.

Valdosta's young Wildcats have a 1-3-1 record in all games and a 1-2-1 chart in Region 1-AAA. The Blue Devils they will meet Saturday night at Columbus are 2-2-1 for the year and 1-2-1 in loop play. The Imps are currently the hottest team in the league. Two weeks ago they crushed Central, Ala., 61-0, and last Friday they knocked off previously unbeaten Moultrie, 21-6. Until the Devils speared them, the Packers were the state's top-ranked Class AAA team. All three of VHS' setback have come away from home.

LOHI's Eagles have a 4-2 rec-

ord and a modest two-game victory streak going. The Ware Gators they are to play here Friday night have a 4-2 chart, with the losses coming against powerful Jesup and Waycross.

The Eagles and Gators belong to different sub-divisions of Region 1-AA, but they are traditional rivals who have played some thrillers. LOHI has come close, but has never beaten Ware.

Hahira's Tigers are 3-3 in all games and 1-1 in Region 1-B (East) circles. Patterson is 2-3 for the year, but the Eagles have 2-1 league chart. Both regard a victory a must on Friday night if they are to stay in contention for the sub-division championship.

Brooks (2-3) will be meeting a 1-A (West) foe when it tackles Worth (0-6) at Sylvester. The young Tigers of Quitman have a chance to level off their win-loss record this week.

Clinch's Panthers will be playing a crucial 1-B (East) game against Camden at Woodbine. Clinch is 5-1 for the sea-

son and tops the sub-division standings with a 3-0 mark. Camden is the defending sub-division champion. It is 1-2-2 in non-league play and will be making its first league start. Camden licked five sub-division foes in a row in the stretch run last season to become a title winner.

A victory over Camden would leave only Atkinson standing between the Panthers and the 1-B (East) throne room.

Cook's Hornets are 3-1-1 in all games and have a 1-0 record in 1-A (East). The Irwin team they play has clicked for six straight wins, turning back two sub-division foes in the process. Cook is the defending 1-A (East) champ, but has been tagged as an underdog against an Irwin team rated as one of the best to represent the Ocilla school on the gridiron since the early 1950's.

Jasper hopes to improve on a 1-3 record by licking Mayo and Jennings will risk its perfect 4-0 chart against Branford.

Other games around Georgia this week include the following:
Thursday — LaGrange at Baker.

Friday — Tift at Bainbridge, Mitchell at Central (Thomasville), Fitzgerald at Jeff Davis, Savannah at Glynn, Jordan at Lanier, Warner Robins at Moultrie, Thomasville at Waycross, Lake City, Fla., at Jesup.

Saturday — Albany at Willingham.

Powers In 2-AAA Having Trouble Outside League

Notes On This And That:

Beat Valdosta and wait for the football honors to start rolling in, could be the theme of several of the Wildcats' opponents this year.

After Waycross ended VHS' unbeaten string, one newspaper picked the Bulldogs' Earl O'Neal as "Coach Of The Week."

Following Jordan's triumph over the 'Cats, Red Jackets

quarterback Ben Garnto was selected by the Associated Press as "Back Of The Week."

Albany licked VHS last Friday and promptly moved into first place on the state rating chart for Class AAA teams. Of course, the loss by previous leader Moultrie to Columbus also figured in the rating shuffle.

Anyway, this is a compliment for the 'Cats. Folks around the state have respect for Valdosta and for anyone who can measure them in a football outing.

When Glynn Academy and Savannah, a pair of Region 2-AAA powers, fell by onesided scores to Jesup and Lanier respectively it gave a hint of what might come in the South



GLASSMAN

Georgia "AAA" playoff. I would say it indicates the 1-AAA champ, which must play the 2-AAA titleholder, has a good chance of making it to the state playoff finals. The question now is, who's going to finish on top in 1-AAA?

Honor Rolls Told

VHS — seniors:
Sandra Anderson, Sandra Belote, Ann Bennett, Bunny Bridges, Bruce Bule, John Coombs, Tommy Davenport, Kent Edwards, Suzanne Evans, Brenda Hankinson, Starr Howell, Molly Huckaby, Lois Johnson.

Gail Lashley, James Lineberger, Shelia McCoy, Patsy Middlebrooks, Roger Mielaine Parrish, Glenn Register, Edward Elain Parrish, Glenn Register, Edward Scriven, Mary Sessions, Nancy Simon, Ann Spurluck, Shirley Stump.

Marlene Taylor, Brooks Toland, Carol Tumlinson, Maxine Wilson, Libba Winston.

Juniors:
Virginia Anderson, Linda Blank, Mark Barger, Beverly Boswell, Hillie Sue Davis, Joey Davis, Mary Joyce Eanes.

Donna Goldstein, Larry Harrell, Patsy Jackson, Kay Koch, Charles Lawrence, John Lassiter, Jessie Mayne, Gene Odum, Betty Potts, Barbara Reaves, John Rosemond.

Vickie Ryan, Randy Smith, Benita Thomas, Portia Thomas, Fran Woodward.

Sophomores:
Mardi Barnes, Betty Gene Beck, Emerson Bell, Kenneth Bounds, Cecelia Carswell, Cornelia Cauthon, Carol Clary.

Stan Christian, Stephen Coleman, Johnny Dean, Mike Garbutt, Becky Giddens, Paula Greer, Julie Groover.

Gregg Gunn, Elliott Karlip, Lee Langdale, Sharon Lincoln, Linda McLauren, Mac McVey, Ed Mathis.

Jimmy Miller, Steve Minnick, Kathy

VALDOSTA VS MOULTRIE

— Moultrie, with a strong, veteran team, is heavily favored over Valdosta, which is rebuilding. Logical thing to do is pick Moultrie. But Valdosta fans have rallied around the Wildcats and "Beat Moultrie" signs have popped up all over town. Caught up in the fans' enthusiasm, I'm going to give the nod to VHS, which has a win and a tie in its two previous starts this year at Cleveland Field.



They Lift Up: George Rogero, Henry Sherman, Riley Howard and Ivy Plair



She Paints Up: Susie Stark Helps With Painting Of USO

—Times Staff Photos

Youths Give Life To Old Building

By MARY RAWLS

The old USO building is beginning to look like somebody lives there.

Actually no one will live in the old building but a lot of teen-agers will be spending most of their spare time there.

The Valdosta Youth Theater, a division of Arts Inc., has been given permission by the city board of education to use the old USO for their meetings, practice sessions and to stage productions.

However, the board stipulated the group must assume all

liability and must get their okay before any structural changes are made on the building.

Right now, the teen-agers are mainly interested in cleaning up the former schoolhouse.

The building, bought by the board, was used for years as extra classroom space after the USO moved its quarters to another part of town.

The Youth Theater composed of 30 members from Valdosta Junior High and Valdosta High schools, is open to anyone from 13 to 17 years old.

"We hope to get students interested from Hahira High and Lowndes County High schools," said Susie Stark, VHS senior.

Susie, who is the student director for the current play the group will produce, said most students do not know the group has been formed.

Sammy Killman, 23, Florida State University graduate school student, is working with the group.

Killman said "The Miracle Worker" will be produced by the youth theater Dec. 12-14.

Lead roles have gone to Erin Sherman, who will play Helen Keller; Charlotte Cunningham, Ann Sullivan; Dean Nichols and Riley Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Keller.

"We're going to do some painting on the inside of the building and an awful lot of cleaning up," said Killman.

"I've never seen such an enthusiastic bunch of young people," said Killman who has directed "Cheaper by the Dozen" and "Tom Sawyer" here.

The group hopes to grow to 100 or more members within

the next couple of weeks.

They are eager to learn about lighting, makeup, staging, props, and other technicalities that go into theater work.

Arts Inc., a non-profit organization interested in promoting the fine arts here, has employed Killman part-time to help the youth group.

The teens meet each Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Old Welfare Building and anyone interested in joining may call Ch2-6637.

Dues will be \$2 a year.

Valdosta High Band To Mark Anniversary

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School band will mark its 25th anniversary on Nov. 2 with a homecoming and barbecue on Cleveland Field.

In addition to getting past members together with the present, the band will hold the barbecue in hopes of kicking off toward the half-century with new uniforms.

Money from the barbecue—to sell at \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students—will be used to purchase new band uniforms. The celebration will be open to the public.

The Cleveland field affair will be held from 6 to 9 p. m.

The VHS band was organized 25 years ago as a drum and bugle corps. It has progressed to a full school band and once placed fifth in national band competition.

Sally McIntyre has been selected to participate in Tulane University's Scholars and Fellows Program. . . A graduate of Valdosta High School, Sally is one of 73 freshmen elected to the honors program. . . She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McIntyre of 400 Terrace Blvd., Valdosta.

VHS Sports Council has elected Linda Blase, president; Toni DiMascio, vice president; Susan LaMontagne, secretary; Linda McLaurin, treasurer. . .

Report cards went out at VHS Friday and principal Howard Bridges says Parent Visitation Day will be Monday. . . All parents are urged to take advantage of the opportunity of discussing their offspring's problems with the teachers. . .

VALDOSTA VS COLUMBUS — How often can you keep getting close without winning? That's a question Valdosta's Wildcats are asking. They haven't rung the victory bell in a road game this year and they must tackle the redhot Blue Devils at Columbus Saturday night. I figure this will be another close one for the 'Cats, but by golly I think it's their turn to finish on top.



—Times Staff Photo

Albany's Tommy Saddler (43) Gets By Two Wildcats to Pick Up 10 Yards

Indians Shade Wildcats

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what turned out to be the winning TD. This was Albany's punt.

By now the 'Cats had their pitchers ready to wheel and deal. Perkins returned the kickoff 16 to the Valdosta 32, then the little quarterback tossed one 21 yards to Blanton and the 'Cats were at the Albany 47.

Blanton got off an aerial to Goff and the flankman went all the way from 47 yards out to score. The officials charged VHS with clipping at the eight, nullified the score and put the Wildcats at the 23. Three plays later Blanton tossed another one 20 yards to Godwin in the end zone. With Norwood now on the sideline with a damaged ankle, Moore came on and booted the PAT. That made it 20 for Albany and 14 for Valdosta.

The 'Cats were moving a little later when Albany's Doug Gurr recovered a VHS fumble at the Valdosta 38. With Barfield hitting hard up the middle, Albany

picked up 2 first downs and kept possession of the pigskin. Time ran out with the Indians on the VHS

STATISTICS

	Val.	Albany
First Downs	7	11
Yards Rushing	43	186
Yards Passing	122	52
Passes	7-11	3-10
Passes Intc. by	1	0
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Punting	10-32.2	7-27.6
Penalties	13-114	6-60

12 yard line.

Barfield was the offensive workhorse for Albany. The Indians netted 186 yards rushing and the big fullback accounted for 158 yards on 21 carries.

In addition to scoring on runs of 50 and one yard, Barfield galloped 59 yards to the VHS seven in the second period. Saddler went on to score on a four yard run, but this was the TD Albany lost via the penalty route. This threat ended when Barfield missed on a field goal try from the 20.

Blanton clicked on six of seven

passes for 101 yards and Goff snagged four aerials for 84 yards

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta — Perkins 20-14, Moore 6-13, Blanton 5-8, Lee 2-7, Godwin 1-1; Albany — Barfield 21-158, Saddler 6-15, Edwards 6-9, Waldrop 2-3.

Passing: Valdosta — Blanton 6-7-101, Perkins 1-2-21, Lee 0-2-0; Albany — Cannon 2-9-16, Pennington 1-1-37.

Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Goff 4-84, Blanton 1-21, Godwin 2-17; Albany — Saddler 1-37, Evans 2-16.

Punt Returns: Valdosta — Godwin 2-1; Albany — Folmar 1-4, Rozar 1-0, Edwards 2-0.

Kickoff Returns: Valdosta — Godwin 3-44, Perkins 1-15; Albany — Folmar 1-35, Evans 1-6.

to become VHS offense leaders.

Bazemore had a verbal pat on the back for Billy Bray, Bill Henry, Norwood and Moore for their defensive work and had some kind words for Blanton, Godwin, Perkins and Goff for their offensive efforts.

He tagged the 'Cats' second half surge a "good team effort under trying conditions." Bruce Buie, Albert McLeod, Kenny Bounds, Jimmy Neal, Larry Wainwright, Stu-

art Mullis, Ronnie Cannon, Steve Wansley, Bill Welch, Kenny Clifton, Kendall Varnedoe, Billy Joseph, Jack Martin, Tommy Dove, Hank Lee, Robert Strom, Gene Seago and Bill Parramore shared in this compliment.

LINEUPS

Valdosta

Ends: Buie, McLeod, Bounds, Goff. Tackles: Neal, Wainwright, Mullis, Norwood, Cannon, Wansley. Guards: Welch, Clifton, Varnedoe, Joseph, Henry, Martin. Centers: Dove.

Backs: Bray, Blanton, Godwin, Perkins, Lee, Strom, Seago, Parramore, Moore.

Albany

Ends: Parker, Evans, Strickland, Gurr, Swain. Tackles: Cyganiewicz, Arnold, Watson, Youngblood, Cox, Hardin. Guards: Broach, Hallyburton. Centers: Gray, Hays.

Backs: Pennington, Cannon, Rozar, Edwards, Curry, Westberry, Waldrop, Barfield, Mann Margeson, Brannan, Saddler, Folmar, Wills.

Score by quarters follows:
Valdosta 0 0 7 7—14
Albany 6 7 0 7—20

Scoring TD's: Albany — Saddler (37 yd. pass from Pennington), Barfield 2 (50 yd. run, 1 yd. run); Valdosta — Goff (11 yd. pass from Blanton), Godwin (20 yd. pass from Godwin). PAT's — Valdosta — Norwood (placement), Moore (placement); Albany — Barfield 2 (placements).

VHS Fans Aren't Howling

There were some who said just wait and see, when Valdosta starts losing things will be different. The players will squabble among themselves and the fans will lose their enthusiasm and they will start to howl in anguish. It just hasn't happened.

"I've been saying for years we have the best boys and the best fans in the world," Bazemore said. "We've got a 1-9-1 record so far this season, but I still can say we have the best boys and the best fans."

"There have been disappointments this year, of course. But these boys have worked hard, and they've worked together all the way. And the fans, well, they've certainly stuck with us. It means a great deal to me, to all our coaches and to the boys."

As we said, this isn't a championship year for the 'Cats. Nevertheless, they've battled tooth and toenail from start to finish in every game. There have been standing room only crowds at two home games and the VHS fans went in full force to see the 'Cats play at Waycross and Albany. Few followed Valdosta to Columbus for the game with Jordan, but that was a long trip to have to take on a wet night. Only a handful of Jordan fans showed up for the tilt.

I've heard virtually no complaints from the fans. Bazemore says, with a smile, "I've heard less grumbling from the fans this year than I did last season."

Scribe Surprised Twice

At Albany last week Vic Smith, sports editor of the Albany Herald, expressed surprise twice. First thing he didn't expect was the large turnout of Valdosta fans for the game. He got surprised again when the 'Cats, outed around rather badly in the first half, came back to scare the daylight out of the Indians in the last two quarters.

"Boy, your (Valdosta) fans and players certainly don't give up easily," is the way Smith put it. "You'd never know the Wildcats are having a losing season if you didn't have the won-loss record to prove it."

My sister from Macon saw her first football game in Valdosta when Lanier played here three weeks ago.

"I can see now why Valdosta is so hard to beat," she said. "The fans here just don't get excited, they egg wild. I've been to a lot of games in Macon, but I've never seen the fans there show this kind of enthusiasm."

And remember, we are talking about the 'Cats and the local fans during a losing season. Valdosta's football force isn't headed for another championship, but it is still impressing people around the state.



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Tackle Stuart Mullis to Start With Go-Team

'DOSTA HOPES TO END 2 FOOTBALL STREAKS

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's young football Wildcats go to Columbus tonight with ambitions to halt two streaks.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Cats and coach Jim Pyburn's Columbus Blue Devils are to meet in a Region 1-AAA outing slated for 8 p.m.

First streak the 'Cats hope to end is one of their own. They have a 1-3-1 record and have dropped three road games in a row. Second streak they'd like to snap belongs to the Imps. Columbus, currently the hottest team in the league, has won two in a row to boost its record to 2-2-1.

After a tie with pre-season title favorite Willingham (13-13) and losses to powerful Albany (7-0) and Lanier (13-0), the Imps rebounded to crush Central, Ala., 61-0, and stun Moultrie, 21-6.

That victory over Moultrie vaulted Columbus into the state spotlight. The loss dropped the Packers from the unbeaten ranks, knocked them out of a tie for the 1-AAA lead and tumbled them from first place on the state Class AAA rating chart.

The 1963 Blue Devils are rated the best to represent Columbus on the gridiron since it won the 1-AAA crown in 1957.

All this, plus the fact that the

Imps have the home field advantage, has resulted in Columbus being tagged the favorite. Being the underdog is nothing new for Valdosta, which is rebuilding after three state championship years.

While the 'Cats have lost three, all have been relatively close margins in games in which Valdosta has been in contention all the way.

Bazemore announced the Wildcats' probable starters, making even more changes than the list he gave out earlier in the week. The latest VHS starting lineup follows:

Offense — ends Robert Goff and Jimmy Neal, tackles Stuart Mullis and Ronnie Cannon, guards Bill Joseph and Bill Henry, center Tommy Dove, quarterback Robert Strom or Glenn Davis, halfbacks Terry Godwin and Gene Seago, fullback Bill Parramore.

Defense — ends Albert McLeod and Bruce Buie, tackles Steve Wansley and Larry Wainwright, middle guard Jack Martin, outside linebackers Billy Bray and Cloy Blanton, inside linebackers Bobby Moore and Kenny Clifton, safetymen Hank Lee and Ronnie Perkins.

Big change from the Albany game last week is that sophomores Strom, Davis, Seago and Parramore will start for the first time in the go-team

backfield.

With backfield stars Joe Dunn and Penny Pennington operating behind a veteran line which averages close to 190 pounds per man, Columbus has one of the most powerful attacks in the league.

The 'Cats have plenty to worry about on defense, and they aren't likely to have stop 'em crew veteran Foy Norwood to help them out. The 215-pound senior tackle — end has a bad ankle and isn't expected to play tonight.

Dunn, a 140-pound senior quarterback, is 1-AAA's fourth leading rusher and third leading passer. Pennington, a 160-pound senior halfback, is the region's second leading scorer with 30 points and boasts a 4.9 rushing average.

Pennington is also a sure-handed pass receiver and so are Columbus flankmen Richard Reed and Calum Starling. The two ends are 190-pounders and Reed stands 6-4.

"Columbus has a tremendous passing attack and plenty of speed," Bazemore said. "And since they held teams like Albany and Moultrie to just one touchdown, you know they've got a strong defense. It's the same old story for us. We are going to be up against a very, very strong opponent."

VHS' Young Backs Ready For 'Test'

Baze Will Try Sophomores At Columbus

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

There will be an even stronger accent on youth than usual when the Valdosta football Wilcats tangle with Columbus' Blue Devils at Columbus Saturday night.

Coach Wright Bazemore has decided to give some of his sophomore backs a chance to see if they can move the football and let some of the senior backs see if they can help check the Imps' powerful attack.

Bazemore listed the 'Cats' backfield starters for the Region 1-AAA encounter as follows:

Offense — quarterback Robert Strom (155-soph.), halfbacks Terry Godwin (155-jr.) and Glenn Davis (150-soph.) or Gene Seago (145-soph.) and fullback Bill Parramore (150-soph.).

Defense — linebackers Bill Bray (131-jr.), Jimmy Neal (175-soph.), Kenny Clifton (175-soph.) and Cloy Blanton (165-sr.); safetymen — Hank Lee (180-sr.) and Ronnie Perkins (150-sr.).

Bobby Moore (185-soph.), who has been the regular at fullback, will open with the defensive unit at middle guard.

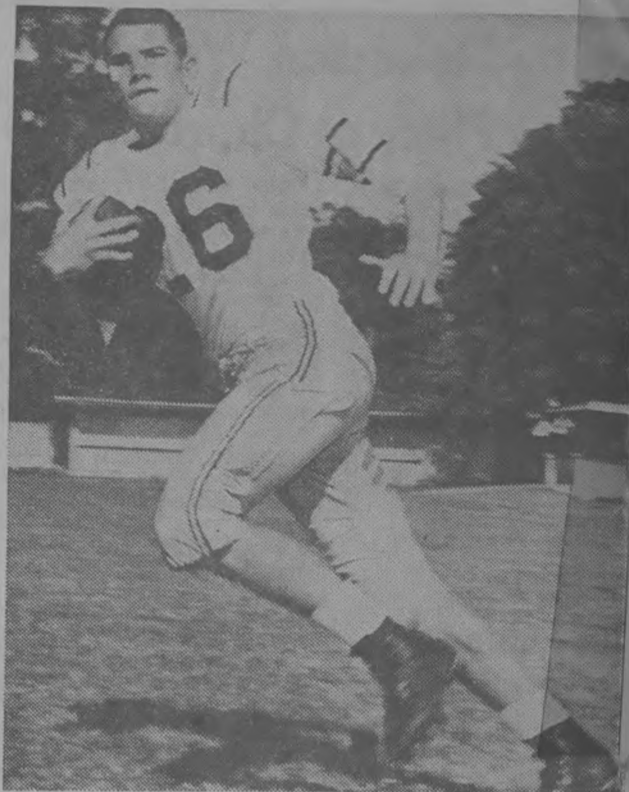
That means only Godwin, Bray, Neal and Clifton will start at the same positions they were holding down at the opening of last week's game at Albany.

"We're going to give some of our young backs a chance on offense and we are going to have our hands full trying to slow down Columbus' attack," was the reason Bazemore gave for the wholesale shuffling of the VHS backs.

Moore has been shifted to defense in the hope he can take up some of the slack created by tackle — end Foy Norwood's injury. Norwood, a stand-out two-way performer, has a bad ankle and isn't expected to play Saturday night.

The 'Cats will carry a 1-3-1 record into their game with coach Jim Pyburn's Blue Devils. All three Valdosta setbacks have come in road games. Columbus is 2-2-1 for the year and has a two-game victory streak going. In recent starts the Imps crushed Central, Ala., 61-0, and stunned previously unbeaten Moultrie, 21-6.

Columbus' offensive backfield regulars are quarterback Joe Dunn (140-sr.), halfbacks Penny Pennington (160-jr.) and Ronnie Horne (150-sr.) and fullback Kirk Scruggs (140-sr.). They get defensive help from halfbacks Verland Best



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Sophomore Bill Parramore to Start At FB

(155-jr.) and Roy Lynch (150-sr.).

The Blue Devils' go-team backs have speed to burn and they operate behind a strong and experienced line.

Dunn and Pennington are the leaders. The little quarterback has picked up 285 yards on 64 rushing tries and has hit on 20 of 41 passes for 442 more yards and four touchdowns. One of his favorite passing targets is 6-4 end Richard Reed, who has snagged eight passes for 176 yards.

Dunn is 1-AAA's fourth leading rusher and he is third on the loop's individual passing list.

Pennington, who offers go-all-the-way speed, has 30 points to his credit after rushing for 199 yards on 44 tries and catching seven passes for 139 yards. Horne has picked 99 yards on 24 tries and Scruggs has gained 83 yards on 13 runs.

Ground attack leaders for the 'Cats have been Blanton (61-199), Moore (51-206) and Lee (32-79). Lee has hit on 15 of 48 passes for 225 yards and Blanton has connected with 8 of 17 "pitches" for 135 yards.

End Robert Goff is the pass receiving leaders, with 11 catches for 196 yards.

Godwin has gained 41 yards rushing on 18 tries and hauled back a total of 19 punts and kickoffs 342 yards.

"We haven't been scoring too much and we haven't had too much luck in keeping our opponents from scoring," Baze-

more said. "Now don't get it wrong, all the boys have been battling hard. But we are looking for our best combination and Norwood being hurt forced us to make some changes."

"We're going to shuffle players and see how things let me say Columbus has a ball club, in many ways better than Waycross, Jordan and bany, the three teams we have licked us. And Columbus teams are always tough in Columbus. We found that out when we played Jordan there early in the season."

Dunn And Devils Overpower 'Cats



'Cats' Glenn Davis Looks For 'Path' Through Columbus Defenders

—Times Staff Photo

Injury Jinx Gives 'Cats' New Troubles

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's young football Wildcats, who have worked hard all season to overcome their lack of experience, now have the injury jinx to contend with.

The Wildcats are to meet Moultrie's Packers in a Region 1-AAA outing here Friday night and VHS mentor Wright Bazemore says three regulars are on the ailing list.

Tackle-end Foy Norwood is still hobbled by an ankle injury which kept him out of last week's game with Columbus. Right now his chances of playing against Moultrie look mighty slim.

And in that Columbus tilt, tackle Larry Wainwright suffered a knee injury and fullback Bill Parramore had a shoulder damaged. Both have been seeing extensive front line duty.

"We've had lots of troubles up to now, but this is the first time injuries have become a real problem," Bazemore said. "We are running out of people to plug up all the vacant spots. This leaves us uncertain about who may or may not start this week."

Coach Knuck McCrary will bring a Moultrie football team here Friday night which has a 5-1 record, is a 1-AAA title contender with a 4-1 league mark and is tied for third on the state Class AAA rating list. The Packers, also, are traditional rivals for the 'Cats.

Victories for Moultrie have been over Jordan, 34-18; Lanier, 13-11; Cairo, 21-13; Baker, 14-6 and Warner Robins, 47-12. The Packers lone defeat was by a 21-6 margin to Columbus in what was regarded as a major upset.

Valdosta has a 1-4-1 chart. The 'Cats beat Baker, 6-0, and tied Lanier, 3-3, in a pair of games here. In four road tilts they have lost to Waycross, 12-0; Jordan, 13-9; Albany, 20-14 and Columbus, 52-19.

Bazemore rated Columbus' superior play in the line as a big factor in the Imps' one-sided triumph over the 'Cats last week. Then, as a warning to the VHS gridders, said the Valdosta scout report shows the Packer forward wall is even superior to the Imps' front rank. "The Moultrie line is virtual-

football both along the ground and through the air."

Moultrie's line regulars include ends Eugie Rabenstein (190-sr.), Lester Passmore (175-sr.), Bob Montgomery (185-sr.) and Dickie Traylor (150-sr.),

tackles Bobby Ricks (185-sr.), Clark Murphy (160-jr.), Jimmy Jester (195-sr.) and Bobby Cobb (195-sr.), guards Bobby Knight (185-sr.) and Jay Crawford (160-sr.) and center Doug Tucker (195-sr.).

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats today still must be wondering how a bandy-legged little quarterback who is not much bigger than a jockey could have caused them so much football misery Saturday night at Columbus.

It was Joe Dunn, a 5-8, 140-pound senior signal caller, who passed and ran the 'Cats dizzy as Columbus' Blue Devils racked up Valdosta, 52-19, in a game which was an offensive show from start to finish.

Dunn hit on eight of 12 passes for 101 yards, he picked up 49 yards rushing on 13 tries and returned three punts 58 yards. Behind those statistics are the facts that four of Dunn's passes went for touchdowns, he turned in key runs on several scoring drives and set up a fifth TD with a dazzling 48-yard punt return.

This staked coach Jim Pyburn's Imps to their third win in a row, boosted their overall record to 3-2-1 and showed why

STATISTICS

	Val.	Col.
First Downs	11	20
Yards Rushing	103	245
Yards Passing	161	243
Passes	15-26	12-18
Passes Intc. by	1	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Punting	5-31.6	1-32
Penalties	7-95	8-100

Columbus, after a slow start, is now being called the hottest team in Region 1-AAA.

For coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats, the setback was their fourth in a row on the road and left them with a 1-4-1 chart. And while Bazemore could still manage a smile after the game and offer solid praise for Dunn and his teammates, the VHS mentor had seen an opponent, as he put it, "score more points on us than anyone since I joined the Valdosta High coaching staff 22 years ago."

A Columbus victory was not exactly unexpected. And the Imps' attack was rated strong. But to see the 'Cats up-to-now strong defense ripped to shreds stunned the approximately 2,000 Valdosta football faithfuls in the crowd of some 7,000 fans.

Actually Dunn didn't do it all alone. He worked behind an offensive line which averaged close to 190 pounds, gave him plenty of time to throw and knocked gaping holes in the VHS defense for all the Columbus backs to romp through. And he was pitching to a set of the fastest and most talented re-

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta — Blanton 3, Godwin 1-1, Perkins 4-11, Davis 3, Strom 3-8, Parramore 10-54; Columbus — Dunn 13-49, Horne 6-12, Scruggs 5-11, Solomon 7-36, Lynch 1-5, David 4-1, Coleman 2-11, Best 1-1, Bass 2-32.
Passing: Valdosta — Lee 1-2-16, Strom 0-1-0, Davis 6-11-65, Perkins 7-84; Blanton 0-2-0; Columbus — Dunn 8-12-101, Best 3-4-79; Bass 1-2-63.
Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Perkins 1-17, Goff 2-28, Godwin 2-24, Seago 1-4, Blanton 5-17; Lee 3-80; Columbus — Reed 4-88, Solomon 2-12, Allen 1-6, Starlin 2-23, Cohn 1-57, Behar 1-63.
Punt Returns: Columbus — Dunn 2-56.
Kickoff Returns: Valdosta — Perkins 3-58, Godwin 4-102, Stalvey 1-14; Columbus — Horne 2-62, Dollar 1-15, Scruggs 1-15, Starlin 1-17.
Defensive Leaders (Tackles): Valdosta — Martin 7, Clifton 7, Moore 7, Bray 4, Neal 4; Columbus — Best 5, Sellar 6, Conger 6.

ceivers the young 'Cats have tried to defend against all year.

The Imps' attack generated 20 first downs, 245 yards rushing and 243 passing. Valdosta also had its moments of offensive glory as the 'Cats made 11 first downs, 103 yards rushing and 161 passing. Those 19 points represent VHS' top one-game total this year. The Wild-

cats had another TD nullified by a penalty. Still Bazemore's charges didn't have the firepower needed to stay with Dunn and company.

Valdosta's first touchdown came in the second quarter after Columbus had scored twice and it cut the Imps' lead to 13-7. VHS didn't reach paydirt again until the third quarter when the 'Cats trailed 46-7.

Dunn twice hit halfback Ash Solomon with TD passes which covered seven yards. He also connected with 6-4 end Richard Reed on aerial scoring strikes of 27 and 28 yards. Sophomore halfback Bob David sprinted 48 yards for a Columbus marker. Junior quarterback Verland Best scored on a one-yard plunge and tossed a 48-yard scoring pass to end Leslie Cohn. Still another Blue Devils QB, Steve Bass, connected with Mike Behar on a 63-yard TD pass on the next to last play of the game. Columbus kicking specialist Jim Adair made good on just three of eight PAT tries, and that's about the only thing the Columbus team didn't do to perfection.

Valdosta's second period score came on a well-executed, 48-yard pass play with quarterback Ronnie Perkins throwing to halfback Hank Lee.

With the issue no longer in doubt, VHS moved 68 yards in nine plays for another score in the third stanza. Sophomore quarterback Glenn Davis passed 12 yards to halfback Terry Godwin for the tally.

When Perkins intercepted a pass and returned it 10 yards to the Columbus 25, Pyburn pulled out his reserves and sent his regulars back in. Davis cocked his arm again and hit end Robert Goff with a TD pass which covered 25 yards.

The Imps were now the ones trying to catch their breath. Before they could, halfback Clyo Blanton hit Perkins with a pass on a play which covered 46 yards and ended in the Imps' end zone. This one, however, was nullified by a penalty.

Columbus had one more scoring play up its sleeve. The Imps tallied on a 63-yard pass play with only two seconds remaining.

Sophomore halfback Bill Parramore was VHS' ground attack leader with 54 yards on 10 carries. Davis hit on six of 11 passes for 65 yards and Perkins connected on seven of nine tosses for 84 yards. They were the Valdosta offense leaders.

LINEUPS

Valdosta
Ends: Bula, Bounds, Neal, Goff, Lee, Lead, Neal.
Tackles: Wainwright, Miller, Crane, Perryman, Miller, Wainwright.
Guards: Welch, Clifton, Moore, Joseph, Hinson, Henry, Martin.
Centers: Dove, Freeman.
Backs: Davis, Cohn, Best, King, Slack, Buckner, Blanton, Godwin, Strom, Seago, Stalvey, Parramore, Perkins.

COLUMBUS

Ends: Tucker, Coleman, Cohn, Godwin, Hinton, Starlin, Reed, Montgomery, Behar.
Tackles: Upchurch, Hughes, Jones, Murray, Stokes, Fowler, Miller, Cooper.
Guards: Hargrove, Frazier, Yarbrough, Steer, Duncan, Kuhn, Trexler, Haydel.
Centers: Brown, King, Glass.
Backs: Dunn, Bass, Adair, Best, McEwen, McGeehee, Barker, Scruggs, Beck, Solomon, Coffer, David, Allen, Lynch, Horne, Abney, Pennington, Conger, Cheves.

Score by quarters follows:

Valdosta — 13-7-0-0-20
Columbus — 7-14-0-0-21
Scoring TD's: Valdosta — Lee (18 yd. from Perkins), Godwin (17 yd. from Davis), Goff (25 yd. pass from Davis), Columbus — Solomon (13 yd. from Dunn), Reed (3 yd. from Dunn), Best (1 yd. run), Cohn (48 yd. pass from Best), Behar (63 yd. pass from Adair). PAT's — Valdosta — Moore (5-5), Columbus — Adair (3-3).



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Miss Harris is All Set to Rule over Homecoming at Valdosta High

CAROL HARRIS REIGNS OVER VHS HOMECOMING

By MARY RAWLS

A fresh-scrubbed senior with an all-American look has been elected homecoming queen at Valdosta High School.

Pert Carol Harris, 17, will reign over the annual festivities this weekend when alumni will return to their alma mater by the scores.

Miss Harris, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Harris, will have Tommy Davenport as her escort for the Valdosta-Moultrie football game Friday night.

Davenport, also a senior, has been selected by the VHS students to be this year's homecoming king.

Kicking off the round of activities will be a pep rally and bonfire at the school Thursday night.

Friday afternoon another pep rally will be held in the gymnasium. Miss Flame and Mr. and Miss VHS Student Body will be presented.

Vivacious Sara Smith captured both honors.

Not only was the little senior brunette elected by the football team as Miss Flame, but by the students as Miss Student Body.

Elmo Thrash was named Mr. Student Body.

The king and queen and their court will be presented to Valdosta in a downtown parade Friday at 4:15 p. m.

The VHS Wildcats will be hosts to the Moultrie High School Packers at Cleveland Field that night.

Saturday night a dance will be held at Valdosta Junior High

School, with the "Collegians" providing the entertainment.

Homecoming representatives this year are Patsy Henry and Roger Milam, seniors; Jane Mixer and Carol Sherwood, juniors; Sara Ann Rigsby and R. S. DeLoach, sophomores.

Carol said she could hardly believe it when she heard she was to reign as homecoming queen.

A blue-green eyed blonde, she is a guard on the VHS girls basketball team and is vice president of the senior class.

With a reputation as "a neat dresser," Carol says her favorite outfit is an olive green skirt and seater set.

She says the black and white saddle oxfords she wears are the rage at VHS.

"I don't think they'll take the place of weejun loafers, but they sure are popular," she explained.

She expressed her views on going steady.

"It's great while you are going steady but when you break up, it's sort of hard to get a date. I mean the boys just don't ask you for a couple of weeks cause they are afraid the boy you used to go with will be mad," she said.

Carol said she used to go steady but was having so much fun dating around, "I don't think I would again."

Conditions Were Wrong For 'Cats At Columbus

Valdosta's young football Wildcats now know how it feels to hit bottom and be shattered. That happened to them last Saturday night at Columbus when coach Jim Pyburn's Columbus High Blue Devils beat them 52-19.

It was their fourth defeat in six starts this season, so they already know how it felt to lose. But in 22 years no opponent had scored more points against a Wright Bazemore-coached VHS team. The kind of licking the 'Cats absorbed was a new, and I'm sure disappointing, experience for the Valdosta gridders.



GLASSMAN

They got steamrolled by the Imps at Columbus, but the same thing has happened before to teams with a proud tradition. The 'Cats, if they like, can compare note with the New York Yankees, who got similar treatment from the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series.

Now let's try to figure out why Columbus was able to blast the VHS defense, which had shown toughness, to pieces.

In its first three games the Imps tied Willingham, 13-13, lost to Albany 7-0 and bowed to Lanier, 13-0. Those were three toughies and the Imps had their troubles.

The Imps Have 'Jelled'

This was, however, a Columbus team with potential. Pyburn has infused a new spirit in the Blue Devils since becoming their mentor in 1961. He has also done a great coaching job.

In its fourth start Columbus got all its loose ends tied together and blasted Central, Ala., 61-0. This was the spark that was needed. This was the game in which the "Imps" jelled and started turning their potential into victories.

Next time out they licked a very good Moultrie team 21-6. This knocked the Packers from atop the state Class AAA rating chart. Conditions were just right for Pyburn's charges when Valdosta showed up last Saturday night. The Imps were rolling, and the 'Cats got bulldozed.

What are Columbus' football assets? They have a big, quick hitting line. This offset the defensive strength VHS has in its line. The Imps have a great passer-runner-ball handler in pint-size quarterback Joe Dunn and Columbus has a fleet set of sure-handed pass receivers. The 'Cats, on the other hand, lack speed in the secondary. It proved to be the wrong set of conditions for Valdosta.

Dunn had a great night and he and his helpers simply ran and passed the Wildcats dizzy. Valdosta didn't do too badly on offense and Columbus' defense was not great. The way the Imps had their attack rolling, however, they didn't have to worry about playing defense. The Green Bay Packers probably couldn't have scored enough points to stay with them.

Dunn Was Enough

Bazemore hasn't tried to offer any kind of alibi for his boys and he's not going to. VHS line veteran Foy Norwood, a really fine defensive player, missed the game because of an injury. A healthy Norwood, however, wouldn't have been nearly enough to influence the outcome of the game.

Columbus also had its top running back, Penny Pennington, out with an injury. The Imps certainly didn't miss Pennington. The way Dunn was playing, the Imps could have gotten by with him as a one-man backfield.

So the 'Cats are now at the bottom. So what? They feel numb. So what? They aren't the first football team to get licked by a onesided score. It may seem like the end of the world, but it isn't.

And Bazemore, who takes both victory and defeat in a gentlemanly manner, says, "I absolutely refuse to believe we are as bad as Columbus made us look. We are capable of playing better football and we are going to do it."

Bazemore still has a positive attitude and the Wildcats, I'm sure, are going to follow his lead and try to do everything in their power to start climbing upward again.

Improve Defense Valdosta Theme

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

"Our defense has got to improve 200 per cent or we are going to get ripped again."

That's the advice Valdosta High grid boss Wright Bazemore has given his Wildcats as they get ready for a meeting here Friday night with coach Knuck McCrary's Moultrie Packers.

The game is a Region 1-AAA affair and will renew one of Georgia's oldest prep gridiron series.

Moultrie, with a souped up attack which has averaged 24.1 points a game, has compiled a 5-1 record, is a 1-AAA title contender and is tied for third on the state Class AAA rating chart.

Valdosta, rebuilding after three straight championship seasons, has a 1-4-1 chart. Despite some losses, the 'Cats had offered a tough defense — until last week. Columbus' Blue Devils went through, around and over the Wildcats to gain a 52-19 win.

Moultrie has the same football assets as the Imps. The Packers have a set of fleet backs, they have an excellent passer, some nifty receivers and a big, veteran line.

The Packers' backfield regulars include quarterback Doug Hall (170-sr.), halfbacks Joe Linder (167-sr.) and Stan Redding (168-jr.) and fullback Tom Beard (185-sr.).

Hall is the region's fourth leading passer with 39 completions in 74 tries for 466 yards and five touchdowns. Rushing figures for the others are Beard, 82-406 for 4.9 average; Linder, 34-149 for 4.4 average and Redding, 34-188 for 5.5 average. Linder and Beard have each scored 30 points.

"If anything, Moultrie has a better balanced backfield and a quicker and stronger line than Columbus," Bazemore said. "We've got to be 200 per cent better, especially on defense, or we are going to get run right out of the stadium again."

Still looking for the right people to play in the right places and forced to make some adjustments because of injuries, Bazemore has come up with a list of probable VHS starters. They are as follows:

Offense — ends Robert Goff and Kenny Bounds, tackles Ronnie Cannon and Jimmy Neal, guards Bill Welch and Billy Joseph, center Tommy Dove, quarterback Glenn Davis, halfbacks Ronnie Perkins and Terry Godwin and fullback Bill Parramore or Albert McLeod.

Defense — ends Bruce Buie and Billy Bray, tackles Bill Henry and Foy Norwood, middle guard Jack Martin, linebacks Bobby Moore, Clyo Blanton, Stuart Mullis and Kenny Clifton, safetymen Hank Lee and Robert Strom.

Norwood and Parramore, however, are both hampered by injuries and they may or may not be ready to see action against the Packers.

While the 'Cats are trying to figure out a way to slow down the Moultrie attack, they are also looking for ways to get their own offense going better.

Bazemore has tried many different go-team combinations but each has had only limited success. A lack of speed and experience are handicaps all the 'Cats are working hard to over-

come.

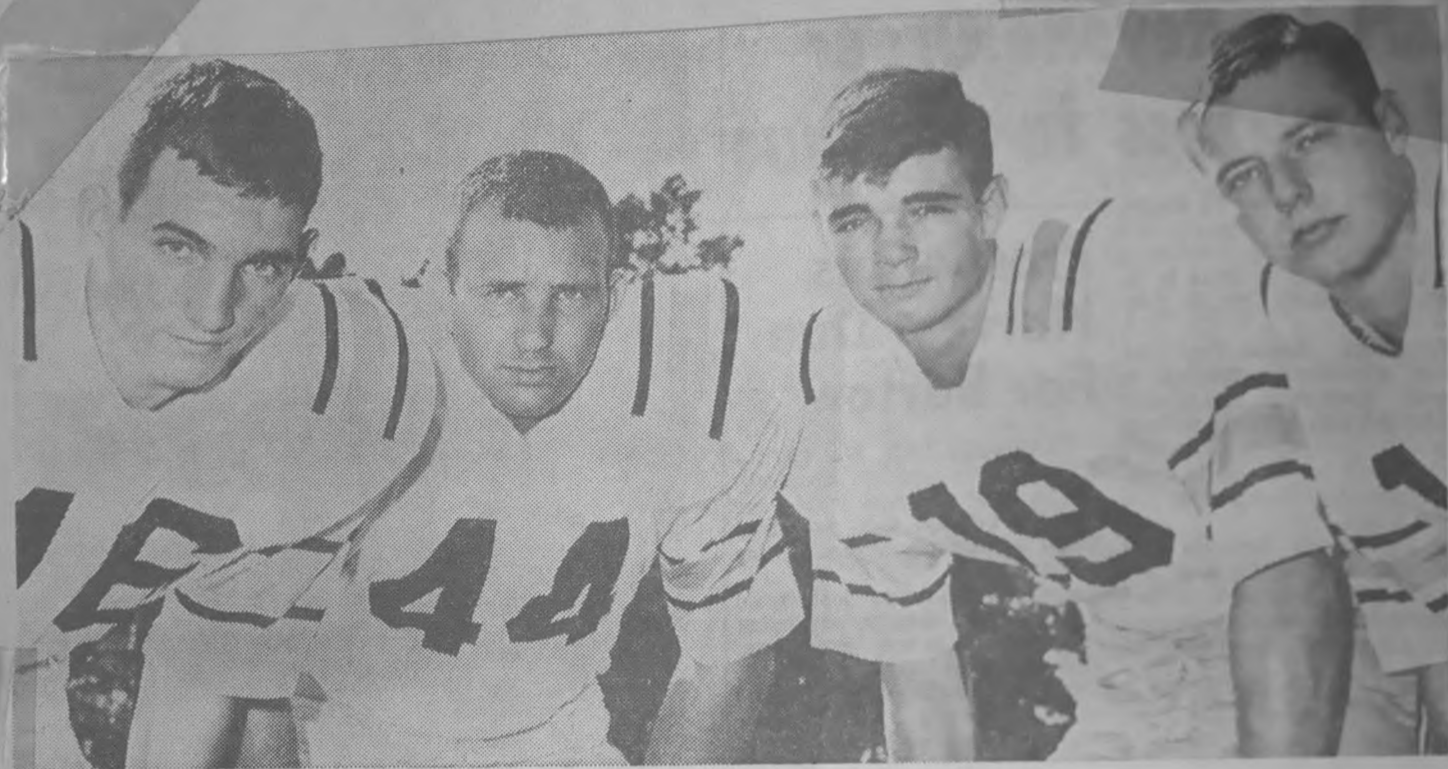
Offensive statistics for Valdosta players who have seen action with the go-team backfield are as follows:

Rushing — Moore, 21 - 208; Blanton, 64 - 204; Lee, 32 - 79; Parramore, 11 - 55; Godwin, 19 - 42; Perkins, 22 - 29; McLeod, 11 - 24. Passing — Lee, 16-50-242; Blanton, 8-19-135; Perkins, 9-13-102; Davis, 6-12-65.

Kick returns — Godwin, 24-355.

Goff is VHS' top pass receiver with 13 catches for 224 yards. Godwin is next in this department with 8 - 101, followed by Blanton, 19-90, and Perkins, 3-80.

The Wildcats have scored a total of just 51 points in six games. This is just four less than the 47 markers Moultrie amassed in a romp past Warner Robins last week.



VHS Captains Clio Blanton, Foy Norwood, Bruce Buie, Hank Lee Ready For Packers

Wildcats, Packers Renew Gridiron Series Tonight

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

While Valdosta's football Wildcats are glad to be back home, they still rate as the underdogs in their duel with Moultrie's Packers here tonight.

Coach Wright Bazemore's young 'Cats are slated to meet coach Knuck McCrary's Packers in a Region 1-AAA outing slated for 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field.

Valdosta, going through a rebuilding campaign, has a 1-4-1 record. That win and tie came against Baker and Lanier in games here while the four setbacks were suffered in road tilts.

That gives the Wildcats a very good reason to be glad they are playing in familiar surroundings tonight.

Bazemore, however, thinks it will take more than the home field advantage for his charges to upset Moultrie. The Packers have a 5-1 record, are in the thick of the 1-AAA title race and are tied for third on the state "AAA" rating chart.

"Where you play means something," Bazemore said. "but how you play is much more important. Moultrie has a big, experienced and well balanced football team. We've got to show 200 per cent improvement or we are going to be beaten badly again."

That bad licking the VHS coach referred to came last week at Columbus when the Blue Devils clipped the Wildcats, 52-19. That same Columbus team also handed Moultrie its only loss, but by a much slimmer 21-6 margin.

While the '63 'Cats have only a so-so record, local fans have stuck with them all the way. There were standing room only crowds at VHS' last two home games and Cleveland Field is sure to be packed again tonight. Moultrie fans, who are also very enthusiastic about their Packers, are expected in large numbers.

Moultrie rates a two to three touchdown favorite on the form chart. But this is a meeting of traditional rivals and in the long Moultrie - Valdosta series there have been surprises.

Last season the Packers almost pulled off an upset at Moultrie. Valdosta, rolling toward its third straight state crown, just got by McCrary's charges, 13-7.

The Moultrie team coming here tonight will have a familiar look to the fans who saw that 1962 Wildcat - Packer affair. The MHS squad is well stocked with returning regulars. One big worry for Valdosta will be trying to slow down the Moultrie attack which has averaged better than 24 points a game.

The Packers' go-team leaders are quarterback Doug Hall, a fine passer; halfbacks Joe Linder and Stan Redding and fullback Tom Beard. Moultrie's three deep backs offer speed and power. They all operate behind a quick - striking line.

The Wildcats, who have been working hard to overcome their lack of experience and speed, also have the injury jinx to contend with. Tackle Larry Wainwright and fullback Bill Parramore aren't likely to play and tackle - end Foy Norwood will be going at less than full speed and may see only limited duty. Norwood, who has a bad ankle, missed the game with Columbus last week.

Bazemore is also worried about the psychological effect that licking at Columbus will

'AAA' Overcrowded

At the present, however, there are 57 schools listed in "AAA" regions. That means quite a few have elected to play in the top bracket. LaGrange is a current 1-AAA member which does this. There are one or two in other regions, but the bulk of smaller schools playing at the "AAA" level are in the Atlanta area.

The Atlanta area schools find it convenient to all play in the same classification regardless of size because it eliminates the necessity for having to do any long distance traveling to play games. Their action is quite legal under current GHSA regulations, but it does make "AAA" crowded.

This crowded condition was given as the reason for the adoption of a five-region Class AAA setup last time and I'm sure it's the basis for the recommendation that an eight-region Class AAA setup be voted in this time.

If the eight-league plan is adopted it would mean Valdosta would have to take part in three, rather than two playoff games should the Wildcats have a future chance to go all the way to the state football finals. It could also mean some new sports opponents for VHS.

We'll have to wait and see if the new ADA formula is actually adopted and then wait again until the powers that be figure out how many and who will be put in which Class AAA region.

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Traffic Jam: Cats' Davis, Left, Is All Jammed Up By Teammates, Packers



Wildcats' Hank Lee Caught By One Foot After Taking Pass For 16 Yards

Packers Run Over Wildcats, 32-0

Moultrie Breaks Loose After Scoreless First Half

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
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Moultrie finally knocked a hole in the Valdosta Wildcat dike early in the third period, then the Packers flooded through to a 32-0 victory here Friday

Two quarters coach Wright's underdog VHS crew than held its own against Knuck McCrary's Region title hopefuls from Moul-

half ended with the score and penalties had kept the from getting a TD which have put them ahead.

crowd of approximately 8,500 the Packers break lose at part of the third stanza, take pening kickoff and march rds in eight plays to score. time Moultrie got the ball eled 53 yards in seven plays other score.

Valdosta had the desire but he manpower to stay with Moultrie after that. The Packers d a third TD on a freakish he recovery, scored a fourth with the help of a pass ception at close range and or a scoring pass on the final of the game.

was the sixth win in seven s for McCrary's charges and osted their 1-AAA record to Moultrie now shares first ce in the league standings with any.

back Doug Hall passed 26 yards to halfback Dennard Robinson for the Packer tally which broke the scoreless deadlock.

Next time Moultrie got possession of the ball, Beard raced 28 yards for a TD which climaxed a 53-yard march.

Valdosta came back battling and was on the move at midfield when freakish conditions led to a third Moultrie score. VHS' Clio Blanton was trying to pass and was hit before he could get the aerial off. The ball popped into the air and Packer end Bob Montgomery fielded it on the fly at the Valdosta 45 and had clear sailing to the end zone.

The Wildcats, still going full blast and trying to get back into the ball game, tried a pass from deep in their own territory. Moultrie guard Tommy Sumner intercepted at the 25 and the Packers were in business at the VHS 21. Halfback Joe Linder took it to the one with romps of 15 and five yards. Beard went the final yard to score.

With only seconds remaining both teams had their reserves in the game. On the last play of the contest Moultrie's Andy Cummings let fly a long pass. Mike Allegood snagged it.

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scored on a play which covered 65 yards.

Valdosta's most serious scoring threat came near the close of the first period. The 'Cats moved from their own 27 to the Moultrie seven. A 16-yard pass from quarterback Glenn Davis to halfback Hank Lee, a 20-yard aerial from halfback Clio Blanton to end Robert Goff and a 10-yard romp by Davis were key plays in the march.

With a second-and-goal-to-go situation at the seven, VHS drew a five-yard penalty which shoved the 'Cats back to the 12. Blanton hit end Foy Norwood in the end zone for a TD, but a penalty wiped the score off the books and

Valdosta was pushed back to the 17. Blanton tossed another pass to Norwood at the one. The 'Cats were penalized again and this time their drive stalled. Moultrie controlled the ball

STATISTICS		
	Val.	Moul.
First Downs	9	9
Yards Rushing	35	156
Yards Passing	54	107
Passes	4-12	6-13
Passes Intc. by	1	1
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Punting	6-30.4	5-32.4
Penalties	8-46	8-80

most of the way after that, and although VHS got its offense moving in spurts, the 'Cats couldn't muster another scoring threat.

Davis, who hit on two of seven passes for 23 yards and gained 29 yards on 12 runs was the VHS

attack leader. Blanton connected on two of three tosses for 31 yards. Lee caught two passes for 23 yards and end Robert Goff snagged a pair for 31 yards.

Valdosta has some defensive heroes and foremost among them was middle guard Jack Martin, who made nine tackles. Another was Norwood, with eight stops to his credit. Moore, Kenny Clifton, Bruce Buie, Blanton, Lee and Bill Henry each made four or more tackles.

Beard and Linder were ground assault leaders for the Packers. Between them they accounted for

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta — Davis 12 - 29, Godwin 9-17, Lee 3 minus 11, Perkins 1-3, Blanton 1 minus 3, Moultrie—Beard 1-3, Blanton 1 minus 3, Vzjcd 68, 11-68, Linder 11-50, Redding 7-22.

Passing: Valdosta — Davis 2-7-23, Blanton 2-3-31, Lee 0-2-0; Moultrie — Hall 5-12-42, Cumming 1-1-65.

Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Lee 2-23, Goff 2-31; Moultrie — Allegood 1-65, Robinson 2-29, Linder 2-12.

Punt Returns: Valdosta — Godwin 2-7; Moultrie — Cummings 5-37.

Kickoff Returns: Valdosta — Godwin 3-44, Lee 1-8; Moultrie — Lastinger 1-11, Cummings 1-26.

Defensive Leaders (Tackles): Valdosta — Martin 9, Norwood 8, Moore 6, Clifton 6, Buie 6, Blanton 6, Lee 4, Henry 5, Moultrie — Sumners 6, Rabenstein 6, Beard 4, Knight 4, Jeler 3.

113 yards. Hall connected on five of 12 passes for 42 yards.

The game was a spirited affair. There was a brief flare of tempers between a VHS and Moultrie player in the first and another during a Moultrie PAT try in the final stanza. That last time Valdosta's Moore fired through before the snap and blocked Moultrie's Hall. The Packer back started shoving the VHS lineman. Neither player struck a blow, but officials ejected both from the game. The hard-fought tilt ended with friendly handshakes by all players at the middle of the field.

LINEUPS

Valdosta

Ends: Bounds, Neal, Goff, Norwood, Buie, Gunter, Ireland.

Tackles: Mullis, Cannon, Hollis, Wansley, Varnedoe.

Guards: Henry, Martin, Joseph, Clifton, Welch, Hinkson, Perryman, Miller, Moore.

Centers: Dove.

Backs: Moore, Perkins, Strom, McLeod, Lee, Godwin, Blanton, Bray, Davis, Colson, King, Slack.

Moultrie

Ends: Traylor, Passmore, Mont...

Summer...

Tackle...

Cobb...

Guard...

Center...

Back...

Quarterback...

Running back...

Wide receiver...

Tight end...

Linebacker...

Defensive back...

Kicker...

Punter...

Special teams...

Packers Had Too Much Size, Depth For 'Cats

"Our boys gave it all they had for just as long as they could, but Moultrie just had too much size and depth for us."

That was Valdosta grid boss Wright Bazemore's explanation of Moultrie's second-half surge which carried the Packers to a 32-0 victory over the Wildcats here Friday night.



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nearly as one-sided as the score.

Without those untimely penalties early in the game VHS would have tallied. And Moultrie picked up one TD on a freak fumble recovery, got another with the help of a pass interception and scored still a third on the last play of the game when both sides had their reserves playing. Those, however, are the breaks of the game and they contribute to the final score.

Crippled Wildcats Going Full Speed

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Although hit hard by the injury jinx, Valdosta's Wildcats have gone full speed all the way this week in preparations for the Thursday night game with the Willingham Rams in Macon.

"We've got a lot of boys hurt, but we simply can't afford to slow down and we haven't," VHS grid boss Wright Bazemore said.

Five regulars, two linemen and three backs, are on the ailing list. Tackle Larry Wainwright has been declared out for the remainder of the season because of a knee injury.

Quarterback Glenn Davis (elbow injury), fullback Bill Parramore (shoulder injury), tackle Foy Norwood (ankle injury) and halfback Robert Strom (knee injury) are all on the doubtful list.

Bazemore listed the probable VHS starters as follows:

Offense — ends Robert Goff and Bill Welch, tackles Ronnie Cannon and Stuart Mullis or Steve Wansley, guards Jack Martin or Kendall Varnedoe and Bobby Moore or Billy Joseph, center Tommy Dove, quarterback Terry Godwin, halfbacks Cloy Blanton and Hank Lee or Kenny Bounds, fullback Albert McLeod.

Defense — ends Billy Bray and Bruce Buie, tackles Foy Norwood and Bill Henry, middle guard Martin; linebackers Kenny Clifton, Godwin, Blanton and Moore, safetymen Ronnie Perkins and Lee.

Big changes are that Godwin will get his first try at quarterback and Bounds, an end, will be tested at halfback.

"We've got so many boys hurt a lot of our players are going to have to be ready for two-way duty," Bazemore said. "I will say the boys have worked hard in practice this week and the spirit has been good."

The 'Cats, going through a rebuilding campaign have a 1-5-1 record, stand 1-4-1 in Region 1-AAA play and have ambitions to halt a three-game losing skid.

Valdosta's victory came by a 6-0 margin over Baker and the tie was a 3-3 affair with Lanier. The 'Cats have lost to Waycross, 12-0; Jordan, 13-9; Albany, 20-14; Columbus, 52-19, and Moultrie 32-0.

Coach Billy Henderson's Rams are 4-2-1 for the year and 3-2-1 in league play. Willingham has beaten Warner Robins, 21-0; LaGrange, 7-0; Jordan, 33-0 and Athens, 21-7. It played Columbus to a 13-13 tie and bowed to Baker, 23-7 and to Albany, 13-9.

"As far as we are concerned it's the same old story," Bazemore said. "Willingham has a big, strong and experienced team. They finished second to us in the region race in 1962 and started talking about wanting to beat us long before the current season started. They'll certainly be ready."

Willingham's probable starters are as follows:

Offense — ends Prentice Knight (175-jr.), Rosby McKenzie (140-soph.) or Chipper Mur-

phy (140-jr.), tackles Wayne Johnson (210-jr.) and Raymond Bateman (190-jr.), guards Richard Whitfield (165-jr.) and Raymond Floyd (160-jr.), center James Holland (195-sr.), quarterback Brad Henderson (130-soph.) or Terry Colson (150-sr.), halfbacks Ricky Payne (165-sr.) and Charles Fiveash (150-sr.), fullback Floyd Evans (180-sr.).

Defense — ends Jack Freeman (150-soph.) and Harris Stokes (155-jr.), tackles Ralph Pulliam (185-sr.) and Bryant Mackey (190-jr.), middle guard Barney Kinar (160-jr.), linebackers Payne, Charles McNeil (175-sr.), Tommy Hinson (135-soph.) and Mike Luzier (140-jr.), safetymen Dickie Maddox (140-jr.) and Claude Brown (135-sr.).

All but two or three in this group were regulars last fall when Valdosta's state championship crew was hard pressed to post a 12-0 win over the Rams.

While the Wildcats are battered and bruised after playing league toughies Lanier, Albany, Columbus and Moultrie in successive games, Willingham had an open date last week and had extra time to rest and make game plans. That open date also gave Henderson a chance to watch Valdosta play Moultrie last week.

The 'Cats are decided underdog for the game, a now familiar role for them. But they stuck with the heavily favored Packers for two quarters last week, and Bazemore is hoping they can make it a contest all the way against the Rams.

VHS-Willingham Ducats On Sale

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Tickets for the Valdosta-Willingham football game to be played at Macon Thursday night will be on sale here through Wednesday, according to Howard Bridges, Valdosta High School principal.

Student and adult general admission ducats will be on sale at Belcher's Drug Store. No reserved seat tickets will be sold here, but the Macon stadium seats 11,000.

Bridges said the VHS band would make the trip to Macon for the game.



Early VHS Drum Major Ralph Johnson Finds Uniforms Have Shrunk During Past 25 Years

FOR FUNDS BAND PLANNING FUN

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School band has issued invitations to former members and the public to join in three hours of fun on Cleveland Field Saturday.

It will be homecoming for the band — its 25th anniversary.

The homecoming will be for fun and a barbecue will be held for funds from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Band Boosters Club, sponsoring the affair, is selling barbecue tickets for \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students.

Money from the barbecue will be used to dress up the present band. The band needs new uniforms and the booster club is trying to raise revenue for the dress.

The VHS band began 25 years ago as a drum and bugle corps.

Wildcats, Rams Clash At Macon

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Things will be different in some ways and yet the same in others when Valdosta's Wildcats go against Willingham's Rams in a Region 1-AAA game tonight at Macon.

The contest is slated for 8 p.m. at Macon's Porter Stadium.

At this time last year Valdosta and Willingham met in a game which went a long way toward deciding the region championship. The 'Cats licked the Rams, 12-0, and took the title while Willing-

ham finished second in the final standings.

This time Valdosta, going through a rebuilding campaign, has a 1-5-1 record and Willingham has a 4-2-1 chart. Neither is a title contender, and that's how things are different.

Both, however, have strong desires to win, and in that respect this year's game is just like that 1962 contest.

Willingham coach Bill Henderson started talking about his charges avenging their loss to Valdosta even before the current season started. The Rams are sure to be primed and ready for the 'Cats tonight.

Valdosta, after losing three in a row, is victory hungry. The 'Cats want a win badly to help ease some of the sting of earlier setbacks.

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Willingham has a veteran team, is well rested after an open date last week and will have the home field advantage. The 'Cats are young, they have been hit hard by the injury jinx and they haven't won one on the road so far this season.

It adds up to the fact that Willingham is heavily favored and the Wildcats will have to spring a major surprise to win.

The Rams have a swift striking air and ground attack. In sophomore Brad Henderson, son of coach Billy Henderson, they have a passer who has hit on 30 of 65 tosses for 489 yards.

Their rushing leaders are four seniors, Terry Colson, Ricky Payne, Charles Fiveash and Floyd Evans. Evans, a 180-pounder, has galloped for 349 yards on 98 carries. Fiveash is a do-it-all type back. He has picked up 287 yards on 59 tries, has caught 11 passes for 170 yards, has returned eight kicks 127 yards and scored 24 points.

To add to the Wildcats' worries, Willingham's defense is rated as one of the strongest in the league.

Bazemore has listed VHS' offensive backfield starters as quarterback Terry Godwin, halfbacks Cloy Blanton, and Hank Lee or Kenny Bounds and fullback Albert McLeod.

This will be Godwin's first try at the signal calling post and Bounds was moved from end to halfback this week. Godwin has been playing halfback.

Among those set for offensive backfield duty, Blanton is the ground gaining leader with 200 yards on 65 tries. Rushing figures on the others are: Lee, 35-69; Godwin, 28-59 and McLeod, 11-24.

Lee has hit on 16 of 52 passes for 242 yards and Blanton has connected on 10 of 22 tosses for 166 yards. End Robert Goff is the Wildcats' top pass receiver with 15 catches for 155 yards. Lee has snagged five aerials for 103 yards and Blanton has made 19 catches for 90 yards. Godwin has returned 29 punts and kickoffs a total of 416 yards.

Willingham Raps Wildcats, 13-0

Hard-Hitting Fullback Leads Charge For Rams

BY SAMMY GLASSMAN
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MACON—One pass, a fumble recovery and 32 powerful romps by a big fullback spoiled the Valdosta Wildcats' gallant defensive effort and gave Willingham's Rams a 13-0 football victory here Thursday night.

Coach Billy Henderson's Rams setup one touchdown with a 42-yard pass from quarterback Terry Colson to end Rosby McKenzie which carried to the five. A Rams fumble recovery at the Valdosta 14 paved the way for the other.

It was fullback Floyd Evans who scored both tallies on one-yard plunges. Called on 32 times to carry the ball, the 180-pound senior gained 120 yards to keep

covered a fumble at the Willingham 48. Passes of 11 and seven yards, both from Hank Lee to Robert Goff, carried the 'Cats to the Macon team's 30. VHS tried another pass and this one was intercepted at the seven. Valdosta wasn't to get that close to paydirt again.

Willingham launched the second half with a 10-play, 68-yard drive which paid TD dividends. Key play was a 42-yard pass from Colson to McKenzie which carried to the five.

Four straight times Evans went right up the middle. Last time he reached paydirt from a yard out.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta — Blanton 6 - 4, Lee 7-3, McLeod 3-1, Bounds 1-2, Seago 1-2, Godwin 8 minus 4; Willingham — Evans 34-120, Colson 10-39, Fiveash 4-17.

Passing: Valdosta — Lee 2-4-18, Blanton 0-1-0, Godwin 2-2-27; Willingham — Henderson 2-5-22, Payne 1-2-0, Parker 0-1-0, Colson 6-10-95.

Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Goff 3-31, Bounds 1-14; Willingham — Fiveash 2-28, Knight 2-18, McKenzie 3-58, Evans 1-0, Parker 1-13.

Kickoff Returns: Valdosta — Godwin 1-9; Willingham — McNeil 1-22, Evans 1-12.

Defensive Leaders (Tackle): Valdosta — Norwood 12, Lee 10, Blanton 9, Martin 10, Henry 8, Bule 7, Moore 5, Clifton 5, Perkins 4, Godwin 4, Bray 4; Willingham — Hinson 7, McNeil 6, Kinrad 4, Pulliam 4.

The snap on the PAT try was high and the Rams had to be content with a 6-0 lead.

On the final play of the third quarter Willingham's Jack Freeman and Ralph Pulliam covered

a VHS fumble at the Valdosta 14. The Rams needed six plays to do it, but they finally scored. Evans accounted for all the yardage on four tries. He took it in from a yard out and McKenzie booted the PAT.

There was less than two minutes left to play when the 'Cats got their offense going again. With Godwin hitting Goff for 13 yards and Kenny Bounds for 14 on aerial strikes, the 'Cats had a first down at the Willingham 41 when the final buzzer sounded.

With Evans leading the charge, the Rams controlled the ball most of the way and the 'Cats spent most of their time on defense.

There were some notable stop-'em efforts by Valdosta players. Blanton sparkled with two fumble recoveries and nine tackles, two of which stopped Rams scoring threats.

Foy Norwood got credit for a dozen stops, Lee and Jack Martin each made 10 tackles, Bill Henry accounted for eight and Bruce Buie seven.

But Evans was the man Willingham called on in the clutch and time after time he got the yardage needed to keep Ram drive going.

LINEUPS

Valdosta

Ends: Bule, Bounds, Goff, Norwood.
Tackles: Mplis Cannon Wansley.
Guards: Welch, Clifton, Varnedoe, Joseph, Henry, Martin.

Centers: Dove.
Backs: Bray, Blanton, Godwin, Lee McLeod, Seago, Perkins, Moore.

Willingham

Ends: Kinard, McNeil, Knight, Bryant, Stokes, McKenzie.
Tackles: Bateman, Johnson, Pulliam.
Guards: Evans, Summers, Freeman.
Centers: Holland, Hinson.

Backs: Henderson, Allgood, Claude, Colson, Payne, Maddox, Luzier, Evans, Parker, Fiveash.

Score by quarters follows:
Valdosta 0 0 0 0—0
Willingham 0 6 7—13

Scoring TD's — Willingham — Evans (1 yd. & 1 yd runs); PAT's — Willingham — McKenzie (placement).



Rams' Terry Colson (15) Finds Running Room And Gains Seven Yards

—Times Staff Photo

the Willingham attack rolling and forced the 'Cats to play most of the game at their end of the field.

A crowd of approximately 4,000, with about a third of the fans sitting on the Valdosta side, saw the Rams boost their overall record to 5-2-1 and up their Region 1-AAA mark to 4-2-1. The setback was the fourth in a row for coach Wright Bazemore's young 'Cats and leaves them 1-6-1 for the season and 1-5-1 in league play.

A stubborn VHS defense and penalties held the favored Rams' in check for two periods. Colson climaxed a 61-yard Willingham march with a 10-yard TD sprint in the first period. The score was nullified by a penalty and the Wildcats held at the nine.

Before the first half ended Valdosta had stopped Willingham thrusts which carried to the seven, 15 and 16.

Late in the second period the 'Cats got possession of the ball in Rams territory for the first time when halfback Cloy Blanton re-

'Cats Unable To Get Their Attack Rolling

"When you can't move the football you can't win—and we didn't move the football."

That remark was made by Valdosta grid boss Wright Bazemore and it pretty well tells the story of the Wildcats' 13-0 loss to Willingham at Macon last Thursday.

The 'Cats finished with a net of just eight yards rushing and 45 passing and had possession of the ball across the mid-field stripe on just two occasions.



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They turned in a creditable defensive performance, stopping Willingham at close range several times. But except on one occasion they went on offense deep in their own territory and the 'Cats couldn't move up field.

With hard running fullback Floyd Evans having a great night, Willingham had quite a few scoring opportunities and finally cashed in on two of them. Evans, a 180-pound senior, was called on 32 times to carry the ball, and responded by gaining 120 yards. He was the man who got the Rams yardage when they needed it the most.

While the Wildcats were beaten, they again went down battling. They made the Rams work very hard for their 13 points and you can bet the Willingham boys know they were in a contest.

"Except for a couple of ball games we've done pretty well on defense," Bazemore said. "But we haven't been able to make our offense click all season. Even in the games when we've moved the ball pretty well, we've had difficulty scoring."

"It's meant we've had to spend most of the time on defense, we've usually been playing in our own territory and we've given our opponents the ball quite often at close range."

"If we had even a little more offense it would help take the pressure off our defense — but we don't have it. The boys are, of course, making mistakes, but they have worked hard all season and they certainly haven't quit trying."

"We lack size, we lack speed, we lack experience, we've had a lot of injuries and our offense hasn't 'jelled.' These aren't alibis, they are just statements of fact."

Bazemore Revamps VHS Lineup Again

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

In what will come as no surprise to local fans, Coach Wright Bazemore is revamping the Valdosta Wildcats' lineup as they get ready for a Friday night clash here with the Warner Robins Demons.

The 'Cats, hoping to put the brakes on a four-game losing skid, will be meeting the Demons in a Region 1-AAA affair slated for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

Valdosta, trying to rebuild after three state championship seasons, has a 1-6-1 record. Warner Robins is winless after eight starts.

The lineup changes this week are the result of Bazemore's continued search for a winning combination and also to plug up some positions left vacant by injuries and illness.

"We've got a lot of boys out or slowed by injuries and illness and we want to give some boys who are showing improvement a chance to play," Bazemore said.

"Let's face it, we're battling to stay out of the Region 1-AAA cellar. We've got just two more games to play. It would be nice if we could finish on a winning note and have a pair of victories to help get us rolling next year."

"We're still looking for boys who really want to play football."

Bazemore listed VHS' probable starters as follows:

Offense — ends Robert Goff (155-jr.) and Foy Norwood (215-sr.), tackles Ronnie Cannon (200 - soph.) and Mark Hollis (175-soph.), guards Bill Joseph (175-jr.) and Kendall Varnedoe (175-soph.), center Tommy Dove (170 - jr.), quarterback Terry Godwin (155-jr.), halfbacks Kenny Bounds (160-soph.) and Bill Welch (155-soph.), fullback Hank Lee (180 - sr.).

Defense — ends Bruce Buie (160 - sr.) and Norwood, tackles Ricky Rogers (175-soph.) and Clay Freeman (155-soph.), middle guard Jack Martin (175 - jr.), linebackers Lee, Cloy Blanton (165-sr.), Bobby Moore (175-soph.) and Kenny Clifton (175-soph), safetymen Ronnie Perkins (155-sr.) and Glenn Davis

(150-soph.).

To give you just an idea of how much changing the 'Cats have done this season, Godwin is the fifth different player tried

at offensive quarterback, Bounds was an end up until two weeks ago and Welch was moved from guard to halfback this week.

'Cats, Eagles, Tigers All Picked To Triumph

You might say I'm starting to hold my own on the football forecasting front. Last week I was right in 33 games and wrong in 14 for a .702 mark.

This was almost a duplicate of my 34-14-.708 effort two weeks ago. Anyway, my season record is now 240-89-.729, which is down just one point from my previous total.



The high school season is almost over, but trying to guess the winners isn't any easier. Here are my prep picks and a little farther along I'll toss out my college guesses.

VALDOSTA VS WARNER ROBINS — For the first time this year Valdosta's young Wildcats aren't being rated as underdogs. VHS has a 1-6-1 record and Warner Robins is winless after eight starts. The 'Cats, however, are battered and bruised. The Valdosta crew wants to halt a four-game losing skid and I think it will with a win over the Demons.

VHS Counselor To Attend Meet On Jekyll Island

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High School's guidance counselor will be among those attending the Georgia Association of School Counselors Conference on Jekyll Island.

Miss Marguerite Ford will attend the 14th annual conference Nov. 21-23.

She will be among 500 counselors throughout the state who are eligible to take part in the conference.

Theme of the conference will be "Expanding Perspectives of Counselor Competencies." Counseling perspectives of 1949 will be compared with those of 1963 and evaluated.

Dr. Arthur W. Combs will be the featured speaker. Combs, professor of education at the University of Florida, is the author of the book, "Individual Behavior."

Dr. William B. King, president of Georgia Southwestern College, will also speak to the group.

'Cats Play Demons; Hahira Meets Tribe

LOHI, Berrien
Clash In Game
Here Saturday

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats, Hahira's Tigers and Lowndes County's Golden Eagles form a solid front for high school football games this weekend—all are favored.

The 'Cats are to meet the Warner Robins Demons in a Region 1-AAA affair slated for 8 o'clock here tonight at Cleveland Field.

Hahira is to close out its 1963 campaign against Region 1 - B (East) foe Charlton County

AREA GRID SLATE Tonight

Warner Robins at Valdosta
Charlton at Hahira
Brooks at Mitchell
Cook at Jeff Davis
Madison at Perry
GCS at Crawfordville
Saturday
Berrien at Lowndes
Lake Butler at Jennings



—Times Staff Photo

VHS Soph Tackle Ronnie Cannon

(Folkston) in a game set for 8 o'clock tonight at Hahira.

LOHI's Eagles will tangle with the Berrien County Rebels of Nashville in a game here Saturday night. Cleveland Field will be the site of this contest which is the last of the season for Lowndes.

Other games tonight involving area teams are Brooks County (Quitman) at Mitchell County (Camilla), Cook (Adel) at Jeff Davis (Hazlehurst), Madison at Perry and Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Crawfordville.

In another Saturday night affair, Jennings will face Lake Butler at Jasper. Two area teams, Jasper and Clinch County, have open dates this week.

Coach Wright Bazemore's young and presently crippled Wildcats have a 1-6-1 record and ambitions to halt a four-game losing skid. The Warner Robins team they are to meet tonight is winless after eight starts.

Even though several VHS regulars will probably miss the game because of injuries and illness, the 'Cats are favored for the first time this season.

Coach Warren Alexander's Hahira Tigers have a 3-5-1 record and the Camden Indians they are meeting have lost seven in a row.

Although this is a 1-B (East) affair, both are out of the title race.

Three triumphs are the most Hahira has been able to earn in one season during its still young football career. The Tigers want a win tonight so they can top that mark.

Lowndes' Eagles have a 5 - 4 chart and Berrien's Rebels are 2-6. While LOHI is favored, this will be a meeting of traditional rivals and the kind of game which could produce a surprise.

Berrien, hit hard by the injury jinx during the early going, has found the victory formula and clicked for wins in its last two starts.

Cook's Hornets are 6-1-1 for the year, won five in a row and top the Region 1-A (East) standings with a 3-0 league chart. Jeff Davis is 5-2 for the year and 1-2 in regional play. Cook must win to keep moving toward its second sub - division crown. Jeff Davis would like to derail the Hornets' victory express.

Madison (2 - 4) faces a tough North Florida Conference test at Perry. Georgia Christian (2-6) will be trying to halt a six-game losing skid at Crawfordville. Brooks (2-

6) will be meeting a traditional rival when it tangles with Mitchell (3-5) at Camilla.

On Saturday night at Jasper, Jennings' unbeaten Panthers will play a crucial Suwannee Conference game with Lake Butler. Jennings is 7-0 for the year and 3-0 in league play. Lake Butler has a 4-2 record in all games and owns a 2-0 conference mark.

Other games around Georgia tonight include the following:

Albany at Jordan, Dublin at Americus, Camden at Atkinson, Bacon at Fitzgerald, Miller at Bainbridge, Baker at Lanier, Ware at Cairo, Willingham at Moultrie, Worth at Thomasville, Jesup at Waycross.



—Times Staff Photo

Peggy DeCesare and Jimmy Zager Try On New VHS Band Uniforms

Marching Wildcats Get Panther-Black Uniforms

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

When the marching Valdosta High School Wildcat band leaves for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D. C. April 7, the students will be wearing all new uniforms.

The handsome outfits arrived this week.

Complete with black plumes for the hats, the black uniforms are not as inclined to wrinkle and are just great, says band director Frank Butenscheon.

"The students are proud of these outfits because they helped to raise the money with which to buy them," said Butenscheon.

The students, along with the VHS Band Boosters, raised the needed funds by having barbecues and fish fries.

"Everybody worked on this project," said the director.

The marching cats will not only participate in the Cherry Blossom parade but will give a concert at Walter Reed Hospital. The concert, to be televised on ABC network, features several bands. VHS is the only band in Georgia to take part at

the Walter Reed program.

"We will also enter the marching and concert competition. Several years ago the band won the fifth place with over 150 bands competing," said Butenscheon.

The 60 students will arrive back in Valdosta April 11.



—Times Staff Photo by Robert Winler

Ready for the March

When the Valdosta High School band gets tuned up to perform at football games or other events, so does a 3-year-old. Band mascot Skip Butenschon naturally would have to shape

up with the rest of the musicians. His father, Frank Butenschon, is the band director. Here Skip has an admiring glance for one of the band's pretty majorettes.

Coach Bazemore's Smile Showed He Was Pleased

Coach Wright Bazemore wasn't making any victory speeches after his Wildcats licked the Warner Robins Demons, 23-0. But you could tell by the jokes he was telling and the smile he wore on his face he was pleased.

"It's been so long between victories for us I don't know how to act," Bazemore said. "And there were times earlier in the week I was afraid we'd have to call off the game. We've got so many boys injured and sick I wasn't sure we could find eleven to play."



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"Our pursuit on defense was better than it has been all season," Bazemore said. "Warner Robins, of course, didn't have the speed a lot of other teams we've played showed. Still, we passed out some hard licks and that's encouraging."

Taste Of Victory

"It's been a rough season for us all the way. We're still making just about every kind of football mistake you can think of. But these boys have worked hard and a little taste of victory is nice."

The crowd estimate for the game ranged between 5,000 and 5,500 and one sideline observer remarked it was the first time in four years a VHS home game hasn't packed the Cleveland Field stands.

Actually a turnout that large is quite remarkable when you consider the fans, virtually all of them from Valdosta, came to see two teams which owned just one victory and a tie between them.

The Wildcats haven't lost their enthusiasm for football and neither have the local fans. It was a very good night in many ways.

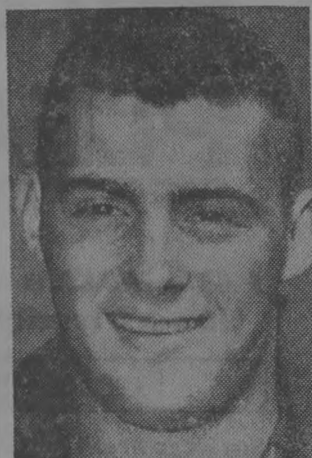
BRUCE BENNETT HEADS AREA A-A CHECKLIST

By MIKE BARRON
Associated Press Sports Writer
Florida couldn't move the ball on its first series of downs and had to punt to Georgia. Then lightning struck.

Safetyman Bruce Bennett intercepted the first pass of Southeastern Conference passing leader Larry Rakestraw and ran it back 43 yards for a touchdown and the Gators were off and running. In the fourth quarter he intercepted Rakestraw's last pass to stop a Georgia threat.

Bennett, a former Valdosta (Ga.) High star, also intercepted one other pass and made several tackles in Florida's 21-14 victory, and leads this week's Southeastern All-America checklist. "Bennett played as great a secondary game as I've ever seen," said Florida defensive coach Gene Ellenson.

Hard-running halfback Joe Labruzzo of Louisiana State was almost the entire offensive show as LSU beat Texas Christian 28-14. He scored three second half touchdowns, one on a 45-yard run, to lead the Tigers' comeback after they trailed 14-7 at halftime.



—Times Staff Photo

BRUCE BENNETT Has Big Day

The Associated Press board also singled out three quarterbacks for special mention.

Sonny Fisher led Mississippi State's 13-10 upset of previously unbeaten Auburn by passing 22 yards for State's tying touchdown. He then intercepted a pass and ran it back 25 yards to set up the winning field goal.

Florida State held Billy Lotheridge to his 20th career field

goal in the first half for a 7-3 lead. But Mr. Do-It-All opened up a record-breaking passing attack in the second half. Overall, he completed 20 of 34 pass attempts for 246 yards, all three figures Georgia Tech records and gained 274 total yards in the 15-7 victory to break his own record set the previous week against Duke.

Jimmy Sidle led Auburn's offense, racing 47 yards for one touchdown and setting up the Tigers' field goal with a 47-yard pass.

Two ends, a tackle and a guard also drew special mention.

End Billy Truax led LSU's fired-up defense in the second half against TCU, making tackle after tackle and harrasing Horned Frog backs. End Billy Martin of Georgia Tech had his best day on offense, catching nine passes, one for a touchdown. On defense he made six tackles and recovered a fumble.

Tackle Tommy Neville led the surging Mississippi State line which fought Auburn to a standstill. Guard Steve Delong of Tennessee was a standout in the Volunteer forward wall, which overpowered the lighter Tulane line in Tennessee's 26-0 victory.

Four at VHS Get National Merit Honors

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Four Valdosta High School seniors have received national recognition on the Merit Exam.

The four — Jimmy Norton, Edward Scriven, Carolyn Tumlinson and Libba Winston — have been awarded certificates for high scoring on the national merit exam.

The annual senior scholastic sweaters were given to 24 in chapel Friday morning.

The senior scholarship program is sponsored by Marshall Castleberry and Alex Wainer, Valdosta businessmen who are interested in promoting high academic standards and encouraging good scholarships.

Those receiving sweaters this year were Sandra Anderson, Ann Bennett, Bunny Bridges, Tommy Davenport, Kent Edwards, Catherine Hansen, Starr Howell, Gerald Joiner.

Gale Lashley, Jane Lineberger, Donna Miller, Shellia McCoy, Jimmy Norton, Elaine Parrish, Edward Scriven, Nancy Simon, Mark Spieler, Shirley Stump, Marlene Taylor, Brooks Toland, Emily Wilson, Carolyn Tumlinson, Maxine Wilson and Libba Winston.

VHS Plays LaGrange In Final 1963 Tilt

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats and a half dozen other prep football teams in the area will close out regular season gridiron play this week.

The 1963 finale for the 'Cats will be against the LaGrange Grangers in a Region 1-AAA affair slated here Friday night.

A game between Berrien County (Nashville) and Worth County (Sylvester) at Nashville on Thursday night will get the week's action underway.

Other games Friday involving area teams are Cook (Adel) at Blackshear, Atkinson County

AREA GRID SLATE

Thursday

Worth at Berrien

Friday

LaGrange at Valdosta

Cook at Blackshear

Brooks at Central

Atkinson at Clinch

Greenville at Jasper

Monticello at Madison

GCS at Crystal River

Saturday

Crescent City at Jennings

(Pearson) at Clinch County (Homerville), Brooks County (Quitman) at Thomasville Central, Greenville at Jasper, Monticello at Madison and Georgia Christian

(Dasher) at Crystal River.

On Saturday Jennings' Panthers will meet Crescent City at Jasper. It will be homecoming for the Panthers.

In addition to Valdosta, Clinch, Berrien, Cook, Brooks, Jennings and GCS will be closing out their regular season. Cook, however, has a chance to earn a berth in the Region 1-A playoff.

Valdosta is 2-6-1 for the season and 2-5-1 in league play. The LaGrange team it meets has a 4-5 mark in all games and is 4-4 in loop competition.

This will be a battle between traditional rivals. Both have strong ambitions to finish with a victory.

Cook is 6-2-1 for the year and 3-1 in Region 1-A (East) competition. Blackshear has a 2-7 record for the year and an 0-4 league chart.

Right now Cook shares first place in the sub-division standings with Irwin and Fitzgerald. Since Cook has already beaten both Irwin and Fitzgerald, the Hornets from Adel can earn the 1-A (East) crown and a berth in the 1-A playoff by licking Blackshear.

Brooks' youthful Tigers will be involved in a Region 1-A (West) game when they meet Central's Yellow Jackets at Thomasville. Brooks is 2-7 for the season and 0-4 in league play. Central is 5-4 in all games and 2 - 2 in sub-division competition.

Clinch will hook up with Atkinson in a 1-B (East) test. The Panthers from Homerville are 5-4 for the year and 3-1 in league competition. Atkinson has won two of nine starts and is 1-3 in regional play.

Jasper and Madison are both

3-4 and will be trying to level their records off by beating Greenville and Monticello. Georgia Christian (2-7) would like to end its first varsity campaign with a triumph over Crystal River.

Jennings (7 - 1) was tumbled from the unbeaten ranks by Lake Butler last week, but hopes to rebound with a triumph over Crescent City.

Other games around Georgia this week include the following:

Thursday — Willingham at Lanier.

Friday — Albany at Moultrie, Thomasville at Americus, Appling at Jesup, Jeff Davis at Bacon, Bainbridge at Cairo, Baker at Warner Robins, Charlton at Camden, Tift at Coffee, Jordan at Columbus, Fitzgerald at Irwin. Saturday—Glynn at Waycross.

Valdosta High Sets Cheerleader Tryouts Nov. 18

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Basketball cheerleaders tryouts will be held at Valdosta High School on Nov. 18.

This week junior and senior girls who want to compete for the eight positions on the squad are turning in their names to the guidance office.

The girls must be passing at least three units of work and must have completed at least three units last year.

This year campaigning for the posts have been eliminated.

Contstants will tryout before the student body. The students will then vote on eight girls from the junior class and eight girls from the senior class.

From the 16 teen-agers selected, four from each of the two classes will be named by a panel of judges as cheerleaders.

50 to Compete For Miss VHS

The annual Valdosta High School beauty pageant will be held Feb. 14 in the school auditorium.

Sponsored by the junior class as a means to raise funds for the junior - senior dance in the spring, 50 girls will compete for the title.

Contestants are, seniors: Sharon Ashley, Joyce Catoe, LeQuitta Chaney, Patsy Garvin, Bonnie Gerlock, Beverly Gleason, Patsy Henry, Becky Johnson, Lois Johnson, Sibbie Kirby.

Carol McMichen, Lynne May, Dean Nichols, Karren Nicholson, Susan Parramore, Laura Resch, Mary Sessions, Sandy Stewart, Ellen Squires, Kay Talley, Marlene Taylor, Sally Tillman, Anne Walker, Valerie Weeks and Libba Winston.

Juniors: Page Ashcom, Kay Barber, JoAnn Beck, Donna Blanton, Betty Boyette, Pat Carter, Bobbie Catoe, Ann Ferguson, Phyllis Giles, Beverly Gooze.

Kay Koch, Marsha Lackey, PaPm LaHood, Linda Lovett, Barbara McDonald, Frances McMahon, Linda Meyer, Jane Mixer, Josephine Pendleton.

Betty Potts, Jennifer Schroer, Lynn Shelton, Ginger Swenson, Nancy Talton and Diane White.

Robert Murphy and Mrs. Grady Massey of Valdosta High School will return Sunday from several days in Chicago. . . Robert, a senior, and Mrs. Massey, science instructor, represented the school at the convention on the atom. . . The convention, designed to demonstrate the peaceful uses of the atom to outstanding high schoolers and science instructors, is sponsored by the Georgia Power Company and other concerns. . .

Stipes for Angela

Word comes from Emory University in Atlanta that Angela Wall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wall of Valdosta, has been awarded a 'Stipe' scholarship. . . Although the scholarship is not a financial one, it goes to outstanding students at Emory in recognition of their scholastic ability. . .

She is the third Valdosta student in the past four years to receive such an award. . . Jimmy Bolen and Dee Corn of Valdosta are also holders of the stipe awards. . . Angela has been named secretary of the Emory Concert Band. . .

John Coleman is the first senior at VHS to be accepted into a college for next fall. . . John, the son of Mrs. Theo Coleman, will enter Presbyterian College in Clinton, S. C. . .

'Cats Beat Demons

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's young and crippled Wildcats scored early and late and threw up a solid defense in the middle to notch a 23-0 football victory over the Warner Robins Demons here Friday night.

With the triumph coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats halted a four-game losing skid. They now have a 2-6-1 mark for the season and a 2-5-1 chart in Region 1-AAA.

It was the Demons' ninth setback in a row.

A crowd of approximately 5,000 saw VHS end Bruce Buie jar the football lose from Warner Robin's Sonny Perdue with a sharp tackle on the opening kickoff and center Tommy Dove claimed it for the 'Cats at the Demons' 18. Eight plays later halfback Cloy Blanton scored from three yards out.

With a defense which held the Demons to minus 10 yards rushing and allowed only 32 passing, that first Valdosta touchdown would have been enough.

But in the final stanza the 'Cats, playing with a half dozen regulars on the sideline watching, clicked for 16 more points.

Guard Kenny Clifton recovered a fumble at the Warner Robins 27 early in the final period. Nine plays later fullback Bobby Moore tallied on a one-yard plunge.

A 10-yard pass from quarterback Glenn Davis to halfback Hank Lee and an eight-yard romp on an end-

around by Robert Goff which carried to the four, were key plays in the drive.

Just seconds later Lee intercepted a pass and Valdosta was

back in business at the Demons' 38. On the next play Davis tossed one to Blanton for a tally.

A couple of minutes later the
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Robert Goff (31) and Foy Norwood (44) Clear The Way For 'Cat Quarterback Glenn Davis (10)

—Times Staff Photo

THE PREPARADE

VALDOSTA FANS ARE STILL WINNERS

By CHARLIE ROBERTS

Only the football team is slumping in Valdosta. The fans and Coach Wright Bazemore are "up" for the season and going stronger than ever.

"Any coach would be prouder of this town than last year when we won our third straight state AAA championship and were rated number one (high school team) in the nation," was the cheery Thursday observation of Bazemore, whose moaning is his trademark during winning seasons.

"More people are coming to our games now than when we were winning. We expect from 10,000 to 12,000 for our Moultrie game here Friday night. We've been about 'packed'—around 8,000-9,000—for all our home games. And when we played in Albany there were about as many Valdosta folks as Albany folks there.

"This is just one fine football town. There's no grumbling because we're not winning. (Valdosta has lost four, tied one since opening with its 37th straight victory, beating Baker, 6-0.) People are nicer now than when we were winning. They're going all out to show us they appreciate us. They know we're in the process of rebuilding.

"This is something that happens about every four or five years. We were 5-5 in 1959 when we started building for our three straight unbeaten seasons.

"We're playing 27 sophomores now. Our backs are mostly 140 and 145 pounders. You can never tell how fast or how much they'll develop, but we have some we believe might become fine ones in the next two years. Robert Strom, Glenn Davis and Bill Parramore—brother of halfback Alec of a few years back—are very promising. So are some linemen, especially Kenny Clifton, Jimmy Neal and Kenny Bounds.

"You can't expect young and small boys to look good playing against junior and senior teams, but we've been right in every game except the Columbus game (52-19) until the end. Albany is unbeaten and we had them on the ropes before losing, 20-14.

"Foy Norwood (6-1, 215 pounder) is an All-American if I ever saw one. He kicks off, kicks extra points and we've played him at every position except quarterback. Foy was the best center in the state when he was a freshman, I thought. That's

where he ought to play in college.

"Yes, he kicks field goals—he's kicked just one for us. We haven't been close enough to the goal to kick many," laughed Bazemore.

"Albany has the inside track for the Region 1-AAA championship, but all the teams are about even except us and Warner Robins, Albany, Moultrie, Baker, Willingham, Columbus and LaGrange are a half dozen that might beat any team in the state on a given night, I imagine. Lanier has the hardest road to travel (the rest of the way in the schedule)."

THE FUNNYBONE—Bazemore, when asked if everyone wasn't pointing for his Wildcats and enjoying beating them: "Oh, yes, they're having a field day, and I want them to enjoy themselves. There's another time coming. We'll be back."

PREP PRATTLE—A recent ruckus at the Milton-Roswell game resulted in Roswell High being placed on probation for a year and being assessed a fine of \$250 by the GHSA's Sportsmanship Committee. Milton High was fined \$150, but not because any of its fans or students were involved in the disorder—as some stories indicated. The fine was assessed because of what the committee deemed "insufficient police protection." (Five policemen were assigned to that particular game, authorities report) . . . Newton County, which played six consecutive teams with the nickname of "Bulldogs," has drawn capacity crowds for each of three home games, and a field record 3,500 watched the Morgan County invasion.

AL EVANS, state decathlon champ and recently switched from end to halfback, has played spectacular football for Jim Lofton's Dykes eleven (4-2) without benefit of much public acclaim. He intercepted two passes and set up a TD in that 20-7 victory over West Fulton, keeping Dykes in title contention . . . Center Jay McDuffie, only Headland's second four-year varsity grid letter winner, made 75 tackles last year and led Region 2-AA in interceptions when a freshman . . . Danny Sims, Savannah's one-man backfield gang, was sidelined by injury when Lanier bashed the Jackets, 34-0 . . . Avondale's Glenn Johnson has kicked 13 PATs in 13 tries, last three against Cross Keys . . . Billy Stephenson, 190-pounder who is also a great track and basketball performer for Georgia School for the Deaf, makes about 25 tackles a game for Daniel Van Cott's remarkable Cave Spring school and observers believe he could play for any team in the state . . . John Paulk, who scored 10 TDs in unbeaten Fitzgerald's first four games, is a "tender" freshman.



Charlie Roberts



'Cats' Robert Goff (31) Goes Eight Yards On End-Around Play —Times Staff Photo

'Cats Lick Demons, End Losing Streak

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Demons' Mike Long elected to run on fourth down from deep in his territory, he was nailed at the 17 by the 'Cats' Jimmy Neal and Valdosta was knocking at the TD door again.

Three passes fell incomplete, then tackle Foy Norwood boot-

STATISTICS

	Val.	WR
First Downs	11	5
Yards Rushing	121	-10
Yards Passing	81	32
Passes	4-16	2-7
Passes Intc. by	2	1
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Punting	5-33.3	6-32.5
Penalties	9-55	1-3

ed a field goal. He kicked from the 24, making the three-pointer from 34 yards out.

The Demons offered only one mild scoring threat and it came late in the first period. They got possession of the ball at the Wildcats' 32 when Valdosta gambled for a first down and

missed. Warner Robins moved to the 25, then the VHS defense threw the Demons back. Valdosta took over the ball on downs at the 32.

Davis was Valdosta's attack

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta — Godwin 11-34, Davis 7-27, Moore 7-19, Parramore 4-15, Lee 5-15, Blanton 5-12; Warner Robins — Burns 7-22, Long 11 minus 10; Wells 4 minus 24, Allgire 6-6.
 Passing: Valdosta — Davis 4-13-81, Blanton 0-3-0; Warner Robins — Wells 1-4-17, Long 1-3-15.
 Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Godwin 1-24, Blanton 1-38, Parramore 1-14, Lee 1-5; Warner Robins — Simerman 1-17, Muha 1-15.
 Kickoff Returns: Warner Robins — Long 3-67, Perdue 1-10, Clark 1-6.
 Defensive Leaders (Tackle): Valdosta — Buie 11, Neal 8, Marlin 7, Norwood 6, Freeman 5, Clifton 5, Blanton 4, Perkins 3, Dove 3, Cannon 3; Warner Robins — Yongue 7, Skogen 6, Wells 5, Hamlin 5, Simerman 4.

leader as he hit on four of 13 passes for 81 yards and ran for 27 yards on seven tries. Terry Godwin picked up 34 yards on

11 carries.

Buie, playing perhaps his best game of the season, led the VHS stop 'em effort with 11 tackles. Neal was next with eight tackles, followed by Jack Martin, seven; Foy Norwood, 6; Clay Freeman and Clifton, five each.

Valdosta dominated in the line on both offense and defense. While Valdosta failed to score during the two middle quarters, it generated drives which carried to the Demons' 34 and to the 15. Time ran out in the first half with them at the 34. A penalty and a pass interception halted a deep VHS penetration in the third stanza.

More than 30 Valdosta players saw action in the contest and all shared in the Wildcats' first victory since they licked Baker, 6-0, in their season opener.

The 23 points VHS scored was a season high for the youthful Valdosta crew.

LINEUPS

Valdosta
 Ends: Buie, Neal, Goff, Norwood, Gunter, Ireland, Bell.
 Tackles: Cannon, Hollis, Wansley, Rogers, Crane.
 Guards: Clifton, Varnedoe, Joseph, Martin, Hinkson, Perryman, Miller.
 Centers: Dove, Freeman.
 Backs: Davis, Bray, Blanton, Godwin, Lee, McLeod, Welch, Perkins, Parramore, Seago, Moore, Colson, King.
Warner Robins
 Ends: Skogen, Keck, Clark, Simerman, Bryson.
 Tackles: Hamlin, Reynolds.
 Guards: Sartain, Wheelers, Yongue, Fortson.
 Centers: Rape, Mole.
 Backs: Perdue, Wells, Long, Muha, Burns, Morgan, Kingery.
 Score by quarters follows:
 Valdosta 7 0 0 16—23
 Warner Robins 0 0 0 0—0
 Scoring TD's: Valdosta — Blanton 2(3 yd. run, 38 yd. pass from Davis), Moore (1 yd. run); PAT's — Valdosta — Moore 2 (placements). Field goal — Valdosta (34 yds.).

'Cats, Grangers Tangle 8th Time

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats and LaGrange's Grangers will meet on the gridiron for the eighth time here Friday night and for a change there won't be a championship at stake.

They met twice in the early 1950's with state Class A crowns at stake. They've played five times since 1958 with the 1-AAA title riding on the outcome four times.

This year neither coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats or coach Oliver Hunnicutt's Grangers are title contenders.

Even though the game has no championship overtone it is expected to be a typical Valdosta-

LaGrange affair, which means the fans can get ready for anything to happen.

With Bazemore in one corner and Hunnicutt in the other, it means two of Georgia's all-time great prep mentors will be directing operations. Both are members of Georgia's High School Hall of Fame.

Actually LaGrange, which has a veteran team and missed a shot at the region crown by just a whisker, is the form chart favorite.

The Grangers are 4-5 for the season and 4-4 in regional play. They've beaten Jordan (20-7), Warner Robins (20-0), Lanier (19-14) and Moultrie (7-6) while losing to Lanett, Ala. (7-0), Willingham (7-0) Albany (7-0), Baker (10-7) and Columbus (23-13).

LaGrange scored victories over highly regarded Lanier and Moultrie on successive Friday nights and that did most to throw the 1-AAA race into its current muddle. Six region teams are still contenders with the regular season coming to a close this week.

The Wildcats, going through a rebuilding campaign and hit hard by the injury jinx, are 2-6-1 for the season and 2-5-1 in league play.

Wins for VHS have been over Baker (6-0) and Warner Robins (23-0). The tie was by a 3-3 count with Lanier. Valdosta losses have been to Waycross (12-0), Jordan (13-9), Albany (20-14), Columbus (52-19), Moultrie (32-0) and Willingham (13-0).

Valdosta's triumph over Warner Robins came last week and halted a four-game losing skid.

The Valdosta-LaGrange series has produced a full measure of football thrills and some unexpected results. The 'Cats will be

trying to pull off an upset this time.

Valdosta's injury report contains some "bad" and some "encouraging" news.

Halfback Cloy Blanton has aggravated an old knee injury and isn't expected to play against LaGrange. He's been a standout two-way performer this year. Tackle Larry Wainwright and end-halfback Kenny Bounds are two others not expected to see action in the 1963 finale.

On the other hand quarterback Glenn Davis, tackle-end Foy Norwood, halfback Robert Strom, full-

back Bill Parramore, guard Bill Henry, tackle Stuart Mullis have been able to go at or near full speed in drills so far this week. All have been hampered by injuries or illness.

"Right now it doesn't seem likely that Blanton or Bounds will get to play against LaGrange,"

Bazemore said. "Still we are in a little better physical condition than we've been in recent weeks."

"We're going to have our hands full against LaGrange. Just check their record and you'll see they are right on a par with the best teams in our region."

VALDOSTA VS LA-GRANGE — This will be Valdosta's last game and the Wildcats are rated as the underdogs. Coach Wright Bazemore has urged the 'Cats to make this last game of the season their best one. I think the 'Cats will respond and finish the campaign with an upset win over the Grangers.

Baze Urges 'Cats 'Make Last, Best'

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Let's make the last one our best one, is the theme song in the Valdosta Wildcats' football camp this week.

Coach Wright Bazemore's young 'Cats meet LaGrange's Grangers in their 1963 finale here Friday night. It will be a Region 1-AAA affair and a meeting of traditional rivals.

The 'Cats are 2-6-1, but are still battling hard to salvage something from the first below .500 season for a Bazemore-coached team since he joined the VHS staff more than 20 years ago.

LaGrange has a veteran team, is 4-5 after a string of four setbacks by narrow margins and coach Oliver Hunnicutt's Grangers are favored.

But Bazemore is hoping his charges, who have been handicapped by a lack of experience, speed and lately injuries, can, as he puts it, "finally get organized."

"This is our last game and our final chance to get organized and play a really good football game," Bazemore said. "LaGrange is a tough team, as tough as any we've met this season."

"We've got to give our best performance, and we've got to play 'hard-nose' football all the way or we're going to get dusted off again. I'd sure like to see us finish with a victory, but that's a tough assignment."

LaGrange, well stocked with returning regulars, has a reputation for defensive toughness. The Grangers have limited six of its foes to seven or fewer points. Four of its setbacks came by the combined total of three TD's and a field goal.

The Grangers regulars are as follows:

Ends David Rhoetter (195-jr.), Jimmy Moat (147-sr.) and Allen Daniel (152-jr.), tackles Bob Smith (178-sr.), Ronald Thompson (206-soph.) and Hawley Smith (186-sr.), guards Chico Lyner (171-sr.), Tommy Wood (165-jr.) and Art Mallory (175-jr.), center Chris Brown (171-jr.), quarterback John Love (170-sr.), halfbacks

Mason Ashley (162-sr.), James Butler (151-sr.), Johnny Hunter (150-jr.) and fullback Milton Pursle (153-jr.).

Bazemore has listed the 'Cats' probable starters as follows:

Offense — ends Robert Goff and Jimmy Neal, tackles Stuart Mullis and Foy Norwood, guards Bobby Moore and Bill Henry, center Tommy Dove, quarterback Glenn Davis, halfbacks Terry Godwin and Billy Bray, fullback Bill Parramore.

Defense — ends Albert McLeod and Bruce Buie, tackles Clay Freeman and Ronnie Cannon, middle guard Jack Martin, linebackers Hank Lee, Godwin, Nor-

wood and Kenny Clifton, safeties Robert Strom and Ronnie Perkins.

While injuries are expected to keep halfback Cloy Blanton, halfback-end Kenny Bounds and tackle Larry Wainwright on the sideline, the Wildcats are in a little better condition physically than they have been in recent weeks.

Last Friday they halted a four game victory skid with a 23-0 victory over Warner Robins.

"We beat Warner Robins, but you still couldn't say we really played a good football game," Bazemore said. "We've got to do much better against LaGrange — it's our last chance."

VHS Battles Odds In Season Finale

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta closes its 1963 football season here tonight with coach Wright Bazemore's young Wildcats still battling the odds.

The 'Cats are to meet LaGrange's tough Grangers in a game slated for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

Valdosta has a 2-6-1 record, compiled during a rebuilding campaign in which they've been handicapped by a lack of speed and experience.

LaGrange, with a 4-5 chart after four very close losses, is favored.

Bazemore is hoping his charges can lick the odds this time, upset LaGrange and finish on a victory note. VHS licked Warner Robins, 23-0 last week and has a chance to put victories back-to-back for the first time this season.

"LaGrange has a veteran team, a very tough defense and a strong running and passing game," Bazemore said. "It's on a par with any team we've faced this season and we've played a lot of good ones."

To pull off an upset the 'Cats are going to have to find some way to break through a strong LaGrange defense which has limited six of nine foes to seven or fewer points.

The Wildcats are also going to have to stop fleet halfback Mason Ashley, who has gained 307 yards on 75 tries for a 4.1 average and check quarterback John Love, who has hit on 38 of 94 passes for 672 yards.

Bazemore has announced the 'Cats' offensive backfield starters as quarterback Glenn Davis, halfbacks Billy Bray and Terry God-

win and fullback Bill Parramore. Bray has been switched from the defensive unit to replace Cloy Blanton at halfback. Blanton, a standout two-way performer, isn't expected to play tonight because of a knee injury.

Davis, a sophomore, has picked up 72 yards on 22 carries and has hit on 12 of 35 passes for 167 yards. Godwin has 91 yards rushing on 47 carries, has caught nine passes for 125 yards and has returned a total of 30 punts and kickoffs 418 yards.

Parramore, another sophomore, has gained 70 yards on 15 tries.

Statistics for others who have seen offensive backfield action for VHS follows:

Rushing—Bobby Moore 58—227, Blanton 76—220, Hank Lee 47—90, Ronnie Perkins 23—28, Albert McLeod 14—24.

Passing—Lee 18-56—260, Blanton 10-26—166.

Pass receiving—Robert Goff 18—286, Blanton 20—128, Lee 6—108.

"Although we have several key

players who will miss the game, we are in a little better physical condition than we've been in several weeks," Bazemore said. "This is our last game and it's going to be one of our toughest."

'Cats Lose, 20-0

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
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LaGrange gave Valdosta lots of Love but definitely no kisses as the Grangers turned back the Wildcats, 20-0, in a Region 1-AAA football duel here Friday night.

It was quarterback John Love who ran 37 yards for one touchdown, passed 35 for another and kept the Granger's attack moving all the way.

The game was the last of the season for coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and coach Oliver Hunnicutt's Grangers. The setback left VHS with a 2-7-1 chart. The win leveled the Grangers' record off at 5-5.

A crowd of approximately 5,000 was on hand for the start of the duel between the traditional rivals. Many fans went home before the game was over, looking for a warm place on a night when the temperature dipped down into the 30's.

It was a typical Valdosta - LaGrange game in that the play was spirited and the knocking was hard all the way. But Love kept the Grangers' go-unit moving and Valdosta's attack never thawed out. The 'Cats lost the ball three times on fumbles and once on a pass interception and were never able to generate a really serious scoring threat.

Love, a 170-pound senior, finished the night with 78 yards to his credit on 16 runs and he hit on five of seven passes to help account for 60 more.

He proved to be an expert "scrambler." Some of his longest runs came when he went back

to pass, found no receivers open and decided to try it on foot.

LaGrange took the opening kickoff and moved 63 yards in eight plays to score. Love hit on passes of seven and 11 yards. Then at the Valdosta 37 he went back to throw again, changed his mind and went right up the middle along the ground to score. Fullback Ken-

neth Messer's PAT boot was wide to the left.

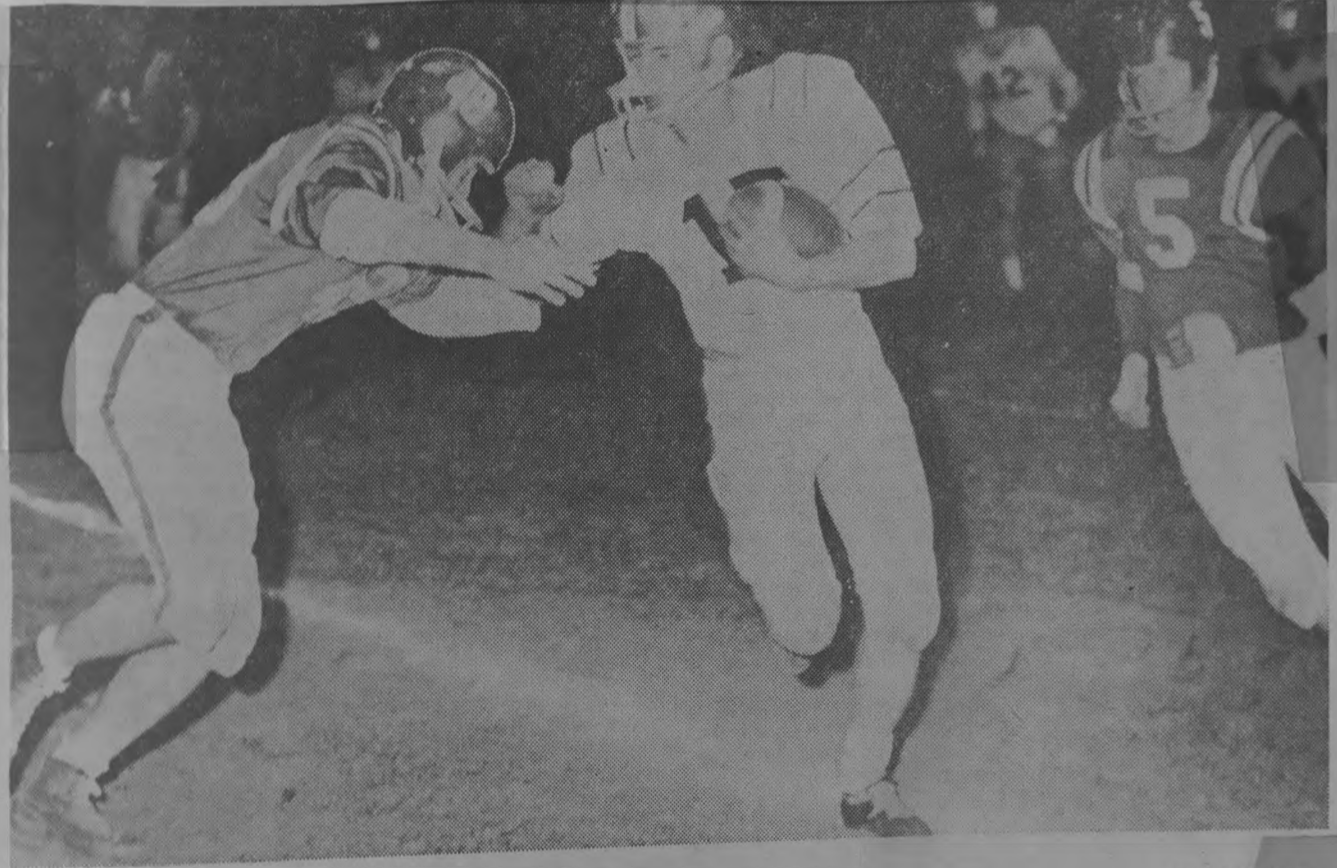
In the second stanza the Grangers moved from their own 32 to the Valdosta seven with Love getting loose for gains of 25 and 10 yards. Then VHS end Bruce Brue broke through to nail Love for a 15 yard loss and the Wildcats

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Grangers' Ronald Thompson (21), Hawley Smith (10) Ride Valdosta's Robert Goff (31) to Ground

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Valdosta's Terry Godwin (17) And LaGrange's Stanley Boggus (48) About To Collide

—Times Staff Photo

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got possession of the ball on downs at their own 22.

With the help of a 15-yard penalty against LaGrange, the 'Cats moved out to their own 39. Then Granger guard Chico Lynch re-

STATISTICS		Val	LaG.
First Downs		7	14
Yards Rushing		49	181
Yards Passing		11	60
Passes		5-12	5-7
Passes Intc. by		0	1
Fumbles Lost		3	0
Punting		4-33.5	4-26.2
Penalties		3-15	3-35

covered a Valdosta fumble. Three plays later Love passed 35 yards to halfback Stanley Boggus for LaGrange's second TD. There was less than two minutes to go be-

fore the half when Boggus boot- half ed the increased the half. A Granger charged in two indict- A Rabinowitz of all three ac- riffs white, convicted woman, all white, convicted The jury of 11 men and a Albany last April. jury which denied damages to a Negro in a civil rights suit at white grocer's serving on a trial

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He was born and reared in Ray City. Two of the members of the Soviet U.N. diplomatic mission, were expelled from the country because of diplomatic immunity. The third, a chauffeur with R. T. Chism, Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. Henry Swindle, Ray City.

Survivors include five sisters, Mrs. Ada Gaskins, Lenox; Mrs. Rannie Gaskins, Ray City; Mrs. E. E. Hickman, Barney; Mrs. R. T. Chism, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Mrs. Henry Swindle, Ray City.

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Gift From Fans: Big Smile Shows Bazemore Pleased With New Color TV Set

'STILL GREATEST'

Fans Honor Bazemore After Losing Season

By MARTIN MILLER
Times Staff Writer

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Bazemore was presented a color TV set and a family-type camping tent at a meeting of the Valdosta Touchdown Club here Monday night. The presents came from TD Club members and other football fans in this area.

Bazemore's aides J. B. Rowland, Bill Davis, Charlie Greene and Joe Wilson and VHS bandmaster Frank Butenschon were also presented gifts with TD Club president John Holcombe doing the honors.

Bazemore accepted the gifts with undoubtedly the brightest smile on his face since the 1963 football venture began.

"You know, I wouldn't have been surprised if you folks hung me in effigy after this one," Bazemore said, "A lot of towns and fans will stick with you when you're a winner, but they have little use for a loser."

"You people have been as faithful this year as you were when we were on top. That's why I've never thought of looking for greener pastures. I knew when I came here 22 years ago, that this is where I wanted to live and coach."

"And I'll go right on coaching here as long as I can produce winning football teams.—But not if I can't," he concluded.

Holcombe, with tongue in cheek, came back at the coach with words of consolation.

"Oh, don't feel so bad about it coach," he said. "One losing season in 22 years isn't so bad. And just to show you we're not unreasonable, 22 years from now if you want to lose again, it will be all right," he said.

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Waycross Paper Praises Valdosta Football Fans

Folks in other parts of the state have certainly taken notice of the fact Valdosta football fans have remained loyal to coach Wright Bazemore even though his Wildcats had a losing season.

The Waycross Journal-Herald came out with an editorial on the matter. The following appeared on the editorial page of that paper.

"There was a heart-warming demonstration of loyalty on the part of Valdosta football fans recently.

"The Wildcats, under coach Wright Bazemore, had been the scourge of the state for the past decade or more.

"They copped state championships in 1960-61-62 and had a 37-game winning streak which was snapped by our Waycross Bulldogs early this season.

"Valdosta ended up with a record of two wins, seven losses and one tie—the worst season in 22 years for the long-time South Georgia grid power.

"When it became obvious that the Wildcats could be licked this year, schools long humiliated by Valdosta seemed to take a sadistic delight in pouring it on.

"It became something of a joke that Coach Bazemore was having such a poor season that even his long-time boosters would be calling for his scalp.

"Nay, not so. Instead of hanging the veteran coach in effigy, Valdosta fans gave him the customary dinner and showered him with gifts.

"The president of the Valdosta Touchdown Club made it clear that Bazemore is still the darling of local football fans.

"We thought you were the greatest coach in the world when you were winning state championships," he told Bazemore, "Now you had a losing season, but we still think you're the greatest."

"Hurrah for this spirit. Now we really know why Valdosta has a great football tradition."



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Baze Says 'Cats Must Start Over In Spring

Here's a tip from coach Wright Bazemore to Valdosta High students who plan to be on hand when the Wildcats launch spring football practice next March—show up with your equipment buckled on tight.

Bazemore and I had a chat in his office earlier this week about this past season and also about "next year." The 'Cats finished the 1963 season with a 2-7-1 record, the worst for a Bazemore-coached team in 22 years.



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Bazemore made no excuses for his 1963 charges, a young, slow, inexperienced and often injury-plagued crew.

"Let's call a spade a spade," Bazemore said in a low, even voice. "The season was worse than I expected and it was worse than it should have been. We had our problems and our handicaps, lots of them. We play in a tough league, the toughest in the state.

"But we won just two games and tied one and we finished ninth. Frankly, at the start of the season I thought we had more potential than that.

"I figured, because we lacked experience, we'd have rough going early in the year, then we would start to smooth out. I really thought we'd finish something like 7-3 or maybe 6-4.

"But we never 'jelled', either with our offense or our defense. We tried every combination we could think of and none seemed to help.

"Other teams in the region improved as the season went along. We didn't keep pace and if anything we slipped backwards some.

"So where does that leave us for next season? We had relatively few seniors this year, so we will return quite a few players who are supposed to be experienced.

Return To Old System

"I figured by now we'd be 'organized,' ready to open spring practice with a set lineup and be in a position to start making definite plans for the '64 season.

"I'll tell you this, there isn't a single boy on our roster who has a position nailed down. After the kind of season we've just had there is only one thing we can do. In the spring we've got to start completely over again.

"This spring I'm going back to our old system. We're going to look for boys who will 'strike' and they're the ones who will get to play. If we can't find but 11, that's all we'll play.

"A coach can teach a boy a lot of things, but he can't teach him to 'strike.' A boy will either hit or he won't. It's up to the boy.

"A team that will 'strike' can make up for a lot of its shortcomings. It's a Valdosta football tradition that we have boys who will 'strike.'

Rough Year

"It was a rough year for me and for the boys. They're still my boys and I'm still proud of them. Many of them worked very hard and gave it all they had. But some, in my opinion, didn't play up to their potential.

"This was supposed to be a 'rebuilding' year for us. In reality we didn't get too much accomplished. We made some of the same mistakes in our last ball game that we did in our first one.

"What's the outlook for next year? Right now it appears uncertain. Our 1964 schedule hasn't been set yet, but you can be sure we'll be playing a lot of tough teams.

"Maybe we'll get some help from the boys who will be coming into our program next fall as sophomores, but we can't be sure. I do know it's tough to win with sophomores against the caliber of opponents we are sure to be meeting. I think what happened to us this year proves that point.

"I also know I don't want to go through another season like the one we've just had and I don't think the boys who will be returning want to either.

"We're going to start from scratch in spring practice and everyone better show up for the first practice session with their equipment buckled on tight. One season like this past one is enough."

VHS Hoop Mentors Aren't Predicting

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's basketball Wildcats and Kittens open their 1963 - 64 seasons Friday night and between them coaches Joe Wilson and Bill Davis have just four returning regulars available for duty.

Lidlifters for the 'Cats will come against Georgia Christian at Dasher. And with relatively few experienced hands available for duty, neither VHS mentor is ready to make a prediction about his team.

Last season was the first for Wilson as the Wildcats' hoop boss: The VHS quintet finished with a 11 - 12 record.

Lost from that team via the graduation route are Rick Thomas, the top scorer with a 16.1 average; Stan Reaves, the top defender, and Mark Holloway.

That leaves just two returning regulars, Jimmy Carter (6-3, jr.) and Tommy Davenport (6-1, sr.). Carter averaged just over 12 points a game last season.

There is another experienced hand available for duty, but he saw his 1962 - 63 action with another team. He's Raymond Tucker (6-2, sr.), a transfer from Hahira. And Bobby Nichols (6-7, sr.) and Foy Norwood (6-0, sr.) are returnees with limited front-line experience.

"Improvement is our goal, but right now I'm not really sure what to expect," Wilson said. "Just as it was last year, Region 1-AAA is going to be loaded with strong teams. And our list of non-region foes is an imposing one. The team's a question mark right now."

Davis is getting ready to start his 15th season as VHS' girls basketball coach. His teams have won or shared the Region 1-AAA crown five years in a row and has never finished lower than fourth in state tournament play during that span.

But graduation has hit the Kittens hard. Missing from a 1962-63 team which went unbeaten during a 22-game regular season schedule are forwards Lucille Dawson, Margaret Smith,

Euloise Hamill and guards Diane Quattlebaum and Susan Rodgers.

There are just two returning regulars in the fold. They are forward Betty McClenny (5-5, sr.) and guard Barbara Reaves (5-7, jr.). McClenny earned All-State honors last winter and figures big plans in the upcoming season.

"This is the most inexperienced squad we've had in quite a few seasons," Davis said. "Under the circumstances I'm not sure what to expect."

Other candidates not already mentioned are as follows:

BOYS — Darrell Gaskins (5-10, jr.), Haywood Moore (6-0, jr.), Clyo Blanton (5-9, sr.), Jimmy Rigsby (5-11, jr.), Glenn Davis (5-11, soph.), Wynn Miller (5-9, jr.), Kenny Bounds (6-1, soph.), Steve Morris (5-10, jr.), Johnny Pitcock (6-0, jr.), Robert Strom (6-1, soph.).

GIRLS — forwards — Virginia Anderson (5-8, jr.), Lyndal DeLoach (5-7, jr.), Carol Kellerman (5-2, soph.), Kathy Wisenbaker (5-3, soph.), Becky Giddens (5-9, soph.), Jean Quick (5-5, jr.).

Guards — Carol Harris (5-6, sr.), Betty Potts (5-5, jr.), Sue Strobo (5-5, jr.), Beverly Gleason (5-6, jr.), Jessie Mayne (5-6, jr.), Diane Bazemore (5-5, jr.), Sue Davis (5-6, jr.).

Becky Giddens (5-6, jr.), Mary Beth Mathis (5-9, soph.), Janet Odum (5-3, soph.), Sarah Rigsby (5-6, soph.), Sally Shingler (5-2, soph.), Jean Baca (5-2, soph.), Nancy Frysbie (5-10, jr.) Donna Blanton (5-8, jr.).

Schedule follows:
Nov. 22, Georgia Christian, away; Dec. 3, Tifton, home;

Dec. 6, Warner Robins, away; Dec. 7, Hahira, home; Dec. 13, Brooks, home; Dec. 14, Lowndes, away; Dec. 17, Berrien, home; Dec. 21, Hahira, away; Jan. 3, boys vs Columbus, home; Jan. 4, boys vs Baker, home; Jan. 7, Thomasville, away; Jan. 10, boys vs Lanier, girls vs Doerun, away.

Jan. 11, boys vs Willingham, away; Jan. 14, Brooks, away; Jan. 17, boys vs LaGrange, away; Jan. 18, boys vs Jordan, away; Jan. 24, Albany, home; Jan. 25, Moultrie, home;

Jan. 28, Lowndes, home; Jan. 31, Moultrie, away; Feb. 1, Albany, away; Feb. 4, Berrien, away; Feb. 7, Warner Robins, home; Feb. 8, boys vs Willingham, girls vs GCS, home; Feb. 11, boys vs Madison, away; Feb. 14, girls vs Doerun, home; Feb. 15, girls vs GCS, away.

Wildcats' Last Game Like Most Of Others

"Well, it's finally over," coach Wright Bazemore said Friday night after his Valdosta Wildcats had dropped a 20-0 decision to the LaGrange Grangers.

The "it" was Valdosta's 1963 football season, one in which the 'Cats compiled a 2-7-1 record. It was the first time since he joined the VHS coaching staff 22 years ago that he has seen one of his teams finish a campaign below the .500 mark.

It has, of course, been a season of disappointment for Bazemore. But the Wildcats' grid boss still managed a grin after that licking



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play of quarterback John Love.

Love isn't a flashy runner or a slick passer, but he certainly got the job done against the 'Cats.

He gained 78 yards rushing and passed for 60 more. He scored on a 37-yard jaunt and got off a 35-yard TD strike through the air.

The Grangers were alert. They recovered three VHS fumbles and intercepted a pass. All came at crucial times.

This season is over and you can bet Bazemore and his aides Bill Davis, J. B. Roland, Charlie Greene and Joe Wilson are already looking ahead to 1964. I'll have more to say about that "next year" local fans keep talking about. However, I'll save that for another day.

by the Grangers. Win or lose, he's with his boys all the way.

"This last game was like most of our others this year," Bazemore said. "We couldn't stop them from 'hitting the home run' and we couldn't move the football on offense.

"We passed out a few hard licks on defense, especially Foy Norwood and Bruce Buie, but we got beat.

"LaGrange has a fine team, just as I said before the game. With a couple of more breaks along the way the Grangers could have been region champions."

Those who saw the game had to be impressed with the Grangers' tough defense, a trademark for coach Oliver Hunnicutt's teams, and the

Wildcats, Kittens Ring Victory Bell

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens got their 1963-64 basketball campaigns underway at Dasher Friday night with a pair of victories over Georgia Christian.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats poured in 25 points in the final period

to break up a close ball game and gain a 59-39 win over coach Wayne Wright's Generals.

The Kittens, coached by Bill Davis, got off to a fast start and kept rolling to trim the GCS girls, 65-19.

The foursome of Jimmy Car-

ter, Foy Norwood, Raymond Tucker and Tommy Davenport paced the Wildcats' attack. Carter hit for 18 points, Norwood got 13, Tucker accounted for 11 and Davenport scored 9.

Jimmy Green swished the nets for 15 points to become scoring leader for the Generals.

Valdosta owned a shaky five-point lead at the end of the third period. But with Carter hitting for six points, Tucker and Davenport, both getting five and Norwood scoring four, the 'Cats pulled away in the final period to win by a comfortable margin.

Valdosta sank 21 field goals and hit on 13 of 25 free throws. The Generals made 13 field goals and connected with eight of 27 shots from the foul line.

In the girls game four Valdosta players scored in double figures. They were Lyndal DeLoach, 13; Carol Kellerman, 11; Betty McClenny, 10, and Kathy Wisenbaker, 10.

The VHS guard trio of Barbara Reaves, Carol Harris and Betty Potts sparkled on defense and helped the Kittens get off to a big lead early in the contest.

Janice Holt was scoring leader for the Georgia Christian girls with six points.

The GCS cagers are slated to swing back into action tonight, meeting Climax at Climax.

GIRLS

GCS	2	8	11	19
Valdosta	26	38	50	65
GEORGIA CHRISTIAN (19) — Holt 6, Wisenbaker 4, Crosby 4, Wilkins 3, Lawlor 2, M. Jackson, Cannon, Randolph, Clark, Knoblock, Jones, Graham, B. Jackson.				
VALDOSTA (65) — DeLoach 13, Kellerman 11, McClenny 10, Wisenbaker 10, Giddens 8, Quick 8, Anderson 5, Reaves, Harris, Potts, Gleason, Bazemore, Strobo, Johnson, Mayne, Odom, Shingler, Blanton, Mathis, Davis, Rigby.				

BOYS

GCS	8	14	29	39
Valdosta	6	22	34	59
GEORGIA CHRISTIAN (39) — Green 15, Eldridge 7, Moller 6, B. Cochran 2, Nary 2, C. Cochran 4, Williams 1, Gentry, Underwood, Lilly, Arnold, Keele.				
VALDOSTA (59) — Carter 18, Norwood 13, Tucker 11, Davenport 9, Bounds 2, Rigby 2, Nichols 1, Gaskins 2, Blanton 1.				

VHS, Hahira, LOHI Open Hoop Seasons

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Writer

Thump, thump, swish — basketball arrives back on the area high school sports scene in a big way this weekend.

Six doubleheaders involving area teams are on tap for Friday and Saturday with Valdosta, Lowndes County and Hahira all getting their 1963-64 hardwood campaigns underway.

Friday's slate calls for Valdosta to play at Georgia Christian (Dasher), Lowndes at Hahira, Nahunta at Clinch County (Homerville) and Lanier County (Lakeland) at Doerun. On Saturday, LOHI will host Echols County (Statenville) while GCS will be playing at Climax.

Three other area schools are still involved with football and several others will wait until later to launch their hardwood campaigns.

Coaches Joe Wilson and Bill Davis have tagged Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens as question mark teams.

The 'Cats finished with an 11-12 record last year and return just two regulars, Jimmy Carter and Tommy Davenport.

Davis' Kittens were unbeaten in 22 regular season games last fall and finished fourth in the state Class AAA tourney. This season there are just two returning regulars, forward Betty McClenny and guard Barbara Reaves, available for duty.

Coach Wayne Wright's GCS Generals were hit hard by the injury jinx last winter and finished with a 6-13 record. The GCS girls were winless in 18 starts last year. They will be playing under new coach Jon Hazelip this time out. Improvement is the GCS basketball theme this year. The Generals will be counting on such ex-

perienced hands as Jimmy Green and Gordon Eldridge to carry much of the load.

That Lowndes-Hahira doubleheader at Hahira tomorrow night will be a match between cross-county rivals.

Rodney Fain has drawn a double assignment and will coach both the LOHI Golden Eagles and Eaglettes this season. The Eagles were 18-6 under coach Carlton Adams last winter, while the Eaglettes compiled a 7-10 chart in 1962-63.

Returning regular Bruce Black, Bruce McKenzie and Eddie England figure big in the Eagles' current planning. Forward Carol Bonner and guard Betty Akins are the most experienced hands in the Eaglettes' camp.

Coach Mac Manley led Hahira's Tigers to a 23-9 record last season, but he's lost six of his top nine players via the

AREA HOOP SLATE FRIDAY Valdosta at GCS

Read The Want Ads!

Dear Heloise:
My daughter took a red crayon and scribbled all over our steps. I was furious when I saw it. I poured turpentine on the crayon marks, took a little brush and rubbed the turpentine in. Then I hosed down the steps and to my surprise they were spotless. Mrs. C. Hillz

you put it in your dishwasher or hot dish water. Will really save trouble later.
Heloise



—Times Staff Photo

Valdosta High Basketball Cheerleaders

These girls were named to serve as cheerleaders for the 1963-64 Valdosta High School basketball season. Front row, Ginger Swinson, Margaret Speed,

Brenda Hatcher, Linda Newham; back row, Marsha Lackey, Susan Wade, Ann Ferguson and Marlene Taylor.

AREA ROUNDUP

VHS Cagers To Meet Tift In Home Opener

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens will play their 1963-64 home opener here Tuesday night as everyone in the area gets in on the high school basketball "act" this week.

Valdosta is to host Tifton in a doubleheader here tomorrow night at the VHS gym.

In other games Tuesday involving the area teams, Coffee County (Douglas) will be at Berrien County (Nashville), Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Lanier County (Lakeland), Echols County (Statenville) at

have a 1-3 chart. The Lanier County quintet they are to meet has a 4-1 record, while the sextet from Lakeland has a 2-3 mark.

The Echols boys are 3-4 and the girls from Statenville are 4-3 as they prepare for their encounters with Omega.

Clinch's boys and girls have identical 2-1 records. The Brooks boys lost and the girls won in their season openers. Cairo is their foe tomorrow night.

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tuesday

- Tift At Valdosta
- Coffee At Berrien
- GCS At Lanier Co.
- Echols At Omega
- Clinch At Atkinson
- Brooks At Cairo

Goldwater has called for "an open shop in all states," but at the same time advocated giving the states "the right to declare for a union shop."

A bill he introduced in January would outlaw compulsory union membership except in states which already have, or subsequently pass, laws permitting the union shop.

The Right to Work Committee which says its sole financial support comes from its 15,000 members, declares its only function is educational and that it will not endorse any candidate in the presidential race.

However, several "Goldwater in 64" signs are prominently displayed on its office walls. There are none for Rockefeller.

The committee, founded in 1954, is a national organization.

Hail to the Chief

EDITOR'S NOTE—The following poem was written by Valdosta High School junior Linda Blase on the night of John Fitzgerald Kennedy's funeral. She feels we must look ahead and cooperate with our new leader for the preservation of our nation.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

He came to us a leader true
When he was sorely needed;
Our government was born anew
And love for him was seeded.

Our oldest President was gone,
His candidate defeated;
A young man rose up in his place
His vigor not depleted.

There'd been a blizzard; it was cold
At Jack's inauguration.
The people learned that very day
How he would lead his nation.

He did his best for three good years,
His country ne'er forsaken,
But on that day flowed many tears:
By death our Jack was taken.

A madman shot him through the head
One day in crisp November.
The day our President fell dead
All people will remember.

Before she closed the coffin lid
His widow showed her sorrow;
Jackie knew that precious life
Would never see tomorrow.

Before that coffin lid was closed
She shed her wedding band,
And kissing his cold, lifeless lips,
She placed it on his hand.

The sorrow seems to be complete
But more is still unsaid;
There are two children, lonely now
Because their father's dead.

It was said three years ago
That he seemed like Apollo;
The whole world grieved the day he died,
And for many days to follow.

In life this man was close to all,
Unto all men, fraternal;
In death all shall remember him . . .
His light will be eternal.

Linda Blase

'Dosta Hosts Tift

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta meets Tift County here in the headliner on tonight's area high school basketball slate.

The VHS Wildcats and Kittens will be making their 1963-64 home court debut.

In other games tonight involving area teams, Coffee County (Douglas) will be at Berrien County (Nashville), Lanier County (Lakeland at Georgia Christian (Dasher), Echols County (Statenville) at Omega, Clinch County (Homerville) at Atkinson County (Pearson) and Brooks County (Quitman) at Cairo.

A total of 20 games involving area prep teams will be staged before the week is out. Valdosta plays against Re-

ed their season last week by sweeping a twin-bill with GCS. The Tift boys posted a close win and the girls from Tifton were beaten in starts against LOHI.

Hahira's Tigers and Tigerettes lost decisions to LOHI and will be trying to break into the win column when they meet Cook Friday.

The LOHI boys have a 2-1 chart and the Lowndes sextet has won three in a row.

For the games here tonight,

Joe Wilson said the Wildcats' starters would come from a group which includes Jimmy Cater, Raymond Tucker, Tommy Davenport, Bobby Nichols, Darrell Gaskins, Haywood Moore, Clyo Blanton and Foy Norwood.

Coach Bill Davis said the Kittens probable starters are forwards Betty McClenny, Virginia Anderson and Lyndal DeLoach or Carol Kellerman and guards Barbara Reaves, Carol Harris and Betty Potts.

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight

Tift at Valdosta
Coffee at Berrien
Lanier Co. at GCS
Echols at Omega
Clinch at Atkinson
Brooks at Cairo

gion 1-AAA foes Warner Robins on Friday and will host Hahira on Saturday. Hahira will also be playing at Cook (Adel) on Friday night.

Lowndes County's Golden Eagles and Eaglettes will host Berrien on Friday and play GCS at Dasher on Saturday.

The VHS boys and girls open-

Two VHS Students Cited For Ability In English

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Two Valdosta High School students have been cited for

outstanding work in English.

Libba Winston and Sandra Anderson are among 870 seniors in the nation who have been named to the honor.

The National Council of Teachers of English named the girls 1963 winners in its annual achievement awards competition.

Libba and Sandra were nominated by a committee of VHS English teachers to represent the school in the competition.

More than 6,800 students throughout the United States were nominated for the NCTE citation.

Principals Howard Bridges said that the council recommends these students for college scholarships in 1964. In previous years, 99 per cent of the awards winners entered the college of their choice. More than 80 per cent of those applying for scholarships received financial aid, said Bridges.

Georgia has nine winners. Two were from Valdosta, one from Richmond Academy and six from Atlanta high schools.

Bridges said the council sends the names of these students to their respective congressmen and governors.

Sandra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Anderson.

Libba is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Winston.

Yule Play For VHS Chapel Being Produced

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

"The Tree" will be presented at Valdosta High School Dec. 20 during chapel exercises.

A one-act comedy written by Ellen McMartin, the play is being produced by the VHS Drama Club.

The plot centers around a family on Christmas Eve with two college freshman who are too sophisticated to have a tree for Christmas.

Cast in the production are Brenda Hatcher, Marsha Lackey, Linda Lovett, and Ann Ferguson.

Male roles are to be assigned.

Jack Wooten, English instructor, is directing the play.



—Times Staff Photo

Bunny Bridges and Peggy Colhoun: They stand for Good Citizenship

SAY DAR WINNERS

MOST YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE 18 VOTING AGE

By MARY RAWLS

Most young people appreciate the privilege to vote at an early age in Georgia, says a recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution citizenship award.

Bunny Bridges, Valdosta High School's winner of the DAR award, explained, "The majority of young people I know are looking forward to voting

when they reach 18."

Bunny a Lowndes County High School senior and Peggy Colhoun received the coveted DAR pins on the basis of good citizenship. A committee of faculty members selected the girls.

Mrs. Marie Crockett, historian for the Valdosta DAR chapter, made the annual presentations at LOHI and VHS chapel pro-

grams.

Peggy, 17, said being a good citizen meant being a good person.

"I think it also means supporting one's country and its elected leaders," said Peggy.

Peggy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Calhoun, explained she thought John Kennedy would always be remembered for the man he was.

"Since Cape Canaveral has been named Cape Kennedy and there is the eternal light at his grave, I don't think much else needs to be done. He was a great man and will be remembered for that," said Peggy.

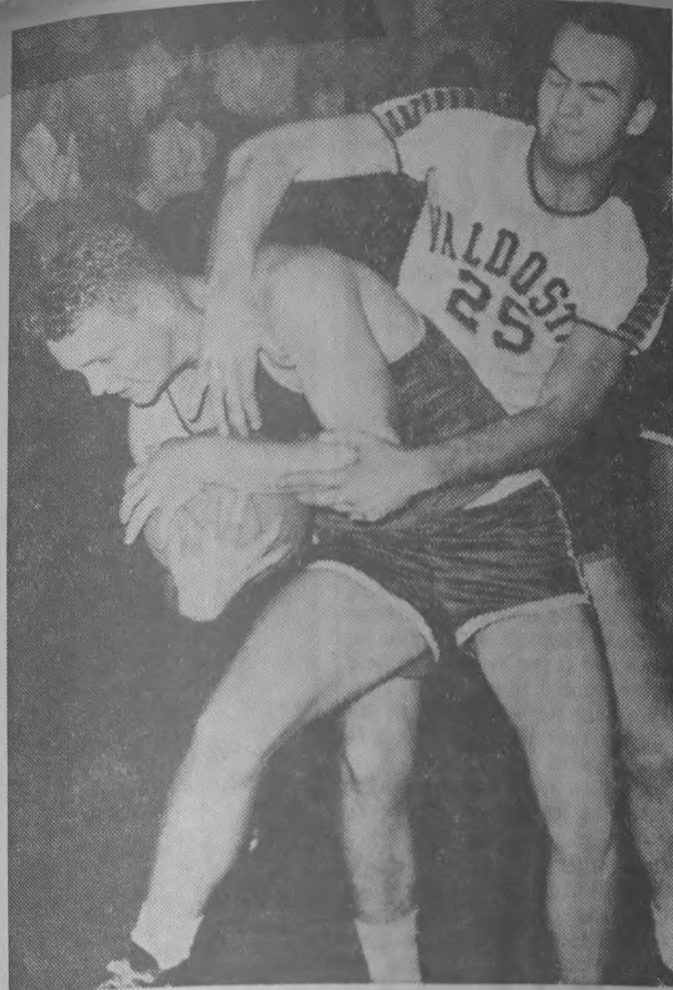
Bunny and Peggy both said Mrs. Kennedy's courage during the terrible ordeal was "a living memorial."

"I couldn't have held up like she did," said Peggy.

Bunny, a 17-year-old VHS senior, went on to say that young people feel a stronger sense of nationalism since the president's assassination.

"I think there should be some sort of bill passed in Congress concerning the registration of fire arms. It's terrible the way anybody can order a gun from a magazine without registering it," said Bunny, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Bridges.

Bunny said, "President Kennedy's death has made a lot of young people stop and think. It's made us all realize that life is not all goodness and light."



—Times Staff Photo

'Cats' Jimmy Cater (25) Wants The Basketball

Wildcats, Kittens Chalk Up Victories

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Writer

Valdosta's Kittens breezed and the Wildcats had to battle hard as both gained basketball victories over Tift County here Tuesday night.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens jumped off to a quick lead and kept building to their advantage as they notched a 68-36 triumph over Tift's Angels.

By contrast coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats had to claw hard for a 59-55 victory over Tift's Blue Devils. The game was a see-saw affair in which the lead changed hands a dozen times in the second half and VHS didn't go out front to stay until there was just 1:07 left to play.

With the victories the 'Cats and Kittens boosted their records to 2-0. The Imps now have a 1-1 chart while the loss was the second in as many outings for the Angels.

In the boys game the 'Cats owned an eight-point lead early in the second period. By half time the Imps had cut the gap to three points. Then Tift went ahead early in the third stanza and from there to the finish the lead swapped hands virtually every time either team scored.

With three minutes to go the Imps had spurred ahead four points. With 1:30 left to play the score was deadlocked at 55-55. Valdosta's Tommy Davenport hit on a pair of free throws to give the 'Cats a 57-55 edge with 1:07 left. Then Davenport iced it with a field goal with only 10 seconds of playing time remaining.

Jimmy Carter was VHS' attack leader with 17 points, followed by Foy Norwood, 14; Davenport, 13; Darrell Gaskins, 9, and Cloy Blanton, 6. Bobby Nichols and Haywood Moore also helped the victory cause. L. A. Womack, with 19 points, and Johnny Abbott, with 17, set the pace for the Imps.

The 'Cats were without the services of Raymond Tucker, a student who transferred to VHS at the start of the current school year.

"Tucker's eligibility as a transfer student has been questioned," Wilson said. "We are awaiting a final ruling on the matter."

Against the Imps, the 'Cats

hit on 22 of 40 field goal tries (55 per cent), but made only 15 of 38 fouls shots (39 per cent). They were charged with 21 fouls. Davenport, with nine, and Carter, with six, were the rebound leaders.

Tift made 16 field goals and hit on 19 of 35 tries from the charity line. The Imps were charged with 29 fouls.

The Kittens' scoring parade was led by Lyndal DeLoach, 25; Betty McClenny and Carol Kellerman, 16 each, and Virginia Anderson, 7. Guards Barbara Reaves, Carol Harris and Betty Potts sparkled on defense. Sharon Sklany, with 11 points, was scoring leader for the

Angels.

The VHS girls owned an eight-point lead at the end of the first quarter and were never in danger of losing the advantage after that.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	14 35 50 68
Tift	6 12 22 36
VALDOSTA (68) — McClenny 16, Anderson 7, DeLoach 25, Kellerman 16, Wisenbaker 2, Giddens, Quick 2, Reaves, Harris, Potts, Gleason, Bazemore, Strobo, Johnson, Mayne.	
TIFT COUNTY (36) — Driskell 1, M. E. Tucker, 6, Sklany 11, M. N. Taylor, Hale 3, Hill 3, Loft 10, Branch, McMillan, Bedsole, Holt, Sumner.	
BOYS	
Valdosta	15 23 37 59
Tift	9 20 37 55
VALDOSTA (59) — Carter 17, Moore, Davenport 13, Nichols, Blanton 6, Gaskins 9, Norwood 14.	
TIFT COUNTY (55) — Bruce 2, Orr 7, Underwood, Womack 9, Abbott 17, Blanchard 8, Simpson, Henderson 2.	

Scouts Very Interested In Wildcats' Norwood

When Valdosta football fans began to realize their Wildcats were in bad shape for the 1963 grid year, one began hearing statements such as the following:

Last year, college scouts swarmed the town like buzzards on the prowl, looking for first class material. They won't be nagging any top players this year. We don't have any.

Those folks were right about a poor season. The 'Cats finished 2-7-1. But that Valdosta would be shunned by scouts didn't hold true.

One Wildcat has been so plagued by the 'hawks, that he's learned to accept them as normal procedure.

He is Foy Norwood, a 215-pound tackle who in his senior year found himself playing about six or seven different positions.

After "wining and dining" the graduating seniors for the 1962 campaign, scouts cased the town and left with something like 15 signatures of top grid stars.

But Norwood was one player none of them could get their hands on. Still a junior, he



MILLER

had another year of prep action.

So the scouts left without Foy, but they didn't stop thinking about the youngster, who as a junior, stood out with the cream of last year's senior crop. Foy's graduating in June and the scouts declared open season on him early this year.

Foy can't remember exactly how many colleges have contacted him bearing scholarships, but he thinks its been around 15 or 20.

He has made trips to several of the schools. And according to Foy, they all make you feel like a king.

Tough Decision

"It's pretty hard to make a decision you know," Norwood explained. "They've all got a lot to offer."

Colleges will begin signing Georgia prep stars today. It's possible that by the time you read this Norwood will have already made up his mind to accept one of the many football scholarship offers he has received.

At the time this was written Norwood said he was leaning toward Auburn.

Though Foy is fast to let you know the 'Cats did not have a one-man team this year and he was just one of the boys, it's hard to look at the records and not have his hit you in the face.

Norwood, just this week, was chosen on two prep All-State teams and the Region 1-AAA All-Star list. Though hampered by an injured ankle during much of the season, he managed to average approximately 12 tackles per game.

Foy could possibly have been even more outstanding, but during most of the 'Cats' 10-game schedule he saw action at other than his tackle position.

Coach Wright Bazemore's VHS eleven underwent a rebuilding campaign this season. This always calls for position shuffling. Norwood found himself playing not only in his "native" interior line but also at end and in the Wildcat backfield.

The Band Parents get he will send to Congress Johnson said the defense bud- remarks about defense savings. Namara elaborated on Johnson's news conference at which Mc- was followed by a White House The President's "coffee hour" ord meeting of such scope. With reporters in an on-the-rec-

WHAT'S WHAT?

Gail Turner Is Sweetheart Of DCT Club

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

An X-ray technician trainee at Pineview General Hospital has been named DCT sweetheart at Valdosta High School.

Gail Turner, a VHS junior, was named club sweetheart for this school year.

The 16-year-old is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Turner of 517 N. Lee St.

VHS Graduate Is Wesleyan Miss Freshman

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

One of Valdosta High School's most outstanding students in the 1963 graduating class has received honors at Wesleyan College in Macon.

Beverly Gunter has been named Miss Freshman Class.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gunter of 707 Georgia Avenue, she is a member of the freshman dormitory house council and a representative to the Student Government Association.

Valdosta, Lowndes Meet Region Foes

Hahira At Adel As Area Cagers Start Busy Basketball Weekend

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta and Lowndes County meet tough regional foes while Hahira goes against a traditional rival in high school basketball action slated for tonight.

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens will go to Warner Robins tonight for their first tests against Region 1-AAA opposition. Both VHS teams have 2-0 records.

LOHI's Eagles (2-1) and Eaglettes (3-0) will host Berrien County's Rebels (2-1) and Rebelettes (2-1) in a pair of 1-AA (West) encounters tonight at Lowndes gym.

Hahira's Tigers (0-1) and Tigerettes (0-1) will go to Adel for a twin-bill with Cook's Hornets (1-1) and Wasps (1-1).

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight
 Valdosta at Warner Robins
 Berrien at Lowndes
 Hahira at Cook
 Jennings at Madison
 Mt. Dora at GCS
 Lanier Co. at Norman Park
 Clinch at Nahunta
 Mitchell at Brooks

Saturday
 Hahira at Valdosta
 Lowndes at GCS
 Lake Butler at Jennings
 Berrien at Irwin
 Worth at Brooks

On Saturday, Valdosta and Hahira will meet here while the LOHI cagers go to Dasher to play Georgia Christian.

Other games this weekend involving area teams are as follows:

Tonight — Jennings at Madison, Mt. Dora at GCS, Lanier County (Lakeland) at Norman Park, Clinch County (Homer-ville) at Nahunta, Mitchell County (Camilla) at Brooks County (Quitman).

Saturday — Lake Butler at Jennings, Berrien at Irwin County (Ocilla), Worth County (Sylvester) at Brooks.

Coach Joe Wilson's VHS Wildcats have built their 2-0 record by beating GCS, 59-39, and edging Tift County, 59-55. Wins for coach Bill Davis' Kittens have been over GCS, 65-19, and Tift, 68-36.

Warner Robins' Demons and Demonettes are both regarded as strong 1-AAA title contenders. Since the girls championship is decided by regular season records in regional competition, tonight's game is a crucial one for the Kittens. The VHS girls are defending 1-AAA champs.

Coach Rodney Fain's LOHI Eagles have beaten Hahira, 34-22, and Echols County, 70-27. They dropped a 36-35 decision to Tift. Fain's Eaglettes have



—Times Staff Photo

TOMMY DAVENPORT
 VHS Forward Goes Up

built their three-game winning streak by licking Hahira, 62-49; Echols, 46-43 and Tift, 38-29.

Coach Stanley Simpson's Berrien Rebels have defeated Brooks, 65-62 and Coffee, 70-46. They bowed to Crisp, 83-50. The Rebelettes have turned back Crisp, 49-45 and Coffee, 38-37, since suffering a 66-51 setback at the hands of Brooks in their opener.

Those games with LOHI are the only ones played by the Hahira cagers.

Warner Robins Raps Wildcats, Kittens

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WARNER ROBINS — Warner Robins' tall Demons and sharpshooting Demonettes swept a Region 1-AAA basketball doubleheader with Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens here Friday night.

The Demons notched a 78-53 victory and the Demonettes posted a 77-42 win. The Warner Robins boys have now won four in a row and the girls have a six-game win streak going. The losses were the first after two wins for both Valdosta teams.

Valdosta goes back into action tonight, meeting Hahira in a doubleheader at Valdosta.

Mike Channel hit for 21 points and Mike Davis got 20 to spark the Demons to their win. The Warner Robins quintet took an early lead and was never headed. Jimmy Carter, with 18 points, was attack leader for the Wildcats.

Virginia Dixon poured in 48 points, more than the VHS team scored, to lead the Demonettes to their triumph.

She got scoring help from Carol Frazier, 15, and Carol O'Neal, 14.

Lyndal DeLoach, with 22 markers to her credit, and Betty McClenny, with 12, were attack leaders for the Kittens.

Since the Region 1-AAA girls title is decided by regular season records in league competition, the Demonettes victory pushes them to the forefront in the title race. The Kittens are defending region champions.

GIRLS

Valdosta 9 27 36 42
 Warner Robins 19 38 54 77

VALDOSTA (42) — McClenny 12, Anderson, DeLoach 22, Kellerman 8, Reeves, Harris, Potts.

WARNER ROBINS (77) — Dixon 48, Frazier 15, O'Neal 14, Harkins, Davidson, Riegal, Smith, Brazell.

BOYS

Valdosta 10 26 37 53
 Warner Robins 21 48 56 78

VALDOSTA (53) — Carter 18, Davenport 6, Norwood 2, Nichols 3, Blanton 5, Gaskins 6, Plicock 3, Bounds 1, Moore 4, Strom, Miller 2, Rigsby 4, Morris.

WARNER ROBINS (78) — Channel 21, Davis 20, Dobson 12, Tucker 9, Clark 7, Welling 1, Allgire, Davidson 2, Tunen 4.

The New York Mets came close to winning their first baseball series but Cincinnati's Reds topped them, 10 games to 8.

Wildcats, Kittens Host Brooks County

Lowndes Plays Cook At Adel; Hahira Goes Against Clinch

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta will perform before its hometown fans while Lowndes County and Hahira hit the road for high school basketball games tonight.

VHS Wildcats and Kittens will host the Brooks County Tigers and Tigerettes from Quitman tonight.

LOHI's Eagles and Eaglettes will go to Adel to face Cook's Hornets and Wasps.

Hahira's Tigers and Tigerettes will travel to Homerville tonight to tangle with Clinch County.

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight
 Brooks at Valdosta
 Lowndes at Cook
 Hahira at Clinch
 Jennings at Monticello
 GCS at Whigham
 Cairo at Berrien
 Jasper at Greenville

Saturday
 Valdosta at Lowndes
 Lanier Co. at Hahira
 Moultrie at Cook
 Jennings at White Springs
 Tift at Berrien
 Clinch vs Thomasville (at VSC gym)

ty's Panthers and Pantherettes.

There will be another full round of action on Saturday with Valdosta meeting Lowndes at the LOHI gym and Hahira staying at home to play Lanier County (Lakeland).

Other games this weekend in-

volving area teams include the following:

Tonight — Jennings at Monticello, Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Whigham, Calro at Berrien County (Nashville), Jasper at Greenville.

Saturday — Moultrie at Cook, Jennings at White Springs, Tift County (Tifton) at Berrien, Clinch vs Thomasville (boys) at Valdosta State College gym.

Coach Joe Wilson's VHS Wildcats and coach Bill Davis' Kittens will carry matching 3-1 records into their games here tonight.

Brooks' Tigers, coached by Charles Cooper, have a 2-2 record, with triumphs in their last two starts. Coach George Eanes' always-strong Tigerettes from Quitman have clicked for four straight wins.

Traditional rivals will be meeting when LOHI's Eagles (2-3) and Eaglettes (4-1) go against Cook's Hornets (2-2) and Wasps (1-3) at Adel tonight.

Hahira's Tigers hope to end a three-game losing skid and the Tigerettes want to improve on a 1-2 record. Clinch's Panthers have a 5-1 mark, while the Homerville girls own a 2-4 chart.

The Saturday night duel between cross-city rivals Valdosta and Lowndes at the LOHI gym is sure to generate a lot of fan interest.

On Saturday Hahira will host a Lanier County quintet which now has a 4-2 record and a



—Times Staff Photo

BETTY YANCONISH
 Hahira Forward

Lakeland girls team which owns a 3-3 mark.

Valdosta, Brooks Meet Here Friday

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

There will be a minimum of travel for Valdosta, Lowndes County and Hahira basketball teams during a double round of action this weekend.

On Friday Valdosta will host Brooks County (Quitman) while Lowndes plays Cook at Adel and Hahira goes against Clinch County at Homerville.

Saturday's slate calls for Valdosta and Lowndes to meet at the LOHI gym while Hahira will

with Cook's Hornets (2-2) and Wasps (1-3).

Hahira's Tigers have an 0-3 record and the Tigerettes own a 1-2 mark. Clinch's Panthers have won five of six starts while the Homerville girls have a 2-4 chart.

Jennings' Panthers have ambitions to halt a four-game losing skid at Monticello.

Georgia Christian's Generals (6-2) and the GCS girls (1-5) will be meeting Region 1-C opponents at Whigham.

Berrien's Rebels (4-2) and Rebelettes (5-1) will hook up in a 1-AA (West) twin-bill when they host highly regarded Cairo.

Jasper's Bulldogs (2-1) will be going for their third win at Greenville.

That Valdosta - Lowndes doubleheader, set for Saturday at the LOHI gym, will be the first of two meetings this season between the cross-city rivals.

Hahira can expect strong opposition on Saturday. The Lanier County Bulldogs have a 4-2 record and the Bulldogettes are 3-3.

Clinch County's Panthers and Thomasville Bulldogs will meet here Saturday night at the Valdosta State College gym. They will play a preliminary to a VSC-Georgia State College contest.

The Clinch quintet is coached

by Wayne Studdard. His brother, Jerry Studdard, is mentor for the Thomasville boys. This will be the first meeting between their teams. Both Studdard brothers are former VSC basketball stars.

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Tift at Berrien
Clinch vs Thomasville (at VCS gym)

be at home for games with Lanier County (Lakeland).

Other games this weekend involving area teams follows:

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Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens will carry matching 3-1 records into the games here tomorrow night with Brooks. The Tigers from Quitman have a 2-2 chart with victories in their last two starts. The Tigerettes have clicked for four straight wins.

Lowndes' Eagles (2-3) and Eaglettes (4-1) will be facing traditional rivals when they go to Adel on Friday for games

Parade Picks Norwood On All-America Team

Congratulations are in order for Valdosta High lineman Foy Norwood after his selection on Parade Magazine's high school All-America football team. Parade is a weekly Sunday newspaper supplement with a large circulation.

Anyway, the Wildcats stickout was picked on Parade's A-A first team as a center. His all-star teammates are as follows:

Ends James Greer of Hallsville, Texas, and Mickey McCarty of Pasadena, Texas; tackles Elton West of Sulphur, La., and A. Z. Drones of San Angelo, Texas; guards John Kasselmann of Cincinnati and Steve Heck of Lawrence, Kan.; and backs Dick Jones of Pendleton, Ore.; Herb Phelps of Bardstown, Ky.; Bill Rettig of Butler, Pa. and Jim Oliver of East Orange, N. J.

The publication said the team was picked by 200 high school, college and pro coaches. It also said each of the first team members received a minimum of 25 scholarship offers from colleges. Norwood has decided he will continue his football career at Auburn.

Speaking of Norwood, he's

attracted some notice with his basketball ability. It's unusual for a fellow of his size, 6-0 and 215 pounds, to have the speed and agility needed to be a good basketball player.

It's not unusual at all in the high school ranks for backs and ends to also be cage stars. Relatively few interior linemen, however, make the grade in the hoop ranks. While Norwood played a lot of different positions on the VHS grid team, tackle was his natural position.



GLASSMAN

Valdosta DE'ers Select Top Two

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A couple of Valdosta High School seniors have captured the highest honors given by the local Distributive Education club.

Ellen Squires was named the DE Student of Year while Linda Smith has won the Warren Horton Annual Award.

The Horton award is given to the DE student on the basis of his activities.

Student of the Year honors go to the senior who best exemplifies the qualities of a DE student. Qualifications are based on scholastic average, overall school record, local and state DE activities, vocational standing, state contests and the interview.

Bill Glenn, VHS club coordinator, said the interview is one of the most important aspects in the student of the year contest and Horton award.

"A contestant must be poised, neat in appearance and well-informed on current events and on his or her job," said Glenn.

Judges for the interviews were Miss Marguerite Ford, Mrs. E. E. Pipkin, Mrs. Marilyn Oliff, Charlie Barnes, Gordon Southwell and Bob Sykes.

Ellen said the DE club has changed her whole life.

"I want to live up to this honor. I'm going to be an honor roll student and take an even more active part in DE activities," said the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Squires.

She is local and state DE secretary and chairman of the DE division of the annual March of Dimes drive.

Ellen is employed at Bookman's Studio and has won certificates of recognition in DE leadership on the national level. She was a DE representative to the national convention in Chicago last year.

She plans to be a DE coor-



—Times Staff Photo

Best of DE: Linda Smith and Ellen Squires

dinator after graduation from college.

Linda, the daughter of Mrs. Lillie Smith, works in Barnes Drug Store in Brookwood Plaza.

Linda, who had an acute case of shyness before becoming a DE student, said that was all gone now.

"DE has meant more opportunities for me. I can talk to people and I'm not shy anymore. I think my whole personality has changed," said Lin-

da. Linda hopes to attend business school after graduation in June and work in an office.

She is the treasurer of the local DE club and is on the DE sweetheart court.

Glenn says Ellen will now represent the VHS club for district student of the year in Cordele later this year.

VHS has had one national winner, Marilyn Rykard, and two state winners.

30 Valdosta High Students To Take Test

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High School had 30 students to register for the National Mathematics Examination in March.

The top three scorers from each participating school will be sent to the Georgia Contest Committee in Atlanta. A pin will be awarded to the highest scorer in each high school.

The exam, sponsored by the Mathematics Association of America, is aimed at creating an interest in mathematics among high school students.

Shirley Slump and Tommy Davenport, first and second place winners last year, will compete again in March.



VHS' Jimmy Carter, Bobby Nichols Have Basketball Surrounded —Times Staff Photo

'Cats, Tigerettes Chalk Up Victories

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor



Kittens' Carol Kellerman Goes High For Shot —Times Staff Photo

Valdosta's Wildcats and Wilcox County's Tigerettes notched basketball victories Friday night. Joe Wilson's 'Cats hit 60 per cent of their field goals as they surged in the first half to beat coach Doug Smith's Tigers from Valdosta 48-35. The win was the fifth in five starts for the Brooks quintet. The Wildcats' Maurice Couve de Murville and French Secretary Richard A. Butcher and French Secretary Richard A. Butcher and French Secretary Richard A. Butcher...

Big Four Mini-Pre-Conference

PARIS (AP) — The Western Big Four foreign ministers began a round of talks today prior to the first NATO conference since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The three-day conference opened at 3:15 p.m. Monday, but Secretary of State Dean Rusk planned preliminary consultations today with his French, British and West German counterparts on such problems as Southeast Asia, Berlin and over-all East-West relations.

This brings us to a question. Just what kind of off-

season football conditioning program does Valdosta High have? The man who can answer that is VHS' head coach Wright Bazemore.

"We've always encouraged our football players to take part in some kind of sport or physical fitness program all year long.

"We encourage all our students to play basketball, run track, play tennis, try golf or take part in any or all sports.

Check With Coach

"In more recent years we've gone even farther. Now let's get one point clear. We don't practice football all year long. Frankly, that wouldn't help as much as the program we have.

"During the off season we do encourage the boys to wrestle, climb ropes, work to improve their agility, lift weights, skip rope, work on the bars and things like that.

"I would say that for the past four or five years all the high schools in our league (Region 1-AAA) have had similar off season programs.

"Here's the thing, the boys must do most of the work on their own. If a boy follows the right program he can take off some fat if he needs to or put on 10 or 15 pounds of hard muscles if he's on the small side.

"This includes boys of junior high as well as high school age. But a boy should check with his coach and get his advice before he starts doing anything. For instance, a boy could injure himself lifting weights if he doesn't know what he's doing.

Boys Make Choice

"This off season conditioning is tough. A youngster will usually work hard if a coach is standing over him telling him he's got to do it. But the boy with a real ambition to become a good athlete works to improve himself all year long and he does it on his own.

"An off season conditioning program lacks the glamor and the excitement of playing during the regular season. But a boy doesn't become a good athlete by practicing just a few weeks out of the year. It takes much, much more than that.

"This is really an old, old theory — but it's sure a good one. Natural talent can help a boy become a sports star, but hard work is still necessary.

"Down through the years I've coached a lot of boys who had little natural ability, but they became good athletes because they were willing to work to attain something they wanted.

"So you see, the success or failure of our off season program is up to the boys. They have a choice. And the choice they make right now could mean success or failure for our football team next fall."

NEW SYSTEM

'Cats' 1964 Region Grid Schedule Set

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The nine Region 1-AAA football games Valdosta High's Wildcats will play in 1964 were determined at a meeting of league coaches and officials Monday at Columbus.

Under a combination grouping-drawing plan it was decided that coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats will meet Baker (Columbus), Dougherty County (Albany), Jordan (Columbus), Lanier (Macon), Albany, Moultrie, Willingham, (Macon), Northside (Warner Robins) and LaGrange on the gridiron next fall in regional tilts.

Two new schools, Dougherty and Northside of Warner Robins, will join the region at the start of the 1964-65 school year next September, expanding the league from 10 to 12 teams. There was talk of sub-dividing the region, but another plan was adopted at yesterday's meeting.

Teams were placed in three groups, according to location. Teams in the groups will play each other, then they drew for opponents out of other groups to give each nine regional games. The league football crown will still go to the team with the best record against regional teams.

Under this new plan Valdosta will add Dougherty and Warner Robins Northside to its '64 slate, while dropping Columbus and Warner Robins High.

With nine region games to play, the 'Cats have only one spot on its schedule for a contest with a non-region opponent. It has been meeting Waycross of 1-AA (East), but a two-year pact with the Bulldogs has expired.

"Since we've just found out how many region games we've got to play we haven't had time to think about possible non-region opponents," Bazemore said. "We now know we have just one spot to fill and we can start planning accordingly."

The list of 1-AAA games the 'Cats will play in 1964 with dates and sites are as follows:

- Sept. 11 — Baker (Columbus), there;
- Sept. 18 — Dougherty County (Albany), there;
- Sept. 25 — Jordan (Columbus), here;
- Oct. 2 — Lanier (Macon), there;
- Oct. 9 — Albany, here;
- Oct. 16 — Open date;
- Oct. 23 — Moultrie, there;
- Oct. 30 — Willingham (Macon), here;
- Nov. 6 — Northside (Warner Robins), here;
- Nov. 13 — LaGrange, there.



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Valdosta's Carol Harris (11) Means To Hang On To Basketball

'DOSTA EDGES LOWNDES IN 2 CLOSE CONTESTS

By MARTIN MILLER
Times Staff Writer

Carol Kellerman hit for a field goal and LOHI's Caron Bonner made good on a shot from the field and a foul attempt to close the scoring. But the fastest action was still to come.

After a 45 - seconds freeze, the Kittens lost the ball. Six seconds remained. LOHI's Jennie Lou Garrison shot as the buzzer sounded but the effort to tie the score fell short.

Lowndes was able to catch up with the Valdosta boys team several times in the first half, but could never push ahead. It led for the first time in the third period.

From there the lead changed hands several times before the action came to a head in the final minute. With 55 seconds left, LOHI's Bill Christie cut the Wildcat advantage to one point.

With the edge, the 'Cats froze the ball for 50 seconds until Tom Davenport stretched it to three points again with a layup. In the remaining five seconds Christie made good on a field goal, but that wasn't enough.

Betty McClenny poured 21 points through the hoop to gain VHS high point honors. Garrison led the Lowndes offense with 22 points.

The Kittens hit on 14 field goals and 18 of 31 tries from the charity line. Lowndes struck the hoop on 20 of 27 charity shots, but made only 12 field goals. The Eaglettes

were charged with 21 individual fouls and Valdosta 20.

A 13-point effort by Jimmy Carter was good for the Wildcat top mark, while Bill Christie sank 12 points for LOHI.

Valdosta hit on 19 field goals and five of nine attempts from the free throw line. Lowndes made good on 17 from the field and eight of 19 charity shots. Lowndes was charged with nine fouls and Valdosta 16.

GIRLS

Valdosta	8	18	30	46
Lowndes	16	25	31	44
VALDOSTA (46) — McClenny 21, DeLoach 10, Kellerman 15, Reaves, Anderson, Harris, Potts, Wisenbaker, Giddens.				
LOHI (44) — Garrison 22, Bonner 12, Porter 10, Atkins, Dowdy, Garrison, Rowan.				

BOYS

Valdosta	15	26	35	43
Lowndes	13	25	34	42
VALDOSTA (43) — Carter 13, Bounds 1, Davenport 6, Moore, Norwood 8, Nichols 2, Blanton 6, Geskins 7.				
LOHI (42) — Wilkes 9, Black 10, Trammell 11, Christie 12, England, Watley.				

Hahira At Berrien; VHS Plays Saturday

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Hahira will play Berrien County at Nashville tonight and then the Tigers and Tigerettes will host Valdosta on Saturday in the top prep basketball attractions for the area this weekend.

With Christmas holidays starting, the schedule is a relatively light one.

In addition to that twin - bill between Hahira and Berrien at Nashville, in other games tonight, Jasper will be at Branford and Jennings is slated to play at Mayo. Madison will go to Monticello for the start of a two - day tourney there.

That doubleheader between

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight

Hahira at Berrien
Jasper at Branford
Madison at Monticello
Jennings at Mayo
Saturday
Valdosta at Hahira

Valdosta and Hahira at Hahira is the only Saturday night basketball attraction.

Next week many area teams will take part in holiday tournaments. Hahira will stage a three - day affair starting the day after Christmas. The Berrien boys will represent the area in a tourney at Tifton.

Hahira's Tigers have a 2-4 record and the Tigerettes have a 1-5 mark. The Berrien Rebels are 4 - 5 and the Rebelettes own an 8-1 record and are riding the crest of eight - game victory streak.

Valdosta's Wildcats will carry a 6-1 record with them to Hahira on Saturday night. The 'Cats have won four in a row. VHS' Kittens are 4-3. Valdosta swept a twin - bill with Hahira earlier in the season. Those games were played here.

Madison's Red Devils (3 - 1) will join Monticello, Crawfordville and Greenville for a two-day, boys - only tourney starting at Monticello tonight.

First round pairings call for Madison to meet Crawfordville at 7 p.m. and for Greenville to face Monticello at 8:30 p.m. First round losers will meet in a consolation game and the victors will battle for the championship in the finals on Saturday night.



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March Of Dimes Drive Aided By Local Teens

Sally Shingler, Mary Shannon Sessions and Joey Davis are more than willing to sell Ted Catilos peanuts and crutches for the 1964 March of Dimes campaign in Valdosta and Lowndes. The teen-agers are really doing their part this year with the Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y clubs from Valdosta High and Lowndes County High Schools sending members from the organizations out

each afternoon to sell peanuts. Also helping with the campaign is the DCT Club at VHS. Starr Howell, Frankie Coan and Mary Jane York, tri-chairman of the youth division say they hope to raise more money this year than any other teen committee ever has for the fight against polio in Lowndes County.

Valdosta, Berrien Play Here Tonight

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

The high school basketball wheels in the area will spin at full speed tonight, then start slowing down for the Christmas holidays.

Teams representing 11 area schools are slated for action tonight. There will be just four more games the remainder of the week.

Tonight's slate calls for Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens to host the Berrien County Rebels and Rebelettes. Hahira's Tigers and Tigerettes will go to Quitman for a twin-bill with Brooks' Tigers and Tigerettes.

AREA HOOP SLATE Tonight

Berrien at Valdosta
Hahira at Brooks
Jasper at Jennings
Cook at Thomasville
Madison at Greenville
Lanier Co. at Moultrie
Clinch at Echols
GCS at Norman Park

Other games tonight involving area teams are Jasper at Jennings, Cook (Adel) at Thomasville, Madison at Greenville, Lanier County (Lakeland) at Moultrie, Clinch County (Homerville) at Echols County (Statenville) and Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Norman Park.

Lowndes County's Eagles and Eaglettes have already closed out the pre-holidays portion of their schedule.

On Friday, Hahira will play at Berrien. On Saturday, Valdosta will go to Hahira for a pair of games.

Valdosta's Wildcats will carry a 5-1 record and a three-game victory streak into their tilt here tonight with Berrien's highly regarded Rebels. The boys from Nashville have a 5-3 chart. VHS' Kittens have a 4-2 record and the Berrien girls they will meet are 7-1. The Rebelettes' lone setback came in their opening game. They've clicked for seven straight wins since then.

Hahira's boys and girls will carry matching 1-4 records into their games tonight at Quitman. The Brooks boys are 2-3 and the Quitman sextet has reeled off five triumphs in a row.

Cross-county rivals will be meeting when Jasper's Bulldogs (3-1) and Bulldogettes (1-1) go against Jennings' Panthers (1-4) and Pantherettes (1-3) at Jennings.

Cook's Hornets (3-3) and Wasps (1-5) will be meeting Region 1-A foes at Thomasville.

Lanier County's Bulldogs (5-3) and Bulldogettes (4-4) of Region 1-C will be going against a pair of Region 1-AAA toughies

at Moultrie. Clinch County's Panthers (6-2) and Pantherettes (3-4) will be playing returning engagements with Echols County's Wildcats (3-6) and Kittens (6-3) at Statenville. Clinch swept an earlier twin-bill with Echols. Georgia Christian School's Generals (6-3) and the GCS girls (1-6) will be meeting Region 1-C foes at Norman Park.



—Times Staff Photo

BOBBY NICHOLS
Valdosta Center

MAJORETTES TWIRL TO HONORS

Three Valdosta majorettes have twirled their way to national and state honors.

Frances McMahon and Laura Resch, feature twirlers for the Valdosta High Wildcat band, and Kathleen Gleason, number one twirler for the Valdosta Junior High School band, competed with more than 150 girls from all over the South in Columbus recently.

The state and national contests for majorettes also featured a beauty contest.

Kathleen was first runner-up in

the Miss Junior Majorette of Georgia and won the Junior Miss beauty pageant for the state.

The 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Gleason, Kathleen won first and second places in the strutting and solo divisions for Georgia. She was second runner-up in the solo competition on the national level and was named fifth nationally for strutting.

Frances and Laura won the national first place spot and the state third place award for their duet with batons.

Laura was fourth in the state and fifth nationally for her advanced solo number.

Frances was second runner-up in the national division for the senior solo.

Laura, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Resch. She has been twirling since she was nine.

Sixteen-year-old Frances is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob McMahon and been a majorette for eight years.

She and Kathleen plan to try out

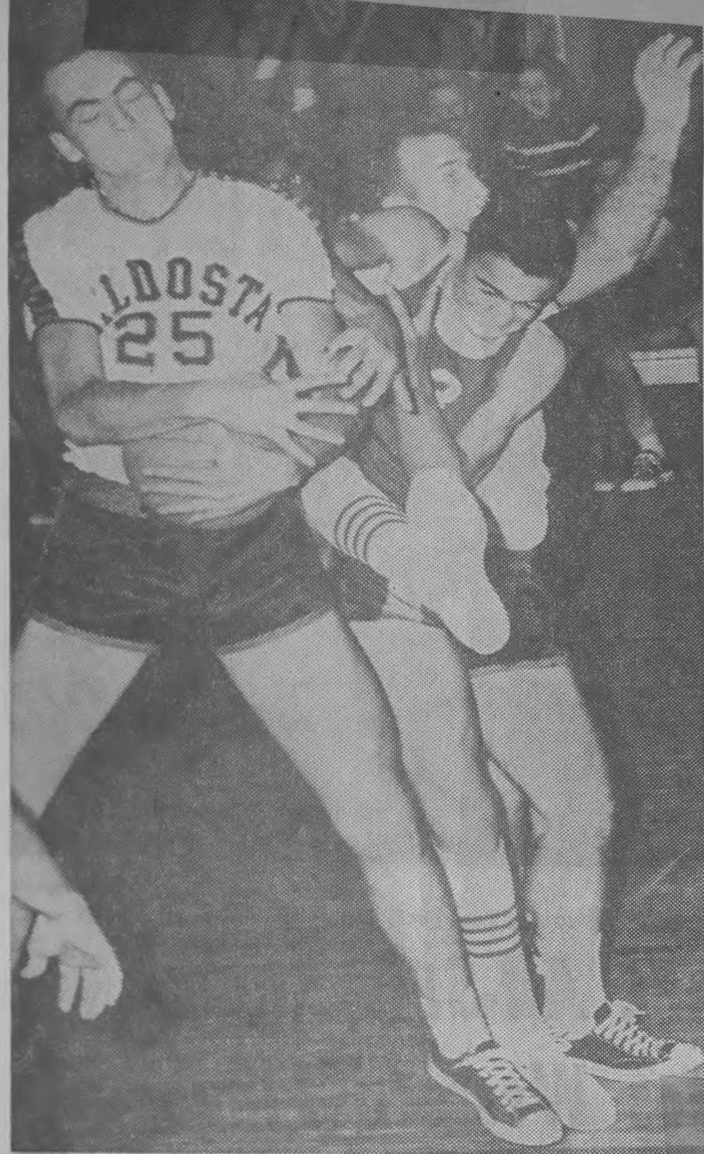
again next year for the Wildcat band.

"I've only been twirling for two years," explained Kathleen. The pretty young twirler last year gave up her majorette duties in the junior high band to become a cheerleader. This year, though, she again put her talents with the baton to work.

She has poise beyond her 14 years and a sense of timing in her routines that Valdostans haven't seen in a long time.



Laura Resch, Frances M. M...



—Times Staff Photo

VHS' Carter (25), Rebs' Slaughter In Tangle

Cats, Rebelettes Boost Win Streaks

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats and Berrien County's Rebelettes extended their basketball victory streaks here Tuesday night.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats, hitting on 55 per cent of their field goal tries, notched an 85 - 59 triumph over the Berrien Rebelettes. It was the VHS quintet's fourth win in a row and boosted the Wildcats' record to 6-1. The setback left the Rebs with a 4-5 chart.

Marsha Gaskins swished the nets for 31 points and hit for the game-winning field goal with 10 second of playing time left as the Rebelettes edged Valdosta's Kittens, 51 - 50, in a thriller.

The victory was the eighth straight for the Rebelettes since a loss in their season opener. The setback left the VHS girls with a 4-3 mark.

In the boys game Valdosta got off to a 4-0 lead and never trailed after that. The 'Cats owned a 16 - point edge midway the second period, but the Rebs cut it to seven markers by halftime. A 29 - point effort in the third stanza sent the Wildcats rolling down the victory trail.

Valdosta's attack leaders were Foy Norwood, 25 and Jimmy Carter and Tommy Davenport, 15 each. They were just three of 11 VHS players who

broke into the scoring column. Clyo Blanton, Raymond Tucker, Darrell Gaskins and Bobby Nichols were others who saw extensive action and played major roles in the triumph.

Carter was the rebound leader with 15, followed by Tucker, 6, and Davenport, 5. Tucker, a transfer student from Hahira, returned to action after being held out of five games after his eligibility was questioned. Sam Burke, executive secretary of the Georgia High School Association, notified Wilson yesterday that the official ruling is that Tucker is "eligible to play basketball for Valdosta this season."

Scoring leaders for the Rebelettes were S. G. Solomon, 11; David Cornelius, 14, and Pete Griffin and Larry Slaughter, 10 each. The Rebs were unable to stay with the 'Cats in the all-important battle of the backboards.

The 'Cats made 35 field goals and hit on 15 of 25 free throws. Berrien scored 22 field goals and sank 15 of 29 shots from the charity line. Each team was charged with 19 fouls.

The girls game was a seesaw affair which had a cliff-hanging finish. Gaskin's 31-point effort led the way for the Rebelettes. Betty McClenny, with 21 points, and Lyndal DeLoach, with 20, were scoring leaders for the Kittens.

In the third period the Kit-

tens built up a six - point lead. The Rebelettes rallied and with 4:15 left in the final period the Berrien girls owned a seven-point advantage.

Then it was the Kittens' turn to stage an uprising. With 1:08 left, Valdosta had gone out front 48 - 46. A field goal by Beth Taylor and a free throw by Anne Whiddon carried the Nashville girls to a 49 - 48 lead. McClenny scored a field goal with 25 seconds to go and VHS was back out front 50 - 49. Then Gaskins popped in a two - pointer with 10 seconds showing on the clock and the Rebelettes were leading 51-50. That's the way it ended when the Kittens' final try for a field goal rolled around the rim and failed to drop.

Each team scored 21 field goals. Berrien made good on 9 of 21 free throws and the Kittens hit on 8 of 9 tries from the foul line. That one foul shot was the difference. The Rebelettes were charged with 8 fouls and Valdosta was charged with 17.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	15 31 37 50
Berrien	11 28 41 51
VALDOSTA (50) — McClenny 21, DeLoach 20, Kellerman 9, Potts, Wisenbaker, Giddens, Reaves, Anderson, Harris.	
BERRIEN (51) — Whiddon 8, Taylor 5, Gaskins 31, Tucker 7, Norton, Jones, Wood.	
BOYS	
Valdosta	16 36 65 85
Berrien	13 29 45 59
VALDOSTA (85) — Carter 15, Bounds, Moore 4, Davenport 15, Pitcock 4, Nichols 3, Strom 2, Blanton 8, Gaskins 2, Miller 2, Norwood 25, Riggsby, Norris, Tucker 5.	
BERRIEN (59) — Solomon 11, Griffin 10, Slaughter 10, Cornelius 14, Sewell 6, Giddens 2, Rowe 2, Hammond 2, Griner 2, Futch, Williams.	

Hahira Tourney Pairings Drawn

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

HAHIRA — A dozen boys and girls teams representing seven schools will play in Hahira's 12th annual Christmas Invitational basketball tournament.

The tourney, a three - day affair this year, is slated to open next Thursday and run through Saturday.

In the girls division will be sextets representing Clinch County (Homerville), Hahira, Cook (Adel), Valdosta, Doerun and Lowndes.

In the boys bracket quintets from Clinch, Hahira, Cook, Valdosta, Thomasville and Lowndes will battle for championship honors in the tourney which is one of the oldest and best known of its type in this section of the state.

Coach Bill Davis' Valdosta Kittens are the defending girls champions. The Coffee County Comets from Douglas won the boys title in 1962, but aren't returning to defend their crown.

First round pairings with current records of teams follows:

GIRLS — Clinch (4-3) vs bye, Hahira (1-5) vs Cook (2-5), Valdosta (4-3) vs Doerun (9-3), Lowndes (5-2) vs bye.

BOYS — Clinch (7-2) vs bye, Hahira (2-4) vs Cook (3-4), Valdosta (6-1) vs Thomasville (4-3), Lowndes (2-5) vs bye.

Schedule of games for Thursday, the opening day, are as follows:

Hahira vs Cook (girls), 5:30 p.m.; Valdosta vs Thomasville (boys), 6:45 p.m.; Valdosta vs Doerun (girls), 8 p.m.; Hahira vs Cook (boys), 9:15 p.m.

Semi - finals will be played Friday with title games in both

divisions on tap for Saturday.

Although Valdosta's Kittens have won the girls division crown seven times in 11 tries and have swept to four championships in a row, the favorites tag this year belongs to coach J. C. Fincher's Doerun sextet.

The Kittens have a young and inexperienced team this year. Doerun has a veteran crew led by Mary Joe Fincher, who is averaging better than 40 points a game. Mary Jo is a daughter of the Doerun coach.

In the boys division coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats and coach Wayne Studdard's Clinch County Panthers own the best records. Still, there is no clear cut form chart favorite.

Past winners in the tournament by years follows:

GIRLS — 1962 - Valdosta, 1961 - Valdosta, 1960 - Valdosta, 1959 - Valdosta, 1958 - Berrien, 1957 - Atkinson County, 1956 - Valdosta, 1955 - Valdosta, 1954 - Valdosta, 1953 - Atkinson, 1952 - Tifton.

BOYS — 1962 - Coffee, 1961 - Valdosta, 1960 - Valdosta, 1959 - Hahira, 1958 - Echols County, 1957 - Hahira, 1956 - Hahira, 1955 - Irwin County, 1954 - Lanier County, 1953 - Valdosta, 1952 - Valdosta.

Teams in the field this year range in class from "C" to "AAA." Title winners in past tournaments have ranged in class "AAA" to "C".

Jack Dempsey was involved in five of the eight million dollars boxing gates.

'Cats Snapped Back

Now what about Wilson and his week? On Friday night he watched his Wildcats let a six-point lead slip through their fingers in the final period and VHS dropped a 57-50 decision to highly regarded Region 1-AAA foe Columbus.

The setback halted an eight-game victory streak the 'Cats had going and Wilson was down in the dumps after that duel with the Blue Devils.

"We had a chance to win this one, but we didn't," Wilson said. "Now we've got to snap back or we are going to be in trouble."

Wilson was still worrying about that loss to Columbus when he got the news on Saturday afternoon that VHS starter Raymond Tucker had suffered a foot injury in a hunting accident and would be sidelined for from three to four weeks. Wilson's morale hit bottom.

That night, however, the 'Cats posted a 59-54 triumph over loop foe Baker. Chief engineers in the triumph were Jimmy Carter, Foy Norwood, Clyo Blanton, Tommy Davenport, Darrell Gaskins and Bobby Nichols.

"I was proud to see the boys snap back and I was especially pleased with the way Nichols played," Wilson said. "He got 10 points and grabbed 15 rebounds. It was his best game of the season. With Tucker out that's going to put a lot of pressure on Nichols. He came through against Baker."

So Wilson's week ended better than it started.



—Times Staff Photo

VHS Coach Joe Wilson (R) Makes Game Plays With Raymond Tucker, Jimmy Carter

HAHIRA HOOP TOURNAMENT ACTION GETS STARTED

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAHIRA — Play in the 12th edition of Hahira's Christmas Invitational basketball tournament gets underway here today.

In the field for the three-day event are a dozen boys and girls teams representing seven different schools.

Four games are on tap today, four Friday and the finals in both the boys and girls divisions will be played Saturday.

Valdosta's Kittens are back hoping to make a successful defense of the girls division crown they won last year. Coffee County, the 1962 boys winner, isn't in the field this time out.

Battling for championship honors will be sextets from Hahira, Valdosta, Clinch County (Homerville), Cook (Adel) and Lowndes County along with a girls team from Doerun and a boys team from Thomasville.

Records of teams in the field are as follows:

Girls — Doerun (9-3), Lowndes (5-2), Valdosta (5-3), Cook (2-5), Hahira (1-7).

Boys — Valdosta (7-1), Clinch (7-2), Thomasville (4-3), Cook (3-4), Lowndes (2-5), Hahira (2-6).

In the past the tournament has produced many surprise champions, so the won-loss rec-

ords of the entries can't really be used in making up a form chart.

Doerun, led by high scoring forward Mary Jo Fincher, is considered by many as the team to beat in the girls division. Valdosta and Clinch own the best records among the boys division title hopefuls. But Clinch has been beaten by Thomasville and Valdosta was hard pressed to earn a one-point decision over LOHI. There's no clear-cut favorite.

Opening day pairings call for Hahira to play Cook and Valdosta to meet Doerun in the girls division. In the boys bracket, Valdosta tackles Thomasville and Hahira goes against Cook.

The Lowndes and Clinch cagers drew opening round byes and will get their first taste of action in the semi-finals Friday.

Cook and Hahira divided a pair of regular season games. The Hahira girls won, 40-36, and the Cook boys triumphed, 38-36. Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens will be meeting Thomasville's Bulldogs and Doerun's Does for the first time.

The tourney schedule follows:

Thursday — Hahira vs Cook (girls), 5:30 p. m.; Valdosta vs Thomasville (boys), 6:45 p. m.; Valdosta vs Doerun (girls), 8

p. m.; Hahira vs Cook (boys), 9:15 p. m.

Friday — Clinch vs Hahira-Cook winner (girls), 5:30 p. m. Lowndes vs Thomasville-Valdosta winner (boys), 6:45 p. m.; Lowndes vs Valdosta-Doerun winner (girls), 8 p. m.; Clinch vs Hahira-Cook winner (boys), 9:15 p. m.

Saturday — girls finals, 7:30 p. m.; boys finals 8:45 p. m.

Two Valdosta Players On All-Region Squad

By ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS — Valdosta's Wildcats have landed two players on the fourth team of the 1964 All-Region 1-AAA basketball squad.

The VHS players picked four fourth team honors were Jimmy Carter and Foy Norwood.

Gaining first team honors were Ken Bonifay of Lanier, Mike Davis of Warner Robins, Richie Mahaffey of LaGrange, Brady Sasser of Jordan and Larry Mosley of Columbus.

Bonifay, Davis and Mahaffey were unanimous first-place choices in the annual poll of sports writers and broadcasters in the region.

List of other squad members follows:

Second Team — Billy Hester, Willingham; Bill Denny, Baker; Pinky Hatcher, Columbus; Jim Jackson, Moultrie; Al Gerhardt, Lanier.

Third Team — Richard Reed, Columbus; Bucky Parker, Albany; Don Callaway, Albany; Ben Garnto, Jordan; Monty Wallace, LaGrange.

Fourth Team — Carter and Norwood, Valdosta; Hawley Smith, LaGrange; Gary Smith, Willingham; Jim Tucker, Warner Robins.

Honorable Mention — Frank Kelly, Lanier; Tom Cornelius, Lanier; Lester Passmore, Moultrie; Terry Howard, Baker; Lewayne Dalton, Moultrie; Wayne Fussell, Jordan; Tommy Hyneman, Columbus; Joe Dunn, Columbus.

Wildcats, Kittens Turn Back Hahira

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HAHIRA — Valdosta's Wildcats got themselves out of hot water after the first period and its Kittens kept cool all the way as they swept a basketball twin-bill with Hahira here Saturday night.

The VHS girls, led by Betty McClenny's 24-point performance, took an early lead and kept increasing it to triumph 61-25. The Wildcats posted a 52-43 victory.

The wins gave the Valdosta boys a 7-1 record, while the Kittens are now 5-3. Hahira's boys stand 2-6 and the Tigerettes hold a 1-7 slate.

All four teams will be idle for the holidays until Thursday night. They will compete in the annual Hahira Christmas tournament to be held here.

Helping to spark the Kittens' attack were Lyndal DeLoach with 14 points and Carol Kellerman

sporting 12. Judy Cavendar was high-point maker for the Hahira girls with 17 markers.

The Kittens hit on four of 12 free throws and sunk 24 field goals while Hahira made good on 13 of 21 foul attempts and 15 from the field. Valdosta was charged with 16 fouls and Hahira nine.

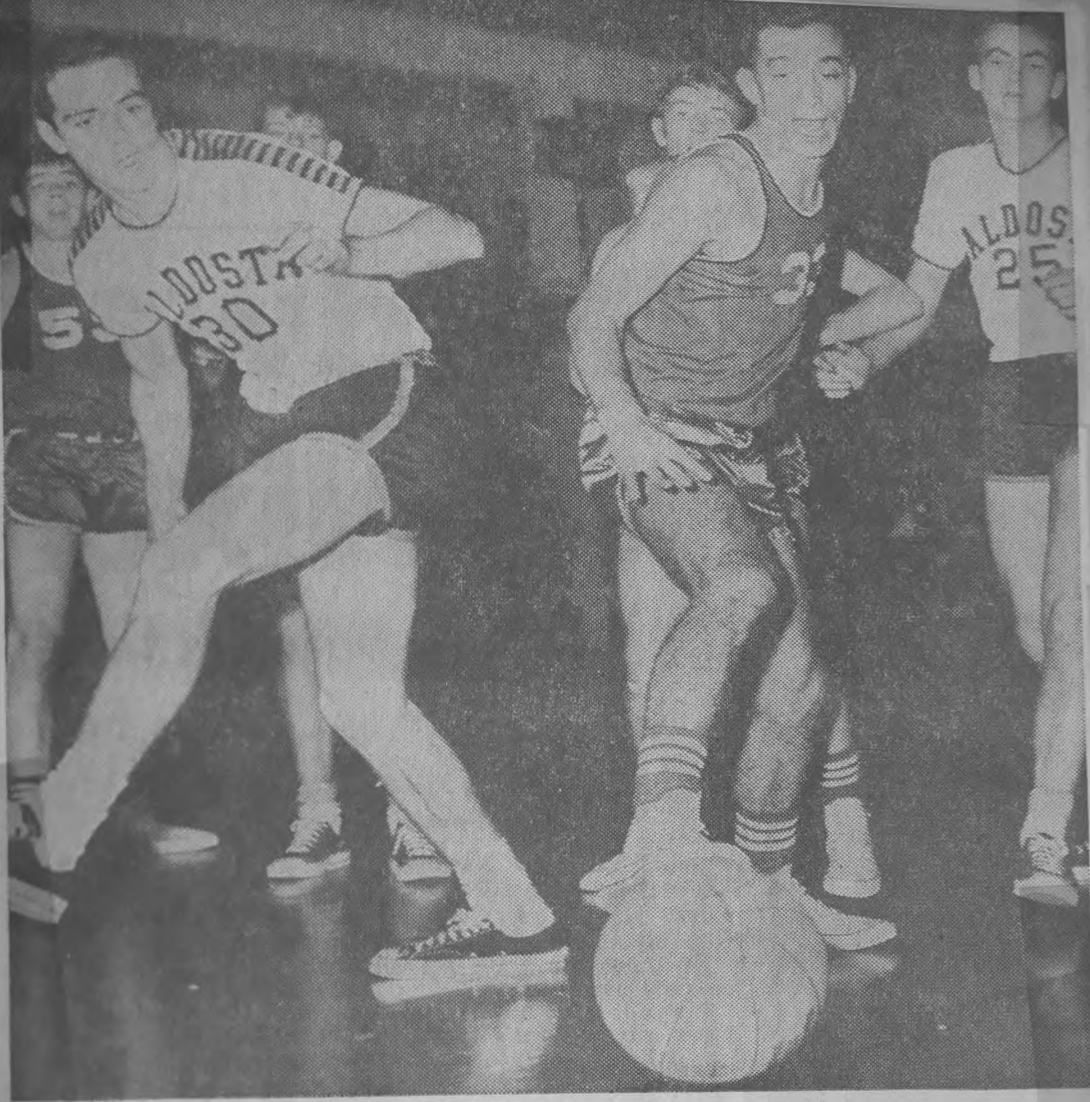
Raymond Tucker, a former Hahira player, struck hardest against the Tigers with a 12-point effort. Jimmy Carter 10 and Cloy Blanton 11, were other VHS leaders. Hahira's Jim Shiver had 12 points and Bill Roberts made 10.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats made good on 21 field goals and hit the hoop on eight of 20 charity attempts. The Tigers of coach Mack Manley made 13 field goals and 18 of 23 shots from the charity line. Valdosta was charged with 20 individual fouls and Ha-

hira 13.

GIRLS	
Hahira	4 16 18 25
Valdosta	18 28 46 61
HAHIRA (25) —	Cowart 3, Yanovich 2, Passmore 3, Cavendar 17, Smith, Fletcher, Barfield, Weaver, Durrance.
VALDOSTA (61) —	McClenny 24, DeLoach 14, Kellerman 12, Wisenbaker 9, Quick 2, Anderson, Giddens, Reaves, Harris, Potts, Bazemore, Mayne.

BOYS	
Hahira	13 20 33 43
Valdosta	12 24 41 53
HAHIRA (43) —	Lehman 9, Roberts 10, Passmore 6, Shiver 12, Oglesby 2, Mathis 5, Sutton.
VALDOSTA (52) —	Carter 10, Davenport 8, Norwood 8, Blanton 11, Gaskins 3, Tucker 12, Nichols.



—Times Staff Photo

Come Back: Tucker (30), Mathes (33), Carter (25) Show Surprise

Semi-Finals Slated In Hahira Tourney

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

HAHIRA — Valdosta will meet Lowndes County while Hahira goes against Clinch County in the boys and girls semi-finals of the Hahira Christmas Invitational basketball tournament here tonight.

Play in the 12th edition of the tourney opened Thursday night with the Valdosta and Hahira girls winning in a pair of thrillers while the Valdosta and Hahira boys maintained leads all the way in victory efforts.

Valdosta's Kittens edged Doerun's Deers, 50-48, and Hahira's Tigerettes trimmed Cook's Wasps, 44-39, in girls division action. In the boys bracket, Valdosta's Wildcats turned back the Thomasville Bulldogs, 64-47, and Hahira's Tigers clipped Cook's Hornets, 44-35.

The Lowndes and Clinch teams drew first round byes and will be getting their first taste of action tonight. Tonight's schedule, with records of the teams, follows:

Clinch (4-3) vs Hahira (2-7) — girls — 5:30 p. m.; Valdosta (8-1) vs Lowndes (2-5) — boys

Valdosta owned a seven-point lead at the half and settled the issue by outscoring the Bulldogs, 16-4, in the third stanza.

Cat-quick Donald Bailey led the T'ville attack with 26 points.

VHS made 28 field goals and hit on 8 of 23 foul shots. The 'Cats were charged with 19 fouls. Thomasville scored 18 field goals and connected on 11 of 24 free throws. The Bulldogs were charged with 17 fouls.

VALDOSTA 50, DOERUN 48 (GIRLS)

Valdosta's Kittens, the defending girls division champions, beat the Doerun Deers, who ranked first on this year's form chart, in the night's top thriller.

The Kittens offered a balanced attack which saw Lyndal DeLoach score 24 points, Carol Kellermen get 13 and Betty McClenny account for 12. Guards Barbara Reaves, Virginia Anderson and Carol Harris were the defensive leaders.

Valdosta needed a fine team effort to offset the individual brilliance of Doerun's Mary Joe Fincher. The tall forward poured in 44 points. She tallied 11 field goals and made good on

Weaver, Durrance, Fletcher. COOK (39) — Tucker 21, King 5, Boynton 4, Nichols, McKinnon, Croft, Cribb 9, Sumner, Twomey.

BOYS

Valdosta	15	36	52	64
Thomasville	10	29	33	47

VALDOSTA (64) — Carter 21, Moore, Davenport 6, Nichols, Blanton 4, Gaskins 2, Miller, Norwood 5, Rigsby, DeLoach, Tucker 24, Morris 2.

THOMASVILLE (47) — Franklin 11, Mathes 2, Varn, Law 2, Ramsey 6, Bailey 26, Bradner, Wimberly, Griffin.

GIRLS

Valdosta	12	22	49	50
Doerun	10	26	41	48

VALDOSTA (50) — McClenny 12, DeLoach 24, Kellerman 13, Wisenbaker 1, Reaves, Anderson, Harris.

DOERUN (48) — Fincher 44, Irwin 2, Bins 2, Chapman, Hathcock, Monroe, Gay.

BOYS

Hahira	13	20	31	44
Cook	6	12	21	35

HAHIRA (44) — Lehman 8, Roberts 10, Passmore 12, Oglesby, Manning, Mathis 5, Morrow 2, Vickers, Bush, Merwin, Perry, Shiver 7.

COOK (35) — Noles 20, Hewitt, Lynn 4, Hayes, Rowe 8, D. Powe, K. Powe 3.

Keep Cyprus

— GREEKS MOVE IN NICOSIA —

final congressional approval... the \$3-billion foreign aid money bill for the year that started... middle-of-the-roader, and the... belief that the South will stay in... the Democratic column for a fel- See Goldwater — Page 4

ing the Greek and Turkish... east sector of the border divid-... heard at times from the north-... But a few shots still could be... fire between a Greek Cypriot... police patrol and Turkish Cy-... charged Turkey with aggres-... tion and use of force. Turkey... Britain ordered 1,000 infantry... men flown to Cyprus. to rein-... force the 10,000-man British... force.

Valdosta Cagers In Hahira Finals



By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

HAHIRA — Championships go on the line in the 12th annual Hahira Christmas Invitational basketball tournament here tonight with Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens slated to duel Clinch County's Panthers and Hahira's Tigerettes.

Here's the way things went in Friday's semi-finals:

In the girls division VHS turned back Lowndes County Eaglettes, 59 - 45, and Hahira's surprising Tigerettes beat Clinch's Pantherettes, 54 - 42.

Valdosta's Wildcats edged LOHI's Eagles, 48 - 47, in a super thriller and Clinch's Panthers turned back Hahira's Tigers, 57 - 37, in the boys bracket.

The schedule for tonight with records of teams and game times follows:

Girls — Hahira (3-7) vs Valdosta (7-3), 7:30 p.m.; boys — Valdosta (9-1) vs Clinch (8-2), 8:45 p.m.

The Hahira sextet and Clinch

quintet will be bidding for their first tournament crowns. Valdosta's Kittens have won the girls division crown seven times in 11 previous tries. They've been champs four years in a row. The Wildcats have been boys division title winners four times since the event was inaugurated in 1952. Last win for the VHS boys came in 1961.

The Valdosta and Clinch boys will be meeting for the first time this season. The VHS girls have beaten the Hahira sextet in a pair of regular season affairs. The Tigerettes entered the tourney with just one win in eight starts, but have been sharp during a surge which carried them to the finals.

Here's the way things went in the semi-finals Friday night:

Hahira 54, Clinch 42 (Girls)

With Betty Yanconish and Judy Cavender the attack leaders, Hahira took an early lead and was never headed.

Yanconish hit for 25 points and Cavender accounted for 24. They got scoring help from Linda Cowart and guards Ellice Passmore, Darlene Barfield, Beverly Weaver and Diane Fletcher were the defensive stickouts.

Linda Fulford, with 16 points and Mary Alice Kind, with 13, set the scoring pace for the Pantherettes from Homerville.

Hahira scored 20 field goals and connected on 14 of 22 free throws. The Tigerettes were charged with 16 fouls. Clinch made good on 17 shots from the floor and sank 8 of 13 tries from the charity line. The Pantherettes were charged with 18 fouls.

Valdosta 48, Lowndes 47 (Boys)

Valdosta's Wildcats trimmed LOHI by one point in the night's top thriller.

The lead changed hand a dozen times during the early going.

Valdosta owned a seven point lead at one time in the second period and was six markers ahead in the third stanza. VHS was out front by five points early in the fourth period. Each time LOHI battled back within one point. But the Wildcats held firm under pressure, hung on to the lead and won.

A field goal by Clyo Blanton with 40 seconds remaining gave the 'Cats the points they needed for their second one-point decision of the year over their

cross-county rival.

Raymond Tucker, with 13 points, and Foy Norwood, with 10, were scoring leaders for VHS. Blanton, Jimmy Carter, Tommy Davenport, Bobby Nichols, and Darrell Gaskins did much to help the cause.

Bill Christie hit for 14 markers and Charles Wilkes got 12 to set the scoring pace for LOHI. Bruce McKenzie, Eddie England and Bruce Black were other stickouts for the Eagles.

Valdosta scored 20 field goals and made 8 of 12 foul shots. The 'Cats were charged with 19 fouls. LOHI made 18 field goals and connected on 11 of 18 tries from the charity line. The Eagles were charged with 11 fouls.

Valdosta 59, Lowndes 45 (Girls)

Valdosta's Kittens sprinted to a 13-point lead in the second period and LOHI's Eaglettes were never able to get closer than eight markers after that.

VHS offered a balanced attack with Betty McClenny getting 25 points. Lyndal DeLoach 17 and Carol Kellerman 16. Guards Barbara Reaves, Virginia Anderson and Carol Harris were sharp all the way. They were at their best in the third period when the Eaglettes managed only eight points and the Kittens were padding their lead to 19 markers.

Jennie Lou Garrison swished the nets for 25 points and Carol Bonner got 18 to pace the Eaglettes in the scoring department.

Valdosta made 23 field goals and hit on 13 of 29 free throws. The Kittens were charged with 21 fouls. LOHI scored 16 field goals and was on target with 13 of 22 shots from the foul line. The Eaglettes were charged with 25 fouls.

Clinch 57, Hahira 39 (Boys)

Scoring spurts in the second and fourth periods carried Clinch's Panthers to a triumph over Hahira's Tigers.

First period ended with the count deadlocked at 12-12. But the Homerville quintet outscored the home-standing Tigers, 15 to 3, in the second period and was 12 markers ahead at half time. Hahira couldn't get closer than eight points after that.

The game was a rough and tumble affair and tempers flared briefly several times on the court, but there was no real trouble. There was a lot of fast-paced basketball as both got their fast-break offenses rolling.

Jack Hart, with 15 points, Hal Peagler, with 12 and Leroy Arnold, with 13 set the scoring pace for Clinch. Tom Lehman and Laron Passmore were offense leaders for Hahira with 11 points each. Jimmy Douglas, Cecil Bateman and Wayne Lassiter were three others who played key roles in the Clinch triumph.

GIRLS

Hahira 15 31 45 54
Clinch 8 21 26 42

HAHIRA (54) — Cowart 5, Yanconish 25, Cavender 24, Passmore, Weaver, Fletcher, Stith, Hall, Tyler, Alley, Barfield, B. Lindsey, Coombs, L. Lindsey.

CLINCH (42) — Fulford 16, Linda James 8, Whaley 5, Rigdon, Rice Louise James, Cason, Christopher, King 13.

BOYS

Valdosta 11 24 39 48
Lowndes 10 20 34 47

VALDOSTA (48) — Carter & Davenport 4, Nichols 2, Gaskins 4, Tucker 13, Norwood 10, Blanton 9.

LOWNDES (47) — McKenzie 4, England 8, Wilkes 12, Black 9, Christie 14, Watley.

GIRLS

Valdosta 18 36 48 59
Lowndes 11 23 31 45

VALDOSTA (59) — McClenny 25, DeLoach 17, Kellerman 16, Reaves, Anderson, Harris, Polts 1.

LOWNDES (45) — Bonner 18, J. Garrison 25, Porter 2, Atkins, Rowan, G. Garrison, Hancock, Shiver, Damon, Dennis.

BOYS

Hahira 12 15 24 38
Clinch 12 27 34 57

LOHI's Bill Christie Tries To Get Off Shot



Hahira's Ellice Passmore Fights For Rebound

—Times Staff Photos

'Cats, Tigerettes Win Hahira Event

By MARVIN MILLER
Times Staff Writer

HAHIRA — Hahira's Tigerettes stand as proof the basketball team with all the odds against it doesn't always lose. They put the lights out on highly favored Valdosta Saturday night to gain their first championship in the 12-year history of the Hahira Christmas Invitational Tournament. It was the first time in five years for a team other than coach Bill Davis' Kittens to win the girls crown. But Valdosta refused to go home empty-handed. In the boys division, Valdosta's Wildcats earned the title with a 64-56 win over Clinch County. The victory gave the 'Cats their fifth place trophy in the annual event. The last came in 1961. Coach James Studstill's Hahira girls now have a 4-7 record, while the Kittens were left with a 7-4 slate. The Wildcats own a sparkling 10-1 mark and Clinch stands at 8-3. The win for the Tigerettes came as a climax to a special Christmas surge which carried them straight through the three-day affair, after entering it with an unimpressive 1-7 record. Valdosta was caught off guard by the scrappy Tigerettes, who fell, 61-25, in a regular season bout with the Kittens just last week.

Yanconish filed away 25 points for top scoring honors. She was followed by Judy Cavendar with 17 markers. Valdosta's Lyndal DeLoach put forth a 19-point performance. The Tigerettes made full use of 22 fouls called on Valdosta as they sank 22 of 38 free tries. Hahira was charged with 12 individual fouls giving the Kittens 15 free throws of which they hit, six. Hahira made 12 field goals and Valdosta 15. Hahira made its way to the finals with a first round victory over Cook by a 44-39 count and then beat Clinch County, 54-42, in the semi-finals. Valdosta beat Doerun, 50-48, on the first night and Lowndes County, 59-45, in the semis. The boys game saw Valdosta take an early lead and never fall behind. An excellent performance by Jimmy Carter and Raymond Tucker on the boards kept the 'Cats out of trouble. Foy Norwood scored 14 points and joined teammate Clyo Blanton in a sharp ball-handling exhibition. Blanton scored 10 points, and Carter hit for 13.

Clinch's Jack Hart kept the contest close enough to be interesting as he rang the hoop for 19 points. Hal Peagler and Wayne Lassiter each made 13 points. The 'Cats hit for 22 field goals and made good on 20 of 27 tries from the charity line. The Clinch Panthers made 16 field goals and 24 of 35 free throws. Clinch was charged with 19 fouls and Valdosta 26. The Valdosta team got to the finals with a 64-47 first round triumph over Thomasville, and then beat Lowndes County 48-47 in the semi-finals. Clinch drew a first round bye and downed Hahira, 44-35, in the semi-finals.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	10 17 30 36
Hahira	12 18 27 46
VALDOSTA (36) — McClenny 7, DeLoach 19, Kellerman 10, Reeves, Anderson, Harris, Gleason, Potts.	
HAHIRA (46) — Cowart 4, Yanconish 25, Cavendar 17, Passmore, Weaver, Fletcher.	
BOYS	
Valdosta	18 32 47 64
Clinch	11 26 38 56
VALDOSTA (64) — Carter 13, Davenport 6, Norwood 14, Blanton 10, Tucker 8, Pitcock 2, Nichols 1, Gaskins 6.	
CLINCH (56) — Douglas 9, Hart 17, Peagler 13, Lassiter 13, Arnold 4, C. Bateman.	



—Times Staff Photo

VHS' Tall Bobby Nichols Gets Rebound In First Quarter

VALDOSTA FACES IMPS; EAGLES HOST T'VILLE

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta, Lowndes County and Hahira cagers meet strong basketball opponents tonight and all are hoping the hoop sport's so-called "home court advantage" really means something. Valdosta's Wildcats will host the powerful Columbus Blue Devils in a game set for 8 p.m. at the VHS gym. Valdosta's Kittens will be idle.

Lowndes' Golden Eagles and Eaglettes will be at home for a

will host Berrien County's Rebels and Rebelettes tomorrow night. Other games this weekend involving area prep teams follows:

Tonight — Madison at Jasper, Irwin County at Berrien; Saturday — Echols County at Jennings, Brooks County at Thomasville.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats own a 10-1 record and are riding on the crest of an eight-game victory streak after winning the boys crown in the recent Hahira Invitational tournament.

They are, however, rated as underdogs to the tall and talented crew coach Joe Sparks will bring here tonight from Columbus. The Imps own a 6-1 record after winning a holiday tourney at Columbus. The Blue Devils were runners-up in the Region 1-AAA tourney last season and rate as strong title contenders this time out.

Coach Bubba Ball's Baker quintet, which will play the 'Cats here Saturday night, has a 3-5 record and is surging after a slow start. The Lions showed their talent in a recent win over highly regarded Jordan.

Coach Rodney Fain's LOHI Eagles have a 2-6 record and his Eaglettes own a 5-3 mark. The Eagles want to end their close-game losing skid and the LOHI girls have ambitions to improve on their already good record.

Four of the Eagles setbacks have come by one-point margins. The LOHI boys have lost three in a row, all by a single marker. The Eagles are hoping their proven-tough defense can check the sharp attack of a Thomasville quintet which has

the hardwood for the third time this season. Hahira's Tigers are 3-6 and the Tigerettes are 4-7 after winning three in a row in a march to girls division championship honors in the Hahira Invitational.

Clinch's Panthers are 8-3 after finishing second in the holiday affair at Hahira. The Pantherettes own a 4-5 chart.

The Clinch boys have won two from the Tigers. The Clinch and Tigerettes broke even in the two games they've already played.

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight

Columbus at Valdosta (boys)

Thomasville at Lowndes

Clinch at Hahira

Madison at Jasper

Irwin at Berrien

Saturday

Baker at Valdosta (boys)

Berrien at Hahira

Echols at Jennings

Brooks at Thomasville

twin-bill with Thomasville's Bulldogs and Bulldogettes. Hahira's Tigers and Tigerettes will clash in a doubleheader with Clinch County's Panthers and Pantherettes with the action to take place at Hahira.

VHS' Wildcats will also be at home for a game with Baker's Lions on Saturday while Hahira

Three Thrillers In Row

I'd have to say the Valdosta Wildcats of 1960 played three straight football games that packed about as much suspense as any I've seen.

Here's what coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats did in successive outings that year:

They rallied for two touchdowns in the final six minutes of play to beat LaGrange 14-13 and clinch the Region 1-AAA championship. In their next outing a last-minute march gave them the yards they needed for a statistical victory over Richmond Academy in a tilt to decide the South Georgia "AAA" crown.

Then in the state Class AAA playoff the 'Cats scored a touchdown with only 49 seconds of playing time remaining to lick Avondale. How's that for a string of three straight games with cliff-hanging finishes?

Another new sports year has just started. Makes you wonder what's going to happen before 1964 ends.



—Times Staff Photo

'Cats' Darrel Gaskins (15) Makes All-Out Effort To Catch Up With Basketball

'Dosta Turns Back Region Foe Baker

By **MARTIN MILLER**
Times Staff Writer

With slightly less than two minutes left in the third period, Valdosta's basketball Wildcats initiated a rally that made the difference here Saturday night as VHS beat Baker's Lions of Columbus 59-54.

Until that time it was anybody's ball game. The first 22 minutes saw a close contest during which the lead changed hands six times.

Then in a matter of three minutes, coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats built up an eight-point lead, their biggest of the night and hung on the rest of the way against some fierce long-range shooting to win.

It was the 11th victory of the season for Valdosta and its first against a Region 1-AAA opponent. The 'Cats dropped two games so far, both to league foes. The setback left coach Bubba Ball's Baker quintet with a 3-6 chart.

Even using a sturdy zone defense, Valdosta had trouble containing Baker scoring ace Bill Denny, who tallied 24 points. Denny got scoring help from Perry Howards, who made 13 markers.

Jimmy Carter and Bobby Nichols paced the Valdosta attack as Carter tallied 19 points and Nichols followed with 10. Tommy Davenport and Foy Norwood each hit nine markers and Cloy Blanton made eight.

Nichols was also Valdosta's "man of the hour" defensively as he came down with 15 rebounds. It was the top performance by Nichols this season.

Also standing out defensively were Darrell Gaskins, Carter and Blanton. Blanton made several key steals in vital moments to keep the 'Cats in the lead. They faced strong opposition from Baker's Steve Davis and Jimmy Friese who also came down with their share of rebounds.

The Columbus team was charged with 23 fouls, while Valdosta was charged with 10. This gave

the 'Cats an edge at the charity line as they sank 19 of 29 free throws. Baker hit on six of 10 tries from the free throw line. In field goals, Baker out did the Valdosta boys by a 24-20 count.

Valdosta was hampered both offensively and defensively by the absence of starter Raymond Tucker who was injured Saturday afternoon in a hunting accident. Wilson said Tucker's gun accidentally went off, injuring his left foot.

The bullet from the .22 caliber rifle broke the bone in one of Tucker's toes, the coach said.

"We missed Tucker tonight," Wilson said after the game "and

we're surely going to miss him in the future. We will be meeting much stronger foes than the one we met tonight. We were lucky to get past Baker without Tucker playing."

Doctors report Tucker's injury will sideline him for at least three to four weeks, Wilson said.

The Baker team does not field a girls hoop squad so the Valdosta Kittens were idle Saturday.

BOYS

Valdosta	16	28	42	59
Baker	15	30	37	54

VALDOSTA (59) — Carter 19, Davenport 9, Norwood 9, Nichols 10, Blanton 8, Gaskins 4.
BAKER (54) — Denny 24, Vega 1, Caffey 4, Miller 1, Howard 13, Davis 5, Richardson 2, Bainster 4, Basset, Seawell



—Times Staff

Imps' Richard Reed Winds Up To Throw Pass

Blue Devils Rally To Trim Wildcats

By **SAMMY GLASSMAN**
Times Sports Editor

Columbus' Blue Devils poured in 17 points in the final four and a half minutes of action to rally for a 57-50 basketball victory over Valdosta's Wildcats here Friday night.

Until that final spurt by coach Joe Spark's Imps it looked as if coach Joe Wilson's underdog Wildcats might pull off an upset against the highly regarded Region 1-AAA quintet from Columbus.

The 'Cats battled on more than even terms for three and a half periods. The score was tied or the lead changed hands 18 times. Midway the last period VHS moved to a six-point lead.

Then the Imps got their fast break offense going and found the range at the free throw line. They hit for 10 field goals and seven free throws in a closing rush which wiped out Valdosta's lead and carried the Blue Devils to their seventh victory in eight starts.

The setback was only the second for the 'Cats in 10 triumphs and halted an eight-game victory streak Valdosta had going. It was the Wildcats' second setback in as many starts against 1-AAA opposition.

Valdosta will have another chance to break into the win column against a loop foe tonight when it meets Baker's tough Lions in a game slated for 8 p.m. at the VHS gym. Valdosta's Kittens were idle last night and won't be seeing any action tonight.

Columbus, with a three-man front line which averages 6-4, appeared to be the winner in a battle of the boards. The Cat's

scoring pace for the Blue Devils.

Seeing action for the 'Cats were Jimmy Carter, Tommy Davenport, Foy Norwood, Cloy Blanton, Darrell Gaskins, Raymond Tucker and Bobby Nichols. Carter with 16 points, and Norwood, with 15, led the VHS attack.

Columbus scored 20 field goals and hit on 17 of 26 free

throws. The Imps were charged with 13 fouls. Valdosta counted for 18 field goals connected on 14 of 19 tries at the charity line. The 'Cats charged with 18 fouls.

Valdosta	17	27	44	57
Columbus	15	30	37	50

VALDOSTA (50) — Carter 16, Davenport 4, Norwood 15, Nichols 10, Blanton 8, Tucker 4.
COLUMBUS (57) — Hatcher, Kistner 16, Dene 4, Kiven 3, Reed 15, Wilson

however, scored 17 points in the final four and a half minutes of action to rally for a 57-50 basketball victory over Valdosta's Wildcats here Friday night.

Wildcats, Kittens Go Against T'ville

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER
Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens will go back on the firing line tonight in one of three doubleheaders involving teams from area high schools. The VHS cagers will meet Thomasville's Bulldogs and Bulldogettes in a doubleheader at Thomasville. In other games tonight involving area teams Brooks County (Quitman) will be at Berrien County (Nashville) and Jasper at White Springs. The big action will come this

weekend when all area teams are slated to play. Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats (11-2) will be meeting coach Jerry Studdard's Thomasville Bulldogs (4-6) tonight for the second time. The 'Cats trimmed the Bulldogs, 64-47, in the second round of the Hahira Invitational tournament at Hahira during the Christmas holidays. Valdosta forward Raymond Tucker, who sparkled in that earlier win over Thomasville,

AREA HOOP SLATE Tonight

Valdosta at Thomasville
Brooks at Berrien
Jasper at White Springs

won't be available for duty tonight. Tucker has been sidelined for from three to four weeks with a foot injury he suffered in a hunting accident. Coach Bill Davis' Valdosta Kittens (7-4) and Thomasville's Bulldogettes (0-9) will be meeting for the first time this season. This will be the first start for the Kittens since they finished second in the holiday affair at Hahira two weeks ago. Brooks' Tigers (3-4) and Tigerettes (7-0) will be meeting Berrien's Rebels (6-9) and Rebellettes 11-1 for the second time. They opened the season against each other at Quitman. In that meeting the Berrien boys won 65-

62 and the girls from Quitman notched a 66-51 triumph. Since that first-game loss to the Brooks sextet, the Berrien girls have reeled off 11 straight victories. Jasper Bulldogs (5-2) and Bulldogettes (3-1) will be playing return engagements with White Springs. In their first encounters the Jasper boys won 54-51 and the girls triumphed, 51-15.

Looking ahead to the weekend, Valdosta's Wildcats will go to Macon for a pair of Region 1 - AAA outing. The 'Cats will play Lanier on Friday night and Willingham on Saturday. The Kittens have a game at Doerun on Friday and will be idle Saturday.

Lowndes County's Golden Eagles (3-6) and Eaglettes (6-4) will host the Brooks cagers on Friday night.

Hahira's Tigers (3-8) and Tigerettes (5-8) will be at home for a pair of games with Central (Thomasville) on Friday night and will go to Lakeland for a twin-bill with Lanier County on Saturday.

Wildcats, Kittens Defeat Thomasville

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES
THOMASVILLE — Valdosta's Wildcats woke up at halftime here Tuesday night, found themselves behind and did something about it by beating the Thomasville basketball Bulldogs 56-51. Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats seemed to be asleep as Thomasville took a substantial nine-point lead in the first half. But Valdosta evened the score in the third period and moved ahead in the last to win.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens, in the girls game, took an early lead over Thomasville's Bulldogettes and held it all the way for a 62-38 triumph.

Wins amount to a dozen for the Valdosta boys against two setbacks this season. For the Kittens, it was the eighth victory against four setbacks.

Jimmy Carter scored 11 points

and Clio Blanton hit for 12 to lead the Wildcat attack. George Bailey made 26 points for the Bulldogs.

Valdosta made 21 field goals and hit on 14 of 22 attempts from the free throw line. Thomasville hit for 16 from the floor and from the charity line made 19 of 26 shots. Valdosta was charged with 18 fouls and Thomasville 16.

Betty McClenny swished the nets for 21 points for Valdosta high point honors in the girls game. She got help from Lyndal Deloach 19, Betty Potts, nine and Carol Kellerman, seven.

Sally Neel came forth with 21 points to lead the way for the Bulldogettes.

The Valdosta girls hit on 25 field goals and sent through the basket 12 of 18 charity shots. Thomasville hit for 14 field goals and nine of

24 free throws. The Kittens were charged with 21 fouls, while the Bulldogettes were charged with 13.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	13 27 51 62
Thomasville	2 11 23 38
VALDOSTA (62) — McClenny 21, Deloach 19, Kellerman 7, Potts 9, Wisenbaker 4, Quick 2, Reeves, Anderson, Harris, Bazemore, Strobo.	
THOMASVILLE (38) — Dobbs 9, Neel 21, Cheshire 5, Rockwell 2, Jones, Taylor, Maline, Bentley, King.	
BOYS	
Valdosta	9 24 45 56
Thomasville	13 33 45 51
VALDOSTA (56) — Carter 11, Davenport 5, Nichols 9, Norwood 6, Blanton 12, Gaskins 11, Steele 2.	
THOMASVILLE (51) — Franklin 9, Law 5, Bailey 26, Mathes 5, Wimberly 4, Ramsey 2.	

'Dosta To Travel; LOHI Hosts Brooks

Hahira Meeting Central During Busy Weekend For Prep Cagers

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER
When the games on this weekend's crowded high school basketball schedules have been played, all prep cagers in the area will have returned to action after the Christmas holidays. Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens will be on the road for the games they play this weekend. The 'Cats meet Lanier on Friday and Willingham on Saturday in a pair of Region 1-AAA games at Macon. The Kittens play at Doerun Friday and will be idle Saturday. Lowndes County's Golden Eagles and Eaglettes are down for action on Friday night. They will host Brooks County's Tigers and Tigerettes. Hahira's Tigers and Tigerettes will be at home for a twin-bill

Saturday—Jennings at Georgia Christian, Live Oak at Madison. Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats will carry a 12-2 record with them to Macon. The tall Lanier Poets they are to tangle with Friday have an 8 - 5 record. Willingham's Rams own a 4-7 chart. The VHS quintet will be meeting the two Macon teams for the first time this season.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens own an 8-4 record and will be meeting coach J. C. Fincher's Doerun Does for the second time. Their first encounter came in the opening round of the Hahira Invitational tournament. The Kittens won that one by a 50-48 margin despite a 44-point performance by Doerun star Mary Jo Fincher.

Coach Rodney Fain's LOHI Eagles (3-6) and Eaglettes (6-4) will be meeting traditional rivals when they play coach Charles Cooper's Brooks Tigers (4-4) and coach George Eanes' Tigerettes (8-0) at the Lowndes gym on Friday night. It will be the first of two encounters between the LOHI and Brooks cagers this season.

Hahira's Tigers (3-8) and Tigerettes (5-8) will be going against Central (Thomasville) for the first time tomorrow night at Hahira.

Georgia Christian School's Generals (6-4) will be returning to action for the first time since the holidays when they play at Lee, Fla., on Friday.

Berrien's Rebels (6-10) and Rebellettes (11-2) will renew old basketball rivalries when they tangle with Cook's Hornets (3 - 5) and Wasps (2-6) at Nashville Friday.

Echols County's Wildcats (4-7) and Kittens (7-4) will hook up with a pair of Region 1-C foes from Omega tomorrow night at Staten-

ville. Madison's Red Devils (6-1) will be shooting for their second win of the season over Monticello. Jennings' Pathers hope to improve a 1-6 record with a victory over Greenville. Clinch's Panthers have a 10-3



—Times Staff Photo
LYNDAL DELOACH
Kittens Forward

Wildcats Faces Brooks; Valdosta At Macon

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER
Valdosta's Wildcats will be going to Macon for a "top party" tonight in Region 1-AAA games. The Wildcats will meet Lanier on Friday and stay over for a bout with Willingham on Saturday. It's the boys are going to Macon schools for hoop squads, coach Bill Davis will take a different route. The Wildcats will play at Macon on Friday and will be idle Saturday.



—Times Staff Photo
LARON PASSMORE
Hahira Stickout

Lowndes County's Golden Eagles and Eaglettes will be meeting Brooks County's Tigers and Tigerettes on Friday night. They will host Brooks County's Tigers and Tigerettes.

Coach Rodney Fain's LOHI Eagles (3-6) and Eaglettes (6-4) want to be gracious hosts, but they want to win more, because Brooks is a traditional sports rival. The Brooks girls are unbeaten in eight starts and the boys are on the upswing of a 4-4 chart.

Hahira's Tigers (3-8) and Tigerettes (5-8) will be playing Central for the first time this season tonight.

Madison's Red Devils (6-1) will be shooting for their second win of the season over Monticello. Jennings' Pathers hope to improve a 1-6 record with a victory over Greenville. Clinch's Panthers have a 10-3

(Adel) at Berrien County (Nashville), Omega at Echols County (Statenville), Monticello at Madison, Greenville at Jennings, Nichols at Clinch County (Homerville). Saturday — Jennings at Georgia Christian

'Cats, Kittens Defeat Brooks

Lanier Defeats Wildcats, 82 - 70

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MACON — A late rally fell short here Friday night as Valdosta's Wildcats couldn't quite make up a 32-point deficit and Lanier's Poets won 82-70 in a Region 1-AAA basketball outing.

Coach Joe Wilson's quintet saw the home-standing Macon squad push off at a fast pace which carried it to a 32-point lead in the third period.

Then the action changed hands and with only four minutes remaining Valdosta had sliced the Lanier edge to five points. But the 'Cats could go no further.

With the score reading, 75-70, Valdosta drew a technical foul when the scorer charged a VHS sub failed to report properly before going into the game.

The Poets hit the free throw, got possession of the ball out of bounds, sank a field goal and

put an end to the 'Cats' uprising.

A 30-point effort by speed merchant named Ken Bonifay led the Lanier scoring parade. Bonifay was backed by an 18-point performance by James Cornelius.

The setback was the third of the season for the 'Cats against a dozen wins. Valdosta's Region slate now reads 1-2. With the win Lanier boosted its mark to 9-5.

Tommy Davenport and Foy Norwood were the sparkplugs for Valdosta in the losing effort. Each swished the nets for 17 points.

The Valdosta team will remain in Macon to meet another region foe, Willingham, tonight. The Rams have a 4-7 chart.

In Friday night's game, Valdosta hit on 22 of 34 free

throws and sank 24 field goals. Lanier hit on 22 of 32 charity throws and hit the mark with 30 from the floor. The Poets were charged with 22 fouls and Valdosta 23.

BOYS		12	26	45	70
Valdosta		12	26	45	70
Lanier		26	47	71	82
VALDOSTA (70) — Davenport 17, Norwood 17, Blanton 7, Nichols 8, Carter 14, Gaskins 4, Moore 3, Steele 7, Tucker 3, Kelly 12, Bonifay 30, Cornelius 18, Coleman 6, Jordan 2, Corbitt 4.					

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

QUITMAN—Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens took home a pair of victories after beating Brooks County's Tigers and Tigerettes in red-hot basketball scoring duels here Tuesday night.

Coach Bill Davis' VHS Kittens edged past coach George Eanes' Brooks Tigerettes 65-64. It was first loss after 10 straight wins for Quitman girls. The victory boosted the Kittens' record to 9-5.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats outscored coach Charles Cooper's Brooks Tigers 70-64. With their triumph the 'Cats halted a two-game losing skid and upped their record to 13-4. The Tigers now have a 4-6 chart.

Small, but swift Betty McClenny led the Kittens' attack with a 40-point effort and produced Valdosta's victory margin in the girls game. McClenny scored a field goal and added a free throw with only 12 seconds left to tip the scales in Valdosta's favor in the see-saw affair.

The 'Cats, after leading by nine points at the half, withstood a Brooks rally in the third period to gain its triumph.

McClenny produced her 40 points in the girls game by making 16 field goals and hitting on eight of 13 free throws. She got scoring help from Lyndal DeLoach, 19 and Carol Kellerman, six. Barbara Reaves, Virginia Anderson and Carol had the job of

trying to slow down the Tigerettes' high powered attack.

The Tigerettes kept their offense rolling as Martha Sue Smith scored 30 points, Carol Tedder got 19 and Carolyn Crosby accounted for 15.

The Kittens made 27 field goals, hit on 11 of 16 free throws and were charged with 14 fouls. The Tigerettes accounted for 26 field goals, hit on 12 of 19 tries from the charity line and were charged with 11 fouls.

In the boys game Valdosta moved to a 33-24 lead at half time.

The Tigers got rolling in the third period and cut the VHS advantage to four markers. The Wildcats held firm, kept the lead and went on to win.

Jimmy Carter and Foy Norwood each hit for 21 points to pace the VHS attack. Carter got nine of his markers in the final stanza. They got plenty of help from Tommy Davenport, Bobby Nichols, Dorell Gaskins, Cloy Blanton, Bobby Steele and Haywood Moore. Nichols accounted for 11 points and was one of Valdosta's leading rebounders.

Four Brooks cagers scored in double figures. Richard Parker got 15, Ronnie Williams made 10 and John Mullinax and Randall Dampier each tallied 10.

Valdosta accounted for 27 field goals and made good on 16 of 28 tries from the free throw line. The Wildcats were charged with 20 fouls. Brooks sank 25 field goals and connected on 14 of 23 free throws. The Tigers were charged with 21 fouls.

GIRLS		13	27	41	65
Valdosta		13	27	41	65
Brooks		18	28	46	64
VALDOSTA (65) — McClenny 40, Davenport 19, Kellerman 6, Reaves, Anderson, Harris, Giddens.					
BROOKS (64) — Tedder 19, Crosby 15, Smith 20, Greene, Hart, Freeman, Carter, Barnes.					

BOYS		16	33	51	70
Valdosta		16	33	51	70
Brooks		9	24	46	64
VALDOSTA (70) — Carter 21, Davenport 5, Norwood 21, Nichols 11, Gaskins 4, Blanton 4, Steele 4, Moore 3.					
BROOKS (64) — Mullinax 10, Parker 15, T. Tedder 9, Williams 11, Cooper New 6, Dampier 10.					

Doerun Whips Kittens As Fincher Scores 38

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DOERUN — "We let 'em get away in the second quarter and then couldn't stop them."

That was coach Bill Davis' comment on his Valdosta Kittens basketball loss to the Doerun Does, 56-46, here Friday night.

The Valdosta girls started strong as they led the highly-rated Doerun squad of coach J. C. Fincher by one point after the first quarter. But Doerun moved ahead and had a 10-point lead at halftime. For all practical purposes it was all over.

Fincher's daughter, Mary Jo, sparked the Doerun attack with a 38-point performance.

Betty McClenny hit the mark with 22 points for the Valdosta girls and Lyndal DeLoach made 17.

The setback left the Kittens with an 8-5 record for the sea-

GIRLS		16	25	36	46
Valdosta		16	25	36	46
Doerun		15	35	44	56
VALDOSTA (46) — McClenny 22, DeLoach 17, Potts 6, Kellerman 1, Wisenbaker, Reaves, Anderson, Harris.					
DOERUN (56) — Irwin 6, Fincher 38, Bins 7, Coopman 4, Chapman, Hatcock, Monroe.					

Valdosta Plays 4th Straight On 'Road'

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's already road weary basketball force will do some more traveling tonight.

VHS' Wildcats and Kittens will go to Quitman for a doubleheader with Brooks County Tigers and Tigerettes. It will be the fourth straight game away from home for the 'Cats.

Lowndes County and Habira will wait until the weekend to resume action. There will be others in the area however, playing tonight. The list follows:

Echols County (Statenville) at Georgia Christian (Dasher), Atkinson County (Pearson) at Clinch County (Homerville), Berrien

AREA HOOP SLATE TONIGHT

Valdosta at Brooks
Echols at GCS
Atkinson at Clinch
Berrien at Tift
Cook at Moultrie
Jasper at Madison
Norman Park at Lanier Co.

County (Nashville) at Tift County (Tifton), Cook (Adel) at Moultrie, Jasper at Madison, Norman Park at Lanier County (Lakeland).

Valdosta's Wildcats (12-4) and Kittens (8-5) will be playing return games against Brooks' Tigers (4-5) and Tigerettes (10-0) tonight at Quitman.

In a twin-bill here earlier in

the season the 'Cats notched a 65-48 win and the Tigerettes rolled to a 66-47 victory.

Georgia Christian's Generals (8-4) and the GCS girls (2-7) will be meeting Echols' Wildcats (4-10) and Kittens (8-6) for the third time. The Generals and the Kittens have a pair of victories to their credit in the series.

Clinch's Panthers (11-3) and Pantherettes (5-7) will be meeting Atkinson for the second time. First time around the Clinch boys and ATCO girls were the victors.

Berrien's Rebels (6-10) and Rebellettes (11-2) will be tackling Region 1-AA (West) foes when they go against Tift County tonight at

Tifton. Last time they got together the Tift quintet and Berrien sextet rang the victory bell.

Cook's Hornets (3-5) and Wasps (2-6) will be battling Moultrie for the second time this season. Moultrie swept a twin-bill with Cook back in mid-December.

Jasper's Bulldogs (7-2) and Madison's Red Devils (6-1) will be tangling for the second time tonight. The Red Devils notched a 59-47 win in their initial start against the Bulldogs.

Lanier County's Bulldogs and Bulldogettes have matching 5-6 records and would like to trip Norman Park and reach the .500 level.

Valdosta High Band Presents Morning Concert

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School Band filled the air with music this morning at Valdosta State College with a concert for students and faculty.

The lively "Marching Cats" treated their audience with old favorites like "Watermelon Man," "Temptation," "Green Leaves of Summer," and moved on to heavier concert music such as the "North Sea Overture," "The Light Cavalry Overture" and others.

Frank Butenschon, band director, said that this concert was a "warm up" for the band's appearance at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D. C., April 7.

No Surprise As Libba And Tommy Capture Top Honors

By MARY RAWLS

When you came right down to it, there was little question as to who would walk off with this year's Elks' leadership awards.

Libba Winston and Tommy Davenport, both Valdosta High School seniors, have captured first place honors in the annual leadership contest sponsored by the Valdosta Elks Lodge. The two have taken part in practically every activity at the

school during the past four years.

William West, chairman of the Youth Activities Committee of the lodge, said the awards will be presented to the winners and the runners-up at VHS Honors Day this spring.

The top winners receive prizes of \$50, second place, \$25, and third place \$10.

VHS seniors Sheila McCoy and Hiram Wilkinson were named to second places while Peggy Calhoun and Douglas Hodges of Lowndes County High School placed third in the contest.

The contest, based on academic work, participation in extra curricular activities and civic and church work, is held by Elks across the nation.

Miss Winston and Davenport will now be entered in state competition. If they win state honors, they will be in the national running.

According to VHS principal Howard Bridges and guidance counselor Miss Marguerite

Ford, the top seniors have done much to encourage others at VHS.

Miss Winston, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Winston, is editor of the school yearbook, the Sandspur. She is the winner of the National Council of Teachers of English Award, and last year was the VHS representative to an 8th District political meet of history and English students.

She has been a representative to Girls' State, and has received a certificate of merit from the University of Georgia.

The 17-year-old ranks in the top five per cent of her class, is a member of the student council and was council chairman last year. She is a member of the Beta Club and was the top student in the French class and received national recognition.

Miss Winston, a tall, pretty teen-ager, was elected to the mock city council in the student city elections last spring. She was vice president of the sophomore class, secretary of the

junior class, a member of the glee club, vice president of the Choraliers, has been named most likely to succeed, and most dependable in the school's who's who.

She has served as president and worship chairman of her Sunday school class at the First Methodist Church, vice president of the youth division council and a member of the vespers choir. She has taken part in the March of Dimes and UNICEF drives.

Miss Winston says she plans to major in English in college with hopes of becoming a high school English teacher.

"As a teacher I want to convey to my students the importance of a sincere desire to learn, and I want to have a part in the development of educated, resourceful citizens," said Miss Winston.

Davenport is the son of Mrs. T. R. Nisbet Jr. and is president of the VHS Beta Club.

He is tall and blond with a quick smile and a member of the Wildcat varsity basketball and tennis teams. His play on

the hardwood won him the basketball sportsmanship trophy last year. He also won a trophy in 1962 for the best junior varsity player.

He was named to school board in mock city elections last spring and was awarded a certificate of merit from the University of Georgia.

Davenport was this year's VHS homecoming king and is treasurer of the senior class. He placed third in the national math contest last year and is a member of the French Club.

He is youth chairman for the Southwest Georgia Presbytery and has been a representative to the Inter-Church Council for two years. Davenport has worked with the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle and the March of Dimes drive.

"In all the positions I've held and in all my sports and other activities, I've tried to uphold the standards which I believe make a good Christian and citizen," said Davenport.

Commenting on the leadership contest entries, Elks chairman West said, "It was a hard

LIBBA WINSTON
Outstanding Record

TOMMY DAVENPORT
Church Leadership

choice for the judges to make. It was close between all of these outstanding youngsters, especially the top three.

Second place winner Wilkinson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wilkinson and Miss McCoy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shealy McCoy.

Hodges, third place winner, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hodges and Miss Calhoun is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Calhoun.

The Elks contest is divided between boy and girl winners.

Wildcats Defeated By Grangers, 64-40

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LAGRANGE — The tall and talented LaGrange Grangers found smooth sailing all the way here Friday night as they notched a 64-40 triumph over Valdosta's Wildcats in a Region 1-AAA basketball outing.

Led by 6-6 Ritchie Mahaffey and 6-3 Harley Smith, the La-

Grange quintet took a four-point lead in the first period, expanded it to 13 points by halftime and then coasted to the triumph.

Valdosta's attack was hampered early in the first period when its leading scorer, Jimmy Carter, suffered an ankle injury. Carter was taken to the hospital from the gymnasium for first aid treat-

ment. Doctors reported no bones broken, but said Carter must be splinted for at least a week.

The setback left coach Joe Wilson's VHS charges with a 13-5 record for the season. It was Valdosta's fourth consecutive loss to a Region 1-AAA foe. LaGrange now has an unblemished 10-0 record.

Valdosta will swing back into action tonight when it travels to Columbus for a bout with the Jordan Red Jackets. Jordan now has an 8-5 record.

Mahaffey, a junior, racked up 18 points last night, while teammate Smith picked up 16. LaGrange placed two more men in the double figures as Howard Hinson made 12 points and John Wallace came across with 14.

Bobby Nichols was the Valdosta high point man with 14. He was followed by an 11-point effort by Foy Norwood and a six-point effort by Bobby Steele.

"We knew LaGrange was tall and tough," Wilson said, "but we were hoping to be able to compete with Jordan. Now things look mighty bad. Without Carter, we have very little rebounding strength."

The LaGrange team hit on 24 field goals and made good on 16 of 31 foul shots. Valdosta hit for six of nine foul shots and on 17 field goals. LaGrange was charged with nine fouls and Valdosta 21.

BOYS

Valdosta	7	16	29	40
LaGrange	12	29	51	64
VALDOSTA (40) — Carter 2, Norwood 11, Nichols 14, Blanton 3, Gaskins 2, Steele 6, Moore 2, Davenport.				
LAGRANGE (64) — Mahaffey 18, Smith 16, Hinson 12, Wallace 14, Brown 4, Cowart 2.				

VHS Band Is Invited To Washington Festival

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High School's marching Wildcat band has again been asked to participate in the national Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D. C., April 11. They have taken part in the parade for the past several years.

The band, under the direction of Frank Butenschon, will also give a concert at the Walter Reed Hospital while at the nation's capitol.

All 50 states and three territories will be represented in this commemorative annual salute to spring and the continuing friendly relations between the United States and Japan.

Butenschon said the band mem-

bers and the Band Boosters Club are raising money towards the purchase of new uniforms.

"We've had these uniforms nine years and they are shot. We need new ones desperately," said Butenschon.

Barbeques and other projects have been planned to raise the needed \$6,000 for uniforms.

Butenschon said the students pay their own way and do not have money left over to buy uniforms.

"We represent the town when we go to Washington. This is some of the best publicity Valdosta can get and we need the town's support for uniforms," added the band director.

VHS, Hahira, LOHI Face League Foes

By MARTIN MILLER
Times Staff Writer

The Valdosta Lowndes County and Hahira basketball teams will be going up against some strong region opponents this weekend.

Valdosta's Wildcats will be on the road as they travel to LaGrange for a Friday night bout

AREA HOOP SLATE

- Friday**
Valdosta at LaGrange (boys)
Tift at Lowndes
Atkinson at Hahira
GCS at Mt. Dora
Brooks at Mitchell
Clinch at Broxton
Crisp at Berrien
Doerun at Echols
Thomasville at Cook
Jennings at Lanier Co.
Greenville at Jasper
- Saturday**
Valdosta at Jordan (boys)
Lowndes at Berrien
Cook at Hahira
GCS at Howey Academy
Thomasville at Brooks
Bell at Jennings

with the LaGrange Grangers and then return by way of Columbus to play the Jordan Red Jackets on Saturday.

Neither of the Region 1-AAA foes field a girls team so the Kittens will be idle this weekend.

The Lowndes County squads are slated to meet the Tift Coun-



CHARLES WILKES
Lowndes Forward

ty (Tifton) Blue Devils and Angels in a Friday doubleheader at the LOHI gym. On Saturday, the LOHI squads will travel to Nashville for a twin-bill with the Berrien County Rebels and Rebelettes.

Hahira will host Region 1-B (East) foe Atkinson County on Friday and will again play host on Saturday when the Cook High Hornets and Wasps from Adel come to town.

Other area teams slated for action this weekend are the following:

Friday — Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Mt. Dora, Brooks County (Quitman) at Mitchell County (Camilla), Clinch County (Homerville) at Broxton, Doerun at Echols County (Staten-

ville), Thomasville at Cook, Jennings at Lanier County (Lakeland) and Greenville at Jasper.

Saturday — Georgia Christian at Howey Academy, Thomasville at Brooks and Bell at Jennings.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta quintet can expect double trouble this weekend.

LaGrange, the defending state Class AAA champion, is unbeaten after nine starts this season. Jordan, with its best team in many years, owns a 8-5 chart.

The 'Cats have an overall record of 13-4, but would like to improve on their 1-3 mark in the regional standings. The weekend games will be the fifth and sixth straight on the "road" for the VHS boys.

Jordan, the VHS Saturday night opponent, is rated stronger than it has been in several years. The Red Jack-ets currently stand 8-5.

The Lowndes County Eagles and Eaglettes of coach Rodney Fain will be staging return bouts with Region 1-AA (West) foes Tift and Berrien.

In earlier games, the LOHI quintet lost to Tift by a slim 36 - 35 count and dropped one to Berrien, 53-48. The LOHI sextet was able to notch a 53-49 victory over the Cook girls, but lost to a strong band of Berrien Rebelettes by a 51 - 45 count.

The Lowndes boys are now on the upswing of a 5-7 chart and the girls currently stand 7-4.

Hahira's meeting with Atkinson on Friday night will be the first bout between the two Region 1-B (east) foes this season. The Hahira boys of coach Mack Manley now have a 5-9 chart and coach James Studstill's Tigerettes stand 7 - 8.

In an earlier twin-bill with its Saturday night visitor, Cook, Hahira's boys took a 44-35 triumph and the Tigerettes made it a sweep by winning 44-39.

'Cats Bow To Rams As Rally Faulters

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MACON — Valdosta's Wildcats gave it everything they had in the fourth quarter here Saturday night, but were too far gone as Willingham's Rams won a Region 1-AAA basketball outing, 94-84.

It was the second night in a row in the same city that Valdosta threatened to make up a huge deficit in the final stages only to see its rally fall short. On Friday night they dropped an 82-70 decision to the Lanier Poets, also a Region 1-AAA team from Macon.

Saturday's setback left Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats with a 12 - 4 record and a 1-3 league mark. Willingham now has a 5-9 overall chart and stands 2-2 in the region.

The first quarter was a nip-and-tuck affair all the way with the Rams holding a two-point lead at its end. They advanced the edge in the second and third stanzas, to 21 points, before Valdosta started catching up in the fourth.

With less than two minutes remaining in the final period a field goal by Valdosta's Jimmy Carter cut the Willingham lead to four points.

But the 'Cats could push their attack no further, as the Rams' Ralph Pulliam got the next four points on a field goal and a pair of free throws.

Billy Hester led the Macon team's scoring parade as he poured 35 points through the hoop. The effort set a new school scoring record. Pulliam backed Hester's performance with 19 markers.

A sparkling effort by Carter kept the 'Cats within striking distance of the lead. The tall forward hit the hoop with 31 points. Foy Norwood struck for 19 points, Bobby Nichols made 12 and Tommy Davenport 10.

Willingham won the game at the free-throw line as 28 fouls called on Valdosta gave the Rams 47 charity shots. And they sank 32. Willingham was charged with 26 fouls which gave the 'Cats 38 free throws. And they hit 20. Valdosta outdid the Rams in field goals 32-31.

Valdosta 18 30 48 84
Willingham 20 45 49 94
VALDOSTA (84) — Carter 31, Davenport 19, Norwood 19, Nichols 12, Blanton 4, Gaskins 6, Moore, Steele 2.
WILLINGHAM (94) — Hester 35, Field 16, Pulliam 19, Colson 13, Goodman 4, Parker 8, Blair 1, McCullough, Maddox, Henderson 2, Smith.

Sasser Gets 28 As 'Cats Tumble

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

COLUMBUS — A strong attack, spearheaded by one of Region 1 - AAA's leading scorers, paced Jordan's Red Jackets to a 75 - 49 basketball win over the Valdosta Wildcats here Saturday night.

Brady Sasser, Jordan's 6-5 offensive kingpin, poured 28 points through the hoop as the Columbus team took an early lead and found no trouble increasing it.

The Jackets moved ahead in the first period by seven points and had increased the gap to a 19-point margin by intermission. The scoring pace evened out in the second half, but by then the issue had already been settled.

The triumph hoisted Jordan's record to 10-6 and made its Region 1-AAA slate read 4-2. Valdosta has lost four of its last six games, all on the road. It has a 13-6 record and a 1-5 league slate.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats were hampered by the absence of their leading scorer Jimmy Carter who suffered an ankle injury at LaGrange Friday night.

"We lost Raymond Tucker a few weeks ago, and now Car-

ter," Wilson said, "With them went our height, most of our scoring power and our rebounding strength. The game was no contest without them."

Tucker has been sidelined for two weeks with a foot injury suffered in a hunting accident.

Helping Sasser put the licking on Valdosta were teammates Ben Garnto and Jack Henry. Garnto made 16 points and Henry 17.

Foy Norwood was the kingpin in Valdosta's attack as he swished the nets for 14 points. Bobby Nichols followed a close second with 13 markers and Tommy Davenport scored 10.

The teams were about even at the free throw line as Valdosta hit on nine of 17 charity attempts and Jordan sank 11 of 20. But field goals made the difference as Jordan made 32 and

the 'Cats hit on 20. Jordan was charged with 15 fouls and Valdosta with 16.

BOYS

Valdosta	5	13	28	49
Jordan	12	32	50	75
VALDOSTA (49) — Davenport 10, Norwood 14, Nichols 13, Blanton 7, Moore 5, Gaskins, Steele.				
JORDAN (75) — Sasser 28, Garnto 16, Henry 17, Fussell 6, Andrae 4, Mitchell 4.				

Lowndes Hosts Tift; 'Dosta At LaGrange

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A pair of tough obstacles stand in the way this weekend as Valdosta's Wildcats open a two-day campaign to improve their Region 1-AAA basketball record.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats will be trying to better a 1-3 regional mark. The VHS quintet will be on the road, tangling with LaGrange tonight and Jordan of Columbus on Saturday night.

Neither of the Region 1 - AAA schools compete in girls basketball so coach Bill Davis' Valdosta Kittens will be idle this weekend.

The Lowndes County Golden Eagles and Eaglettes are to stage a pair of return double-headers, both with Region 1-AA

Fain's girls won against Tift, 53 - 49, but the scrappy Berrien County girls proved too much as LOHI lost, 51 - 45.

The Lowndes Boys now stand 5-7 and the Eaglettes hold a 7-4 chart. Berrien's girls have an impressive 13-2 chart, while the Rebels have six wins and 12 setbacks on their record.

Coach Mack Manley's Hahira Tigers will put up a 5-9 chart against Atkinson County tonight, while the Tigerettes of coach James Studstill have a 7-8 record.

Hahira's Saturday night bout with Cook will be a return affair. In an earlier doubleheader the Tigers took a 44-35 victory and the Hahira girls won 44-39.

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight
Valdosta at LaGrange (boys)
Tift at Lowndes
Atkinson at Hahira
GCS at Mt. Dora
Mitchell at Brooks
Clinch at Broxton
Crisp at Berrien
Doerun at Echols
Thomasville at Cook
Jennings at Lanier Co.
Greenville at Jasper

Saturday
Valdosta at Jordan (boys)
Lowndes at Berrien
Cook at Hahira
GCS at Howey Academy
Thomasville at Brooks
Bell at Jennings

West) foes. LOHI is slated to host the Tift County squads tonight and then travel to Nashville Saturday to play the Berrien County Rebels and Rebelettes.

Hahira's Tigers and Tigerettes will be at home both nights. Tonight they host Atkinson County, a Region 1-B (East) competitor, and Saturday's slate calls for them to host Cook High of Adel.

Other hardwood action concerning area squads this weekend are the following:

Tonight — Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Mt. Dora, Mitchell County (Camilla) at Brooks County (Quitman), Clinch County (Homerville) at Broxton, Crisp County (Cordele) at Berrien County (Nashville), Doerun at Echols County (Statenville), Thomasville at Cook, Jennings at Lanier County (Lakeland) and Greenville at Jasper.

Saturday—GCS at Howey Academy, Thomasville at Brooks and Bell at Jennings.

When the Valdosta Wildcats start trying to improve their region slate, tonight they will be meeting a team with a perfect record. LaGrange has won nine games in as many starts this season.

The Grangers are the defending state Class AAA champions and are rated "as strong as ever." Valdosta has an overall mark of 13 wins against four setbacks.

Jordan, the Saturday foe for VHS, fields a veteran squad this season which has already compiled an 8-5 record.

Coach Rodney Fain's Lowndes County Eagles want a victory over Tift tonight in the worst way. In a previous meeting this season at the "enemy's" gym, Lowndes dropped a close, 36-35, decision. The last time it played its Saturday night foe, Berrien, the Rebels of coach Stanley Simpson won out, 53-48.

'Cats Host Tribe; Eagles At T'ville

Hahira Slated To See Action On Saturday

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High cage mentor Joe Wilson hopes that playing at home will be the answer to his Region 1-AAA basketball woes.

Wilson's Wildcats took their last four league tests on the road and "flunked" all four of them.

The 'Cats have a 13-6 record in all game, but are 1-5 in regional standings. Wilson hopes the VHS quintet can improve its league mark when it meets Albany tonight and Moultrie Saturday in outings at the Valdosta High gym.

Both games will be toughies. Albany is sailing along with a



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'Cats' Foy Norwood Has Sights On Goal

service of starters Raymond Tucker and Jimmy Carter, who are sidelined with injuries.

Victories for VHS' Kittens over Albany's Squaws and Moultrie's Packerettes are regarded as "musts." The Region 1-AAA girls title is decided by the result of regular season games played against league foes. The Kittens have a 9-5 record, but lost their only regional start to Warner Robins.

Coach Rodney Fain's LOHI Eagles and Eaglettes will be staging return bouts with both of their foes this weekend.

In an earlier twin-bill with Thomasville Lowndes won both games, but it was no easy matter. The Thomasville Bulldogs took an early lead, before the Lowndes quintet rallied for a 68-56 triumph. The Lowndes girls won by a 66-44 count.

The LOHI boys team now has a 6-7 record, while the Eaglettes are 8-5.

Then on Saturday Lowndes will be shooting to contain a pair of scrapping cage teams with revenge on their minds.

Hahira, the LOHI Saturday night foe, dropped a pair when it opened its season against Lowndes. The Eagles won 34-22 and the Eaglettes posted a 62-49 victory.

Repeating this feat may be difficult since both coach Mack Manley's Hahira Tigers (7-9) and coach James Studstill's Tigerettes (9-8) are riding the

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight
Albany at Valdosta
Lowndes at Thomasville
Mayo at Jennings
Norman Park at GCS
Berrien at Cook
Worth at Brooks
Jasper at Lake Butler

Saturday
Moultrie at Valdosta
Hahira at Lowndes
Jennings at Lake Butler
Cook at Tift

15-5 record. Moultrie, with its best team in many years, has a 9-8 chart.

Lowndes County will be on the road tonight playing Thomasville, but will be home on Saturday when the Eagles and Eaglettes host cross-county rival Hahira.

Other games slated over the area this weekend are the following:

Tonight — Mayo at Jennings, Norman Park at GCS, Berrien County (Nashville) at Cook (Adel), Worth County (Sylvester) at Brooks County (Quitman) and Jasper at Lake Butler.

Saturday — Jennings at Lake Butler and Cook at Tift County (Tifton).

Valdosta's Wildcats will tangle with both Albany and Moultrie for the first time this season. The 'Cats are expected to still be "going it" without the

Honor Roll

Honor rolls for Valdosta High School and S. L. Mason Elementary School here were announced today. Students making the honor lists are:

VALDOSTA HIGH SCHOOL
Seniors — Sandra Anderson, Sandra Belote, Ann Bennett, Bunny Bridges, Tommy Davenport, Suzanne Evans, Judy Fite, Brenda Hankinson, Kathryn Hansen, Starr Howell, Lois Johnson, Gail Lashley, James Lineberger, Sheila McCoy, Patsy Middlebrooks, Jimmy Norton, Elaine Parrish, Don Reames, Glen Register, Ed Scriven, Mary Sessions, Nancy Simon, Mark Spieler, Shirley Stump, Marlene Taylor, Brooks Toland, Carol Tumlinson, Hiram

Wilkinson, Maxine Wilson and Libba Winston.

JUNIORS — Virginia Anderson, Mark Barger, Ray Davidson, Hille Sue Davis, Joey Davis, Mary Joyce Eanes, Raleigh Elliott, Donna Goldstein, Larry Harrell, Susan LaMontagne, Charles Lawrence, Gene Odom, Betty Potts, Barbara Reaves, John Rosemond, Vicki Ryan, David Rykard, Randy Smith, Benita Thomas, Portia Thomas and Fran Woodward.

SOPHOMORES — Mard Barnes, Betty Gene Beck, Linda Beck, Emerson Bell, Kenny Bounds, Stan Christian, Carol Clary, Stephen Coleman, Johnny Dean, Michael Garbutt, Becky Giddens, Paula Greer, Julie Groover, Gregg Gunn, Susan Hotch, Elliott Karlip, Lee Langdale, Sharon Lincoln, Terry McCullough, Linda McLaurin, Mac Mc-

Vey, Ed Mathis, Jim Miller, Steve Minnick, Claudette Pearce, Sara Ann Rigby, Linda Ross, Ginger Schroer, Sally Shingler, Linda Sosebee, Robert Strom, Nancy Sturm, Larry Webb, Kathy Wisenbaker, and Greg Wolinski.

Tumbling Show Planned Later

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A tumbling and dancing show scheduled for Friday night by the Valdosta High girls physical education department has been postponed.

Mrs. Herman Johnson, director of the show, said the event will be rescheduled at a later date.

The show was postponed to avoid conflict with another school activity.



—Times Staff Photo
Kittens' DeLoach Drives Past Albany Guard

'Cats, Kittens Defeat Albany

Go Against Moultrie Here Tonight

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Smooth - working attacks and sharp defensive play were the basketball weapons Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens used to turn back Albany's Indians and Squaws here Friday night.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats notched a 54 - 37 victory over the Tribe. Coach Bill Davis' Kittens posted a 64 - 43 win over the Squaws. In both games Valdosta took early leads and stayed out front to the finish.

With their triumph the 'Cats boosted their overall record to 14-6 and nudged their Region 1-AAA mark up to 2-5. The Kittens are now 10 - 5 for the season and 1-1 in regional play. The Albany boys are 15-6 in all games and 1-5 against league foes. The Squaws are 7 - 7 for the season and have lost four straight in 1-AAA outings.

The VHS cagers return to action tonight meeting Moultrie's Packers and Packerettes in another 1-AAA doubleheader here.

Last night's boys game was a see - saw affair during the first couple of minutes. Near the close of the first stanza the 'Cats had a five - point lead. Albany pulled within one point at the start of the second period, but by halftime VHS was leading 25 - 18.

Valdosta stretched its lead to 13 points midway the third stanza and the Wildcats had clear sailing after that.

Foy Norwood hit for 15 points and Tommy Davenport scored 12 to become offense leaders for 'Dosta. Bobby Nichols, Cloy Blanton and Bobby Steele each chipped in with eight markers. With Nichols, Blanton and Davenport the leaders, the 'Cats dominated the backboards.

Darrell Gaskins and Jimmy Carter were two others who helped the cause. Carter, VHS' leading scorer, is still hampered by an ankle injury and saw only limited duty.

Don Calloway paced the Indians. He got most of his 16 points on set shots from the corner.

VHS tallied 20 field goals and hit on 14 of 26 free throws. The Wildcats were charged with 13



—Times Staff Photo
'Cats' Davenport Picks Off Rebound

fouls. Albany made 14 field goals and connected on 9 of 15 tries from the charity line. The Indians were also charged with 13 fouls.

In the girls game the Kittens hustled to a seven - point lead in the first period and kept building to their advantage to the finish.

Lyndal DeLoach led the VHS scoring parade with 30 points, while Carol Kellerman got 18 and Betty McClenny tallied 12. Guards Barbara Reaves, Virginia Anderson and Betty Potts were the defensive stickouts. Potts filled in for regular Carol Haris, who is sidelined with a knee injury.

Albany's offensive sparkplug was Carol Smith. She accounted

ed for 26 points.

Valdosta made 27 field goals and connected on 10 of 20 free throws. The Kittens were charged with 15 fouls. Albany scored 17 field goals and made good on 9 of 15 foul shots. The Squaws were charged with 16 fouls.

GIRLS

Valdosta	19	30	47	64
Albany	12	22	32	43
VALDOSTA (64) — McClenny 12, DeLoach 30, Kellerman 18, Wisenbaker 2, Giddens, Quick 2, Reaves, Anderson, Potts, Gleason, Bazemore, Strobe.				
ALBANY (43) — C. Smith 26, Lowe 9, J. Smith 8, Clenny, DuVernet, Conley, Fordham, Holman, Schatz, Raney.				

BOYS

Valdosta	15	25	41	54
Albany	11	18	26	37
VALDOSTA (54) — Carter 1, Davenport 12, Nichols 8, Blanton 8, Gaskins 2, Norwood 15, Steele 8.				
ALBANY (37) — Parker 6, Gray, Calloway 14, Cannon 2, Martin 1, Brinson 2, Jones 7, Pennington, Joiner 2, Wilkerson, Hedrick, Fogarty 1, Middleton.				

To Represent DE Club District

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Ann Walker has been selected to represent Valdosta High School and the district in the state Distributive Education

contests in Atlanta March 8 - 10. Ann, a senior and a second year DE student at VHS, was the winner of the South Georgia Semi - Finalist contest last weekend in Cordele.

'Dosta Cagers Win Two From Moultrie

By EARL BRASWELL
Times Staff Writer

Valdosta's Wildcats unloosed a "snowbird" offense to overcome a full court press defense in bruising past Moultrie 61 - 49 here Saturday night in a basketball contest which bore more resemblance to a wrestling match.

The Valdosta Kittens took an early lead as Moultrie's Packerettes missed their first 11 field goal attempts and swept past the visitors 52 - 27.

The victory boosted the 'Cats' overall record to 15 - 6 and upped their Region 1-AAA mark to 3-5. The Kittens are now 11-5 in all games and 2-1 in regional play. The setback left the Moultrie boys with a 9-8 chart and the girls with a 5-5 mark.

Until 3:30 left in the third period, the boy's contest was a real set - to. But Valdosta's superior rebounding strength began to tell and the two teams spent the rest of the night fouling and shooting free throws.

Foy Norwood's 21 points paced the Valdosta attack. He scored seven field goals, the difference in the contest via the "snowbird" route. With Moultrie's offense packed under the goal, missed field goal attempts,

Valdosta rebounding and the long pass set him up to keep the Packers behind.

The Wildcats led at every quarter stop but Moultrie took the lead briefly at times in the first and second quarter and pulled to within three points in the third stanza.

After the Packers went ahead 11-10 in the first period Bobby Nichols' shot put them behind 13-11 as the quarter ended.

Moultrie went ahead 15 - 13 and tied the contest at 17 - 17, but shots by Norwood, Bobby Steele, Nichols and Cloy Blanton pushed Valdosta to a 27-20 halftime lead.

The Packers got as close as 32 - 29 in the third period but two "snowbirds" in a row by Norwood set them back to stay.

Moultrie's full court press — played for most of the game — caused numerous Wildcat floor mistakes. But the 'Cats scratched back.

Nichols tossed in 15 important points for Valdosta to back Norwood. Jim Jackson led Moultrie with 14 and Lester Passmore hit 13.

Valdosta notched 11 of 27 free throws, committing 21 fouls, and Moultrie hit on 19 of 26 gratis shots. They committed

18 fouls, 15 coming in the second half.

The Kittens jumped ahead 7-0 before the Packerettes could unwind their attack and led 13 - 4 at the end of the first quarter. They pushed ahead 25 - 12 at halftime and were ahead 39 - 19 at the end of the third period.

Lyndal DeLoached paced the Kittens whirlwind offense with 19 points while Carol Kellerman tossed in 18. The Kittens hit on 16 of 20 free throws.

Moultrie's girls were paced by Lenda Lane's 11 points. Kitten guards Barbara Reaves, Virginia Anderson and Betty Potts held Moultrie high scorer Lenda Lane — who sported a 21.4 average — to only 11 points.

The Packerettes hit on seven of 15 free throw tries.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	13 25 39 52
Moultrie	4 12 19 27
VALDOSTA (52) — McClenny 9, DeLoach 19, Kellerman 18, Reaves, Anderson, Potts, Wisenbaker 4, Giddens 2, Quick, Gleason, Strobo, Mayne.	
MOULTRIE (27) — Smithson 9, Lane 11, Wilder 1, Bacon, McCoy, Edwards, Jenkins 6, Price, Thompson, Bragg.	
BOYS	
Valdosta	13 27 40 61
Moultrie	11 20 29 49
VALDOSTA (61) — Davenport 2, Norwood 21, Blanton 9, Nichols 15, Gaskins 1, Steele 4, Carter 7, Moore, Morris.	
MOULTRIE (49) — Wells 3, Folsom 4, Passmore 13, Jackson 14, Cagle 6, Dalton 3, Shaver, Montgomery.	

VHS, Hahira, LOHI in 'Road' Friday

TIMES STAFF WRITER

ball teams representing Lowndes County and will be playing return contests on the "road" Friday

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens to Moultrie for a Region Doubleheader. Lowndes' and Eaglettes will face County's Tigers and Quitman. Hahira Thomasville for a pair with Central.

VHS cagers are also slated for Saturday night, play-

AREA HOOP SLATE

Friday
Valdosta at Moultrie
Lowndes at Brooks
Quitman at Central
Jasper at GCS
Hahira at Manor
Berrien Co. at Jennings
Madison High at Madison
Saturday
Valdosta at Albany
Lowndes at Lowndes
Quitman at Bainbridge
Jasper at Jasper
Brooks at GCS
Eagles at Echols

Albany at Albany. Lowndes at home Saturday to host (Adel).

There will be plenty of other action this weekend involving area teams with the slate as follows:

Monday—Monticello at Jasper, Ham at Georgia Christian (Berrien), Clinch County (Homer) at Manor, Lanier County (Leland) at Jennings, Florida (Tallahassee) at Madison. Tuesday — Berrien County (Nashville) at Bainbridge, Chief (Waycross) at Jasper, Climax at Georgia Christian, Jennings at Echols (Statenville).

Valdosta's Wildcats, who are 15-6 in all games and 3-5 in the

1-AAA standings, licked both Moultrie and Albany in games here last week. The 'Cats trimmed the Packers from Moultrie, 61-49, and turned back the Indians from Albany, 54-37.

This time, however, Moultrie and Albany will have the "home" court advantage and the 'Cats can look forward to a busy weekend.

VHS' Kittens, who are 12-5 in all games and 2-2 in regional competition, also licked Moultrie (52-27) and Albany (64-43) in games here. Two victories are a "must" for the Kittens this weekend if they want to stay in a position to challenge unbeaten Warner Robins for the 1-AAA girls title.

LOHI's Eagles (7-9) and Eaglettes (10-6) will be going against a pair of traditional rivals this weekend. Their twin-bills

with Cook and Brooks will also be return engagements.

Last time the Cook and LOHI cagers got together two close games resulted. The Cook boys won, 55-54, and the Lowndes girls triumphed, 53-49. Cook's Hornets have a 6-10 record and the Wasps from Adel are 4-11.

Brooks' Tigers have a 6-10 record and the Tigerettes from Quitman are rolling along with a 15-1 mark. Last time around the LOHI quintet beat the Brooks boys, 56-37, and the girls from Quitman turned back the Eaglettes, 65-45.

Hahira's Tigers (7-10) and Tigerettes (9-9) swept a twin-bill with Central earlier in the season at Hahira. That time the Hahira boys won, 63-47, and the girls triumphed, 61-47. Central will have revenge on its mind tomorrow night at Thomasville.

Valdosta, LOHI Tangle Tonight

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A twin-bill between cross-city rival Valdosta and Lowndes County highlights tonight's schedule for area high school basketball teams.

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens will go against Lowndes' Golden Eagles and Eaglettes in a pair of games slated to start at 7 p. m. at the VHS gym.

In other games tonight involving area teams, Berrien County (Nashville) will be at Coffee

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight
Lowndes at Valdosta
Berrien at Coffee
Brooks at Cook
Jennings at Jasper
Echols at GCS
Clinch at Ware

County (Douglas), Brooks County (Quitman) at Cook (Adel), Jennings at Jasper, Echols County (Statenville) at Georgia Christian (Dasher) and Clinch County (Homer) at Ware County (Waycross).

Hahira's Tigers and Tigerettes will be idle tonight. They are slated to go to Thomasville on Friday for a pair of games with Central.

The Valdosta and Lowndes cagers will be meeting for the third time. Right now Valdosta holds a 2-0 edge in both series. The LOHI quintet and sextet would like to



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BILL CHRISTIE LOHI Cager Goes Up

average those setbacks. Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats have a 15-6 record. Coach Rodney Fain's Eagles have a 7-3 chart. The 'Cats wins over the Eagles came by tissue paper thin margins of 43-42 in a regular season game and 48-47 in the semi-finals of the Hahira Christmas Invitational tournament.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens are 11 - 5 for the season and the Eaglettes who are also coached by Fain, have a 10-5 record. The VHS sextet won a regular season affair with LOHI 46-44. They also met in the semi-finals of the Hahira Invitational, with the 'Dosta girls posting a 59-45 triumph.

When the cross-city rivals get together however, season records and scores of previous games mean nothing. Contests in the series in past years have seldom followed a form chart or any definite pattern.

Fan interest is sure to run high and a capacity crowd is virtually assured.

Berrien County's Rebels (7-13) and Rebelettes (16-3) will be playing return games with Coffee County at Douglas tonight. The Nashville cagers swept a doubleheader with Coffee earlier in the season.

Brooks' Tigers (6-8) and Tigerettes (14-1) will be meeting Cook's Hornets (5-10) and Wasps (4-10) for the second time. Brooks notched a pair of victories against Cook the last time they met.

The duel between Jasper's Bulldogs (9-4) and Jennings' Panthers (5-10) will bring together cross-county rivals. Jasper edged Jennings 45-43 when they met in an early-season affair.

Georgia Christian's Generals (10-6) and the GCS girls (2-11) will be tangling with Echols' Wildcats (4-11) and Kittens (8-7) for the third time. The Generals hold a 2-0 edge in their series with the Wildcats. Echols' girls hold a similar 2-0 edge over the GCS sextet.

Clinch's Panthers (14 - 3) and Pantherettes (6-9) belong to Region 1-B (East). The Ware teams they face tonight at Waycross are members of 1-AA (East).

'Cats At Moultrie; LOHI Faces Brooks

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Kittens could clinch a state tourney berth and the Wildcats could level off their Region 1-AAA record — provided they lick a pair of tough basketball opponents on the road this weekend.

The VHS cagers are slated to play at Moultrie tonight and at Albany on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Lowndes County's Golden Eagles and Eaglettes will tackle Brooks County at Quitman tonight and will host

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight
 Valdosta at Moultrie
 Lowndes at Brooks
 Hahira at Central
 Monticello at Jasper
 Whigham at GCS
 Clinch at Manor
 Lanier Co. at Jennings
 Florida High at Madison

Saturday
 Valdosta at Albany
 Cook at Lowndes
 Berrien at Bainbridge
 Chiefland at Jasper
 Climax at GCS
 Jennings at Echols

Tucker, sidelined with foot injury, and another, Jimmy Carter, slowed by a bum ankle, the 'Cats got some more bad news when mid-term report cards came out. Wilson announced that front-line performer Bobby Steele and reserve Steve Morris "have been lost to the team for the remainder of the season because of scholastic difficulties."

Lowndes' Eagles (7-9) and Eaglettes (10-6) will be meeting traditional rivals for the second time this season in both of their weekend outings.

Brooks' Tigers have a 6-10

record and the Tigerettes own a 15-1 chart. In an earlier double-header the LOHI boys won, 56-37, and the Brooks girls triumphed, 65-43.

Cook's Hornets are 6-10 and the Wasps have a 4-11 mark. In earlier contests at Adel the Cook boys won, 55-54, and the LOHI sextet notched a 53-49 triumph.

Hahira's Tigers (7-10) and Tigerettes (9-9) went on a point-making spree last time they met Central and gained 63-47 and 61-47 victories respectively. The Central cagers will be trying to avenge those losses tonight at Thomasville.

'Cats, Kittens Thump Moultrie

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MOULTRIE — Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens kept basketball victory streaks going here Friday night as they swept a doubleheader with Moultrie's Packers and Packerettes.

The 'Cats posted a 61 - 48 win. This was their fourth victory in a row and boosted their overall record to 17-6 and upped their Region 1-AAA mark to 4-5.

The Kittens chalked up a 55-33 triumph. This stretched their winning string to five games and gave them an overall chart of 13-5 and a league record of 3-1.

Valdosta swings back into action tonight, meeting Albany's Indians and Squaws at Albany.

In last night's boys game, the Wildcats broke up a close contest with a 23 - point spurt in the second period. This staked VHS to a 34 - 23 lead at the half and the 'Cats were never in danger of losing the advantage after that.

The VHS quintet has stayed on the victory trail despite a rash of injuries which have sidelined Raymond Tucker and Darrell Gaskins and slowed Jimmy Carter.

Carter got 11 points last night. Bobby Nichols hit for 14 and Foy Norwood accounted for 16 in a tilt which featured free throw shooting. Jim Jackson, with 15 points, was offense leader for the Packers.

VHS tallied 15 field goals and sank 31 of 47 shots from the foul line. The Wildcats were charged with 20 fouls. Moultrie made 18 field goals and hit on 12 of 17 tries from the charity line. The Packers were charged with 35 fouls. Five Moultrie and two Valdosta players fouled out of the game.

The Kittens took an early lead and kept it as they rang up a victory which kept them in po-

sition to challenge front - running Warner Robins for the 1-AAA girls crown.

Lyndal DeLoach stoked in 35 points to become scoring leader for the Kittens. Betty McClenny and Carol Kellerman each got 10. Guards Barbara Reeves, Virginia Anderson, Carol Harris and Betty Potts were the defensive standouts.

Valdosta tallied 22 field goals and sank 11 of 17 foul shots. The Kittens were charged with 16 fouls. Moultrie tallied 13 field goals and made good on

seven of 21 tries from the charity line. The Packerettes were charged with 12 fouls.

GIRLS

Valdosta	13	25	40	55
Moultrie	9	16	25	33

VALDOSTA (55) — McClenny 10, DeLoach 35, Kellerman 10, Reeves, Anderson, Harris, Potts.

MOULTRIE (33) — Smithson 15, Lane 14, Jenkins 4, Bacon, Edwards, Altman, Hunter, Wilder, Thompson.

BOYS

Valdosta	11	34	43	61
Moultrie	10	23	36	48

VALDOSTA (61) — Carter 11, Davenport 3, Nichols 14, Norwood 16, Blanton 7, Moore 6, Rigsby 4.

MOULTRIE (48) — Folsom 1, Lester Passmore 8, Jim Jackson 15, Montgomery 10, Wells 7, Cagle 2, Shaver 2, B. Montgomery 3.

'Cats, Rebelettes Ring Victory Bell

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

NASHVILLE—A fourth quarter Berrien County rally was clipped by the clock here Tuesday night as Valdosta's Wildcats added a 63 - 58 basketball triumph to their win column.

The girls game of the night's twin - bill saw the two squads fight a see - saw battle which ended in a 43 - 41 overtime victory for Berrien.

The win was the 18th this season for coach Joe Wilson's VHS quintet, against seven losses while the setback gave Berrien a 7-15 slate. The Rebelettes of Nashville now stand 18 - 4, and the Valdosta girls own a 14-6 record.

The Wildcats saw a 10-point lead start deminishing in the final minutes of the fourth quarter. A last second shot by Berrien hit its mark as the buzzer sounded cutting the Valdosta edge in half.

Jimmy Carter hit 23 points for the VHS quintet to take top scoring honors. Foy Norwood made 14 points and Bobby Nichols got 13.

S. G. Solomon was tops for the Nashville squad with 18 points to his credit, and David Cornelius made 15.

Valdosta made 27 field goals

and hit on nine of 17 tries from the charity line. Berrien got 22 gratis shots on 30 attempts and made 18 from the floor. Valdosta was charged with 17 fouls and Berrien 11.

With only 15 seconds remaining in the fourth period of the girls game coach Stanley Simpson's Rebelettes tied the score with a field goal.

Valdosta's Kittens were able to get the ball down court but couldn't hit the hoop before the buzzer sounded.

A two - minute overtime saw Berrien's Marsha Gaskins hit two field goals to one by Valdosta's Lyndal DeLoach for the two - point triumph.

Gaskins was the top scorer for the Nashville girls with a 24 - point effort. Beth Taylor followed with 10 points.

DeLoach and Betty McClenny sank 15 markers each to pace the VHS attack. Carol Kellerman made 12 points.

Both teams were charged with 14 fouls to give each 18 shots from the free - throw line. Of these Valdosta made nine and Berrien made seven. But the difference came in field goals as Berrien outdid the Kittens by a 18 - 16 margin.

GIRLS

Valdosta	14	21	32	39-41
Berrien	15	20	28	39-43

VALDOSTA (41) — McClenny 15, DeLoach 15, Kellerman 12, Reeves, Anderson, Harris.

BERRIEN (43) — Marsha Gaskins 24, Beth Taylor 10, Whidden 7, Tucker 2, Norton, Jones, Wood.

BOYS

Valdosta	16	30	51	63
Berrien	14	23	44	58

VALDOSTA (63) — Carter 23, Davenport 7, Nichols 13, Blanton 2, Norwood 14, Moore 4.

BERRIEN (58) — Cornelius 15, Cone 4, Slaughter 2, Solomon 18, Griffin 17, Griner 2.

Pyburn Puts Imps On Victory Trail

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's young football Wildcats must meet a grid foe this week which is moving upward with the speed of a rocket.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats will go to Columbus Saturday to play coach Jim Pyburn's Columbus Blue Devils, a team which has climbed from the depths and is headed straight up.

In 1961 the Imps failed to win a game. Things started changing in 1962 when Pyburn took over as coach. He led Columbus to a 4-1 record.

This year Columbus has its best team since it won the Region 1-AAA crown in 1957. It owns a 2-2-1 record and has beaten and tied two of the loop's strongest representatives.

The Imps gave a hint of what was to come when they tied Willingham, the pre-season title favorite 13-13 in their opening game. Columbus dropped a 7-0 decision to Albany and a 13-0 verdict to Lanier, then Pyburn's boys went into orbit. They crushed Central, Ala., 61-0 and followed with a convincing 21-6 win over Moultrie, to tumble the Packers from the unbeaten ranks and knocked them from atop the state Class AAA rating chart.

"We've got to play Columbus in Columbus and Pyburn's boys are redhot," Bazemore said. "Things keep getting tougher and tougher for us."

Valdosta, rebuilding after three championship seasons, will carry a 1-3-1 record with them to Columbus. The 'Cats have had some success at home, beating Baker 6-0 and tying Lanier 3-3 but in road games they've lost to Waycross 12-0, Jordan 13-9 and Albany 20-14.

To add to the Wildcats' woe, tackle - end Foy Norwood is on crutches and may not be available for duty this Saturday or for several weeks after that. A 215-pound senior, he is VHS' most experienced lineman and an outstanding two-way performer. He's also a talented place kicker who booted a 21-yard field goal in the tie with Lanier.

"We're not really sure just how bad Norwood's ankle is," Bazemore said. "It isn't likely he'll be able to play Saturday and he may be out for several weeks."

With or without Norwood, the 'Cats up front can expect plenty of trouble this week. Columbus has one of the largest, most experienced and hardest hitting lines in the region.

The Imps' starters in the line on offense are ends Butch Hinton (165-jr.) and Calum Starlin (190-sr.), tackles Eddie Hughes (217-sr.) and Bob Murray (194-jr.), guards Ray Duncan (197-jr.) and Hill Feinberg (185-jr.) and center Carl King (155-sr.). They get defensive help from ends Bill Tucker (155-sr.) and Bill Coleman (170-sr.), tackles Jack Miller (190-sr.), Phillip Upchurch (185-sr.) and Ron Yarbrough (187-jr.).

In keeping with a season-long trend, Bazemore will again juggle the 'Cats lineup. He listed the probable line starters this week as follows:

Offense — Ends Kenny Bounds (160-soph.) and Robert Goff (153-jr.), tackles Ronnie Cannon (200-soph.) and Stuart Mullis (195-jr.), guards Jack Martin (175-jr.) and Bill Henry (196-jr.), center Tommy Dove (170-jr.).

Defense—Ends Albert McLeod (175-jr.) and Bruce Buie (160-sr.), tackles Larry Wainwright (215-soph.) and Kendall Varnedoe (175-soph.) and middle guard Bobby Moore (175-soph.).

One key move is the switch of Moore from offensive fullback to the defensive unit to help take up some of the slack resulting from Norwood's injury.

Fish Supper Set By Band Parents

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School Band Parents Club is going to cook up a mess of fish Friday for new duds. It's another project of the band members' moms and pops to raise about \$9,000 to dress their children in snappy new uniforms.

The fish supper, all you can eat for a buck (\$1), is to be held at Valdosta Junior High School.

If you can't make it to the school and eat there, go by and the band parents will make up a take-home order.



—Times Staff Photo

Lowndes' Betty Atkins Finds Path Blocked By Three Valdosta Players

'DOSTA HANDS LOHI TWO HOOP SETBACKS

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Kittens were on target all the way and the Wildcats did some sharpshooting from the foul line as they swept a basketball doubleheader with Lowndes County's Golden Eagles and Eaglettes here Tuesday night.

The Kittens won the girls game 60-38 and the Wildcats captured the boys contest 57-35. This gave VHS a clean sweep in three starts against LOHI, a cross-town rival.

It was the Kittens' 12th triumph against five losses and the victory boosted the 'Cats overall record

to 16-6. The Eagles now have a 7-9 mark and the Eaglettes are 10-6.

In both games Valdosta took early leads and stayed out front to the finish.

The boys contest produced flashes of sparkling play, but for the most part it was rough and ragged. Defense was the keynote of the game and the dueling for rebounds was lively.

Valdosta pushed off to an early 10 - point lead, held firm when LOHI pulled within three markers at the start of the second period, opened the gap to 16 points early in the final stanza and went from

there to victory.

Jimmy Carter scored 13 points and Foy Norwood accounted for 11 to pace the VHS attack. Hayward Moore, Tommy Davenport, Bobby Nichols, Clyo Blanton and Bobby Steele also saw action for the 'Cats and all scored four or more points.

Bruce McKenzie was the only Eagle to tally in double figures. He got 13. Closest to him were Eddie England, Charles Wilkes and Bruce Black, each with six.

Valdosta finished with a slim 17 to 16 advantage in field goals. The 'Cats connected on 23 of 36 free throws while the Eagles hit on three of eight charity shots. Valdosta was charged with six fouls. LOHI was charged with 24 personal fouls and one technical.

The Kittens, who kept their attack working smoothly all the way, held leads ranging from 11 to 17 points during the early going. The Eaglettes got within three points at one stage and six at another. The issue was settled when VHS outscored LOHI 16 to 5 in the third stanza to build up a 16-point advantage.

Three VHS forwards scored in double figures. Lyndal DeLoach hit for 28, Betty McClenny tallied 20 and Carol Kellerman got 12. Guards Carol Harris, Barbara Reaves, Virginia Anderson and Betty Potts were the defensive stickouts.

Jennie Lou Garrison, with 18 points and Carol Bonner, with 15, were offense leaders for the LOHI girls.

Valdosta made 21 field goals and sank 18 of 25 foul shots. The Kittens were charged with 17 fouls. Lowndes accounted for 13 field goals and connected on 12 of 22 tries from the charity line. The Eaglettes were charged with 18 fouls.

GIRLS

Valdosta	16	28	44	60
Lowndes	6	22	28	38
VALDOSTA (60) — McClenny 20, DeLoach 28, Kellerman 12, Harris, Reaves, Anderson, Potts.				
LOWNDES (38) — Bonner 15, J. Garrison 18, Porter 5, Hancock, Atkins, Rowan, Dowdy, G. Garrison, Dennis.				

BOYS

Valdosta	13	23	36	57
Lowndes	8	18	26	35

Joe Wilson, court boss of the Valdosta Wildcats, has two players, Raymond Tucker and Darrell Gaskins, out with injuries right now. And another VHS regular, Jimmy Carter, is still slowed by a bum ankle.

Coach Bill Davis, who guides the VHS Kittens, did some worrying when guard Carol Harris suffered a knee injury. Carol is back in action now after missing a couple of

Incidentally, Davis and the Demons will be here Friday night when Valdosta and Warner Robins hook up in a doubleheader at the VHS gym. WR's Demonettes, featuring Vivian Dixon, will also be here. Vivian is averaging better than 40 points a game and rang up 48 markers in an early-season contest with the Kittens at Warner Robins. In one tilt this year Vivian tallied 71 points — that's right 71.

Football Wildcats Still Plagued By Injury Jinx

Notes On This And That:

The injury jinx stuck to Valdosta's football Wildcats during the 1963 season just like glue.

Coach Wright Bazemore was hoping the 'Cats could make an injury-free start this spring and begin getting organized in '64.

Well, the off-season grid drill won't start until March, but a quarterback candidate is already on the shelf. Glenn Davis broke his right thumb in a recent basketball game.

"Glenn is a reserve on the basketball team," Bazemore said. "He didn't get into a game with Willingham until the last minute. That was enough time, however, for him to break his right thumb.

"You know Davis was sidelined much of last season with injuries. Now he isn't going to be able to get in much work this spring."

Bazemore has answered one question some VHS football fans have been asking. Grid-ers in the ninth grade at Valdosta Junior High will join the Wildcats for spring practice.



GLASSMAN

"Since the ninth graders remained at junior high under the 6-3-3 system that has been adopted they weren't eligible to play varsity football with us last fall," Bazemore said. "They are allowed to join us for spring practice and will."



—Times Staff Photo

Mayor Oliver Hears Questions from Brenda Hatcher, Barkley Woodward and Dave Richards

STUDENTS GO POLITICO, LEARN OF CITY AFFAIRS

By MARY RAWLS

When the students of Valdosta High School go to the polls to vote they will be among the most enlightened citizens in the city on local government.

The Government Club at VHS sponsored a political workshop this week from 8 to 8:30 a.m. each morning.

All students who were interested in finding out what city politics are all about were invited to come.

The classroom was filled each day.

Invited to speak at the workshop were Mayor Maxwell Oliver, Mayor pro tem William H. Warwick, Board of Education member Lamar Newbern and City Manager Harold Farmer.

The purpose of the workshop was three-fold. The first was to stimulate interest in the forthcoming mock city elections held at VHS each year. The youths take over the city for one day following these elections.

Secondly, the club wanted to encourage all 18-year-olds to register to vote in the city elections Feb. 10.

And the last, but by far the most important reason, was to enlighten the students on how the city is run and what responsibility goes with each public office.

The speakers, according to the Government Club president, Brenda Hatcher, told the students much the teen-agers had known previously.

Mayor Oliver explained to the boys and girls Wednesday morning how the mayor-council arrived at the present water-sewage rate.

"So many people are under the impression we just hike the water rates. That's not true. We (city officials) have so much money to operate the city on out of the general fund.

"When that money gives out we have to get money from other sources. Then we borrow money on revenue certificates but we have to be sure that enough money will be made to pay back what we have borrowed," said Oliver.

"That's the reason for the present water rate. We try to operate on a basis to be fair to all and to make enough money to pay back what we have borrowed," he added.

Oliver elaborated a few minutes on industry.

"If a candidate stands up and announces he is for more industry, good. But he should join the Chamber of Commerce if he hasn't already because that's where industry is formed," said the mayor.

"By working with the Chamber and pushing for more industry, we can give jobs to those people who have moved into town from farms. We can keep Valdosta progressive," he said.

Oliver said he knew too well a lot needed to be done in Valdosta.

"But we have only so much money with which to do these things," he said.

Qualification deadline for students interested in running for office is Monday at 8:30 a.m.

To be eligible for running candidates must pay \$1 fee for the mayor's post and 50 cents for

other offices. All council and board of education posts are open to any one in the school. The mayor must be a senior.

Each candidate will be allowed one poster and candidates may pass out ribbons or stickers for students to wear.

All other forms of advertising have been outlawed.

Candidates must have petitions signed by 10 registered voters. Students may register to vote with the Government Club for the mock election.

"This is good practice for the students and it really whips up enthusiasm," said Brenda.

The VHS election will be held Feb. 10. The mayor will select a fire chief, police chief and city manager from the list of defeated candidates.

Tribe Raps 'Cats; Kittens Cop Sixth

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ALBANY — Valdosta's Kittens surged in the second period and Albany's Indians finished fast to notch basketball victories here Saturday night.

The Kittens rolled past Albany's Squaws, 69 - 54, after the VHS sextet built up a 16-point lead in the second period.

Albany's Indians tallied 23 points in the final period as they broke up a close game and defeated Valdosta's Wildcats, 63 - 54.

With their triumph the Kittens boosted their overall record to 14 - 5 and upped their Region 1-AAA mark to 4-1. They are now assured of at least a second place finish in the 1-AAA girls title race and a berth in the state Class AAA tourney. The VHS sextet has a six-game victory streak going.

The setback left the Wildcats with a 17-7 record for the season and a 4-6 mark against regional foes. The defeat snapped a four-game victory streak the 'cats had going.

Carol Kellerman tallied 29 points, Lyndal DeLoach got 27 and Betty McClenny scored 11 to pace the Kittens' attack. In the second stanza the VHS guard trio of Barbara Reaves, Virginia Anderson and Carol Harris held the Squaws to just four points. The VHS sextet zoomed into the lead and kept it to the finish.

Valdosta scored 26 field goals and sank 17 of 27 foul shots. The Kittens were charged with 20 fouls. Albany made 19 field goals and connected on 19 of 27 tries from the charity line. The Squaws were charged with 18 fouls.

The boys game was a see-saw affair for three periods. Albany started the final period with a one-marker lead, but stoked in 23 points in the last eight minutes to win.

Don Calloway, 19; Mike Martin, 13, and Geoff Gray, 10, were offensive leaders for Albany. Jimmy Carter tallied 14 points and Tommy Davenport and Foy Norwood each accounted for 12 to pace the 'cats. Art Kelly, a transfer student from St. Augustine, Fla., got his first taste of action with the VHS quintet. He saw limited duty as a sub.

Valdosta made 18 field goals and hit on 18 of 28 foul shots. The 'Cats were charged with 17 fouls. Albany made 24 field

goals and connected on 12 of 22 free throws. The Indians were charged with 18 fouls.

GIRLS

Valdosta	12	32	48	69
Albany	12	16	34	54

VALDOSTA (69) — McClenny 11, DeLoach 27, Kellerman 29, Giddens 2, Wisenbaker, Quick, Reaves, Anderson, Harris, Potts, Gleason, Bazemore.

ALBANY (54) — C. Smith 30, Love 12, J. Smith 3, Clenny 9, Conley, Fordham, Holman, Richard, Devernet, Williams.

BOYS

Valdosta	12	27	39	54
Albany	11	26	40	63

VALDOSTA (54) — Carter 14, Davenport 12, Nichols 5, Norwood 12, Blanton 7, Moore 2, Kelly 2.

ALBANY (63) — Parker 6, Gray 10, Calloway 19, Cannon 7, Martin 13, Benson 2, Pennington 7.

High School Club To Present Skit

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A skit, "Teachers Code of Ethics," will be presented by the Valdosta High School dramatic club Wednesday at 4 p. m. at the local unit meeting of the Georgia Education Assn.

Directed by Jack Wooten, drama club advisor, the cast includes Susie Stark, Joe Owens, Emerson Bell Jr., Geraldine Glass and Hiram Wilkinson.

The meeting will be held in the school lunchroom.

Brooks At Hahira; VHS Plays Berrien

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The spotlight will be on the girls when Valdosta goes to Nashville tonight for a high school basketball doubleheader with Berrien County.

Opening the show will be a duel between coach Bill Davis' VHS Kittens and coach Stanley Simpson's Berrien Rebelettes. They are two of the most successful sextets in this section.

The Kittens have a 14-5 record and are riding the crest of a six-game victory streak. The Rebelettes own a 17-4 chart and have

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight

Valdosta at Berrien
Brooks at Hahira
Jennings at Branford
Echols at Lanier Co.
Clinch at Nicholls
Jasper at Mayo
Tift at Cook

won six of their last seven starts. In an earlier meeting here, the Berrien girls edged the Valdosta sextet 51-50.

That battle between coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats (17-7) and Simpson's Berrien Rebels (7-14) also promises to be a good one.

In an earlier meeting the 'Cats thumped the Rebs 85-59. Things could be different tonight. For that first meeting the Rebels had several players below par because of illness. The Rebs are healthy now, but the 'Cats have two players out with injuries and another slowed by a bum ankle.

Hahira's Tiger and Tigerettes are also slated to see action tonight. They will host another set

of Tigers and Tigerettes from Brooks County.

The Hahira boys have an 9-10 record and the girls are 10-14. The Brooks quintet is 7 - 11 and the girls from Quitman own a 16-1 mark.

These will be return engagements. Early in the season at Quitman, the Hahira boys posted a 51-47 win and the Brooks girls notched a 63-29 triumph.

Lowndes County will be idle tonight. It will close out regular season play when it hosts Georgia Christian (Dasher) on Friday.

Several teams in the area will

reach the end of their regular season string this week. Others will windup their regular slates a little later. After that all will turn their attention to tournament play.

Other games tonight involving area teams include Jennings at Branford, Echols County (Statenville) at Lanier County (Lakeland), Clinch County (Homerville) at Nicholls, Jasper at Mayo and Tift County (Tifton) at Cook (Adel).

Tonight's games will be the last on the regular season slate for Brooks. Hahira and Lowndes will end their regular campaigns this weekend.

The Valdosta cagers will see action this weekend and have some more games next week before they can turn their full attention to tournaments.

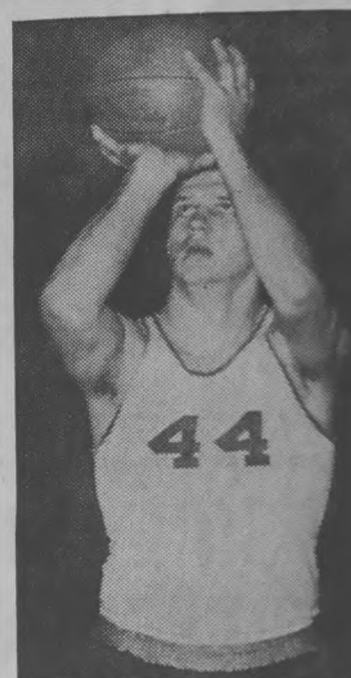
'DOSTA HOSTS ROBINS; EAGLES PLAY GENERALS

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's basketball Wildcats and Kittens have had some very good reasons for spending extra time on defense this week.

The VHS cagers will host Warner Robins' Demons and Demonettes in a twin-bill here Friday night. The Warner Robins boys have a 21-2 record and are led by Mike Davis, who sports a 21.59 scoring average. The Demonettes are unbeaten and their leader is Vivian Dixon, who is averaging better than 40 points a game.

Both the Wildcats (18-7) and Kittens (14-6) know from personal experience how the WR teams can wheel and deal while on the at-



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BRUCE BLACK
Lowndes Center

AREA HOOP SLATE

Friday

Warner Robins at Valdosta
GCS at Lowndes
Hahira at Atkinson
White Springs at Jennings
Moultrie at Lanier Co.
St. George at Clinch
Branford at Jasper
Cook at Worth
Berrien at Cairo

Saturday

Willingham Valdosta (boys)
GCS at Valdosta (girls)
Lanier Co. at Cook
Chiefland at Jasper

tack. In an early-season twin-bill the Demons licked the 'Cats 78-53 and the Demonettes turned back the Kittens 77-42.

The VHS cagers will also be at home for another doubleheader Saturday night. The Wildcats will play Willingham's Rams (7 - 13)

from Macon while the Kittens go against the Georgia Christian sextet from Dasher. The Rams clipped the 'Cats 94-84 and the Kittens beat the GCS girls 65-19 earlier in the year.

Lowndes County and Hahira will

close out regular season play Friday night. LOHI will host and Hahira will go to Pearsons meet Atkinson County.

LOHI's Eagles have a 9-9 record and the Eaglettes own an 11-11 chart. The GCS Generals are for the season and the girls at Dasher have a 2-14 chart.

The Generals posted a 48-42 and the Eaglettes notched a 4 triumph in earlier contests Dasher.

Hahira's Tigers (9-10) and Tigerettes (10-10) will be meeting the ATCO cagers for the second time. The Tigers won 53-46 and Tigerettes triumphed 36 - 35 time they got together at Hahira.

Other games this weekend involving area teams are as follows:

Friday—White Springs at Jennings, Moultrie at Lanier County (Lakeland), St. George at Clinch County (Homerville), Branford at Jasper, Cook (Adel) at Worth County (Sylvester), Berrien County (Nashville) at Cairo.

Saturday — Lanier County at Cook, Chiefland at Jasper.

While teams like Lowndes and Hahira are near the end of their regular season string, all area cagers can look forward to seeing tournament action in the weeks ahead.

Divisional, sub-regional, regional, conference and state events are included on the tourney schedule.

Valdosta To Tackle High-Riding Demons

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High basketball teams will have a pair of tough rows to hoe here tonight when they host the Warner Robins Demons and Demonettes.

Warner Robins will bring two of the top prep cage squads in the state here, both with high aspirations to expand impressive Region 1-AAA records.

On Saturday night coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats will again see

AREA HOOP SLATE

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Willingham at Valdosta (boys)
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action when they host Willingham's Rams from Macon another league foe. The VHS sextet will be meeting the girls from Georgia Christian School on Saturday.

Lowndes County's Golden Ea-

gles are to play both GCS squads in a twin-bill tonight at the LOHI gym while Hahira is to travel to Pearson for a pair of bouts with Atkinson County. Both Lowndes and Hahira will be closing out regular season hoop action tonight.

Other weekend basketball action for area teams are as follows:

Tonight — White Springs at Jennings, Moultrie at Lanier County (Lakeland), St. George at Clinch County (Homerville), Branford at Jasper, Cook at Worth County (Sylvester) and Berrien County (Nashville) at Cairo.

Saturday — Lanier County at Cook, Chiefland at Jasper.

Warner Robins, has two of the highest-flying teams in the state. The Demons, led by Mike Davis' 21.59 scoring average, have a 21-2 record, and the Demonettes are unbeaten.

The Valdosta boys have a 18-7 record and coach Bill Davis' Kittens are on the top side of a 14-6 slate.

In an earlier doobleheader this season, the Demons bested the Wildcats by a 78-53 margin and the Demonettes won out over the Valdosta girls by a 77-42 count.

Vivian Dixon, the Warner Robins sextet's top scorer, has been averaging about 40 points per game this season.

Willingham, which will be on tap for Valdosta's boys on Saturday night, now stand 7-13.

Lowndes County's Eagles have an even 9-9 mark, while the Eaglettes are still ahead of the game with a 11-7 count. The GCS Generals are 13-8 and the girls from Dasher stand 2-14 for the season.

In an earlier twin-bill at Dasher, the Eaglettes posted a 41-19 triumph and the Georgia Christian boys won, 48-42.

The Hahira teams will also be meeting Atkinson County for the second time this season. In the first get together between the two schools, the Hahira boys won 53-46 and Tigerettes notched a 36-35 win.



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CAROL HARRIS
Valdosta Guard

Valdosta TD Banquet Set Here Tonight

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Touchdown Club will bring a close to its program of the 1963 season here tonight with one of its biggest activities of the year.

The club is slated to honor the 1963 Valdosta High School football team with its annual banquet.

The affair is to be held at the VHS cafeteria and auditorium. It is scheduled to get underway at 6:45 p. m. with a supper and continue in the auditorium at 8 p. m. with a banquet program.

Main speaker for the occasion is Ralph (Shug) Jordan, who at the helm of the Auburn Tigers for the past 13 years has built a reputation as one of the top college grid mentors in the nation.

In addition to Jordan's speech, an awards ceremony is to highlight the occasion.

Presentations are to be made to the VHS Wildcats' top players this season. Awards are Most Valuable, Most Outstanding, Best Lineman, Best Back, Sportsmanship, Wildcat Spirit and Outstanding Opponent. Mrs. Mel Hardee will give a special scholarship award.

Trophies are to be given by the TD Club, Lowndes County Sheriff Jewell Futch, Carl Minchew, the Valdosta Jaycees and the Valdosta Exchange Club.

Club President John Holcombe said a nominating committee is to make a report and a slate of officers for the 1964 season is to be elected.

Holcombe said 1963 members could attend the affair free of charge.



—Times Staff Photo

Demons' Mike Davis (25) Gets Hand In Way of Shot By 'Cats' Bobby Nichols

'Cats Rap Demons As Kittens Tumble

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Kittens almost pulled off a surprise and the Wildcats actually did it in a pair of Region 1-AAA basketball duels with Warner Robins here Friday night.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats used a tough-all-the-way defense and a second half scoring surge to surprise the Warner Robins Demons, 54-45. It was only the third setback in 24 outings for the Demons.

The win boosted the Wildcats' record to 19-7 and gave them a measure of revenge for 78-53 licking they suffered at the hands of the Demons early in the season at Warner Robins. The VHS boys now have a 5-6 mark against regional foes.

The Demonettes clipped coach Bill Davis' Kittens, 55-44, in game in which the lead changed hands 21 times and the issue remained in doubt until the final three minutes of play.

It was the 21st straight triumph for the girls from Robins and boosted their league record to 5-0. They have now clinched the 1-AAA girls title. The setback was the seventh in 21 outings for the Kittens and they closed out league play with a 4-2 record. The VHS girls have nailed down second place. Both Robins and VHS will represent 1-AAA in the state Class AAA girls tourney.

The Valdosta cagers will return to action tonight. The 'Cats go against the Willingham

Rams of Macon in another 1-AAA outing. The Kittens are to meet the Georgia Christian School girls. Action will take place here at the VHS gym.

Valdosta managed just 15 points in the first half, but it's stop'em effort was so good the usually high-scoring Demons had just a five-point lead at intermission.

In the third period VHS kept the defensive lid on WR and at the same time the 'Cats got their attack rolling. Valdosta clicked for 16 points, on eight field goals, in the second half, while holding the Demons to six. That carried VHS from five points behind to five ahead in rapid order.

Bobby Nichols, turning in his top performance of the season, led the VHS attack with 18 points. He also did a big job for the 'Cats in the battle of the backboard. Jimmy Carter, 13, and Foy Norwood, 11, were other scoring leaders. Tommy Davenport, 6; Cloy Blanton, 6, and Haywood Moore were others who did much to help the VHS cause.

VHS built its victory margin on shots from the floor. The 'Cats made 22 field goals to 17 for Robins. Valdosta hit on 10 of 25 free throws and the Demons made 11 of 15 from the charity line. 'Dosta was charged with 12 fouls and WR with 19.

The girls game was a see-saw affair for three periods with the lead changing hands

virtually every time someone made a field goal or free throw.

Warner Robins built up a five point lead early in the final period. The Kittens rallied and cut the Demonettes' advantage to two with 2:45 left to play. WR surged again, this time to settle the issue.

Vivian Dixon set the scoring pace for the visitors. She tallied 34 points by making 12 field goals and hitting on 10 of 11 free throws. Next in line was Carol Frazier with 17.

The Kittens offered a balanced attack with Lyndal DeLoach getting 16 points, Betty McClenny 15 and Carol Kellerman 13. Barbara Reaves, Virginia Anderson, Carol Harris and Betty Potts saw the most duty at guard.

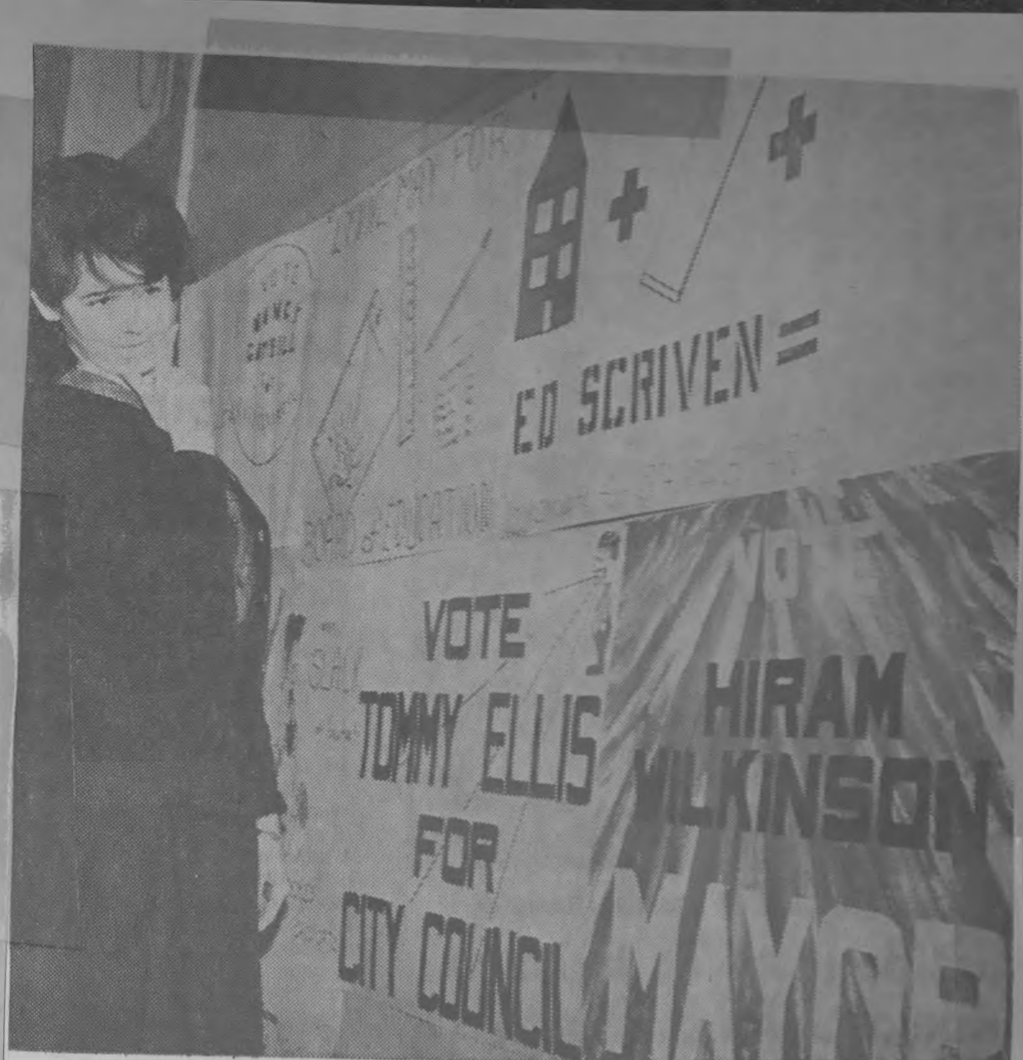
The Kittens finished with a 20-to-19 edge in field goals, but couldn't match the Demonettes at the foul line. Robins made good on 17 of 24 foul shots, while the VHS sextet sank just four of 13. Valdosta was charged with 17 fouls and Robins with 13.

GIRLS

Valdosta	18	27	39	44
Robins	14	28	39	55
VALDOSTA (44) — McClenny 15, DeLoach 16, Kellerman 13, Reaves, Anderson, Harris, Potts, Bazemore.				
WARNER ROBINS (55) — Dixon 34, Frazier 17, O'Neal 4, Harkins, Davidson, Riegel, Smith, Brazell.				

BOYS

Valdosta	7	15	31	54
Robins	8	20	26	45
VALDOSTA (54) — Carter 13, Moore, Davenport 6, Nichols 18, Blanton 6, Norwood 11.				
WARNER ROBINS (45) — Channel 6, Trippi, Callaway, Clarke 9, Kaertunew, Davis 18, Tucker 11, Davidson, Dodson 2.				



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Just Who to Vote For Is a Mystery to pert Phyllis Giles of VHS

VHS Political Fever Reaching Its Peak

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The political fever has reached its peak at Valdosta High School.

Monday the students go to the polls and vote for the teen-agers of their choice in the annual mock city elections at VHS

The winners will take over the city for a day.

Sponsored by the Government

The mayor will name a fire chief, police chief, and city manager.

Friday during assembly the

four candidates for mayor presented their platforms to the Club and the Valdosta Elks Lodge, the students vote on a mayor, six councilmen and nine board of education mem-

students. And all week long students had been politiking for the candidates they thought were best suited for the job.

All the office seekers have promised something: several teen-agers have told students if they win the election they will present all the problems of VHS before the city Board of Education.

Only verbal politiking was allowed at the school this year and each candidate could put up one poster in the halls of the building.

Those running for office for mayor include Tommy Davenport, Sheila McCoy, Mike Slack, and Hiram Wilkinson.

Office seekers for council include Sandra Belote, Bunny Bridges, John Coleman, Joey Davis, Tommy Ellis, Nancy Gambill, Brenda Hatcher, Becky Johnson, Lynn McIntosh, Harriet White and Nancy Simon.

Board of Education hopefuls are Dorothy Bland, Bruce Buie, Trudy Hinshaw, Starr Howell, Kay Koch, Lynn May, Richard Nijem, Laura Resch, Sara Ann Rigsby, Edward Scriven, Mark Spieler, Ann Spurlock, Brooks Toland and Maxine Wilson.



C'est Francais? C'est Impossible!

Fran Woodward and Bill Moore were among a dozen members of the Valdosta High School French club who visited the Valdosta State College language lab this week. During the session the high schoolers listened to tapes of French conversations. The VSC lab assistants threw some of the students into a state

of utter confusion when Russian, Spanish and German tapes were put on the recorders. VHS does not have a language lab but Fran and Bill think it would be a good idea for the school to invest in one. Both thought such a lab would help the students learn a foreign language much quicker.

—Times Staff Photo

'Cats At Madison; GSC Hosts Lanier

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

While most prep cagers in the area have turned their attention to tournaments, teams from four schools have some regular season basketball business to take care of tonight.

Valdosta's Wildcats will go against Madison's Red Devils tonight at Madison, Fla., while Georgia Christian (Dasher) hosts Lanier County (Lakeland).

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats will carry a 20-7 record into the game at Madison. It's the last regular season contest for the Valdosta quintet. VHS' Kittens will be idle tonight since Madison does not field a girls team. The Kittens' slate calls for them to play two games this weekend.

Coach Homer Shellnutt's Red Devils are rolling along with a 17-3 record. They've licked everyone they have played except powerful Perry, Fla. Perry beat Madison for the third time this season in the finals of the North Florida Conference tourney this past weekend. Perry's victory margin was just three points (62-59).

Madison is led by 6-5 center John Howard, who owns a 14.8 scoring average. Three other Red Devil starters, Clarence Johnson, Ronnie Regans and Wayne Weager are also averaging in double figures. Dwight Hicks is close to making that group with a 9.9 average.

Valdosta's probable starters for the game, which will get underway at 8 p. m. are Jimmy Carter, Bobby Nichols, Foy Norwood, Tommy Davenport and Clyo Blanton. They've seen most of the ac-

tion while the 'Cats have won seven of their last eight starts. Georgia Christian's Generals (13-8) and the GCS girls (2-16) will be meeting Lanier County's Bulldogs (8-9) and Bulldogettes (9-4)

for the second time when they get together tonight at Dasher.

In an earlier twin-bill at Lakeland, the Generals notched a 76-58 win and the Bulldogettes rolled to a 52-36 triumph.

VHS Quintet Clips Red Devils, 80-60

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MADISON, Fla. — Four scorers and a "feeder" kept Valdosta's basketball machine running smoothly as the Wildcats clipped Madison's Red Devils, 80-60, here Tuesday night.

It was the final regular season outing for coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats and it was their 21st win in 28 starts. The loss was only the fourth in 18 games for coach Homer Shellnutt's Red Devils.

Four players racked up most of the points for Valdosta. Foy Norwood got 26, Bobby Nichols 21, Jimmy Carter 19 and Tommy Davenport 8.

Clyo Blanton didn't account for a single marker, but he played a major role in the victory. He is the playmaker for the Wildcats and he was "feeding" the basketball to those who were racking up the points.

John Howard, a 6-5 center, led the way for Madison with 22 points. Next in line was Clarence Johnson with 10.

The game was close for a quarter with VHS ahead only by three at end of the first period. By half time the 'Cats had sprinted to a 35-22 lead and

goals and hit on 20 to 29 free throws. The 'Cats were charged with 21 fouls. Madison scored 20 field goals and made good on 20 of 34 tries from the charity line. The Red Devils were charged with 19 fouls.

Since Madison does not field a girls team, Valdosta's Kittens were idle last night.

The VHS boys can now look ahead to the Region 1-AAA

tournament to be played next week at Columbus. The Kittens have a pair of games this weekend before their regular season string runs out.

BOYS

Valdosta	16	35	64	80
Madison	13	22	40	60
VALDOSTA (80) — Carter 19, Davenport 8, Nichols 21, Norwood 26, Kelly 1, Moore 3, Gaskins 2, Blanton, DeLoach, Bounds, Strom.				
MADISON (60) — John Howard 22, Mercer 3, Weger 8, Clarence Johnson 10, Smith 6, Hicks 3, Welch 3, Ragans 5.				

GIRLS

Valdosta	18	35	51	65
GCS	3	15	33	48
VALDOSTA (65) — McClenny 8, DeLoach 13, Kellerman 6, Giddens 14, Quick 16, Wisenbaker 16, Mathis, Shingler, Reeves, Anderson, Potts, Johnson, Mayne, Rigby, Odum, Blanton.				
GCS (48) — Wilkins 21, Cates 3, Crosby 10, Knoblock, Cannon, Randolph, Clark, Knab, Creech.				

BOYS

Valdosta	19	34	57	71
Willingham	15	23	21	59
VALDOSTA (71) — Davenport 11, Blanton 2, Nichols 10, Norwood 10, Carter 24, Moore, Rigby 4, Gaskins 1, Strom 2, Pitcock, Miller, Bounds, DeLoach, Kelly, Davis.				
WILLINGHAM (59) — Pulliam 9, Hester 14, Goodman 10, Payne 3, Colson, Blair, Smith, Field 10, Frederick, McCullough.				

Wildcats Clip Rams With Sharp Attack

By MARTIN MILLER
Times Staff Writer

Valdosta's Wildcats got an attack rolling here Saturday night which wasn't to be denied as the VHS boys walloped the Willingham Rams, 71-50, in a Region 1-AAA basketball outing.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats broke into the lead after four minutes had gone by and never saw the shallow end of the score again.

The night's double dose of hoop action turned out to be a VHS sweep. Coach Bill Davis' Kittens put the local fans in a "winning frame of mind" by opening the affair with a 65-46 win over Georgia Christian School.

The win was the 20th this season for the Wildcats in 27 starts and leveled their league slated at 6-6.

A 15-7 record now stands for the Kittens, while the GCs squad felt the pain of their 16th setback in 18 games. Willingham of Macon now owns a 7-14 slate.

The boys game began at an even pace, then the VHS cagers jumped ahead midway the first period. From there on out the 'Cats, led by a pin-point offense and a rock-hard defense, slowly, but steadily increased their edge until the beginning of the fourth period.

Wilson then started using reserves. The Rams of coach

Martin Allman started to cut the lead, but they were much too deep in the hole to ever see daylight.

Four 'Cats pushed their way in to the double figures to pace the VHS attack. They were Jimmy Carter, who turned in a 24-point performance; Foy Norwood and Bobby Nichols, who each made 10, and Tommy Davenport, coming across with 11 markers.

The foursome, aided by teammate Clyo Blanton, also stayed on their toes defensively to gain average for a 94-84 licking the 'Cats suffered at the hands of the Rams at Macon earlier this season.

Their defensive efforts maintained the Rams' scoring leader Billy Hester, who could tally only 14 points. Until Saturday night Hester had been averaging more than 19 points per game.

Valdosta bested the visitors in field goals by a 29-18 margin. The Rams hit on 14 of 21 free throw attempts, while Valdosta made 13 of 22 gratis shots. Valdosta was charged with 15 fouls and Willingham 19.

In the girls game, the Valdosta sextet built up an 18-3 lead in the first period and then the starters left the game never to return.

Kathy Wisenbaker and Jean Quick, both substitutes, were the Kittens' scoring leaders with 16 points each. Becky Giddens came through with 14.

Pacesetter for the GCS sextet was Linda Wilkins, who tallied 33 points.

Thirty-one field goals stripped the net of the Valdosta girls' basket, while GCS made 14 from the floor. The GCS girls made 18 of 23 free throws and Valdosta hit on three of seven charity shots.

The homestanding girls were charged with 17 individual fouls and the visitors were charged with seven.



VHS Award Winners: Jay Perryman, Foy Norwood, Bruce Buie, Cloy Blanton, Hank Lee —Times Staff Photo

Auburn Coach In Bind, But He's Not Yelling

Auburn's head football coach Ralph (Shug) Jordan says he's in a bind—but it's the kind of squeeze he doesn't mind too much.

He was here Monday night to make a speech at the Valdosta Touchdown Club's annual football banquet. We got to chat for a while before the event honoring the Valdosta High Wildcats got underway.



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"Our (Auburn's) alumni is convinced we are going to have a great football team next season," Jordan said. "In light of the fact we had a 9-1 record and went to the Orange Bowl this past season and lose only seven players at graduation time, it doesn't leave much room for argument.

"I'm really in a bind, on the spot or whatever you want to call it. But you know, I don't mind it too much. On paper it appears we will have another good team. We did much better than expected in 1963. Let's hope we can do as well as the alumni expects during 1964."

Jordan, who in 13 seasons has led Auburn to a 91-35-4 record and four bowl appearances, reaffirmed his stand against unlimited substitution.

"I know I'm one of the few coaches who think this way," Jordan said, "but I believe football has more educational value if a boy has to learn all phases of play rather than being a specialist.

"Frankly I don't know what we (Auburn) are going to do now that they have liberalized the substitution rules. I've been on the banquet circuit in recent weeks and haven't had a chance to think much about spring practice."

AUBURN COACH PRAISES VHS FOOTBALL SPIRIT

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

"While I don't recommend losing, there is something which can be derived from it," Auburn head football coach Ralph (Shug) Jordan said in a speech here Monday night.

Jordan, one of the nation's most successful college mentors, gave the principal address at the Valdosta Touchdown Club's annual football banquet which attracted a crowd of approximately 500.

The Auburn coach directed the serious phase of his humor-laden talk toward members of the 1963 VHS team who had suffered through a 2-7-1 season. The Wildcats were honored guests for the occasion.

"Your pride suffers when you lose," Jordan said, "but it gets your feet back on the ground. It makes you realize what it takes to win.

"I want to congratulate you for your spirit. The word has gotten around that Valdosta can have school spirit and pride while losing. With that kind of attitude I'm confident you are going to be right back up there among the winners — and soon."

VHS grid boss Wright Bazemore thanked the club members and the local fans for sticking with the 'Cats during the first below .500 campaign for one of his teams in more than 20 years.

"You people set an example," Bazemore said. "Everyone knows how easy it is to back a winner. You stayed on our band wagon even though we

were losing. "On behalf of the other coaches and our players I want to thank you. The boys have been impressed with your spirit and I know they are going to rebound."

In a skit at the start of the program a casket was carried on the stage and a ceremony to "bury the Wildcats" was begun. It ended among laughs and applause when a club member, dressed in a VHS jersey, jumped from the casket, shouted the "Cats aren't dead" and then held up a sign with "Beat Moultrie" written on it.

An awards ceremony was a highlight of the program. Honored were the following:

Foy Norwood, Most Valuable and Best Lineman; Bruce Buie, Most Outstanding and Tommy Hardee Memorial Scholarship Award; Cloy Blanton, Best Back; Hank Lee, Sportsmanship; Jay Perryman, Spirit of the Wildcat.

Columbus quarterback Joe Dunn was honored as the 'Cats' outstanding opponent.

The VHS players who earned individual awards were presented watches along with other seniors Mike Ireland, Mike Slack, Steve Wansley, Ronnie

Perkins, Albert McLeod and manager Robert DeLoach.

The awards were given by the TD Club, Mrs. Mel Hardee, the Valdosta Exchange Club, The Valdosta Jaycees, Sheriff Jewel Futch and Carl Minchew.

A new slate of club officers was selected as follows:

Billy Grant, president; Art Koch and Herbert Ross vice president; Bill Rogero, secretary - treasurer and directors Fred Groover, William Wisenbaker, Doug Holt, Col. F. J. Smrcina, Joe Crane, Stan Bishop, John Lastinger, Julian Tucker, Ed Blalock, Bill Bennett, Lane Renfro, Billy Langdale and Bob Quattlebaum.

Outgoing president John Holcombe served as master of ceremonies. Others taking part on the program included Howard Bridges, W. G. Nunn, Crane, Ellis Clary, Archie Griffin, Bishop, George Ford and Minchew.

Included among the guests were the following coaches:

Sterling Dupree and John Donaldson of Georgia; Fred Pancoast and Billy Kinard of Florida; John Coatta, Don James and Bob Harbeson of Florida State; David Barker of Lowndes County, Pat Fields of Albany and Knuck McCrary of Moultrie.



Jordan (L) Talks Football With Norwood —Times Staff Photo

Jordan, who was line coach at Georgia in 1951 before taking the top job at Auburn, had some advice for the Bulldogs' football faithfuls.

"I tell all the Georgia people I meet that the situation at their school now is similar to that at Auburn when I went there in 1951," Jordan said. "The athletic backers are divided into factions. This must change and they must all begin working together if things are really going to improve. I believe they will just as they did at Auburn in '51."

While here Jordan got a chance to talk with one of his future players. Valdosta High's all-star lineman Foy Norwood has accepted a football scholarship at Auburn.

"We regard Foy as an outstanding prospect," Jordan said. "Some of our best players have been Georgia boys and we think we have another good one coming to us from Valdosta."

Then it was time for Jordan to go and make his 1,467th speech to a football crowd. In typical Jordan fashion he charmed the third audience he had faced in the last six days.

Wildcats' Improvement Reflected In 21-7 Mark

A visiting coach gave this description of Valdosta High's basketball Wildcats: "They aren't flashy, but they are tough."

Just how tough coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats have been this season is reflected in their fine 21-7 record. They've built it by winning 10 of 11 at home and capturing 11 of 17 on the road, where basketball victories are very hard to come by.



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ade since the start of the current campaign has been noteworthy.

Against Region 1-AAA foes the 'Cats stand even at 6-6.

The 'Cats have closed out regular season play and are now preparing for the 1-AAA boys tournament to be staged next week at Columbus. Pairings for that event haven't been drawn yet so the VHS boys don't know who they will have to play.

Wilson isn't fooling himself about this team's chances in the tournament. The region is topheavy with strong teams and the 'Cats will face some big odds.

At this stage, however, he does have a right to be proud of his charges. Their improvement over last season, when they went 11-12, is considerable. The progress they have

Wilson Deserves Praise

Carter and Norwood are the top scorers, but neither is a contender for the 1-AAA point crown. Rebounding is Davenport's strong suit. Nichols, who has made the most improvement of all, has helped greatly in both the scoring and rebounding departments in recent games. Blanton is the playmaker. He gets few points himself, but helps set it up for others to score.

Although four of the five are seniors, this is not a veteran crew. Only Carter and Davenport were regulars in 1962-63.

Wilson credits whatever success the 'Cats have had entirely to the boys. You can be sure, however, Wilson has done his part.

He's a fellow who says little and worries a lot. It is obvious, however, that he has done a fine coaching job. And remember, this is only his second campaign as a varsity mentor and that Valdosta hasn't exactly been a power in boys basketball in recent years.

As we said earlier, the odds will be against the 'Cats in the 1-AAA tournament. You can be sure, however, they will be trying to do their best.

Two Games Scheduled For Valdosta Kittens

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

With tournament action hot and heavy in the area, there will be only a sprinkling of regular season high school basketball games this weekend.

Valdosta's Kittens will play a pair of games. The VHS boys, however, have ended regular season play and are getting ready for the Region 1-AAA tournament to be staged next week in Columbus.

The Kittens, who have a 15-7 record, will host Doerun on Friday and play Georgia Christian at Dasher on Saturday. There will also be boys B team action both nights.

In other Friday night action, GCS will host Region 1-C foe Omega in a doubleheader at Dasher while Madison will be playing at Monticello.

The Kittens will be meeting coach J. C. Fincher's talented Doerun Does for the third time. Scoring leader for the Doerun sextet is Mary Jo Fincher, a daughter of the coach. She's averaging better than 30 points

a game. The Kittens edged the Does, 50 - 48, in the opening round of the Hahira Invitational tournament back during the Christmas holidays. In a second meeting at Doerun, the Does posted a 56 - 46 win.

Georgia Christian's Generals (14 - 8) and the GCS girls (2-17) will be meeting Omega for the second time. Omega swept an earlier twin-bill, winning the boys game, 71-48, and notching a 65 - 49 triumph in the girls contest.

When the Valdosta and GCS girls get together at Dasher on Saturday night it will be their third meeting. The Kittens won by 65 - 19 and 65 - 45 margins the last two times they tangled.

GCS's Generals will be in the field when the Region 1-C (East) tournament opens on Monday at Norman Park.

As runners-up in the 1-AAA girls race, Valdosta's Kittens will be in the lineup for the state Class AAA girls tournament.

VALDOSTA GIRLS EDGE PAST DOERUN, 38-35

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's basketball Kittens beat a team they love to beat here Friday night as they sent Doerun's Does home licking the wounds of a 38 - 35 licking.

The game was a skin-close affair right down to the wire, as the two teams were tied at both the first and second quarter stops.

Doerun pulled ahead by one point by the time the third pe-

riod buzzer sounded, but the fourth period told the tale as the VHS sextet of coach Bill Davis outscored Doerun by four points.

The win was the 16th of the season for the Valdosta girls against seven setbacks. The VHS girls close out regular season play tonight when they meet the Georgia Christian School girls team at Dasher. This one is slated for 7 p.m.

In last night's game coach J. L. Fincher's daughter Mary Jo put 30 points past the boards, but Valdosta had Lyndal DeLoach with 18 points and Carol Kellerman putting forth 17 markers.

In a boys game, the VHS Bees of coach Charlie Green dropped a 53 - 52 decision to the Doerun varsity quintet.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	6 15 27 38
Doerun	6 15 28 35
VALDOSTA (38) — McClenny 3, DeLoach 18, Kellerman 17, Reeves, Anderson, Harris, Potts.	
DOERUN (35) — Irving 2, Fincher 30, Bliss 2, Coopman 1, Chapman, Hathcock, Monroe.	

Wildcats Draw DC

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats have drawn Dougherty County (Albany), a league newcomer, as its opening round foe in the Region 1-AAA boys basketball tournament.

The tourney, a four-day event, will start Wednesday at Columbus. Pairings were drawn at a meeting at Columbus Sunday.

Dougherty and Northside of Warner Robins joined the region this year, but neither played a regional schedule in basketball. It was decided, however, to give them places in the tourney field.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats, who compiled an overall record of 21-7 and a league mark of 6-6, did not play Dougherty during the regular season.

At stake in the tourney will be the 1-AAA crown and three berths in the state Class AAA

meet.

Pairings for the 1-AAA tourney are as follows:

Wednesday — Moultrie vs Willingham, (Macon) 4 p. m.; Valdosta vs Dougherty (Albany), 5:30 p. m.; Lanier (Macon) vs Northside (Warner Robins), 7:30 p. m.; Albany vs Baker (Columbus), 9 p. m.

Thursday — Warner Robins vs Lanier-Northside winner, 4 p. m.; Jordan vs Valdosta-Dougherty winner, 5:30 p. m.; LaGrange vs Moultrie-Willingham winner, 7:30 p. m.; Columbus vs Albany-Baker winner, 9 p. m.

Semi-finals will be played on Friday. The title duel and a battle for third place is on tap for Saturday.

VHS Kittens Roll Past GCS, 62-29

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's basketball Kittens closed their regular season at Dasher Saturday night with a 69-29 victory over the Georgia Christian School sextet.

With reserves seeing most of the action Jean Quick had 19 points, Becky Giddens 18 and Cathy Wisenbaker 14 as the Kittens vaulted to their 17th win against seven setbacks.

The GCS girls closed their season with a 2-19 slate. Diane Lawlor paced the GCS attack with 16 markers.

Valdosta's girls are now preparing to play in the State Class AAA girls tournament to be held in March.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	18 40 56 69
GCS	4 6 12 29
VALDOSTA (69) — Quick 19, Giddens 18, Wisenbaker 14, DeLoach 9, McClenny 7, Rigsby, Mathis, Fryslie, Shingler, Reeves, Anderson, Potts, Haynes, Gleason, Strobo, Johnson, Bazemore, Mayne, Davis, Blanton, Odum.	
GCS (29) — Lawlor 16, Wilkins 5, Knoblock 4, Crosby 4, Wisenbaker, Cannon, Randolph, Clark, Brownley, Nabb, Jackson, Grant.	



Behind the Beauty: Fran Woodward, Kay Koch, Betty Potts, Larry Harrell Decorate

Beauties Primping For VHS Contest

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Next week will be a busy one for 50 of Valdosta High School's prettiest girls.

The 50 students are competing in the annual Miss VHS beauty contest sponsored by the junior class.

The juniors, who are raising funds for the junior-senior dance this spring, have selected "The Midas Touch" as the theme for the pageant.

Contestants are seniors: Sharon Ashley, Joyce Catoe, LeQuitta Chaney, Patsy Garvin, Bonnie Gerlock, Beverly Gleason, Patsy Henry, Becky Johnson, Lois Johnson, Sibbie Kirby.

Carol McMichen, Lynne May, Dean Nichols, Karren Nicholson, Susan Parramore, Laura Resch, Mary Sessions, Sandy Stewart, Ellen Squires, Kay

Talley, Marlene Taylor, Sally Tillman, Anne Walker, Valerie Weeks and Libba Wiston.

Juniors: Page Ashcom, Kay Barber, JoAnn Beck, Donna Blanton, Betty Boyette, Pat Carter, Bobbie Catoe, Ann Ferguson, Phyllis Giles, Beverly Googe.

Kay Koch, Marsha Lackey, Pam LaHood, Linda Lovett, Barbara McDonald, Frances McMahon, Linda Meyer, Jane Mixer, Josephine Pendleton, Betty Potts, Jennifer Schroer, Lynn Scelton, Ginger Swenson, Nancy Talton and Diane Wilhite.

Jack Wooten and Mrs. Betty Googe are the junior class advisors for the project.

'CATS FACE NEW FOE IN 1-AAA TOURNAMENT

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor



VHS' Jimmy Carter Has Eye On Basket

Valdosta's Wildcats will make their debut in the Region 1-AAA boys basketball tournament on Wednesday at Columbus against what for them will be a brand new hoop foe.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats drew coach Bob Logan's Dougherty County (Albany) Trojans as a first-round opponent. Their game is slated for 5:30 p. m. at Columbus' municipal stadium.

The VHS-Dougherty game will be one of four staged in the tourney Wednesday. The regional event will go through Saturday, when the top three finishers earning state tourney berths.

"We're flying blind as far as Dougherty is concerned," Wilson said. "We haven't played them and we haven't scouted them. I don't know what to expect."

Wilson's charges will carry a 21-7 record into the tournament. They finished the regular season strong, winning eight of their last nine games.

Dougherty, a school in its first year of operation, has an 8-11 record. The Trojans have an all-junior starting lineup with Joey Bateman (6-0), Gene Martin (6-1), Frosty Woodbridge (6-2), Bob Hamilton (6-2) and Richard Holdingsworth (6-6) on the list.

VHS' probable starters are Jimmy Carter (6-3) Bobby Nichols (6-7), Foy Norwood (6-0), Tommy Davenport (6-1) and Clyo Blanton (5-9).

Scoring averages for the VHS regulars are Carter 15.18, Norwood 13.14, Davenport 8.03, Nichols 7.66 and Blanton 5.96.

In other opening day action Moultrie (12-11) plays Willingham (8-17) at 4 p. m., Lanier (14-13) faces Northside of Warner Robins at 7:30 p. m. and Albany (18-11) meets Baker (8-16) at 9 p. m.

Quarter-finals are on tap for Thursday with the following games on the list:

Warner Robins (25-3) vs Lanier-Northside winner, 4 p. m., Jordan (14-9) vs Valdosta-Dougherty winner, 5:30 p. m., LaGrange (19-2) vs Moultrie - Willingham winner 7:30 p. m., Columbus (19-4) vs Albany-Baker winner, 9 p. m.

Semi-finals will be played Friday and the title game and a duel for third place will be staged Saturday.

Columbus, LaGrange and Warner Robins head the pre-tourney form chart. Columbus and LaGrange finished with matching 10-2 records in regional play. Warner Robins was 9-3 against league foes during the regular season.

Regional records of other tourney entries are Jordan 7-5, Valdosta and Lanier 6-6, Albany and Baker 4-8 and Moultrie and Willingham 2-10. Northside is another new member of the league which did not play a regional schedule.

'Must Improve'

When the Wildcats get going on March 2, coach Wright Bazemore and his assistants expect to be working with about 60 candidates.

"We have about 30 boys returning from our 1963 varsity squad and some 30 ninth graders will join us for spring practice," Bazemore said. "The ninth graders are in junior high right now, but they will be coming to senior high in the fall. They are allowed to go through spring practice with the varsity."

Bazemore said the 'Cats' major objective this spring will be to "reorganize."

VHS was 2-7-1 in 1963, the low mark for a Bazemore-coached team in more than 20 years. From start to finish, Bazemore kept juggling his players looking for the right combination. He never found it.

Whatever combination he comes up with for '64 Clio Blanton, Hank Lee, Bruce Buie, Albert McLeod, Foy Norwood, Steve Wansley, Ronnie Perkins, Mike Slack, Jay Perryman and Mike Ireland won't be in it. They aren't returning.

"We must improve," Bazemore said. "I don't think I can make it through another season like the last one. We're just going to try to forget what happened last fall and start over."

And that's the way it is on the spring football front on a day when basketball is still going strong and winter lingers on.

'Cats Rap Trojans; Tackle Jordan Next

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

COLUMBUS — Valdosta's Wildcats moved into the quarter-finals of the Region 1-AAA boys basketball tournament with a 59-35 victory over the Dougherty County (Albany) Trojans here Wednesday night.

The VHS-Dougherty game was just one of four opening round tilts played last night. In other action, Albany licked Baker (Cloumbus), 62-56; Lanier (Macon) turned back Northside of Warner Robins, 66-38, and Willingham (Macon) licked Moultrie, 70-63.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats were to return to action at 5:30 p.m., today meeting the Jordan (Columbus) Red Jackets. Slate for other games today is Warner Robins vs Lanier, 4 p.m.; LaGrange vs Willingham, 7:30 p.m. and Albany vs Columbus, 9 p.m.

Semi-finals will be played Friday and the championship game and a duel for third place will be staged Saturday. Top three finishers in the tourney here will earn berths in the state Class AAA boys meet.

While the 'Cats jumped to an early lead and were never headed in their victory over Dougherty, Wilson was not entirely pleased with his team's performance.

"We got by Dougherty, but we played sloppy ball at times," Wilson said. "We've got to be much, much better to have a chance against Jordan."

The victory over the Trojans boosted the 'Cats' record to 22-7. The Jordan team they face in the quarter-finals has a 14-9 record and is led by 6-5 Brady

Sasser, 1-AAA's fifth leading scorer with a 20.04 average. Jordan beat Valdosta, 75-49, in a regular season game at Columbus.

Jordan is fourth-seeded in the tourney with the top three spots on the form chart going to LaGrange (19-2) Columbus (19-4) and Warner Robins (25-3).

In last night's battle with Dougherty, four VHS players scored in double figures. They were Jimmy Carter, 15; Tommy Davenport and Bobby Nichols, 11 each, and Foy Norwood, 14. Cyo Blanton helped the cause with some nifty playmaking and slick defensive work.

Gene Martin got 13 points to

become scoring leader for Dougherty, a new league member which didn't play a regional basketball schedule this year. The Trojans went to the sideline with an 8-12 record.

Valdosta scored 22 field goals and hit on 15 of 31 free throws. The 'Cats were charged with 10 fouls. Dougherty made 14 field goals and connected on seven of 15 tries from the charity line. The Trojans were charged with 21 fouls.

Valdosta	15	31	40	59
Dougherty	8	20	28	35

VALDOSTA (59) — Carter 15, Davenport 11, Nichols 11, Blanton, Norwood 14, Gaskins 4, Kelly 2, Pitcock 2, Moore, Miller, DeLoach, Strom, Bounds, Rigby.

DOUGHERTY (35) — Martin 13, Daniels 7, Baleman 7, Hamilton 5, Hollingsworth 3, Cannon, Woodbridge.

Jordan Raps Cats; Two Favorites Fall

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

COLUMBUS — Valdosta's Wildcats went to the sideline in the Region 1-AAA boys basketball tournament here Thursday and they were joined there by two of the meet's top-ranked teams.

Jordan's fourth-seeded Jackets clipped coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats, 73-53, in yesterday's quarter-finals.

Meanwhile, the Willingham (Macon) Rams and Lanier (Macon) Poets pulled off a pair of major surprises.

The Rams upset LaGrange's Grangers, 59-55. Lanier turned back the Warner Robins Demons, 53-49, in overtime.

LaGrange, the defending state "AAA" champs and Warner Robins had ranked with Columbus at the top of the pre-tourney form chart. Columbus' Imps did advance as expected by licking the Albany's Indians, 96-57.

Tonight's semi-finals will pit Jordan against Columbus at 7 p.m. and Willingham and Lanier will duel at 9 p.m. The finals and a battle for third place will be staged Saturday night. Top three finishers in the tourney will move on to the state meet.

In last night's action, Jordan jumped off to an early lead over the 'Cats and didn't give Valdosta a chance to catch up.

The trio of Brady Sasser 26, Ben Garnto 17 and Wayne Fussell 10, paced the Red Jackets attack. Sasser and Fussell, who both stand 6-5, dominated in the battle of the backboards.

Jimmy Carter, with 16 points and Foy Norwood, with 17, were the offensive stickouts for Valdosta.

Jordan scored 28 field goals and sank 17 of 27 foul shots. The Jackets were charged with 14 fouls. Valdosta made 20 field goals and connected on 13 of 18 tries from the charity line. The Wildcats were charged with 21 fouls.

The loss marked the finish of the 1963-64 campaign for the Wildcats and they bowed out with a fine 22-8 record despite the tourney loss. Jordan moved into the semi-finals with a 14-9 record.

Records of other semi-finalists

are Columbus 20-4, Willingham 10-17 and Lanier 16-13.

LaGrange had a 19-2 record and Warner Robins owned a 25-3 mark before they took it on the chin in unexpected fashion last night.

Individual scoring in the VHS-Jordan game follows:

Valdosta	9	23	31	53
Jordan	19	33	53	73

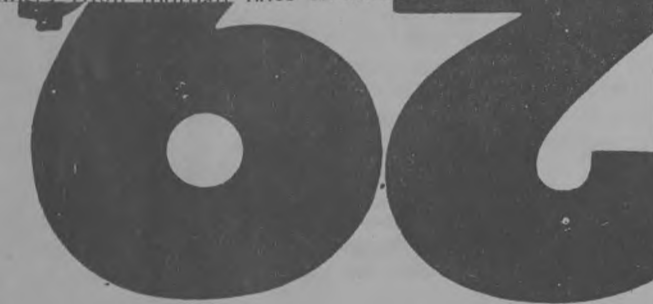
VALDOSTA (53) — Carter 16, Davenport 7, Nichols 4, Blanton 2, Norwood 17, Gaskins 5, Bounds 2, Moore.

JORDAN (73) — Fussell 10, Craft 2, Henry 2, Duncan 8, Sasser 26, Garnto 17, Cason 8, Mitchell 1.

'New' Wright Bazemore Appeared This Spring

I have met a new Wright Bazemore.

For four years I've become accustomed to the Valdosta High football boss singing the blues about his



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Kittens To Compete In AAA Tournament

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

After almost three weeks of waiting time, Valdosta High School's basketball Kittens are going to Thomaston to compete in the State Class AAA girls tournament.

Coach Bill Davis' VHS sextet is slated to be on the firing line for opening round action in the R. E. Lee gymnasium on Wednesday night.

The Kittens have drawn as a first round foe the highly regarded Butler girls from Augusta. They are to meet in a 8:30 p.m. contest.

And should the Kittens win that game, they will run head on into the homestanding and always tough R. E. Lee Rebellettes of coach Jim Cavan. The Thomaston girls drew a first round bye and will be seeing action for the first time on Thursday night against the VHS-Butler winner. R. E. Lee is the defending Class AAA girls champ.

Also in the field for the four-day event are S. W. DeKalb of Decatur, Murphy of Atlanta, Warner Robins, Richmond Academy of Augusta, Cherokee of Canton, East Atlanta and South Cobb of Austell.

The Valdosta girls made their way to the state meet by finishing as runners-up to Warner Robins in Region 1-AAA standings. The Warner Robins sextet, spearheaded by stellar forward Vivian Dixon, went through the 1963-64 season unbeaten. VHS finished with a 4-2 region record and a 17-7 overall slate.

The state meet will move into the quarter finals on Thurs-

day and the semi-finals will be staged on Friday. On Saturday, the tourney will move into the championship round.

Pairings for the first two nights of action are as follows: Wednesday — S. W. DeKalb vs Murphy, 7 p.m.; Valdosta vs Butler, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday — Warner Robins vs Murphy-DeKalb winner,

4:30 p.m.; Richmond vs Cherokee, 6 p.m.; East Atlanta vs South Cobb, 7:30 p.m. and R. E. Lee vs Valdosta-Butler victor, 9 p.m.

On Friday night upper bracket semis will be held at 7 p.m. and the lower bracket at 9 p.m. The championship will go on the line at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday.



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Prettiest At Valdosta High

Freckle-faced Phyllis Giles, a 16-year-old junior, is the new Miss Valdosta High School. Miss Giles won first place honors in the VHS beauty contest Friday night. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Giles, she is 5-6

tall and weighs 115. First runnerup in the contest was Kay Barker, daughter of Mrs. Hazel Barker, and second runnerup was Donna Blanton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Blanton.

Plans For Valdosta High Track Run Into Roadblock

With the start of track season just around the corner, it appears Valdosta High School's thinclads will again be running on "borrowed soil."

Plans of the Valdosta board of education to build an estimated \$10,000 oval at Valdosta Junior High School seem to have reached a stopping point, and the new track is nowhere in sight.

Stumbling block seems to be the soil itself — there's not enough of it to build the type of track the Valdosta High School athletic department wants.

"We were all set to give this thing the go-ahead," said board member Earl Mayo, "But at our last meeting, the VHS coaches brought to our attention that a regulation track should have a 220-yard straightaway. And we don't have enough room at the planned location to build one with the straightway that size.

"School officials advised us that it would be unwise to spend the kind of money we were going to spend on the track, if when completed it



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would not meet regulations."

Mayo explained that should the new track be built under present plans, which would include 200-yard straightaways, though the high school would be able to use it for hosting regular season meets, it could, under no circumstances host regional or state meets.

"Under state regulations," said VHS track mentor Charlie Greene, "you've got to run the 220-yard dash and several other events on a straight plot of land. That's why all regulation tracks have them (220-straightaways). We want and need a track badly, but we really should have one with the proper qualifications if we have one at all."

The original planned site for the new track is at the north end of the junior high campus, where a temporary track was constructed three years ago. It was to run east and west between Patterson and Oak Streets.

'MUST IMPROVE'

Baze In Grim Mood As 'Cats Open Drill

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats were slated to open four weeks of spring football practice this afternoon with their coach Wright Bazemore in a grim mood.

"We've got to make rapid progress," Bazemore said. "There can't be any half or even three quarter measurers. Every boy must give 100 per cent every day."

With a young and inexperienced squad which was hit hard and often by the injury jinx, the 'Cats were 2-7-1 in 1963. It was the worst record for a Bazemore - coached team in more than 20 years. The VHS mentor has vowed "1964 will be better."

With about 30 returnees from the '63 varsity squad, the 'Cats were looking for some 25 to 30 rising sophomores to join them for the spring session.

Ten players, seven of them regulars, are missing from the crew that carried the VHS football load last fall.

"Every position is wide open and I mean wide open," Bazemore said. "The way things went last season there isn't a single boy who can figure he has a position nailed down."

"We're going to start by looking for 11 boys who will 'strike' and show they really want to play football. That is as far as our thinking about spring practice has gone so far.

"We will work on fundamentals and we will then work on fundamentals some more.

"I've told the boys to forget 1963, we're going to make a fresh start beginning right now."

Bazemore says several game type scrimmages are planned during the spring session and the off-season drill period will be climaxed by a contest with the "Has-Beens."

Boosters Provide Uniforms For Valdosta High's Band

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's Wildcat Band will go to Washington, D. C. for the Cherry Blossom Festival sporting brand new black and gold uniforms — thanks to long hours and hard work put in by the Band Boosters Club.

The group has ordered 61 uniforms from a New York company and delivery is promised before the band leaves April 6 for Washington.

"Measurements have been made and the uniforms are being tailored now," a booster official said. The uniforms include trousers, a new Air Force type tunic, hats and capes

which will be used in field performances.

The marvel of the matter is the group has resorted to just about every legitimate means to manufacture money to pay for the uniforms.

A chicken dinner scheduled for Sunday will climax the group's work. Chicken, either fried or barbecued, will be served from the Junior High School from 11:30 to 2 p.m. Plates are selling for \$1.25.

The boosters, since their drive began the first of the school year, have put on a barbecue, a fish supper and sold a special Christmas shopping guide put out by the Times with proceeds earmarked for the uniforms.

A club official says, "There are a whole lot more boosters than band members. We've had fine cooperation from just about everybody."

The band is expected to need about 10 - 15 more uniforms for this fall and a program of regular replenishment is needed.

Present uniforms have been passed on for eight or nine years, the official said.

"Folks will be able to tell a difference this fall," he added, "And the fruits of this year's work will really be evident the next year."

Ivey Flair is president of the club; M. O. Lawrence, vice president; Mrs. Dot Bland, secretary, and Rudolph Zeigler, treasurer. Other members of the executive board are Ed Powell, D. L. Bland and Ralph Clark.

Fans, Coaches Ask Same Questions About Wildcats

Basketball has been the sport I've been following in recent months, but time after time I've been asked a football question.

"How will the Valdosta Wildcats do next football season?" is the question fans and coaches alike have wanted me to answer.



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finish on a strong note.

"Things just didn't work out that way. Some of our young players we thought would improve as the season went along didn't. I know injuries hurt us and things like that. Still we didn't make the kind of progress we should have.

"At the end of the season we were no better organized than we were at the start. That will leave us right up in the air when we start spring practice. We'll have to start from scratch again."

Well, the 'Cats have launched spring practice and Bazemore is again saying this is a "new deal" for his charges.

"We simply aren't going to have another season as bad as the one in 1963," Bazemore said Monday. "We're going to improve, I promise you that. How much we improve, well, that's going to depend on the boys and how badly they want to get the job done.

At The Bottom

"Last year we lacked size, experience and speed. Next time we should have a little more experience, a bit more size and I hope more speed. But we are right down at the bottom and it's a country mile up the mountain we've got to try to climb.

"We have about 30 returnees from our '63 varsity squad, but the way things went last season there isn't a single boy who should get the idea he's got a starting position nailed down.

"The ninth graders at junior high will start working with us this spring and join our varsity next fall. We think we have some youngsters with potential coming from junior high, but you can never be sure.

"And remember our sophomores next season will, in regards to experience, be just like our freshmen were before the 6-3-3 system was adopted by our school system.

"The jump from junior high to varsity football is a big one and not too many boys can make it in one season.

"I do know this, we're looking for boys who will 'strike' and play with determination all the way. We don't care what grade they are in or what size they are. We're going to play the best we have and the boys will let us know who they are by the way they perform.

"Last season we stuck with the two-team system which had worked so well for us during three championship years. It's obvious now we didn't have the right manpower for a two-unit plan.

Start Search Again

"This spring we are going to look for our 11 best. If and when we find 11 who are willing, then maybe we will start looking for 11 more and begin thinking about a two-team system again.

"We spent all of the '63 season juggling our lineup looking for a successful combination. We never found it. So we are starting the search again this spring.

"Our young players had a lot of extra pressure on them last year. They followed a group of boys who won 36 games in a row and then graduated. We had, for all practical purposes, a new team, but everyone we played was keyed up to lick our championship outfits.

"Well, 1964 will be a new deal. What happened to us in 1963 wiped the slate clean. That's the way I want it. Let's forget last year and think only of improving next season.

"My advice to the fans is not to expect too much in 1964. I know I haven't formed any opinion about the team one way or the other. I'm going to wait and let the boys show me what they intend to do."

How will the Valdosta Wildcats do next football season? You, I and Bazemore are all going to have to wait and see.

VHS Tackles Butler In Tourney Opener

Playing In State 'AAA' Girls Meet 6th Year In Row

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Kittens headed for Thomaston this morning to play in the state Class AAA girls basketball tournament after receiving flowers and well wishes from fans here.

The flowers were gifts of the Valdosta Basketball Boosters Club, which wanted Bill Davis' VHS sextet to head north in style.

Play in the tourney begins tonight at the R. E. Lee High gym. Two games are on tap. Valdosta meets the Butler Bulldogs from Augusta at 8:30 p.m. In the 7 p.m. opener, Southwest DeKalb (Decatur) goes against Murphy (Atlanta).

Quarter-finals are slated Thursday with the schedule as follows:

Warner Robins vs SW DeKalb - Murphy winner, 4:30 p.m.; Richmond (Augusta) vs Cherokee (Canton), 6 p.m.; East Atlanta vs South Cobb (Austell), 7:30 p.m., R. E. Lee vs Valdosta - Butler winner, 9 p.m.

Semi-finals will be played Friday and the championship battle and a duel for third place will be held Saturday.

This is the sixth straight year the Kittens have earned a state tourney berth. They won the title in 1961 and have a pair of third place and two fourth place finishes to their credit.

With only two returning regulars, this was actually a "rebuilding" year for Davis' charges. But they finished second to unbeaten Warner Robins in the 1-AAA title scramble and compiled a fine 17 - 7 record.

Davis listed his probable starters for tonight's game as forwards Betty McClenny, Carol Kellerman and Lyndal DeLoach and guards Carol Harris, Barbara Reaves and Virginia Anderson.

McClenny and Reaves were the only two who saw extensive front line action for the Kittens in the '63 state meet.

"This is an inexperienced team, but the girls have enthusiasm, they've worked hard and they've improved," Davis said. "How they will do in the state tournament, well, I just don't know. Our first round foe (Butler) is a new one for us. We know nothing about them."

If the Kittens lick Butler they will run head on into coach Jim Cavan's R. E. Lee Rebelettes in the round of eight on Thursday night.

Lee, led by Cavan's daughter, Joanie, is the defending



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Kitten Guard Reaves Ready For State Tourney

state champion and the title favorite this time out. They've built up a 57 - game winning streak over a two - season span. The Rebelettes have licked 25 opponents in a row this season.

Warner Robins' Demonettes and Cherokees Warrior maidens will also carry unbeaten records into the tournament.

With Vivian Dixon averaging better than 30 points a game and scoring 72 in one contest, the Demonettes have built up a 24 - 0 mark.

Cherokee, paced by six-foot blonde Judy Milford, has turned back 24 foes without a loss this season. Milford also has a scoring average on the high side of 30 points.

Cherokee was second and Warner Robins third in the 1963 state tournament which was held here at Valdosta.

Among the other teams in this year's field with impressive records are Richmond, 19-1 and East Atlanta, 24 - 3.

"Many of the state tournament entries played here last year," Davis said. "The field was fast last year and it's going to be even faster this year.

"The odds are against us, but I know our girls will give it all they have."



Keep Piling up Honors: Davenport, Miss Amsden

Davenport, Amsden Win In Scholarship Contest

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Tommy Davenport and Mike Amsden can't seem to stop reaping honors at Valdosta and Lowndes County high schools. The two have been named first place winners in the annual Elks Scholarship contest.

Davenport, a VHS senior, is also this year's winner of the Elks Leadership Contest.

Both the leadership and scholarship contests are sponsored at Hahira, Valdosta and Lowndes County high schools by the Valdosta Elks Lodge. Announcement of the winners was made today by Bill West, chairman of the Elks Youth Activities Committee.

Miss Amsden, a LOHI senior, has also captured the Daughters of the American Revolution history award, the biology, chemistry, algebra and scholar-

ship awards at her school.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Amsden of Clyattville, she is president of the Medical Alliance Club, winner of the Georgia Power Co. Music scholarship to Transylvania, N. C., member of the band, Tri-Hi-Y, Beta Club, and is member of the debate team this year.

She placed first in the LOHI science fair last year and was second in 8th District competition.

Miss Amsden plans to attend Emory University, medical college and wants to be a general practitioner in a small town.

Davenport, the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Nisbet Jr., is president of the Beta club, treasurer of the senior class, a member of the Key Club, 1963 homecoming king, and president of the First Presbyterian Church senior high fellowship.

Davenport won the best junior varsity basketball trophy in 1963 and received an award from the University of Georgia for excellence in the top three per cent of his class last year.

He was elected to the mock school board of education last year and placed third in the national math contest among high school students. He plans to attend Duke University or Georgia Tech.

Davenport and Miss Amsden besides winning \$50 each are now competing for state honors.

Runners-up were Sheila McCoy and Hiram Wilkinson of VHS. They will each receive \$25. Third places go to Nancy Morrison of LOHI and James Lineberger of VHS. They will receive \$10.

VHS Raps Butler In 'AAA' Opener

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THOMASTON — Valdosta's Kittens will be running head-on here tonight into a basketball team with a 57-game win streak.

With a 58-30 triumph over Butler of Augusta Wednesday night, the Kittens earned the right to meet defending state champion R. E. Lee in the quarter finals of the Girls State Class AAA tournament.

The home-standing R. E. Lee squad is unbeaten in basketball competition for the past two years. It holds a 25-0 record for this season.

Coach Bill Davis' Valdosta girls are slated to meet the Rebellettes of coach Jim Caven in a 9 p.m. contest.

Also advancing to the quarter finals with a Wednesday night opening round triumph was Murphy of Atlanta. It notched a 36-28 victory over S. W. DeKalb.

Lyndal DeLoach was the pacesetter for the Valdosta girls as she poured 21 points through the hoop to help oust the Butler Bulldogettes. Betty McClenny hit the mark with 16 points and Carol Kellerman scored 14.

Glenda Buchanan put 17 points past the boards to lead the attack for the Butler girls.

A sturdy effort by Kitten guards Carol Harris, Virginia Anderson and Betty Potts kept the VHS sextet out of trouble all the way. Regular guard Barbara Reaves was unable to start the game because of an accident, but may be able to play tonight.

The VHS girls constructed a first period 11-point lead and held firm all the way to gain the triumph.

They hit for 21 field goals and 16 of 24 gratis shots, while Butler made 12 field goals and 13 of 23 from the charity line. Valdosta was charged with 19 fouls and Butler with 20.

Three other quarter-final

round tilts are set for tonight before the Valdosta - R. E. Lee game. They are as follows:

Murphy vs Warner Robins, 4:30 p.m.; Richmond of Augusta vs Cherokee County, 6 p.m.; East Atlanta vs South Cobb, 7:30 p.m.

The four-day event will move into the semi-final round on Friday night and the championship is to go on the line Saturday.

Besides R. E. Lee, two other sextets in the field tonight are

unbeaten in hoop action this season. Both Cherokee, last year's runner-up, and Warner Robins, last year's third place team, now hold 24-0 overall record.

Box score of last night's Valdosta - Butler game follows:

Valdosta	18	31	46	58
Butler	7	14	24	39

VALDOSTA (58) — McClenny 16, DeLoach 21, Kellerman 14, Wisenbaker 4, Quick 2, Giddens 1, Harris, Anderson, Potts, Strobo, Gleason, Mayne, Bazemore.
 BUTLER (39) — Glenda Buchanan 17, Bennett 9, Carlisle 9, Long 2, Denton 2, Fulcher, Johnson, Sanders.

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ANXIOUS TO PLAY

Reaves Feeling Fine Now That Pin Is Out

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

MACON — Valdosta Kittens guard Barbara Reaves said this morning she's "feeling fine and anxious to play basketball" after an unscheduled "contest" with a corsage pin Wednesday.

Reaves, like other members of the VHS team, left Valdosta Wednesday morning to go to Thomaston to play in the state Class AAA girls basketball tournament.

Other members of the team stayed in Thomaston to play basketball. Barbara spent the night in the hospital here after having a pin she accidentally swallowed removed from her bronchial tube with a bronchoscope.

Here's the way VHS coach Bill Davis described the pin-swallowing incident:

"The girls were given corsages by the Valdosta Boosters Club when we left home Wednesday morning.

"We had arrived at Thomas-

ton about 1:45 p. m. and we were in the lobby of our hotel. The girls started taking the corsages off. Barbara was holding a pin, one about two inches long, in her mouth and somehow sucked it into her bronchial tube.

"She was taken to the emergency room at the Upson County Hospital here. They x-rayed her and located the pin. They said they didn't have the equipment for removing it so she was taken to the Macon Hospital where they had a bronchoscope.

"Barbara wasn't in pain and the x-ray showed the pin wasn't impairing her breathing. Doctors did say it was necessary to get the pin out as quickly as possible.

"It was, I'm told, a rather tricky job, but they got the pin out at the Macon Hospital. We're sure glad Barbara is okay and the team really misses her. I hope she can rejoin the team tonight, but that will depend on what the doctor has to say."

"I'm feeling just fine and the doctor said I might get to go back to Thomaston tonight and play," Barbara said here this morning. "I'm anxious to rejoin the team and play against R. E. Lee."

Albany Raps Tennis 'Cats

ALBANY — The Albany tennis Indians slipped past Valdosta's Wildcats, 4-3, in a match here Tuesday.

The Albany squad took a 2-1 edge in singles play and then held its own through doubles competition as the teams tied 2-2.

Coach Julian Lefiles' 'Cats will swing back into action on Friday when they travel to Moultrie for a match.

Results of yesterday's games are as follows:

SINGLES — Tommy Davenport (V) beat Bucky Parker (A), 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; Bill Brunson (A) beat Greg Wolnski (V), 6-1, 6-2; Ray Hodges (A) beat Don Fink (V), 6-2, 7-5.

DOUBLES — Andy Larsen-Mike Slack (V) beat Brunson-Parker (A), 6-4, 6-4; Lee Christian - Ray Hodges (A) beat George Newbern-Dickey Lassiter (V), 8-6, 6-4; Charlie Long-Ed Fink (A) beat John Sessions-Riley Elliott (V), 6-1, 6-4;

Wolnski - Davenport (V) beat Gordon Zeese-Johnny Star (A), 6-0, 6-0.

Cavan 'On Target' As Lee Trips VHS

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

THOMASTON—Joanie Cavan let everybody know she was playing for "keeps" here Thursday night as she led R. E. Lee to a 55-41 basketball triumph over Valdosta's Kittens in the quarter-finals of the girls state Class AAA tournament.

Coach Jim Cavan's daughter put 25 points past the boards for the home-standing R. E. Lee Rebellettes and she proved she could hit from anywhere on the court in the process.

In other quarter-final round action Warner Robins downed Murphy of Atlanta 76 - 59, Cherokee beat Richmond Academy of Augusta 70-52 and East Atlanta was a 46-43 victor over South Cobb of Austell.

Semi-finals tonight will pit Cherokee against Warner Robins and R. E. Lee against East Atlanta. Cherokee, Warner Robins and Lee are all unbeaten this season while East Atlanta has a 24-3 record.

With Cavan hitting the points from the outside in the Valdosta-R. E. Lee fray last night, the Rebellettes moved to a 17-12 edge at the first quarter mark.

The host team then started "holding" the ball and forced the Kittens to come out of a zone defense. They switched to a man-to-man and Cavan spent the rest of the night driving in from either side.

Backing Cavan was Judy Middlebrooks, who came through with markers.

Betty McClenny and Carol Kellerman each hit for 18 points to pace the Valdosta attack, while Donald DeLoach was held to five markers.

Valdosta guards Virginia Anderson, Barbara Reaves, Carol Harris and Betty Potts held the Rebellettes to a seven point lead in the first half. Reaves rejoined the team after a pin-swallowing accident sidelined her for opening and action Wednesday night.

The Thomaston sextet outdid the Kittens 18-17 in field goals, but a victory margin came at the re-throw line as it hit on 19 of 21 gratis shots, while the Kittens made seven of 14 charity attempts. Valdosta was charged with 20 fouls and R. E. Lee with 18.

The setback left coach Bill "Bugs" Valdivia's Valdosta girls with a 18-8 record for the season. The VHS team finished runner-up to Warner Robins in Region 1-AAA standings.

Vivian Dixon scored 38 points in pacing Warner Robins to its triumph over Murphy here last night. Carol Brown turned in a 41 - point scoring exhibition for Murphy.

Box score of the VHS-Lee game follows:

Valdosta	12	20	33	41
R. E. Lee	17	27	42	55

VALDOSTA (41)—McClenny 18, DeLoach 5, Kellerman 18, Reaves, Anderson, Harris, Potts.
R. E. LEE (55)—Cavan 35, Middlebrooks 14, Murphy 6, Wilson, Tyler, Hammock.

Valdostans Are Named To Assembly

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Mary Sessions of Valdosta High School has been named by Georgia's Youth Governor as Special Committee - woman at the state YMCA Youth Assembly March 26-28.

Mary will serve as vice-chairman of a legislative committee to consider bills after they have been read for the first time in the House or Senate.

Also representing VHS at the Atlanta assembly will be Ann Spurlock and Joe Owens.

VHS Honor Rolls Listed

Honor rolls for Valdosta High School and Leila Ellis Elementary School in the city were announced today. Students on the honor lists are:

VALDOSTA HIGH
SENIORS — Sandra Anderson, Sandra Anderson, Sandra Belote, Donna Bloodworth, Tommy Davenport, Kent Edwards, Susanne Evans, Judy Fife, Nancy Gambill, Brenda Hankinson, Katherine Hansen, Patsy Henry, Starr Howell, Molly Huckaby, Lois Johnson, Gail Lashley, Judy Lawson, Shella McCoy, Donna Miller, Dean Nichols, Jimmie Norton.

Elaine Parrish, Charles Phillips, Don Reames, Glenn Register, Ed Scriven, Mary Sessions, Nancy Simon, Glenn Smith, Mark Spieler, Shirley Stump, Marlene Taylor, Brooks Toland, Billy Touchton, Carol Tumlinson, Hirman Wilkinson, Emery Wilson, Maxine Wilson and Libba Winston.

Juniors — Virginia Anderson, Mark Barger, Ray Davidson, Hillie Sue Davis, Joey Davis, Mary Joyce Eanes, Phyllis Giles, Donna Goldstein, Larry Harrell, Patsy Jackson, Susan LaMontagne, Charles Lawrence, Frances McMahon, Gene Odom, Betty Potts, Barbara Reaves, Vicki Ryan, Randy Smith, Nancy Talton, Benita Thomas, Portia Thomas, Carolyn Wilburn, Robert Willis and Fran Woodward.

Sophomores — Mardi Barnes, Emerson Bell, Kenny Bounds, David Brandon, Tommy Braswell, Stan Christian, Carol Clary, Stephen Coleman, Denise Cross, Johnny Dean, Carey Ann Einem, Nancy Fryslie, Mike Garbutt, Becky Giddens, Paula Greer, Julie Groover, Susan Hotch, Elliott Karlip, Buddy Kilpatrick, Lee Langdale, Linda McLaurin, Mac McVey, Ed Mathis, Jimmy Miller, Claudette Pearce, Linda Peoples, Sara Ann Rigsby, Jimmy Ross, Ginger Schroer, Sally Shingler, Robert Strom, Chip Story, Nancy Sturm, Carolyn Westberry, Kathy Wisenbaker and Greg Wolinski.



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Even The Manager Pays Attention When Coach Bazemore Shows How Its Done

'Dosta's Football Theme Still Go-Go

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Coach Wright Bazemore was in a grim mood when his Valdosta Wildcats opened spring practice on Monday and now five days late his attitude hasn't changed.

"What can I say that hasn't already been said," Bazemore allowed. "When we went 2-7-1 last season, as far as I'm concerned we hit bottom. There's just one way for us to go and that's up."

"We need improvement in every phase of football. I warned the boys that we were going to work hard. They should know by now I wasn't kidding."

"Some have worked real hard this week, some haven't. Those who don't want to work are going to be weeded out. No practice — no play. That's the rule we're going to follow."

"It's really too early to tell how things are going. I do know we have some younger boys who have shown they are anxious to play. I've been en-

couraged by this. Attitude is important. We are looking for boys who have the right attitude."

Bazemore and his aides J. B. Roland, Charlie Greene, Joe Wilson and Bill Davis are putting a 62 - man squad through spring praces. In the group are 11 rising seniors, 28 rising juniors and 23 rising sophomores, who right now are in the ninth grade at junior high but will move over to senior high next September.

The 'Cats ended the first week of the off - season drill session with an intra - squad game. The seniors and the sophomores to be went against the Juniors of '64.

Intra - squad games are closed at the end of the second and third weeks of practice. The spring session will end on March 26 when the 'Cats play their annual game with the "Has - Beens."

Roster of VHS candidates with the player's weight and

grade will be in next fall follows:

End — Robert Goff (145 - sr.), Mike Garwood (140-jr.), Emerson Bell (135-jr.), Jimmy Giddens (160-jr.), Bill Welch (150-jr.), Rhett Dawson (150 - soph.), Jimmy Fender (130 - soph.), Jimmy Neal (170-jr.), John Gunter (155-sr.), Mike Strom (150-soph.), Tommy Luke (155-soph.), Jimmy Clyatt (160-jr.).

Tackle—Ronnie Cannon (200-jr.), Mark Hollis (175 - sr.), Ricky Rogers (170 - jr.), Wayne Young (145 - jr.), Larry Wainwright (215 - jr.), Ted Dollar (170 - sr.), Stuart Mullis (185-sr.), Clay Freeman (150-jr.), Charles Everman (165 - soph.), Richard Rykard (145 - soph.), Phil Ashcom (165 - soph.), Sandy Ellison (135 - soph.).

Guard — Jack Martin (175 - sr.), Joe Crane (165 - sr.), Bobby Moore (175 - jr.), Butch Pipkin (125 - jr.), Billy Henry (175 - sr.), Kendall Varnedore (175 - jr.), Jay Hingson (160 - jr.), Billy Joseph (160 - jr.), Jerry Brooks (150 - soph.), James Baca (145 - jr.), Ronald Strobo (145 - soph.), Danny Williams (135 - soph.), Danny Colson (130 - soph.).

Center — Tommy Dove (165 - sr.), Ken Clifton (165 - jr.), Jimmy Miller (160 - jr.), Perry Baskins (170 - soph.).

Quarterback — Glenn Davis (150 - jr.), Larry Colson (135 - jr.), Robert Strom (160 - jr.), Rick Winston (160 - soph.), Mike DeLoach (145 - soph.), Leland Middlebrooks (130 - soph.).

Halfback — Gene Seago (145 - jr.), James Buckner (135 - sr.), Billy Bray (131-sr.), Larry Spell (135 - jr.), Terry Godwin (145 - sr.), Kenny Bounds (165 - jr.), John Smrcina (160 - soph.), Ray Corbett (135 - soph.), Billy Grondahl (160 - soph.), Billy Decouders (140 - soph.), Ben English (155 - soph.).

Fullback — Bobby King (135 - jr.), Bill Parramore (140 - jr.), Charlie Bob Bridges (135-soph.), Mike McMillan (165 - soph.).

VHS Tennis Teams Set For Openers

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The start of a new season is just around the corner for Valdosta High's tennis Kittens and Wildcats.

The Kittens, coached by Mrs. Herman Johnson, will open their season with a match against a team from the San Jose Country Club of Jacksonville here on Saturday.

That match is slated for 9 a. m. at the McKey Park courts.

The tennis Wildcats, with Julian LeFiles as coach this season, will get their season underway with a match at Waycross on March 25.

VHS tennis schedule follows:

March 14 — San Jose here (girls); March 20 — at Albany (girls); March 24 — at Waycross (girls); March 25 — at Waycross (boys); March 31 — at Albany (boys); April 3 — at Moultrie (boys); April 4 — at San Jose (girls); April 6 — Berrien here (girls and boys); April 10 — at Moultrie (girls); April 11 — girls invitational tournament here; April 14 — Waycross here (boys and girls); April 16 — Albany here (boys and girls); April 18 — boys invitational tournament here; April 24 — Moultrie here (boys and girls); May 2 — Region 1 - AAA tournament at Columbus (boys and girls).



Mayor Mike Slack Gets Victory Ride from Hiram Wilkinson, Lynn McIntosh, Tommy Davenport, Richard Nijem

—Times Staff Photo

VHS Moot Mayor Plans Changes At City Hall

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Slack, Slack, he's our man. If he can't do it, nobody can! That little chant is being heard in the halls of Valdosta High School more and more since the election of Mike Slack as the moot mayor.

Mike, a senior, won the mayor's post in the annual mock city elections held at VHS.

Already the 18-year-old mayor has gotten up a list of recommendations that he will present before the city fathers at the mayor-council meeting in April.

And one of the first on his list is a larger public library.

"We've got a library but we need one that will better serve the people, mainly the students. The library needs more reference books," said Mike.

Mike said he is in favor of a teen-age jury.

"I know this is being done in other cities and I would like to see it started here. The youth would serve on a jury for traffic violations and other offenses that teen-agers become involved in," said Mike.

"I'm asking for improvements at intersections. Some corners have so much shrubbery that you can't see what's coming down the street," he said.

Mike is in favor of a big recreation program.

"Teen-agers need some place to go. You know all those vacant buildings in the downtown area, well, somebody could donate one for the young people," said Mike.

"It's a disgrace to a city of this size to have such terrible streets and the lighting on most of the streets is real bad," said Mike.

The mock mayor has named Hiram Wilkinson as city manager, Richard Nijem, police chief, and Tommy Davenport, fire chief.

Members of the elected council named Lynn McIntosh as mayor pro tem.

Other students serving on the council include Bunny Bridges, Joey Davis, Tommy Ellis, Brenda Hatcher and John Coleman.

Elected to the Board of Education are Starr Howell, Bruce Buie, Kay Koch, Trudy Hinchshaw, Sara Ann Rigsby and Brooks Toland.

Board members will sit in on the Valdosta Board of Education meeting in April. The students will also make recommendations to the big board.

The elections each year are sponsored by the Valdosta Elks Lodge and the VHS Government club.

STAR STUDENT

She Likes Ungraded System

By MARY RAWLS

The Valdosta High School Star student feels an ungraded school system would be the most advantageous for students.

"Students should be allowed to progress at their own speed," said Sandra Anderson.

Sandra, a senior at VHS, said the ungraded system is being experimented with.

"I feel like it is coming soon here," said Sandra.

The 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Anderson immediately chose Mrs. Oliver Googe as her Star teacher. After being named Star student, Mrs. Googe is a junior English teacher.

"She has helped me to progress in my literature and taught me to think for myself," said Sandra.

"Thinking on one's own is one of the most important things a student should learn. I believe more students would be better prepared for college if teachers in high school would encourage them to think for themselves," said Sandra.

Sandra, a Merit Scholarship finalist this year, says another way to prepare students for college is to add more courses at the high school level.

"Creative writing, art and music are excellent for creativity on the students' part. Mechanical drawing and solid geometry are two other courses that are needed.

"I would like to see sociology and philosophy and of course psychology added. I feel there are some seniors who could



Couple of VHS Stars: Sandra Anderson, Mrs. Oliver Googe

—Times Staff Photo

take these courses and do very well," said Sandra.

Sandra said she felt that possibly next year the seniors who wanted to could take psychology at 8 p. m. at Valdosta State College.

Advanced senior English stu-

prepared for college this September," said Sandra.

Sandra said that she felt seniors with a 90 or above average in their subjects would be no less ready for college if they were exempt from final exams.

"As senior with a high average is not going to be

the school in the Eighth District Star student competition, plans to attend Asbury College in Kentucky.

While in high school she has been in the Beta club, drama club, science club and Tri-Hi-Y. She is a charter member of the

Valdosta DE Club Again State's Best

From Times and AP Reports

For the sixth time in seven years, the Distributive Education Club at Valdosta High School is bringing home the bacon.

It was again selected Monday night as the best DE Club in Georgia at the 20th annual Leadership Conference of the Georgia Association of DE Clubs of America in Atlanta.

Under the leadership of William Glenn as coordinator of the VHS club in five prior years it has been chosen as best in the state.

Three members of the Valdosta club won individual awards in state competition.

Eloise Wilkinson was chosen top reporter in the state. This is the third year the reporter award has gone to the Valdosta club and the third year to a Wilkinson.

Her sisters Jo-Ann and Betty won the competition in 1963 and 1962.

Diane Dugger of Valdosta captured first place in ad planning and layout and Ellen Squires was top winner in the area of distribution manual.



ELOISE WILKINSON
A Family Tradition

Miss Wilkinson is the daughter of Mrs. O. C. Wilkinson of 701 Vallotton Drive, Miss Dugger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Dugger of 307 Jackson St., and Miss Squires is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Squires of 116 E. Moore St.

The Valdosta club brings home a trophy and Glenn receives a \$100 cash award for winning the best club in the state competition.

The state's outstanding pupil in distributive education award went to Paul Watts, 17, of Campbell High School at Fairburn.

In the election of new state officers, Coy Goff of Tift County High School at Tifton was chosen as president. Other officers are: Jerry Baird of Hughes Vocational High at Macon, first vice president; Sonny Harrell of Moultrie, second vice president; Sandra Bishop of O'Keefe High at Atlanta, secretary and Phil Davis of Albany High, parliamentarian.

Other contest winners included: Sharon L a n h a m of Atlanta's O'Keefe, job interview; Linda Arrowood of Campbell at Fairburn, sales demonstration; Max Webb of Moultrie, speech; Etoy Mosley of Wayne County High at Jesup, merchandise information manual; Janice Walker of East Rome High at Rome, window display judging and Janet Carroll of Pepperell High at Lindale, spelling.

High school students in the distributive education program attend school and work in a merchandising or distributing business on a half and half basis. The students take courses in some phases of marketing or distribution, plus other high school courses.



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Valdosta Teen-agers Push for Dormets

Ann Golden and Mary Ann Coursart are all smiles as they look at the letters written by classmates Trudy Hinshaw, Andy Larson, John Coleman and Patsy Henry. The letters the Valdosta High School students are writing will go to the Ted Mack Amateur Hour, Radio City Hall, New York City, nominating the Dormets, Mary Ann and Ann, for

first place. The Dormets, a singing twosome from VHS, appeared on the Ted Mack show last Sunday and now hope for a chance to be on the talent program a second time. If they go on Mack's show three times, the gals win top prizes that include coveted spots on nationally televised variety programs.

Coach Again Vows, 'Cats Will Improve

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Coach Wright Bazemore has again vowed that his Valdosta High football Wildcats "will be improved next fall."

This is something Bazemore has been saying since the 'Cats opened spring practice three weeks ago. He repeated it last night at a meeting of the Valdosta Touchdown Club.

"I'd say we have had a good spring practice so far," the VHS coach told approximately 300 TD Club members and guests. "The first week was excellent, the boys slowed down a little the second week and things went pretty good during most of the third week.

"Some of our older more experienced boys have worked hard and we have some young players with potential, I'm not going to make any predictions about winning and losing games next season. I'll just say we're going to be like the Valdosta Wildcats of old in that we're going to go hard all the way. We are going to improve.

"We still have some boys who aren't playing up to their capabilities. Our system is going to be a simple one. Those who show they want to play will, those who don't won't.

"We have more competition at every position than we had in 1963. No one has a job nailed

down."

Bazemore made these remarks while commenting on the spring game his 'Cats will play against the "Has-Beens" on Friday night here at Cleveland Field.

The game, which is set for 8 p. m., is being co-sponsored by the Touchdown Club and the V Club, an organization of Valdosta High varsity sports letter winners.

Bill Crook will serve as coach for the "Has-Beens" for the fifth year. The veterans rolled to a 33-0 victory over the Wildcats last spring.

Crook directed some good natured barbs at Bazemore, sang the blues about prospects for the "Has-Beens" this year, then promised "the 'Has-Beens' will be there Friday night ready to play football."

Billy Grant, TD Club president, announced that the Touchdowners' 1964 membership drive is now officially underway. He offered a prize of two season tickets to VHS home games to the Touchdowner who signs up the most new members between now and Aug. 15.

Showing of a movie of the 1963 Georgia High School All-Star football game closed out the meeting. A total of 11 former VHS players saw action in the '63 star tilt and sparked the "South" to a 14-6 win.

VHS Trio Win Second For Talent

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A trio from Valdosta High School captured second place in the Beta Club talent show at the recent state convention in Atlanta.

Strumming their guitars to the runner-up spot were Brenda Hankinson, Bunny Bridges and Ann Bennett.

The annual talent revue is just one of the activities delegates from high schools all over the state participate in.

More than 3,000 Beta clubbers converged on Atlanta for the annual gathering at the Dinkler Plaza Hotel.

Purpose of the Beta club, which has more than 15,000 members in senior and junior clubs in Georgia, is to stimulate effort, reward achievement and encourage and assist its members to continue their education after high school.



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Reporting DE Sisters: Eloise, Jo-Ann, and Betty

ELOISE JOINS SISTERS AS STATE REPORTER

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Mrs. O. C. Wilkinson has three daughters. All three girls have been Distributive Education reporters at Valdosta High School. And all three sisters have won the state DE reporter's contest.

Eloise, the youngest of the three won the state honor this

week.

A junior in high school, Eloise's older sisters Mrs. Jo-Ann Bennett, 19, was reporter last year and sister, Betty, who is now Mrs. Betty Kretlow, 21, held the post the year before that.

The older Wilkinsons received expense - paid trips to the national DECA leadership conferences in Chicago. Eloise will make the same trek later this year to the Windy City.

While Eloise is now a secretary at the Valdosta Speech and Hearing Center, she plans to attend college as her sisters are doing.

Jo-Ann is attending Valdosta State College on the first DE scholarship ever offered a local DE student. Betty is a senior at the college on a scholarship given by the Exchange Club through the DE program.

"You might say the Wilkinson sisters have a tradition in their family, one doesn't outdo the other. They are sure to bring

home the honors," said Glenn, DE coordinator at



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Robert Strom "Runs Over" Would - Be Tackler During Drill

Valdosta Backfield Rated Shade Faster

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

"I don't think our backs are going to dazzle anyone with their foot work, but maybe we'll be able to move the football a little better next fall."

That's the way coach Wright Bazemore summed up the Valdosta Wildcats' backfield prospects at the midway point of VHS' month-long spring practice.

Lacking size, experience and speed in the backfield, the Wildcats, as Bazemore put it, "simply didn't have a scoring punch," as they went 2-7-1 last season.

"The way things look right now we're going to be hampered by a lack of experience in the backfield next fall," Bazemore said. "But we should have a little more size and I certainly hope we'll have a little more speed."

"But the back with outstanding speed, the kind who can go all the way from any spot on the field, just isn't there. Just like last season, we're going to have to work hard for every

yard we make."

Quarterback was a trouble spot for the 'Cats in '63 with a half dozen different players tried at the position. The signal calling post is still up for grabs.

Robert Strom, a 165 pound rising junior, is rated as the top candidate at the post by Bazemore right now.

"Strom's a fine athlete, but he has a lot to learn about playing quarterback," the coach said. "He played a lot last year, but saw most of his action on defense."

There are two other returning varsity squadmen on the QB list. They are rising juniors Glenn Davis (150) and Larry Colson (140). Both are hampered by injuries they suffered before football drills got underway. Davis broke his right thumb playing basketball. Colson, hurt a knee during a physical education class game. The injuries have limited their actions during the spring session.

Rick Winston, a 160 pound rising sophomore and the number

one QB at Valdosta Junior High last season, was, as Bazemore put it, "showing potential, but he's dropped off the squad to devote more time to his studies."

At halfback Bazemore listed the fron-runners as Kenny Bounds, Terry Godwin, Billy Bray, John Smrcina and Billy Grondahl.

Godwin is a 145 pound rising senior and a returning regular. Bounds (165) and Bray (135) are rising juniors. Bray was a defensive regular in '63. Bounds saw some front line duty last fall, but at end. He was moved to halfback near the close of the season, but saw little action at the position.

Smrcina (160) and Grondahl (160) are a pair of rising sophomores.

"Bounds has looked pretty good at times," Bazemore said. "He has fair speed, but halfback is for all practical purposes a new position for him. He has a lot to learn. Godwin and Bray are small and Smrcina and Grondahl are young and inexperienced. Halfback is a question mark position."

Among the fullback candidates Bill Parramore, a 160-pound rising junior, has been rated by the VHS mentor as "much improved." Parramore saw front line duty at the deep back spot in '63, but was sidelined much of the way by injuries.

"Parramore doesn't have great speed, but he's a hard worker," Bazemore said. "He does have competition at fullback."

The "competitor" Bazemore mentioned includes Bobby King, a 135 pound rising junior and a pair of rising sophomores, Charlie Bob Bridges (135) and Mike McMillian (165).

"Our backfield situation is just like the situation for our whole team," Bazemore said. "Every position is wide open and every candidate has lots and lots of room for improvement."

WHAT'S WHAT?

A pair of VHS senior girls decided they'd combine their trip to school with the physical fitness program and start walking.

In the last few days, a young man has joined the group. When passing motorists ask would they like a ride, the stock answer by the lad is, "We're keeping fit."

But some people are questioning whether it's physical fitness — or just Spring.

VALDOSTA HIGH BAND TO MARCH IN CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PARADE



New Cheerleaders Ready For Grid Action

—Times Staff Photo

The football cheerleaders at Valdosta High School got their first chance to lead the yells for the students Friday night at the traditional Has-Been Game on Cleveland Field. From bottom to top the girls

include Sally Shingler, junior; Betty Potts, captain, senior; Kay Koch, senior; Sara Ann Rigsby, senior; Jennifer Schroer, senior; Teresa Rodgers, junior; Donna Blanton and Ginger

Tennis Kittens Open Season With Triumph

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

WAYCROSS—Valdosta High School's Tennis Kittens opened their 1964 season here Tuesday with a 12-2 triumph over highly regarded Waycross.

The Valdosta girls coached by Mrs. Herman Johnson compiled an 8-1 lead during singles competition and then won 4-1 in doubles play. Two games during the play were stopped before they were completed because of darkness. Th unfinished games were ruled as ties.

The Valdosta boys team was slated to meet Waycross in a match slated here today.

The Kittens will again see action next Tuesday when they host the Brooks County Tigerettes at Valdosta.

Results of yesterday's match follows:

Singles — Janie Daniels (W) beat Linda McLaurin (V), 6-3, 6-2; Maxine Wilson (V) and Mary Beth Strickland (W) tied 12-10, 6-1; Nancy Simon (V) beat Violet Glasscock (W), 6-2, 6-2; Helen Lawson (V) beat Judy Hall (W), 6-0, 6-3; Judy Lawson (V), beat Sherrie Anderson (W), 8-1.

Toni DiMascio (V) beat Connie Arnold (W), 8-3, Cecelia Carswell (V) beat Mary Glasscock (W), 8-5; Mardi Barnes (V) beat Kitty Stevens (W), 6-0, 6-4; Cornelia Carswell (V) beat Judy Schrieber (W) 8-6; Susan LaMontagne (V) and Shelia Johnson (W) tied 4-4.

Doubles — Wilson and Simon (V) beat Strickland and Glasscock (W) 6-3, 6-2; Daniels and Stevens Waycross (W) beat Judy Lawson and DeMascio (V), 6-1, 6-4; McLaurin and H. Lawson (V) beat Arnold and Anderson (W), 6-1, 6-2; Barnes and Ceelia Carswell (V) beat Julia Hurst and M. Glasscock (W), 6-2, 6-1; Cornelia Carswell and LaMontagne (V) beat Helen Hood and Maria Stevens (W), 6-4, 6-2; Mary Pate and Claudette Pierce (V) beat Barbara Farr and Lauria Lawrence (W) 8-2, 6-3.

The Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats and Symphonic Band are on their way to Washington, D. C. The band will leave Valdosta on the afternoon of April 7th to represent the city in the National Cherry Blossom Festival, Parade of Princesses and will also perform a full concert at the Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington.

Director Frank Butenschon gave the following details concerning the trip. The band will arrive in Washington around 8 A. M. on the morning of April 8th and will be registered at Hotel Houston.

Valdosta is one of 23 bands from the nation to be selected by the Cherry Blossom Festival Committee to compete in the marching competition. After competing in this event, the band will participate in the concert at Walter Reed General Hospital at 8 P. M. Thursday evening. It is anticipated that 2,000 persons will hear the concert. Among selections presented at the concert will be: Light Cavalry Overture, Overture for Winds, Jedermann Overture, The Green Leaves of Summer, Italian Festival, North Sea Overture, and The Apartment, which is a piano solo with band accompaniment. The piano solo will be played by Gary Zeigler a senior band member.

Friday will be open for touring various places of interest in the Nation's Capital.

With Saturday comes the Parade of Princesses, which will be nationally televised by one of the major networks. This parade will proceed down Constitution Avenue where the band will pass in review for the television cameras and judges stand. There will be trophies given in several areas of competition, and Director Butenschon clearly emphasized that the band is going with the definite purpose of bringing one of these trophies back to Valdosta. The parade will begin at 11 A.M. Washington time with approximately 200 units and some 6,000 persons participating.

The band will be wearing brand new uniforms in Washington due to the combined efforts of the Band Parents Club, the Board of Education, the Athletic Association, and the citizens of Valdosta. Mr. Butenschon has stated his most sincere thanks to everyone who has helped in this endeavor. "We were not able to purchase the full uniform that we wanted, but we did get enough to outfit the students in a good looking uniform for this trip and that's what we were after right now", stated the director. The organization plans to add to the uniform as funds will allow. The Valdosta Board of Education has given their permission for the band students to be excused from school for this trip as it is an educational trip as well as an honor to be represented. The Cherry Blossom Festival is a good will venture between Japan and the United States and there will be thousands of people from all across the nation in Washington for this event.

The band students pay their own fare for the trip. The band director and band parents stress for the students to raise their own money by various means. The entire cost including transportation, meals, sight-seeing and hotel room is \$60.00 per student. The trip is

conducted by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and Mr. Bob Parsons, a representative of the railroad will make the trip with the band.

"After being elected to be represented in the First Chair of America National Honor Yearbook of Bands for the second consecutive year and being elected Club of the Year at Valdosta High School by the D. E. Club, we feel that this trip will round out a completely successful year for the band at Valdosta High," said Mr. Butenschon. "Our band is growing in size, strength, and morale every year and next year should be an even better year than this one. We were most gratified last year to be among the 120 bands in the United States to be presented in the National Honor Yearbook for Bands, but even more so to make it two years in succession. Winning the Club of the Year award at the high school was something that the students wanted very badly and something that they did themselves. They turned in a top-notch scrap-book, which is how the judges determine the winner, and put a lot of hard work into the project."

"A lot of people ask me what the band does after football season, said Butenschon. "Well, to give the public a little idea, this year alone, the V.H.S. band will make approximately 30 public appearances including football games, basketball games, parades, civic club appearances, the Washington trip, and concerts. Our next concert in Valdosta will be May 15th and we hope everyone will come out to hear it."

One thing is certain. The Valdosta High School Band is going to Washington D. C. to represent our City and school to the best of their ability, and we hope that the city and school will appreciate the band's efforts.

VHS Tennis Kittens Top Brooks, 10-3

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High School's girls tennis team gained a 10-3 victory over the Brooks County Tigerettes from Quitman here Tuesday.

The win was the second straight the season for Mrs. Herman Johnson's VHS kittens.

Valdosta moved to a 4-2 lead at the end of singles play and then iced it in doubles competition, winning 6-1.

Individual results are as follows:

Singles — Joann Sego (V) beat Lynn West (Q), 6-2; West (Q) beat Julia Groover (V), 6-3; Sheryl Griner (Q) beat Mardi Barnes (V) 8-5; Cornelia Carswell (V) beat Pearl Clanton, 8-0; Maxine Wilson (V) beat Susan Phelps (Q), 8-1; Nancy Simon (V) beat Vicki Patten (Q), 8-0;

Doubles — Simon-Wilson (V) beat Phelps-Patten (Q), 6-0; Julia Lawson - Toni DeMascio (V) beat Clayton - Griner (q), 6-1; Linda McLaurin-Helen Lawson (V) beat Phelps-Patten (q), 6-0; Cornelia Carswell-Barnes (V) beat Claynton-Griner (q), 6-1; Susan LaMontagne-Mary Pate (V) beat Barbara Taylor-Cheryl Taylor (Q), 6-2; Claudette Pierce - Susan Southwell (V) beat Taylor-Taylor, 6-0; Taylor-Taylor (Q) beat Paula Greer-Mickey Copeland (V), 6-3.



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Bob Chapman and Jimmy Norton: To Represent VHS at State Science Fair

Success In Science Follows 2 Years With Mice, Flies

By MARY RAWLS

When Bob Chapman and Jimmy Norton go to Athens for the State High School Science Fair in April they will take two years work with them.

Bob has been working with white mice for the past two years while Jimmy has been experimenting with fruit flies for over a year.

The boys, both from Valdosta High School, won the right to attend the fair April 2-4 by placing in the 8th District Science Fair last weekend in Waycross.

Bob, a junior, captured first place in the Science Congress division of the fair while Jimmy was runner-up in that category.

Along with bringing home the top ribbons, Bob was awarded a trophy for the school.

This is a first at VHS and it will be put in the trophy case. Bob also won a trip to the National Science Fair in Baltimore, Md., this summer.

"Before, the boys and girls have won medals or ribbons but the school has never been given a trophy," said Mrs. Gardy Massey, head of the biology department at VHS. Mrs. Massey is also a special advisor at the school for science projects and accompanies youth to various science fairs.

Not only did Bob and Jimmy place in the fair but sophomore Nancy Strum won second place for her exhibit on photo reactivation. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strum of Valdosta and she will also at-

tend the state fair.

Sophomore Buddy Kilpatrick won a third on his project, the effect of pesticides on green plants. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Kilpatrick.

"All the students have worked so hard on their projects. I think they should be encouraged to go on with their work," said Mrs. Massey.

Bob, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Chapman, has worked with more than 150 mice in the past two years.

His project, "The Effects of Alcohol on Mice, their Breeding and Heredity," has been received enthusiastically by his entire family.

"Even my mother didn't mind me having all those mice around the house. I built cages for them," said Bob.

Bob started off with six rodents. He used three in the control group and three in the alcoholic group.

To the controls he gave numbers and letters different from the other mice. The controls received a balanced diet while the others were fed an eyedropped full of alcohol each night.

At first the alcoholic mice would take other food along with the alcohol.

"After a week or two they wanted nothing but alcohol," said Bob.

Bob found the offspring of the alcoholics to be notably smaller than the offspring of the controls. The alcoholics produced

less offspring from generation to generation than the controls. The alcoholics died sooner than the controls.

Bob dissected some of the controls and the alcoholics and took out the heart, liver, kidney, lungs and spleen.

He made slides of tissue from the spleen and liver and found cirrhosis to be present in the alcoholics.

"I proved that the intake of alcohol may lead to cirrhosis as indicated by tests from microscopic slides," said Bob.

He also found that the offspring of the alcoholics had a tendency to drink more alcohol than the normal mice.

"I found that female mice tend to consume more alcohol than the males," grinned Bob.

Jimmy, on the other hand, has worked with more than 63,000 fruit flies since last summer.

Jimmy, a senior, attended the

summer institute for top high school science students at the University of Georgia last summer.

While there he worked with Dr. Claude Hinton, on the research team at the university, on the cross-over in fruit flies.

"I became so interested in what we were doing I decided to continue my work at home," said Jimmy.

Jimmy said the fruit fly was used because it had a life span of only 11 days. He has been able to cross 170 different cultures.

Jimmy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Norton, carried on the experiment because he was looking for a crossover in the eye color of the flies.

"What I expected to get is expected only once in 10 million flies. I got one red eye and one scarlet spotted eye during the experiments," said Jimmy.

Wildcats Feel 'Loss' Of Freshmen Players

Since Valdosta High moved up to Class AAA in 1958 it has been one of the smallest schools on an enrollment basis in Georgia's top sports classification.

From 1958 through 1962 Valdosta's football Wildcats more than held their own even though they represented the second smallest school in Region 1-AAA.

Opposing coaches kept wondering how coach Wright Bazemore could keep turning out such strong teams with such a relatively small student body to draw players from.



GLASSMAN

"Up until 1963 we had an advantage over most other schools in our region, which in part offset our smaller enrollment," Bazemore said. "That advantage is gone and it could have lasting effects on our football and other athletic programs."

Now let's keep in mind that while Bazemore is noted for his pessimistic outlook toward the grid sport, he's never sought or tried to offer alibis for himself or his teams. He does, however, believe in taking a realistic attitude toward problems and then working very hard for their solution.

That "advantage" Bazemore spoke about concerned the fact that until 1963 the ninth grade was located at Valdosta High. Now ninth graders attend Valdosta Junior High.

Georgia High School Association rules say ninth graders may play varsity sports only if they attend senior high.

Must Learn For Selves

When Valdosta schools switched to the 6-3-3 system it left the VHS athletic teams without any freshmen (ninth grade) candidates. The 1963 season was the first for the football 'Cats under the new system. They had a 2-7-1 record. A lack of freshmen, according to Bazemore, didn't cause the losing campaign, but it may delay a rebuilding program he has going with ambitions to return Valdosta to the top of the prep football ladder. And he believes it will make the 'Cats' grid job much tougher from now on.

"We (Valdosta) and Willingham were the only two schools in Region 1-AAA that could play freshmen," Bazemore said. "Now Willingham is the only one."

"We missed the freshmen in 1963. That was a season when we could have used a lot of younger boys and they could have gotten some valuable experience."

"During our current spring practice the ninth graders are working with our varsity and we can certainly tell the difference among our younger players."

"Boys who will be sophomores this fall are at about the same level as our freshmen candidates used to be. Now let's get one point straight. Junior high coaches Bill Watson and Tom Moody have done an excellent job. But there are some things a boy can't be taught, he must learn them for himself."

Big Jump To Make

"There is a big jump between junior high and senior high football. The best coach in the world can't prepare a boy for the transition. It's like a player moving from high school to college and then from college to the pro ranks. It takes some adjustment, regardless of the players' ability and the kind of coaching he has received."

"Most of the other schools in our region, the ones who haven't been playing ninth graders on their varsity, seldom have sophomores playing first string. In fact, most of them are top heavy with seniors on their first units. I now understand fully why they haven't been using more sophomores."

"A sophomore playing varsity football for the first time is at a disadvantage. Most take at least a year to adjust and be ready for front-line duty."

"So where does that leave us? I'll tell you, it leaves us with a problem. What's the answer? There is no short cut. It means the sophomores joining our varsity for the first time are going to have to work very hard in an effort to make the adjustment more quickly."

"Now this isn't something that needs just to be done now, but it must continue in future seasons if we, a small school, are going to be able to compete with the larger schools in our league."

"We've always worked very hard to produce good teams in the past. We're going to have to work even harder in the future just to hold our own."



Mark Barger, Linda Blase, Betty Middlebrooks Take Physical Fitness Seriously —Times Staff Photo

Brains Are Fine, But So Is Physical Fitness

By MARTIN MILLER
Times Staff Writer

Two Valdostans are in favor of the United States beating Russia to the moon, but they want us to be something more than physical wrecks when we get there.

Their advice is to start putting the emphasis on physical fitness as well as mental fitness and see what happens.

They are Valdosta High School athletic director Wright Bazemore and Valdosta State College physical education coordinator Bill Bennett.

Both men are affiliated with a council of physical fitness which recently came out of Governor Carl Sanders' office.

The council is a plan which, if followed by all Georgia communities, would help residents of the state to better their physical condition. The Georgia council is a branch of a national council spearheaded by Georgia Tech athletic director Bobby Dod.

Bazemore, who is a council member to help in a study of the problem, had this to say:

"You know, it seems that all everybody is worried about today is getting to the moon and such. Well, far be it from me to find anything wrong with intellectual achievement.

"But I think we should also do some thinking about what's happening to our bodies. With all the pressure being put towards study these days, we're not doing this. I'm afraid we're making ourselves and our children into a bunch of highly intelligent bookworms who aren't physically fit."

Bazemore believes that if Georgians take a positive attitude towards Governor Sanders' plan and follow its steps seriously, the state as a whole will be in much better shape.

Also a firm believer in the governor's plan is VSC's Bill Bennett, who is head of the project for the 24-county Eighth Congressional District.

The Georgia plan is divided into 10 branches, one for each of Georgia's 10 congressional districts. The objective of each district is to encourage the use of vigorous exercise — a mini-

mum of 15 minutes per day — in all schools, recreation and youth agencies.

Each district is also supposed to utilize testing to measure and encourage progress and institute a continuing program of medical supervision.

"We're going to try to generate a good physical program here," Bennett said, "we're just getting started with it now, and will need cooperation if it's to succeed.

"We want all schools and youth groups in the state to work hand-in-hand with us on this thing. And one of our most important steps is to get all the schools to initiate some type of physical education program. Many of Georgia's high schools and junior high schools already have a PE program, but many do not.

"What we must do is get all the schools to have such a program and make it compulsory for all students. Those students who can't engage in all types of physical exercise because of some drawback can attend the classes and participate in only those exercises which they are capable of doing."

Both Bazemore and Bennett agree that one of the reasons Georgians and all Americans are in such poor physical shape is that though many of the schools have physical programs, many students get excused for various reasons. And the ones who get out are invariably the ones who need it the most.

"We have varsity athletics of all types in high schools, and many cities have community athletic teams," Bazemore said, "but the people who go out for these things are the ones who would keep themselves physically fit anyway. The ones who really need it don't go out, so we aren't getting through to the majority of the people."

Though Valdosta High School has always had a compulsory physical education program, Bazemore said the school was beginning to use the exercises and testing methods in Gov. Sanders program. Bennett said a similar program is tentatively scheduled for VSC PE classes next fall.

VHS Coach Worried About Three Things

List Includes
End, Tackle
And Measles

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Three things Valdosta High's head football coach Wright Bazemore says he's worried about right now are end, tackle and the measles.

He rates end and tackle as "problem positions" in the line now that his Wildcats have completed three weeks of their month-long spring practice session.

What about the measles? One VHS griddler, center Tommy Dove, has just gotten over them and another, quarterback Glenn Davis, has them right now. Bazemore hopes the measles jinx won't strike his squad again.

"With our game with the 'Has-Beens' scheduled for next Friday, all we need is for measles to start running through the squad," Bazemore said.

Bazemore and "Has-Been" coach Bill Crook will give a report on the spring game when the Valdosta Touchdown Club holds its first meeting of the '64 season on Monday at 7:30 p. m. at the Valdosta Junior High lunchroom.

Meanwhile, Bazemore had this to say about how things have been going for the VHS line corps this spring:

"It looks like we will be pretty well off at guard and we should be adequate at center, but we lack size and experience at both tackle and end. Those are a couple of problem positions."

Dove's presence is the main reason Bazemore has tagged center "adequate." A 170-pounder, Dove is a returning regular. He's getting competition from Jimmy Miller (160-soph.) and Perry Baskins (170-soph.).

There are four returning regulars at guard. They are Bill Henry (185-sr.), Bobby Moore (175-jr.), Jack Martin (175-sr.) and Kenny Clifton (170-jr.). Their chief competition is coming from Joe Crane (165-sr.), Jay Hingson (160-jr.) and Butch Pipkin (135-jr.).

"We have more experience at guard than at any other position in the line," Bazemore said. "We are expecting a lot from our guard corps."

At end, Jimmy Neal (170-jr.) is rated by Bazemore as "improved" and he said Robert Goff (145-sr.) was showing "potential until illness slowed him down."



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Bazemore Shows Player How It Should Be Done

Bill Welch (150-jr.), John Gunter (155-sr.), Emerson Beil (135-jr.), Bobby King (135-jr.), Rhett Dawson (150-soph.) and Mike Strom (150-soph.) are others who figure in the battle for the starting assignments at the flank post. King has just been moved from fullback to end.

"When you have just one end who weighs more than 155 pounds, like we do, it really makes it rough," the VHS coach said.

At tackle Bazemore rates Ronnie Cannon (200-jr.) and Stuart Mullis (185-sr.) as the "leaders right now." His list of top candidates also includes Billy Joseph (160-jr.), Clay Freeman (150-jr.), Kendall Varnedoe (175-jr.), Ricky Rogers (170-jr.), Charles Everman (165-soph.) and Phil Ashcom (165-soph.).

"We have two tackles with limited experience and a whole lot of them who are lightweights for the position," Bazemore said. "Our tackle situation doesn't look too good right now."

"Our line next fall is going to be small and rather inexperienced. We are going to lack depth. But all of our linemen still have time to make improvement. Many of them are working very hard and all of them must work hard."

VHS Hoop Banquet Set Tonight

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High and Valdosta Junior High basketball players will be honored at a banquet here tonight.

The event, sponsored by the VHS Basketball Boosters' Club, is to be held at the high school's lunchroom at 7:30 p.m.

Atop the speaking list is J. B. Scearce, cage master of the Georgia Southern College Eagles from Statesboro. Scearce is one of the most successful college hoop mentors in the nation.

In 18 seasons, his Eagles have made the trip to Kansas City four times to compete in the NAAIA (small college) national basketball tournament. They currently hold an impressive 326 - 163 record.

The Atlanta Tipoff Club named Scearce as Georgia's "Coach of the Year" for 1964. The honor came to Scearce for the second time in his career.

After Scearce's speech awards will be given to the top high school and junior high (boys and girls) cagers. Presentations to be made are most outstanding, sportsmanship, most improved, most faithful junior varsity players and most outstanding junior high players.

Mike Davis and Vivian Dixon, both of Warner Robins, will be honored as the players picked by the VHS 'Cats and Kittens as their most outstanding opponents.

Trophies and awards to be given have been donated by the VHS Boosters Club and the Valdosta Lions, Rotary, Civitan Exchange and Kiwanis clubs.

Present Booster Club members may attend the banquet without charge and non-members may attend for \$3, said club president Al Steele.



—Times Staff Photo

Varsity Award Winners: (1st row) Harris, DeLoach, McClenny; (2nd row) Norwood, Nichols, Carter

SCEARCE SAYS HOOP REWARDS ARE 'MANY'

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Basketball demands sacrifices, but it offers rewards, according to one of Georgia's most successful college cage mentors.

J. B. Scearce, of Statesboro coach at Georgia Southern College, said he thinks the rewards far outweigh the sacrifices during a speech here Thursday night at the Valdosta Basketball Boosters Club's annual banquet.

"A boy or girl who plays basketball must make sacrifices," Scearce told approximately 225 club members and guests. "It results in a loss of freedom, perhaps in lower grades and it can bring heartaches and at times ridicule.

"But basketball brings rewards and makes the sacrifices worth it all. A basketball player learns to co-operate with others and to accept authority. He develops a competitive attitude and the mental capacity to make split-second decisions. And, of course, it develops physical efficiency and teaches that a unified course of action is needed and can be made under intense strain.

"And just as in life basketball teaches that winning is important. Life is competitive. We must strive for victory and at the same time we must be gracious losers. Now I don't like good losers because they get beat too often. But in defeat we must be gracious and become more determined to win next time."

Honored guests at the banquet, the ninth staged by the VHS Basketball Boosters, were members of the Valdosta High and Valdosta Junior High cage teams, their coaches and their cheerleaders.

A dozen individual awards

were presented as follows:

Boys — Jimmy Cater, outstanding; Foy Norwood, sportsmanship; Bobby Nichols, most improved; Kenny Bounds, best junior varsity player; John Smrcina, outstanding junior high player.

Girls — Betty McClenny, outstanding; Carol Harris, sportsmanship; Lyndal DeLoach, most improved; Kathy Wisenbaker, best junior varsity player; Shelia Kellerman, outstanding junior high player.

Warner Robins' Vivian Dixon and Mike Davis were recognized as the VHS Wildcats' and Kittens' outstanding opponents.

Varsity coaches Joe Wilson and Bill Davis, junior varsity mentor Charlie Greene and junior high coaches Tom Moody and Bill Watson, were praised by outgoing Boosters Club president Al Steele, "for the outstanding seasons all of your teams had."

The coaches received gifts from the Boosters Club and from their players.

A new slate of officers was named as follows:

Pappy Harris, president; Barney Davis, vice president; Art Koch, secretary-treasurer, and directors Ben Ellison, Harold Rigsby, Buddy Pitts and Howard Hall.

Awards presented at the banquet were donated by the Boosters Club and the Valdosta Civitan, Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary and Exchange clubs.

Special guests at the banquet included coach Gary Colson and members of his Valdosta State College basketball team.

The speaker was introduced by Al Simmons. Others taking part on the program included Steele, Koch, Jack Gayle and Bill Bennett.

Anyway, Valdosta High's Wildcats used a rather fancy pass play to score the winning touchdown in their spring game with the "Has-Beens."

"You got a name for that pass you scored with?" I asked coach Wright Bazemore after the game.

"Yes," he said, giving me a rather blank look. "It was a halfback pass off a double reverse, just like it's always been."

This, to me, was football talk I understood. What I had been fishing for was a fancy name for the play. But Bazemore doesn't believe in making football any more complicated than necessary. And he also knows that it's the way a play is executed which counts, not the jazzy name you might give it.

Wildcats, Vets Tangle Friday

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Coach Wright Bazemore figures that if his Valdosta football Wildcats are going to be improved next fall, as he has been predicting, the time to start proving it is Friday night.

The 'Cats will finish four weeks of off-season practice when they meet the "Has-Beens" in their annual spring game here tomorrow night. The contest is slated for 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field.

"I've been saying since we went 2-7-1 last season that we were going to be improved in '64," Bazemore said. "The boys have said they are going to be improved. Well, the time to start proving it is in our game with the 'Has-Beens.'"

The 'Has-Been' team of '63, loaded with stars from a state championship team of '62, licked the Wildcats 33-0. That, according to Bazemore, should give his current 'Cats a "strong desire to get some revenge."

Coach Bill Crook, however, will have another formidable group of veterans to send against the Wildcats.

"We (the 'Has-Beens') certainly aren't as strong as we were in '63, but we will be there Friday night ready to play football," Crook said.

Bazemore rates the spring game as a fairly even match. "I believe we (the 'Cats) have a chance to make it a contest this year," Bazemore said. "I'm certainly going to be disappointed if the game isn't a crowd-pleaser."

Bazemore listed the Wildcats' probable starters and for the first time in four years there will be no "platooning."

"We've picked 11 boys to start and we figure five more are certain for duty on defense," Bazemore said. "We're sure to do some more substituting, but we won't have offensive and defensive units as such."

Probable starters on offense are ends Jimmy Neal (170-jr.) and Robert Goff (150-sr.), tackles Ronnie Cannon (200-jr.)

and Stuart Mullis (185-sr.), guards Jack Martin (175-sr.) and Bill Henry (185-sr.), center Tommy Dove (165-sr.), quarterback Robert Strom (165-jr.), halfbacks Kenny Bounds (165-jr.) and Terry Godwin (145-sr.) and fullback Bill Parramore (160-jr.).

The five the coach said who are sure of seeing defensive duty are quarterback Glenn Davis (150-jr.), halfback Billy Bray (135-sr.), end Bobby King (145-jr.) and guards Kenny Clifton (170-jr.) and Bobby Moore (175-jr.).

Slated to see action for the "Has-Beens" are the following:

Ronnie Perkins (170), Neil

Bell (180), Albert McLeod (163), Cloy Blanton (165), Bruce Buie (165), Hank Lee (185), Walt Zant (145), Foy Norwood (211), Bobby Dasher (195), Mike Slack (165), Mike Green (185), Bill Holtzclaw (165), Mike Ireland (170), Mark Hollis (170), Henry Harnage (240), Steve Wansley (225).

Hollis started spring drills with the 'Cats. He has since learned he will move from Valdosta before the start of the season so he's joining the "Has-Beens" for the game.

The spring game is co-sponsored by the Valdosta Touchdown Club and the V Club, organization Valdosta High varsity sports letter winners.



'Cats' Terry Godwin (17) Catches Pass That Came Over Back of Defender

—Times Staff Photo

'Cats Defeat Vets With 30-Yard Pass

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

After near misses in the second and third periods Valdosta's football Wildcats connected for a touchdown via the aerial route mid-way the final stanza to score a 6-0 victory over the "Has-Beens" here Friday night.

A 39-yard pass from quarterback-halfback Robert Strom to end Bobby King gave coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats a victory before a crowd of approximately 1,800 in the annual spring game.

The winning TD came with 5:16 left in the contest and the Cats got a measure of revenge

veterans offered just one scoring threat. This came at the finish when they moved to the 23 and were then shoved back out to the 40.

Bazemore, who set improvement as the 'Cats spring goal, said, "things went about as we expected and the boys looked pretty good."

"I couldn't say that a single one of our players looked great, but there were quite a few who showed potential. I was disappointed that we couldn't make our offense move more smoothly. I was glad we won, I was sorry we muffed some scoring opportunities."

The 'Cats didn't have too much success getting their ground game going, but fullback Bill Parramore, with 28 yards on 10 carriers, was the leader in this department.

Strom and Glenn Davis, who alternated at quarterback, had good success through the air. Between them they hit on eight of 16 passes for 128 yards. Davis completed six of 12 for 77 and Strom connected on two of four for 51. King, halfback Terry Godwin, end Robert Goff and Strom were the successful receivers.

The 'Cats held the "Has-Beens" to just two first downs, a net of 15 yards rushing and

16 passing. Pacing the VHS defensive effort were tackles Stuart Mullis and Ronnie Cannon, King, halfback Billy Bray and guards Bobby Moore, Jack Martin, Bill Henry and Kenny Clifton. It was a pass interception by Bray that set the stage for the Cats' game-winning pass. Cloy Blanton is the fellow who got the 'Has-Beens' rolling to

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing: Wildcats — Bounds 2-17, Strom 2-2, Godwin 9-9, Parramore 10-28, Davis 5-13, Bray 4-10; Has-Beens — Zant 5-6, Perkins 6 minus one, Blanton 4-26, Lee 9 minus 17, McLeod 1-1.
Passing: Wildcats — Davis 6-12-77, Strom 2-4-51; Has-Beens — Lee 1-2-16, Blanton 0-3-0.
Pass Receiving: Wildcats — Godwin 3-55, Goff 1-21, Strom 2-19, King 2-33; Has-Beens — Perkins 1-16.
Kickoff Returns: Wildcats — Bounds 2-61; Has-Beens — Bell 13.
Punt Returns: Wildcats — Godwin 1-3; Has-Beens — Blanton 1-35, Perkins 1-18.
Defense (tackles): Wildcats — King 4, Cannon 4, Bray 4, Mullis 6, Moore 3, Martin 3, Henry 2, Clifton 2; Has-Beens — Norwood 9, Buie 8, Zant 4, Perkins 3, Lee 3, Holtzclaw 3, Bell 2, McLeod 2, Perryman 2, Wansley 2.

ward the finish with a 35-yard punt return and a 23-yard romp from scrimmage. He also got away both times, but the 'Cats' Jay Hinson caught Blanton from behind on the punt return and Bray stopped the veteran back on his longest run.

Foy Norwood, and Bruce Buie were defensive leaders for the vets. Fumble recoveries by Blanton, Albert McLeod and Charlie Pendleton helped stall the 'Cats' offense at crucial times. Bill Holtzclaw blocked Bobby Moore's field goal try from the 18 just before the first half ended.

LINEUPS
Wildcats
Ends — King, M. Strom, Dawson, Welch, Neal, Goff, Bell.
Tackles — Mullis, Cannon, Everman.
Guards — Henry, Martin, Clifton, Varnedoe, Moore, Joseph, Hinson.
Center — Dove, Miller.
Backs — Davis, Colson, Bray, Buckner, Godwin, Grondahl, R. Strom, Bridges, McMillan, Parramore, Garwood, Bounds, Clayt.
Has-Beens
Ends — Holtzclaw, Ireland, Buie.
Tackles — Norwood, Hollis, Pendleton, Wansley.
Guards — Perryman, Green.
Center — Dasher.
Backs — Zant, Bell, Perkins, Blanton, Lee, McLeod.
Score by quarters follows:
Wildcats 0 0 0 6-6
Has-Beens 0 0 0 0-0
Scoring TD's: Wildcats — King (30 yd. pass from Strom).

STATISTICS

	Cats	H-Beens
First Downs	11	2
Yards Rushing	79	15
Yards Passing	128	16
Passes	8-16	1-5
Passes Intc. by	2	1
Fumbles Lost	3	0
Punting	4-31.3	8-38.5
Penalties	4-20	8-58

for the 33-0 licking they suffered at the hands of coach Bill Crook's veteran crew in 1963.

Before breaking the scoreless deadlock with the Strom-to-King toss, the Wildcats had stalled at the 10 just before the half and saw a field goal try blocked. They had gotten to the five in the third period, but lost this scoring opportunity with a fumble.

But the boys who will represent VHS on the gridiron next fall threw up a defense which kept the "Has-Beens" off in check all the way. The

'Cats Meet Vets In Tilt Tonight

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta football Wildcats hope to start moving on an upward course when they meet the "Has-Beens" in a game here tonight which will end four weeks of spring practice.

The game between coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and the "Has-Beens", coached by Bill Crook, is slated for 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field.

Valdosta compiled a 2-7-1 record in 1963, the worst for a Bazemore coached team in more than 20 years.

"As far as I'm concerned we hit bottom in 1963," Bazemore said. "From now on we've got to start moving upward."

While Bazemore is thinking of winning and losing in connection with tonight's game, he's really more concerned with other things.

"I want to know if we are going to strike and play with determination all the way next year," the VHS mentor said. "That's the important thing."

studded veteran crew, 33-0, in the 1963 spring game. The "Has-Beens" will be good again this year, but Bazemore is expecting his 'Cats "to at least make a contest of it."

He's named 11 probable starters on offense and has listed just five players as certain to see duty on defense. That means for the first time in four seasons the 'Cats won't substitute in a game by "platoons."

"We'd like to play a two-team system again next fall," Bazemore said, "but that will be up to the boys. For our spring game we will start 11 and there are five more we plan to try on defense. Now this don't mean anyone has a position nailed down or that anyone is sure of playing next year. We want our 11 best on the field. The way the boys play will determine who those 11 are in any given stage in the game."

The probable offensive starters Bazemore named are ends Jimmy Neal (170-jr.) and Robert Goff (150-sr.), tackles Ronnie Cannon (200-jr.) and

Robert Strom (165-jr.), halfbacks Kenny Bounds (165-jr.) and Terry Godwin (145-sr.) and fullback Bill Parramore (160-jr.). Slated for action on defense are quarterback Glenn Davis (150-jr.), halfback Billy Bray (135-sr.), end Bobby King (145-jr.) and guards Kenny Clifton (170-jr.) and Bobby Moore (175-jr.).

Crook will pick the "Has-Beens" starters from a 17-player group that includes Ronnie Perkins, Neil Bell, Albert McLeod, Cloy Blanton, Bruce Buie, Hank Lee, Walter Zant, Foy Norwood, Bobby Dasher, Mike Slack, Mike Green, Billy Holtzclaw, Jay Perryman, Mike Ireland, Mark Hollis, Henry Harnage and Steve Wansley.

The spring game is co-sponsored by the Valdosta Touchdown Club and the V Club, an organization of Valdosta High varsity sports letter winners.

Valdosta Meets Jordan Tonight

Wildcats Face Rugged Test Against Loop Foe

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's small but enthusiastic ground troops will be matched against Jordan's brutish, but graceful, aerial artists when the Wildcats and Red Jackets of Columbus clash here tonight.

The game between the Region 1-AAA members is scheduled for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats will carry a 2-0 record in all games and a 1-0 regional mark into the fray. They earned triumphs over Baker of Columbus and Thomasville with a swift-moving rushing attack.

Coach Bob Donaldson's Jackets have split a pair of hard-fought battles with 1-AAA powers. They have licked Moultrie, 19-12, and lost a close, 13-7, decision to La-Grange.

Using their new coach's version of the TCU-spread, they've made their aerial attack click for 20 completions in 30 tries for a .666 average. They have gained 301 yards in two games and scored three TD's via the air lanes.

It figures as a ground vs air battle, but may not turn out that way. While VHS has had the most success along the ground, its aerial assault clicked for TD's against both Baker of Thomasville.

And while the Jackets are noted for their passing efficiency, Donaldson has some strong runners in his camp and the kind of line that can bowl over the defense.

This will be only the third game in the series between the two which started in 1958. Valdosta won in 1958, and 1959, but had to pull off a near miracle to beat the Jackets last fall. A last-second, 92-yard pass interception return led to a 7-6 triumph for the 'Cats.

In the persons of quarterbacks Mike Welch and Tony Garnto and halfback Sam F... ets have three talented passers. They've also got halfbacks James Rutland and Al Tillman and fullbacks Tommy Hart and Gene Burkette for rushing assaults.

The Red Jackets' veteran line is anchored by tackles Jerry Gill (230), Ross McCain (195) and Larry Buchanan (270) and guard Sonny Buchanan (240).

This human stonewall held the Wildcats to just one first down and less than 30 yards rushing last year.

Before the season got underway, Bazemore rated his Wildcats' improved. He figures the Jackets will provide an accurate check on just how much or how little real progress has been made.

Well 'Dosta can't even come close to matching Jordan in size, it will try to offset this dis-

and he tips the scales a 165. That's scant weight to throw against Jordan's king-sized stop'em crew.

advantage with a modified two-platoon plan. The Wildcats have an offensive and defensive unit, but several players must serve depth, especially in the backfield.

With offensive flankman Bunky Henry sidelined with a broken leg, the Valdosta ranks will be thinner than they were when VHS met Baker and Thomasville.

Among those likely to see heavy duty are ends Bill Holtzenclaw, Bill Blocker, Charlie Harris and Wally Colson, tackles, Bill Schroer Skipper Prewitte, Billy Myddleton, Bobby Grondahl and Jerry Reaves, guard Ray Bennett Gary Minchew, Frank Weatherington and Jimmy Adams, centers Allen Holt and Foy Norwood and backs Bruce Bennett, Kenny Ruffer, Giles Smith, Burnice Hiers, Stan Reaves, Butch Luke, Cloy Blanton, Tommy Tart, Rick Thomas, Walter Zant and Bud Hatcher.

Bennett, Ruffer Smith and Hiers have been the assault leaders so far. However, the heaviest member of this foursome is Hiers'

'Cats, Indians Meet Friday

Both To Risk Perfect Regional Grid Records

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Albany's Indians left the starters gate in the Region 1-AAA football race ranked as the "team to beat" and Valdosta's Wildcats get a chance to try their luck at doing just that here tomorrow night.

The 1-AAA co-leaders are to meet in a game slated for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

Albany, the defending region and state champion, has been beaten once this year. However, it was by non-league foe Benedictine of Savannah.

Since that setback in their opener, the Indians have sailed

Wildcats are ends Billy Blocker, Charlie Harris, Bill Holtzclaw and Wally Colson, tackles Bobby Gron-dah, Bill Myddleton, Bill Schroer and Skipper Frewitt, guards Ray Bennett, Gary Minchew, Frank Wetherington and Jimmy Adams and centers Allen Holt and Foy Norwood. At least Minchew will play if an injured knee permits.

Backs likely to play on either offense or defense include Tommy Tart, Butch Luke, Rick Thomas, Bruce Bennett, Giles Smith, Stan Reaves, Bud Hatcher, Kenny Ruffer, Cloy Blanton, Burnice Hiers and Walter Zant.

Bennett, with 350 yards on 37 carries, is the Wildcats' and the region's leading rusher. He has a 9.45 average.

Ruffer has gained 209 yards on 35 tries for a 5.97 average. Hiers has 132 yards to his credit on 27 carries for a 4.55 average. Smith has picked up 98 yards on 19 tries for a 5.15 average. Thomas has completed nine of 19 passes for 262 yards.

General admission tickets for the Valdosta-Albany football game are now on sale at Barnes Drug Store. Adult tickets are priced at \$1.25 each. This is the usual amount charged for the Wildcats' home games.

past loop foes Columbus (32-13), Warner Robins (53-6) and La-Grange (6-0).

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wild-cats have clicked off four straight triumphs, with regional opponents Baker (40-14), Jordan (27-0) and Lanier (19-7) among their vic-tims.

In addition to the fact that the 1-AAA lead will be at stake tomorrow night, the game will match a pair of traditional rivals. The combination is certain to re-sult in a capacity crowd.

Valdosta and Albany have play-ed often in past years. But this will be only their third meeting as league opponents. The Wild-cats joined 1-AAA in 1958, and were measured by the Indians that season and again last fall. The Tribe gunned down the 'Cats, 26-6, on their way to state championship honors last year.

While the Indians lost heavily at graduation time, the results are not evident on this year's team. Albany's current team is rated just as strong and as tal-ented as its 1959 wrecking crew.

The Indians have both size and speed on their side. Their ground attack is their strong suit on of-fense, but they can strike with efficiency through the air. Their defense is rugged.

Leaders in the line for Albany include ends David Martin (170), Jack Brice (176) and Mike Lane (170), tackles Don Dunbeam (190), Butch Fain (185), Frankie Morris (185), guards Cantey Dav-is (180), Jimmy Prevatte (180) and Stan Harp (185) and center Jack Andrews (190). All are seniors and juniors.

Operating behind the Indians' hardhitting line is a backfield corps that has quarterback Jerry Gerst (150, sr.), halfbacks Bill Sutton (145, sr.), Jerry Doyal (180, jr.), Larry Watons (185, jr.), Steve Heidt (160, jr.) and E. G. Beckwith (150, sr.) and fullback James Gray (185, jr.) as standouts.

Doyal, a power runner with out-standing speed, has ripped off 315 yards in 66 tries for a 5.38 average. He stands second among 1-AAA ground gainers.

Gerst is a talented runner. He has accounted for 124 yards and a pair of touchdowns with his passes and has gained 172 yards on 15 running tries for a 9.87 average. Sutton has cruised 216 yards the 25 times he has carried for an 8.64 average.

While Valdosta's line force is smaller, it also offers talent. Like-ly to see action up front for the



Valdosta Halfback Corps On Eve Of 'Battle' With Albany
Stan Reaves, Kenny Ruffer, Cloy Blanton, Jerry Varnedoe, Bud Hatcher, Giles Smith

—Times Staff Photo

Who Says Valdosta Can't Beat Any Waycross Team?

Valdosta High School's football rivalry with Waycross was a feather in Coach Earl O'Neal's cap last year since his Bulldogs beat the VHS gridders. But there's another rivalry between the two schools and in that one Valdosta is the top dog.

I'm speaking of a "hot dispute" on who's got the best girls tennis team.



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mighty happy youngsters, led by one who is not as young, but just as happy.

She admits while driving to meet the team's rival she felt the girls would need a stroke of luck to again draw a tie. Coach Melba Williams' Waycross netters have long been known for their agility on the tennis court.

But when they got there she saw from the way things were going in the early part of the match Waycross was going to need some luck to tie her girls. Then she saw Waycross would need some luck to keep from getting beat themselves, and then "be doggone if we hadn't won."

First on tap in the match was a pair of singles sets between Waycross' Janie Daniel and Valdosta's Linda McLaurin. Well, Janie won the first two by scores of 6-3 and 6-2. And that's no slight on Linda either because you've got to be somewhat better than good to even come close to Janie Daniel, no matter who you play for.

I had the opportunity of watching her play during a city-wide meet here last summer, and she put down some of Valdosta's finest as if she was bored. Such netters as Nancy Simon and Maxine Wilson, last year's State Class AAA runners-up, were no match for her.

But when Janie sat herself down Tuesday after the first one, it was Valdosta all the way to the end of singles play. The VHS girls won seven consecutive matches.

In doubles play, Valdosta won, 4-1. That one loss came when Daniel teamed up with Kitty Stevens to beat Valdosta's Judy Lawson and Lynn DeMascio.

It Was Great

"It was wonderful to beat Waycross," said Mrs. Johnson. "It was beginning to look like that was the team we would never beat. We've only lost one high school match in two years, but never before have we been able to do any more than finish in a draw with Waycross."

That one high school match which the VHS girls lost two years ago came as a setback at the hands of Albany. But Mrs. Johnson does not look at the entire '62 season as a failure, mainly because Valdosta's Barbara Noles and Nancy Simon went on to win the state Class AAA doubles championship.

The Valdosta girls now have an incentive, their coach says, to do some dust-raising in state competition again this year. Mrs. Johnson already has her eye on the Region 1-AAA girls tourney to be staged at Columbus on May 2 and the state meet to be held at Atlanta on May 7-8.

And the coach has good reason to be doing all that wishful thinking. Nancy Simon and Maxine Wilson are seniors this year and they just may not settle for second best in the doubles competition. Both have also been known to hold their own in singles play.

One Little Problem

There are also Toni DeMascio, Judy Lawson, Cecilia Carswell and Mardi Barnes and several others, who Mrs. Johnson says are shaping into some mighty fine tennis players.

Of course, there's one little problem that's been complicating things for the Valdosta girls — they don't have any regular place to practice. All but two of the VHS tennis courts are being resurfaced right now. So Mrs. Johnson has been using the two available courts some of the time and the rest of the time she has been carting her girls to the four municipal courts at McKey Park.

As Mrs. Johnson puts it, "that makes for more confusion than practice, but when it's all over with the girls will have some mighty nice courts to play on."

At any rate, a team which hasn't lost but one match against high school competition within a two-season span, maybe should have some kind of handicap — maybe.

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