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VHS Comebacks Net Wins

By Times Sports Writer

WAYCROSS — Coach Roger Rome's Valdosta High Wildcats overcame a poor shooting second quarter in which they scored only four points, coming from behind to defeat Ware County 49-41 in non-region prep basketball action here Saturday night.

The VHS Kittens also survived a poor first half showing to defeat the Ware County girls 51-40.

The Wildcats more than doubled their first half total of 15 points in the second half and also improved on their first half field goal percentage of only 28 percent.

According to Rome, "Ware really played well in the first half and got a lot of easy baskets, but the shots started dropping for us in the second half and our guys came through when they had to." He added, "I was really pleased with the way they hustled tonight — they deserved to win."

Coach Rome cited Rod Sullenberger with doing an excellent job as point guard in the second half as he got the ball inside to the big men doing the scoring.

One of the big men doing the shooting was David New as he tossed in 12 of his game high 17 points in the comeback second half. Other VHS scorers included Dante Jones, Nat Ceasar, and Sullenberger with eight points each and John Bond with six.

The Cats overcame the 10 point halftime deficit outscoring the Gators 16-9 in the third quarter and then 18-7 in the fourth quarter to gain the win, which avenged an earlier 52-51 loss to Ware last month.

In the girls game the Kittens had to overcome what coach Jo Ellis described as "sloppy execution" in the first half to defeat the Gatorettes.

"We just didn't play our style of game in the first half", said coach Ellis. "We were just too shy, but in the second half we executed better on, offense, rebounded better, and played better defense on their perimeter shooting that had hurt us".

Coach Ellis gave credit to Beverly Wilson and Cindy Cooper for controlling the boards for VHS pulling down nine caroms each.

Wilson also led the Kittens in scoring with 17, while Dana Swindle chipped in with 12 more as they were the games only

double figure scorers.

VHS had trailed at the half by one point 24-23 before racing to a third quarter 10 point advantage of 40-30.

The Kittens had defeated Ware earlier this year by a 31-52 count.

The win upped the boys record to 6-4 overall while the girls climb to 7-4.

Both Valdosta teams are in action again Tuesday night going against Lowndes.

		GIRLS			
VHS		15	23	40	51
Ware Co.		12	24	30	40
VHS (51)	— Wilson 17, Swindle 12, Lewis 8, Porter 7, Cooper 6, Dotson 1, Mair, Swails, Nelson, DeCarlo, Harrell, Roberts.				
Team Totals:	Field goals 20, Free throws 11 of 20, Fouls 11.				
WARE CO. (40)	— Smart 8, Dixon 8, Monroe 6, R. Sharp 6, Williams 8, Lee 2, B. Sharp 2.				
Team Totals:	Field goals 19, Free throws 2 of 12, Fouls 16.				
		BOYS			
VHS		11	15	31	49
Ware Co.		14	25	34	41
VHS (49)	— Daniels 2, Jones 8, New 17, Bond 6, Ceasar 8, Sullenberger 8.				
Team Totals:	Field goals 20, Free throws 9 of 16, Fouls 11.				
WARE (41)	— Lorence 9, Taylor 15, Peavy 9, Burse 2, Culpepper 2, Pearson 3, Gillis 2, Waters 1.				
Team Totals:	Field goals 17, Free throws 9 of 15, Fouls 12.				

Valwood Tumbles In Tourney

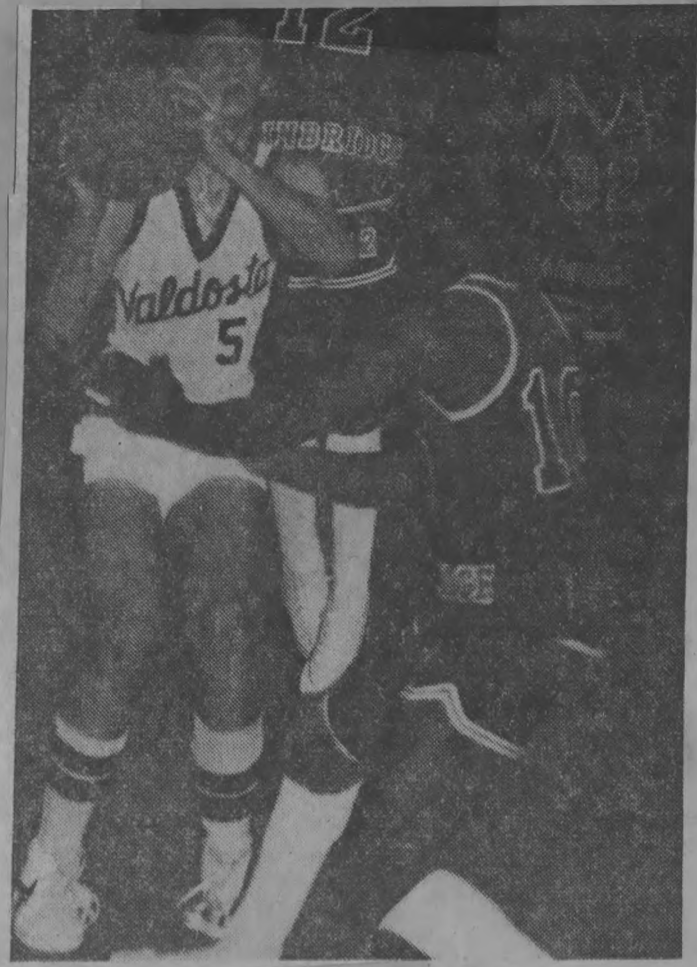
By Times Sports Writer

HILTON HEAD, S. C. — The Valwood basketball teams finished with losses in the final round of the Sea Pines Mid-western Classic here Saturday. The girls took a 45-39 defeat from May River from here in the girls bracket championship, and the boys fell 55-54 to Pathway Baptist of Savannah, Ga, in a consolation game.

Jean Oliver paced the Valwood girls with 20 points, while Kevin Mize and Robert Dickerson led the Valiant scoring with 22 and 17 points.

In the all-tournament team selections made after the tourney, Valwood's Oliver and Jane Holmes netted picks in the girls bracket.

Mize, who totalled 43 points in the two-day tournament, was a Valiant representative on the boys all-tournament



New's 17 Paces 'Cats

VHS 49-41 Ware
1-13-80

DECA President Sets High Goals

The Times

By Times Staff Writer

It's a busy Valdosta High School junior that's been named next year's president of the Distributive Education Clubs of America. And she plans to be even busier next year.

Margaret Aultman, 17, was recently elected to the top position in the club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Richardson Jr. of Valdosta.

Miss Aultman has set a high goal for herself and her club. But it's one she is confident they can meet together.

"I want to lead our DECA chapter to win state chapter of the year and possibly national chapter of the year," she said.

"We put together a chapter of the year book with all our civic activities, all our meetings and special projects done through the year," she said.

This book is judged to determine the chapter of the year.

Some of the DECA projects for the upcoming year are to be preparing food baskets for the needy at Thanksgiving, a Christmas toy drive and working with the Boys Club-Girls Club Inc., she said.

Miss Aultman said, she became involved with DECA through the VHS distributive education class and her sister, Kathryn Aultman.

"My sister was in it and I thought it was just something



MARGARET AULTMAN
'Going To Be Busy'

I would enjoy. It's a good way to get a job and learn about the business world," she said.

Miss Aultman was also elected next year's president of Pi Gamma Phi sorority, is a member of BETA Club and Park Avenue United Methodist Church.

"That's it I guess. I'm going to be busy that's for sure," she said laughing.

Miss Aultman said, her future plans include going to the University of Georgia to major in business management. She would like to work in the area of fashion and design.

'Cats Halt Central Of Thomasville

By Times Sports Writer

THOMASVILLE — Playing what was perhaps their finest team effort of the year, the Valdosta Wildcats stormed past Central of Thomasville 62-55 in 1-AAAA (South) basketball action here Saturday night.

Trailing by six at the end of third quarter, the Cats proceeded to outscore Central 22-9 in the final stanza to gain the win.

Coach Roger Rome said that, "you couldn't point to any one particular guy, it seems that when we needed the lift someone would step in and do the job."

Coach Rome pointed to a defensive change in the second half as the turning point in the game when the Cats switched from a one-three-one defense to a two-one-two that shut down the Yellow Jackets outside shooting.

VHS also owned the backboards in the second half with Dante Jones, David New, and Nathaniel Ceasar all pulling down eight rebounds each.

John Bond was another second-half hero with 16 of his game-high 24 points coming in that half while shooting 12 for 17 from the floor for the

game.

Two other Wildcats scored in double figures, New tossing in 14 and Jones 12, marking the first time this season that three VHS players reached double figures in the same game.

Yet another key figure in the victory was Greg Daniels who threw in six important points down the stretch in the fourth quarter.

"I was just pleased with the entire effort," Coach Rome said, "everyone that played contributed something — it was just a great team effort."

Rome was also pleased with the way his team kept Central off the offensive boards in the second half.

The win moves the Cats to 9-4 on the year with a subregion mark of 5-2.

VHS is in action again next Tuesday when they travel to Moultrie to take on Colquitt.

The VHS Kittens were not scheduled to play here Saturday.

VHS		12	26	40-62
Central		19	34	46-55
VHS (62)	— Daniels 8, Jones 12, New 14, Bond 24, Ceasar 4, Sullenberger, Gaines.			
Team Totals:	Field goals 27, Free throws 8 of 13, Fouls 11.			
CENTRAL (55)	— D. Davis 18, Williams 4, Conage 3, Bryant 9, Holton 4, Thompson 15, J. Davis 2.			
Team Totals:	Field goals 24, Free throws 7 of 14, Fouls 15.			

DE Students Head For Atlanta

Students from Valdosta and Lowndes high schools are on their way to Atlanta today for the state DECA convention.

The 36th Georgia Distributive Education Clubs of America Career Development Conference gives students around the state opportunity to compete in career events.

Meetings and workshops during the three-day conference help students with career choices and marketing techniques.

Sen. Sam Nunn is to be the speaker at the awards banquet Saturday night.

Marchin' Cats Place Second

The Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats Band placed second in competition in Largo, Fla., this weekend, according to Band Director Mike Chapman.

The Marchin' Cats scored 80.5 points in the Largo Golden Invitational meet, he said.

Competing against 11 other bands, VHS also won trophies for the best drum majors and the best woodwind section, he said.

A high school band from Plantation, Fla. (a suburb of Fort Lauderdale) placed first with 85 points, and Fort Lauderdale High School was third with 66 points, Chapman said.

VHS Wrestlers Place In Tourney

By Times Sports Writer
WARNER ROBINS — Four Valdosta High wrestlers placed third in the Sub-Area One wrestling tournament held here Saturday night.

Tommy Connell in the 108-pound class, Willie Donaldson in the 148-pound class, Odell Griffin in the 158-pound class and Anthony Battle in the 188-pound class took the highest honors the Valdosta team managed to achieve.

The tournament was dominated by Central of Macon and Baldwin High of Milledgeville, said Valdosta Head Coach Jim Landrum, as those schools featured five apiece to qualify for the state meet.

Since the state meet accepts only the top two contenders in each weight class, a new development this year, none of the Valdosta wrestlers met its qualifications.

chance at the 1976 Olympic gold medalist on Sunday, when U.S. boxers take on Cuban fighters at the Charlotte Coliseum.

But Taylor, fighting in the 125-pound class, will be up against Adolphi Horta, a relative unknown. Herrera is moving to the 132-pound class and will be matched with Davey Armstrong.

Cuban coaches explained the shift by saying they wanted Herrera to face other American opponents.

"I'd like for the people here to see how tough Herrera is against me," said Taylor, who knocked out Herrera on his way to the gold medal in the Pan American Games last year.

ment's softball leagues must have representatives at organizational meetings this week.

The Men's Open League meeting is set for Monday at the Valdosta Junior High cafeteria at 7 p.m. Men's Church League meets Tuesday at the same site and time. The Women's League is to meet Wednesday at the same site and time.

The meetings were originally planned for Mathis City Auditorium, but were changed last week.

tained only a cost-of-living increase.

"It was totally unacceptable, but I was aware that it would be because that's the way the club operates. I think the proper assumption from my part, and I hope the club's, was that we would begin negotiating at that point."

By not signing a contract, the Twins could retain his services for 1980 by paying him at 20 percent less than he earned last year. Smalley said he felt arbitration was the only means he had to protect himself.

"I didn't want to go to arbitration," said the five-year veteran, who joined the Twins in 1976 after a trade with Texas.



Bill

Ryan

Times Sports Writer

Ranking Doesn't Bother Lowndes

The fact that your team is ranked number one can mean a lot of different things as far as its performance is concerned. Different coaches and players have different opinions on whether it's good or bad. Lowndes' Joe Wilson is no exception.

A lot of coaches will tell you that they don't like being number one — especially at the beginning of the year. That can sometimes make your players overconfident and think they can just walk out on the field and win. Pressure always figures into it as well, disturbing concentration and making it harder to win. They also say that it motivates your opponents more, with everyone after your own hide.

Wilson seems to be taking it all in stride and he says his players are as well. "They're as cool as a bunch of turkeys at Thanksgiving." I thought Wilson gave a good answer to the number one ranking when he said, "I'd rather be at the top and shot at than at the bottom and walked on." But in looking at it logically, it seems that to start on the top does have its advantages.

First of all, starting out at the top saves you the trouble of having to work all season to get there. A team can go undefeated all year sometimes and still not get ranked at the top spot unless they go all the way. That is more of a problem in college than in high school but it exists none-the-less.

But there is a small trick to staying there. Most of the time you have to win and win big. When you get knocked off of the top, it's harder to get back on as history has proven. As a Lowndes coach remarked, "instead of having to win to get there, we just have to win to stay there." A very valid viewpoint I would think.

But being there definitely puts the pressure on you right from the start. As Wilson said, "somebody found out we had a good team and put the monkey on our back."

If any team could handle the monkey though, the Vikings look like they could. I watched them scrimmage the other night under the lights on their field at the 'Hahira Hilton' and they were just awesome. Offensively and defensively. The offense did take the spotlight with Steve Player, Eric Thomas, Ray Luke and Cedric Jones sharing the spotlight.

Thomas threw several shots down the sidelines to Luke that were right on the money. Steve Player chipped in with some acrobatic catches while Cedric Jones added some effortless-looking runs. Which way do you want your poison.

A real large crowd was on hand for the game-like affair, probably over 400. Things have really changed as a friend of mine told me at the game, "I remember when you could easily count the people at this game."

Headed down the other night to the Valdosta camp at their seaside resort on Twin Lakes, the 'Cats, hit hard by graduation, appeared to look just fine. The Wildcat defense looked real good most of the time I was there. Dante Jones must have grown a whole inch since the last time I saw him. There's some other real talent there as always. Defensive Coach Jack Rudolph looks like he'll have another top-notch unit.

The offensive side of the ledger looks to be in good shape as well. Welton Frazier (who I had prematurely written off several weeks ago) looks anything except somebody with a bullet in his chest. There were other bright spots as well. As for his offense as a whole, offensive coordinator Butch Brooks said, "Overall we might be stronger than last year, our wideouts are a little older and we've got experience on the line and in the backfield. The only difference is we don't have an SEC quarterback back there." But David Parker shows signs that he may be able to get the job done.

At any rate, I have to admit I enjoyed going to both places. Both teams seem to be in good shape with neither sustaining any serious injuries, something that is always a concern to coaches. My compliments go to both Touchdown Clubs for the excellent suppers that were held. They both did an outstanding job. Now, let's play ball.

Wreck Kills VHS Student

By Times Staff Writer

Valdosta High School student Melinda Caddell, 18, was killed Friday as a result of an automobile accident near Gainesville, Ga.

According to a spokesman for the Georgia Highway Patrol an investigation is continuing into the accident, which occurred about nine miles south of Gainesville.

Although all the details of the accident were not known at presstime, a

Highway Patrol spokesman said Miss Caddell was traveling with two other people in a northbound car on Georgia Highway 365.

Officials believe the driver lost control of the vehicle and hit the guard rail at the side of the highway. Names of the other two passengers were not available. Patrol officials did say one, a boy, was injured in the accident while the other passenger was unharmed in the wreck.

VHS Gymnasium To Get New Floor

By LA-Voe GRIFFIN
 Times Staff Writer

At long last Valdosta High School may have a gym floor again.

Board of education members decided Monday night to put a rubber-like floor down in the gym, similar to the one already there. The present floor has bubbled so badly it can no

longer be used.

The board's decision came somewhat reluctantly, members conceding they were a bit leery of putting the same floor down again.

"We've just been this route so many times," said board member Joella Blackburn.

"After a while you just get gun shy," said another member, Lamar Newbern.

VHS Students Excel

By Times Staff Writer

Valdosta High School students took first prize in the 1-AAAA literary events held at Valdosta State College.

The VHS team scored 86 points to take the first place position in the competition Saturday.

First place winners were: Kim Gandy, girls' piano; Cynthia Trautmann, girls' extemporaneous speaking; Hester Lee Strickland, girls' spelling; Andrew Taormina, boys' oral interpretation and Leslie Brown, Laurel Camaran and Melody Shepherd, girls' trio.

Second place: Roger Alan Carter, boys' piano; Teresa Carol Gilbert, shorthand; John Furey, boys' spelling; Tim Farley, boys' essay and Bruce M. Judd, boys' typing.

Third place: Calvin Davis, Etheridge Seward, Gary Sharper and Alfred Wiggs, boys' quartet; Leslie Paige Hood, girls' essay; Annette Sloan, home economics; Laurel Camarano, girls' solo and Jerry Isom, boys' solo.

Fourth place: Mary Angela Davis, girls' typing and Laura Lynne Pulliam, girls' oral interpretation.

Valdosta Ninth Graders Trim Madison High, 7-3

By Times Sports Writer

The Valdosta High ninth grade baseball team defeated the Madison High ninth grade team from Madison, Fla., 7-3 Wednesday at Bazemore Field.

Greg Jenkins led the Wildcats with three hits in-

cluding two singles and a double. Mark Perry also knocked three runs with one hit for VHS.

Jay Herb and Bobby Marris had singles for Madison.

Phillip Boggs was the

winner for Valdosta.

The win brings the ninth-grade team's record to 3-0 on the season.

VHS is in action again April 10th, against the Valdosta High B-Team at Scott Park.

1-19-80

Wrestlers Win

Valdosta Daily Times Staff
Jan. 12, 1988

By Times Sports Writer
The Valdosta High School wrestling team took a 39-20 decision from Wakulla, Fla., by way of four pins, two decisions and one forfeit in 12 classes of wrestling at the Valdosta High gymnasium Friday morning.

Valdostans to pin their opponents were Tommy Connell in the 107-pound class, Ted Welch in the

114-pound class, Willie Donaldson in the 147-pound class, and Horace Beaufort in the 167-pound class.

Joe Sanders in the 128-pound class, and Anthony Battle in the 187-pound class won by decision, while David Parker won by forfeit in the 134-pound class. Valdosta's Odell Griffin tied Tim Tatum in the 157-pound class.

Griffin and Donaldson

remain undefeated in their weight classes.

Valdosta Head Coach Jim Landrum said that the match was dedicated by the team to Scott Sumner, who was injured in an earlier match. "I was especially pleased that we won today," Landrum said.

Valdosta is now 3-3 on the season, and is to host Dougherty of Albany Wednesday in its next match.

Noteworthy Wins Speech Contest

A Valdosta teen-ager won first place Tuesday in a speech contest.

Kingston Wall, 14, son of Carole and Jerry Wall of Valdosta, won first in the boys' division of Optimist International speech contest, said Mrs. Wall. The topic on which the students spoke was "Challenge of the '80s."

Kingston competed with 12 other boys under age 16.

The contest was at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton. Kingston was the only Valdosta competing, Mrs. Wall said.

He is to compete for the zone contest in Albany in March. The zone winner is to compete for regional honors.

VHS Routes Morrystown

By Times Sports Writer

The Valdosta High Wildcat baseball Team had little trouble with Morrystown of Tennessee blasting the visitors 11-2 in a game played at Scott Park Friday night.

"We hit the ball like I have never seen us hit it," said VHS head coach Butch Brooks. "I wish we had hit like this in the three games we dropped."

Leading the nine hit assault for the Wildcats was Tony Blasetti with a grand slam homerun and David Barryhill with another two-run shot.

Ashley DeLoach gained the victory for Valdosta while giving up four hits and striking out eight in the six innings he worked.

DeLoach also helped his own cause with two hits including a triple that drove in two runs.

VSC gained the victory despite a late start and rain-soaked field.

Other Wildcats that shined in the win included Rod Sullengerber who singled and also scored one run.

The Parker brothers each gained a hit with shortstop David driving in a run as well.

The visitors were reached

early in the game as Blasetti's blast came in the second and four more Valdosta runs crossed the plate in the third.

The win gives VHS a 2-3 record on the year with two of the losses coming in last week's Adel invitational Tournament.

The Wildcats are at home next Monday for a 2 p.m. game against Tift County at Bazemore Field.

Morrystown	ab	r	h	bi	VHS	ab	r	h	bi
Edinfield ss	3	1	0	0	DV, Pkr ss	2	0	1	1
Martin ss	1	0	0	0	Dmrsmn ss	1	0	0	0
McHty lb	2	1	0	0	DL, Pkr 2b	2	0	1	0
Briely cf	2	0	1	0	Garet 2b	1	0	0	0
Dckrsn cf	0	0	0	0	Ruff c	2	2	0	0
McGns rf	3	0	1	1	Baryhill rf	1	1	2	0
Tobbrf	0	0	0	0	Moses rf	0	1	0	0
Price 3b	2	0	0	0	New 3b	1	0	0	0
Nortn lb	1	0	0	0	Davis 3b	1	0	0	0
Hayes lb	1	0	0	0	DeLch p	3	2	2	0
Wilson lf	2	0	0	0	Sinbgr lf	2	2	1	0
Taylor 2b	2	0	0	0	Barnes lf	1	0	1	1
Walker 2b	1	0	0	0	Bowden cf	1	1	1	1
Blanh c	2	0	0	0	Gordon cf	1	0	0	0
Russel c	1	0	0	0	Bissti lb	2	1	1	4
					Blagett lb	1	0	0	0

TOTALS	23	2	4	2	TOTALS	24	11	9	11
Morrystown	000	002	0	2-4-1					
VHS	044	003	x-11-9-0						

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Norton, L	3	4	4	4	6	3
Martin	2	2	2	2	1	3
Emrick	1	1	2	2	2	0
DeLoach, W, 1-1	6	4	2	2	3	8
New	1	0	0	0	1	2
Hayes	1	3	3	3	1	0
HBP—DeLoach.						



Times Staff Photo by Joey Ivansco

'Cats DeLoach Prepares To Deliver Strike

VHS Track Team Strong

By BILL RYAN
Times Sports Writer

The Valdosta High track team should be a respectable force this season despite a lack of practice and some key injuries.

"We have most of our people coming back from last year that gives us more depth and experience," said VHS track coach Freddy Waters. "With some hard work we could be in pretty good shape for the region."

The team has had little practice before this week because many of its members have been involved in spring football.

Injuries have taken several members of the team including Carl 'Too Tall' Gaines and Jim Kehoe who were to compete in the shot and discus.

Gaines has a compound leg fracture and Kehoe has a broken thumb.

Two younger members, Kennedy Cooper and Julius Daniels have been handling the weight events because of the injuries.

Sprinter Fred Motes has also been hampered by an injury suffered in football practice.

Ernest King, who was to compete in the 100 yard dash and 220 yard relay, has still been slowed by a knee injury suffered last fall.

The team won its first meet Monday with what Water's

called a "patched together team" against Tift and Colquitt. James Horton won the 100 yard dash for VHS without having ever competed in it before.

One of the key members of this year's team is Nathaniel Ceasar who competes in the 440 yard dash, intermediate hurdles, and the high jump where he went to state with last year.

He is also a member of some of the relay team's Ronald Patterson and Jeffery Johnson or "whoever is available" as coach Water's says.

The Wildcats have two young runners carrying the brunt of the long distance running in Otis Henry and Robert Durham. Joe Henry and Curtis Lowe give able support here.

In some of the key field events such as triple jump and broad jump, Waters can call on Keith Mitchell and Charles Arnold.

One of the strongest positions on the team is the pole vault where Mark Holmes and Odell Griffin have both jumped over 12 feet.

Overall, the team appears to be solid and coach Waters has modest ambitions for his unit even with its late start.

"If we put it together, we could win the region," says the Wildcat track skipper. "It's going to take some work though."

Wildcats Stump Lanier Co., 10-1

By Times Sports Writer
ADEL — The Valdosta High Wildcats blasted Lanier County of Lakeland, Ga., 10-1 in the first round of the Cook Invitational Tournament here Friday. The win was the first of the year for VHS, now 1-1.

Senior pitcher David New went the distance for the Wildcats giving up only three hits and striking out five. He also helped his own cause by hitting a two-run homer in the first inning that was the first of his career.

"I thought we played extremely well," VHS Coach Butch Brooks said. "We played well defensively and I was pleased with the way we hit the ball."

The 'Cats started quickly and jumped on Lanier for four runs in the first inning.

Sidney Bowdoin opened with a single and advanced to

second on an error. Ashley DeLoach singled and David Berryhill drove them both home with a double.

New then hit his homerun to give Valdosta an early four-run margin.

VHS had another four run inning in the fourth to put the game well out of reach.

Danny Demmersman knocked in two runs with a single following a walk to Mike Ruff and a Berryhill single.

Berryhill finished the day with three hits and three BRIs.

New was intentionally walked and scored on an error for the third run of the inning. Tony Blasetti ended the scoring for the inning sacrificing to score Demmersman.

The Wildcats' final runs



DAVID NEW
Keys Victory

came in the sixth when New singled to score Ruff who had

doubled and Berryhill who had singled.

"I think we're going to be a good respectable ball club," said Brooks. "We won't be super, but we'll give some people problems."

Brooks was particularly pleased with the play of Demersseman at shortstop.

Valdosta was to play Cook of here at 3 p.m. today. Cook defeated Brooks County of Quitman 25-0 Friday.

Lanier was to meet Brooks County at noon.

VHS is now 1-1 for the season.

Lanier	ab	r	h	bi	VHS	ab	r	h	bi
Senes lb	3	0	0	0	Bowdoin	3	1	2	1
Shile c	2	0	1	0	DeLoach	3	1	0	0
Wally cf	2	0	0	0	Ruff	3	2	0	0
Moore 3b	2	0	0	0	Berryhill	4	3	2	0
J. Strains dh	3	0	0	0	New	3	1	4	0
Clinn 2b	0	0	0	0	Demmers	3	0	0	0
Boon 1b	0	0	0	0	Boger II	3	0	0	0
Bout 2b	2	0	0	0	Boger III	3	0	0	0
Foster ph	2	1	0	0	Boger IV	3	0	0	0
Peterson	3	1	0	0	Boger V	3	0	0	0
Corbett	2	0	1	0	TOTALS	26	10	16	9
D. Strains lf	2	0	0	0					

VHS Wrestling Is Serious Business

There's a wrestling program at Valdosta High School that offers much more than television's glitter version of the sport, though there's also quite a bit that's missing.

The participants don't mix it up in modified boxing rings, they don't wear ski masks to maintain a mystery identity, they don't go by terrifying monikers like the "Valdosta Mauler Number Two", and they don't hurl threats of permanent disfiguration at each other. In short, they don't make ridiculous spectacles of themselves.

For some, I imagine they take just about all of the fun out of the non-wrestling you can catch on TV. For others, they show that wrestling is truly a serious sports form, and an entertaining one despite the lack of itself.

Coach Jim Landrum's wrestling Wildcats are in their fifth year as the only wrestling team, high school or otherwise, in the Valdosta area. They presently boast a 5-3 log, with their latest win coming 50-14 over Monroe of Albany here Wednesday.

They wrestle in 12 weight classes, from 110 pounds to heavyweight, the unlimited weight category. Knowing that much, I ventured to the VHS fieldhouse the other day expecting to see 12 wrestlers doing whatever it is that wrestlers do in practice.

Instead, there were about 32 of them stretched from wall to wall and engaged in exercises with which I was largely unfamiliar, but that were interesting to watch.

"We're taking it pretty easy today," Landrum informed me as the wrestlers balanced themselves backwards on their feet and the crowns of their heads, in what must have been basically a neck exercise.

It turns out that the 12 varsity positions are filled by whoever defeats their opponents in practice sessions. Those who are pinned in practice must do a little extra exercise, in the form of punning in place, landing on their knees and elbows, then up and running again, 10 consecutive times without a break in the rhythm.

After practice, the wrestlers gathered around Landrum and assistant coach Fred Alexander, who verbally prepared them for today's tournament in Tallahassee, Fla. Then they prayed together.

I planned to talk to a few of them, but wound up talking to about 20 of them all at once. No easy task.

But dedication to the sport, the coaches and each other flowed freely throughout the conversation.

"There's nothing like that one-on-one pressure to keep you in



Lee Freeman
Times Sports Writer

shape," said David Parker, a wrestler in the 134-pound class who is also a quarterback prospect for the 1980 football Wildcats. "And it's an intelligent sport, it has a lot more to do with know-how than muscle. I think it's going to catch on a lot faster in south Georgia in the coming years."

A wrestler with the knowledge of the holds can beat the guy with the muscles," added Joe Sanders of the 128-pound class. "And I like it that anybody can come out and wrestle. You can weight less than 100 pounds and still be a state champion, but try doing that in something like football."

Tommy Connell, a 107-pound wrestler who first introduced himself as "Stardust" something-or-other, emphasized the unity among the wrestlers, and of course included coaches Landrum and Alexander, as well as the team's "Mat Girls". You know what our motto is? he asked. "It's 'We are a family. And we are.'"

The Mat Girls, by the way, are sort of a quasi-cheering section for the team, though they have several other important responsibilities. "They do everything the wrestlers do except wrestle," Landrum said. "They really help us out a lot." Being individuals, the wrestlers naturally don't agree on everything.

Some are satisfied with the school support of the sport. Others, such as Sanders and Odell Griffin, but by no means limited to those two, feel it could always stand improvement. "Wrestling should get more recognition from the school," said Griffin, who went undefeated for six straight matches in



Valdosta Wrestler Makes Life Tough On Monroe Grappler Wednesday Night

—Times Staff Photo

the 157-pound weight class.

For example? "They don't announce the results of our matches on the intercom in the morning like they do football and basketball," he said.

Still, he hastened to add with general consensus that the facilities supplied by the school were excellent. "We have the best fieldhouse in the state."

Another point generally agreed upon was that TV "All-Star" Wrestling had very little in common with the actual sport. "For one thing, our wrestling isn't any kind of act at all," Parker said. "TV is mostly entertainment, though there may

be some competition in the wrestling. Ours is all competition."

"Some people watch wrestling on TV, and think it's all blood and stuff," said David Harrison, another football Wildcat who wrestles in the 104-pound division. "There's no real comparison."

"Wrestling on TV is mostly for show, but when I wrestle it's like I'm in a different world," Parker said. "I can't even hear the crowd."

For the Wildcats, wrestling is serious business, an activity worth full dedication and hours of practice at a stretch. And it's equally worth the support of all of those who call themselves sports fans.

Patrol Units Keeping Eyes On Speeding Students

By Times Staff Writer

Speeding students going to and from the two high schools here have effectively tied up at least two sheriff's deputies on a daily basis for weeks.

Lowndes County Sheriff Robert Carter said today he keeps a patrol unit near each school each morning and afternoon.

There have been a number of complaints from area residents, including one man and wife who wrote to Gov. George Busbe.

Asked if the daily patrols are to continue Carter said "we are going to try and keep

a man out there (Valdosta High) and around Lowndes High."

Carter did not say how long the patrols would continue but indicated it is a long range problem.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Coody of 402 Highland Heights Drive near Valdosta High were the most vocal of the protesters, writing a letter to the governor and U.S. Rep. Dawson Mathis.

Mrs. Coody said today "they got us some action."

She said the sheriff talked with her and "they have been here every day, twice a day in

the morning and afternoon. They have got signs up now and we have no problem at all."

Mrs. Coody said the sheriff was "just as nice as he could be. . . I was afraid he would be mad" concerning her letter to the governor.

Carter said young people going to and from the two schools "get in a hurry and speed some."

Mrs. Coody and other parents complained the students were racing to and from school and creating a hazard.

Carter has asked Lowndes County Commission to enact a county ordinance on speeding.

"That way the patrol can get out there with radar and make some cases," said the sheriff.

Baldwin, Warner Robins

Valdosta Wrestlers Lose Double Meet

By Times Sports Writer FITZGERALD — The Valdosta High team wrestling lost two matches in a double meet here Saturday dropping a 29-23 count to Baldwin of Milledgeville and 41-18 decision to Warner Robins. According to Valdosta coach Jim Landrum, "I felt we wrestled a good match against Baldwin but we just fell apart with Warner Robins". He added, "We have a young team this year and we still have a lot to learn".

Valdosta still has two wrestlers who are still undefeated this year with Odell Griffin in the 157 pound class and Willie Donaldson in the 147 pound class. The two wrestlers are the only seniors on the team.

The meet leaves Valdosta with a 2-2 record.

- The next match for the Wildcats is against Fitzgerald January 9th.
- INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:
- Valdosta vs. Baldwin Co.
- 100 lb.—Lane (B) over Greg Prine (V) 5-3
 - 107—Jenk'ns (B) pinned Carl Jaramillo (V)
 - 114—Butts (B) over Ted Welch (V) 10-3
 - 121—Henry Otis (V) won by forfeit
 - 126—Justice (B) over Joe Sanders (V) 17-4
 - 134—Dennis (B) over David Parker (V) 4-0
 - 140—David Harrison (V) over Rogers (B) 9-0
 - 147—Willie Donaldson (V) over Cleveland (B) 13-11
 - 157—Odell Griffin (V) over Gray Williams (B) 12-2
 - 167—Spikes (B) pinned Horace Beaufort (V)
 - 187—Anthony Battle (V) pinned Hitchcock (B)
 - Heavyweight—Butt (B) over Jimmy Kehoe (V) 10-5.
- Warner Robins — Valdosta
- Leach (W) over Prine (V) 12-1
 - Jaramillo (V) tied Meachem (W) 7-7
 - Welch (V) won by forfeit
 - Stewart (W) over Otis (V) 5-4
 - Burrroughs (W) over Sanders (V) 13-3
 - Dotson (W) over Parker (V) 12-4
 - Lawrence (W) pinned Harrison (V)
 - Donaldson (V) pinned Boyd (W)
 - Griffin (V) over Story (W) 10-1
 - Shiple (W) pinned Beaufort (V)
 - Gofee (W) pinned Battle (V)
 - Rowes (W) pinned Kehoe (V)

'Cats Crush Crisp, Kittens Fall Short

Sat. Jan. 12, 1980

By MIKE HAGOOD
Times Sports Editor

The Valdosta Kittens dug a deep hole that they came very close to getting out of and the VHS Wildcats shoveled earth on Crisp County from the beginning of their game in high school basketball action at Valdosta Junior High Friday night.

The Kittens made a thrilling comeback in the final quarter, only to lose, 58-56. The boys game was never really in doubt, as the Wildcats caught fire early and cruised to a 72-44 win.

The games were non-subregion 1-AAAA contests. Tonight, both VHS teams travel to Thomasville to play Central for make-up games. Earlier in the year the two teams were to meet, but electricity went out at the game, causing them to be cancelled. Both are valuable 1-AAAA (South) games.

The 'Cats enter tonight's action 8-4 overall and 4-2 in league play. The Kittens are now 7-6 and 3-4 in the subregion.

The Crisp Cougarets entered Friday's game with only one loss. VHS Coach Jo Ellis admitted that her girls were a little intimidated by facing a team of Crisp's stature.

In the early going the Cougarets looked to be the game's dominant force, as Valdosta had trouble getting any offense underway.

Entering the final quarter, the Kittens trailed by a full 16 points. Methodically, VHS began to close the margin with the play of Cindy Cooper and Armeula Lewis in the

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Valdosta press, the baseline jump shots of Beverly Wilson and the consistent board work of Annie Porter.

With two and a half minutes left in the game, VHS still trailed by eight points, but an excited crowd picked things up. A steal by Lewis and the ensuing layup brought Valdosta to two behind, 55-57, with 56 seconds to play. The crowd was then beside itself.

With 41 seconds left, Wilson stepped to the free throw line with a one and one chance. She hit the first, but the second bounced off the rim. Lewis grabbed the rebound and took an unbalanced shot, rather than setting up to run some clock.

VHS still had two more chances to win. A Crisp player missed the second half of a one and one, with Porter getting the rebound, but the shooter stole back the ball and was fouled. She missed her free throw, giving Valdosta life with 12 seconds remaining. A bank shot by Dana Swindle rolled out of the hoop with 2 seconds on the clock, giving Crisp the win.

Porter scored 19 points in her best game as a Kitten. Wilson was good for 17, while Cooper added 14.

Hot shooters Gwen Harris and Sandra Felton topped Crisp with 14 each. Crisp is now 12-1 on the year.

"We missed 31 two-foot shots and 14 free throws," said Ellis, knowing how close her team had come to an upset.

"We didn't do anything in the first half. If we had played the first half like we did the second we would have won.

"Their quickness threw us off in the first half, but once we got used to it, we were alright. We were down 17 points, but kept coming.

"I told them it was the best game we had played all year and if we had played like that all year we would have won some we lost."

Wildcat Coach Roger Rome was thrilled with his team's performance.

"That was the best four quarters of basketball we have played all year," he said. "We played with more intensity than in the last four minutes of the Lowndes game. We continue to improve every game."

Dante Jones and David New again led the offense that shot 52 percent from the field. Jones had a game-high

24 points, hitting 10 of 12 field goals. He and Nathaniel Ceasar also led VHS rebounders with eight each.

New was a ball of fire in the first half. He ended the game with 20 points. He had nine of the 'Cats first 19 points, taking the ball to the hoop effectively on a smaller Cougar team.

A sign of the course the game would take was seen in the first quarter. Whenever Crisp missed a shot, there were no blue jerseys anywhere near the basket, VHS completely controlled the rebounding area on defense. Crisp got one shot and no more.

Highlighting the Valdosta offense was its unselfishness. New and Jones were the hot hands and their teammates made sure they had the ball to do the damage.

On defense, a one-three-one zone had the 6-7 Cougars shaking their heads.

GIRLS	
Crisp	13 25 46 58
VHS	7 14 30 56
VHS (54) — Wilson 17, Porter 19, Cooper 14, Lewis 4, Mair 2, Swindle, Dotson, Nelson.	
Team Totals: Field goals 20, Free Throws 20 of 35, Fouls 19.	
BOYS	
Crisp	4 23 32 44
VHS	19 33 48 72
VHS (72) — Daniels 8, Jones 24, New 20, Bernard 3, Bond 6, Ceasar 6, Gaines 2, Allen 1, Thomerson 2, Sullenberger.	
Team Totals: Field goals 25, Free Throws 20 of 29, Fouls 14.	
CRISP (44) — Brown 14, Floyd 8, Pickens 1, Brown 11, Maddox 4, Fenn 6.	
Team Totals: Field goals 17, Free Throws 10 of 14, Fouls 22.	



Bond Finds Ceasar With Pass

Wildcats, Kittens Take Big Wins Over Albany

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By LEE FREEMAN
Times Sports Writer

In games that were largely foregone conclusions after the opening minutes of play, the homestanding Valdosta High Wildcats and Kittens of Region 1-AAAA (North) scored wide-margined victories over the Albany High Indians and Squaws of 1-AAAA (South) in basketball action here Friday night.

Even with the Wildcats' leading scorer, 6-4 David New, sitting out roughly 10 minutes of the ballgame, Head Coach Roger Rome's team went on to defeat the Indians 71-56 behind accurate outside shooting and a tough 1-3-1 zone defense that the Indians couldn't crack.

Valdosta, however, made short work of the Albany man-to-man defense with a precise passing game that allowed easy penetration and the high percentage shot.

In the girls game, Coach Jo Ellis' Kittens took advantage of a rusty squaw passing game to force several turnovers and dominated under the boards to take a 70-42 decision.

Despite the lop-sided outcome, Ellis said that the Kittens "didn't take the game seriously. Our press wasn't effective, and we were standing around on offense.

"But we still managed 70 points," she added. "It wasn't a pretty victory, but I'll take it."

"I was pleased with our new combinations," said Rome, whose bench strength was all but unshakable in the

4-5 with the pasting of the Squaws, who fell to 3-13 and remain 2-5 in their subregion.

New, who accumulated two fouls in the first period and eventually sat out better than a quarter of the game, paced the Wildcat effort with 18 points and nine rebounds, followed by a sharp outside shooting John Bond with 13 points to his credit. Forward Dante Jones also netted 13 points in the tilt, and center Nathaniel Ceasar was good for eight rebounds.

David Marable stepped in for New and completed one of his best games of the season with 13 points. Louis Bernard, who started in the guard slot normally occupied by Greg Daniels, managed six points in limited playing time.

"I thought Marable came in and did a real good job for us," Rome said. "It gave him a chance to get his confidence going."

The Indians gave the 'Cats a tight game in the first quarter, though it proved misleading in light of the final outcome. New committed his second foul with about two minutes left in the quarter and the score 13-10 in Valdosta's favor.

Gerald Cross gave the Indians a 14-13 lead with 1:33 remaining, but the 'Cats fought back to take a slim 18-17 lead into the second period.

From there, it was Valdosta all the way, as the 'Cats never once surrendered the lead, building steadily to a 34-26 halftime edge with

New resting on the sideline.

"I took David (New) out for the rest, not the fouls," said Rome. "I really need to get him out more often, because you know he plays his heart out when he's in there, and I think it wears him out in the later part of the game."

Yet New took to the court in the second half, and Valdosta jumped to a 54-41 lead behind the combined efforts of all Wildcats in action.

Midway through the fourth and the score at 64-46, Rome entered a host of substitutions who held on to take the 71-56 win.

The Indian effort was paced by Ed Nix with 13 points and Billy Wilson with nine rebounds. The cold-shooting Albany squad managed only 23 of 86 attempts from the floor on the whole, while Valdosta hit 29 of 49.

The Kittens were paced offensively by Dana Swindle with 18 points and Anne Porter, who had the best overall game at 17 points and 10 rebounds on the night. Cindy Cooper added 10 points in the win.

For the struggling Squaws, Linda Westbrook managed 20 points with a truly sharp outside game, which was the only real threat the Squaws posed all evening.

The Albany passing game perhaps hurt the squaws the most, as it gave the Kittens 18 steals on the night.

The Kittens took a 10-point lead with more than five minutes remaining in the first quarter that stuck until halftime, with the score 33-23.

In an attempt to play a more physically aggressive game, the Squaws fell victim to foul trouble, which essentially clinched the win for the Kittens in the final half.

"I was glad we won," Ellis said, "but if we play that poorly tomorrow night (against Coffee) we're going to get blown off the floor."

GIRLS	
Albany	18 22 31 42
Valdosta	16 33 47 70
VALDOSTA (70) — Swindle 18, Porter 17, Cooper 10, B. Wilson 6, Lewis 6, Dotson 6, Nelson 5, Mair 2, Roberts, Harrell, DeCarlo, Swails.	
Team Totals: Field goals 30, Free Throws 10 of 29, Fouls 24.	
ALBANY (42) — Westbrook 20, Jones 7, Sessions 7, Davis, Collins 2, Brookshire 2, Drake, Davis, Mason, Kendrick.	
Team Totals: Field goals 14, Free Throws 14 of 26, Fouls 24.	

BOYS	
Albany	17 30 41 56
Valdosta	18 38 54 71
ALBANY (56) — Cross 7, E. Nix 13, Wilson 7, Hubbard 2, Coleman 3, Laster 8, Davis 9, Baik 4, Girdner 2, Fullero, H. Nix 2, P. Pope.	
Team Totals: Field goals 24-86, Free Throws 8 of 13, Fouls 19.	
VALDOSTA (71) — Bernard 6, New 18, Bond 13, Ceasar 5, Jones 13, Gaines 1, Marable 13, Coltran 2, Allen, Thomerson.	
Team Totals: Field goals 29-49, Free Throws 13 of 20, Fouls 16.	



Nat Ceasar Secures Rebound

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VHS Club

Aultman Named Top DE Student

By Times Staff Writer

Margaret Aultman, 17, has been named DECA Student of the Year at Valdosta High School.

The selection was made by Norman Greene, Distributive Education coordinator at VHS, based on Miss Aultman's participation in the DE club, (DECA), other school activities and academic record.

As President of DECA, this year, Miss Aultman has made three speeches to civic clubs here and recently appeared on the channel 6 television's Good Morning Show.

She joined DECA last year because she said "it was a good way to work and go to school."

Students enrolled in the DE program go to school in the morning and work in the afternoon. They are given classroom credit for their on the job training.

DE emphasizes skills in marketing and management, the business field Miss Aultman plans to study at the University of Georgia in the fall.

"I'm interested now in going to clothes merchandising after college," said Miss Aultman, who works at Steaks Inc. food store.



MARGARET AULTMAN
Student Of The Year

Besides DECA, she is a member of the Beta Club and president of the Pi Gamma Phi social sorority.

As Student of the Year from VHS, Miss Aultman will compete for the district title in Brunswick Tuesday. First and second place winners there will go on to state competition in Atlanta March 21-23.

Miss Aultman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Richardson.

Skill Olympics Winners

Nine Valdosta High School students placed first in the area Area Skills Olympics in Moultrie Recently.

Winning first place for the VHS chapter of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America were Cindy Renn, job interview; Fran Allen, dental assistant; Tammy Vickers, dental technician; Jerry Patten, cabinet making; Michael Swipes, electrical trades; Clay Broadie, graphic communications; Robert Poncet, machine drafting; Jimmy Walker, sheet metal; and Mark Parks, commercial food trades.

Second place winners from VHS were Crawford Powell, medical assistant; Terry Dennis, auto mechanics; Leon Hudson, bricklaying; Howard Davis, carpentry; Eric Burch, machine shop; and Cliff Morgan, air conditioning and refrigeration.

Students from VHS taking third place were Jack Smithwick, small engine repair; Andrew Taormina, architectural drafting; and Ted Miller, welding.

First place winners are to represent Valdosta High's VICA chapter in district competition March 31 in Albany.

Adviser for the club is Levy Taylor.

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DAR History

Four high school history awards Revolution.

All juniors, the high schools were American history

VHS students monthly meeting daughter of Mr. Oliver, daughter

LHS winners were James E. Morgan Gil Saguiguit.

The awards American history

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A Valdosta teen contest. Kingston Wall, 1 won first in the boy contest, said Mrs. was "Challenge of Kingston compete. The contest was Tifton. Kingston was said.

He is to compete for the zone contest in Albany in March. The zone winner is to compete for regional honors.

is teaching here, of course, is that we are to commit every detail of our lives to Him, and are to pray for others as well. Are you trusting God to this degree? Elsewhere the Bible says, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

resource for every Christian Study what the Bible promises us (and also commands us) concerning prayer — and then learn to pray "on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."

Your Health

Dormant Cyst May Flare Up

I suddenly developed a painful cyst at the base of my spine. I'm 26, and I've been a good athlete for years. The doctor says I've had this for many years, even though it has never bothered me. Can you explain it? Is it a serious condition? — Mr. B.E., Wash.



By Dr. L.L. COLEMAN

Dear Mr. E.: That which you describe is known as a "pilonidal" cyst. Your doctor is correct in saying that you have had this for a long time. This is a birth defect due to improper fusion during the development of the unborn child.

For some unexplained reason, the cyst, located at the lowest part of the spine, rarely causes trouble during childhood and early adolescence. Most often, they seem to become apparent during adulthood. It is only when the cyst becomes large or infected or painful that it is brought to the attention of the

The condition is not a serious one, but certainly is a nuisance that responds readily to surgical intervention.

I moved into a new house two months ago. Since then my hands are red and swollen. The itching is unbearable. It's so bad I'm thinking of moving because I'm convinced that there's something in this house that's causing my hands

VHS first place winners were: Stan White, architectural drafting; Michael Swipes, electrical trades; Elton Gordon, bricklaying; Kent Adams, commercial art; Ronnie Cowart, commercial food trades; Crawford Powell, medical assistant; Mary James, practical nurse; Jimmy Walker sheet metal; Howard Davis, cabinetmaking and millwork; Clay Broadie, graphic communications and Eddie Young, appliance repair.

LHS first place winners were: Davey Hudson, industrial electronics; Angie Baker, nurse assistant and orderly; Herbie Fillyaw, radio and TV repair; William Kenyon, small engine repair; Greg Webb, plumbing and pipefitting.

Cook County first places winners were: Dale Horne, Tammy Coleman, Diane Phillips, Robin Daughtrey, Ron George and Dorothy Griffin who presented the opening and closing ceremonies. Also, Bruce Huffstrutter won first place in welding.

VHS Seniors Merit Finalists

By Times Staff Writer

Two Valdosta High School seniors, Tim Farley and David New, have been named National Merit Finalists making them eligible for scholarship consideration later this spring.

National Merit Finalists are selected on the basis of how well they scored on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

To qualify for National Merit Finalist selection, however, students must have been chosen as semifinalists in their junior year. The semifinalist status is determined by scores made on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).

Farley, 17, was also named STAR Student at VHS this year. The STAR Student is the senior who, from the upper 10 percent of his class, scores the highest mark on the SAT.

Farley, who spends most of his time outside of the classroom gazing at and talking about stars, helped found the astronomy club at Valdosta State College and a Star Trek Club.

He is a self-proclaimed "Trekie", the label Star Trek addicts put on themselves.

A native of Edison, N.J., Farley moved here five years ago with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent P. Farley.

New, 17, is president of the senior class, a position he also held his freshman and junior years.

He is a member of the VHS basketball and baseball teams.

A 1979 participant in the Governor's Honors Program, New also received an University of Georgia Certificate of Merit.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim New.

National Merit Finalists represent the top half of one percent of all academically inclined high school seniors in the country.

Scholarships, primarily based on finalists' financial needs, will be given out in April and in May. The National Merit Finalists Program gives away 1,000 \$1,000-scholarships. Also, corporations and colleges give out scholarships to selected finalists.



TIM FARLEY
Astronomy Buff



DAVID NEW
Scholar-Athlet

Local Coaches Hope Trends Continue At Tourney

By MIKE HAGOOD
Times Sports Editor

If it was up to the basketball coaches at Lowndes High and Valdosta High, their teams would continue their play of late in the season in the Region 1-AAAA (South) tournament. Three of the four squads take the floor at Thomasville High tonight.

The second-seeded Valdosta Wildcats take on sixth-seeded Central of Thomasville at 5:30 p.m. The fourth-seeded VHS Kittens follow at 7 p.m. against third-seeded Thomasville. In the nightcap, the third-seeded Lowndes Vikings battle fourth-seeded Bainbridge.

Coach Roger Rome's Wildcats won their last four regular season contests. The second of those four wins was a 54-52 decision over tonight's opponent, the Yellow Jackets.

The final win of the regular season came Saturday night against highly-rated Monroe at its Albany home. "We saved our best game of the year for the last one," said Rome of the 60-50 win over the Tornados. "The last three or four games of the season we have looked very good. I just hope it carries over into the tournament."

"The last of the season is the time to start peaking. If we win two or three we've got a good chance to go to the region."

It would take three wins for the 'Cats to win the subregion. The same is true of the Vikings. Wins tonight would pair the two teams in Friday's semifinals. The winner there would meet undefeated Thomasville Saturday for the subregion title.

Both participants in the Championship game qualify for the combined 1-AAAA (South) and (North) tournament at Bainbridge Feb. 22-23.

Coach Terry Wilkes' Vikes are coming off an impressive season-ender, like Rome's 'Cats. The Vikings silenced talented Bainbridge 68-55 on the Bearcats' home turf Friday.

The two squads match up again tonight. Both won one game in the regular season. Bainbridge won at Lowndes by a 56-45 count early in the year.

"It was close through the middle of the fourth quarter," said Wilkes of Friday's win. "It really shouldn't have been that close."

"They have a really good team, but have been up and down all season. This could be their up night. You never know."

"They don't have that good of a shot selection. They have no



ROGER ROME
Cats Face Central



TERRY WILKES
Bainbridge Rematch



JO ELLIS
Faces Tall Thomasville



CHARLES COOPER
Waits In The Wings

inside people. They shoot from the outside and if they're off they're in trouble. We limited them to one shot. That will be the key again. It also depends on how we handle their full-court pressure. We did well with it Friday night."

Jo Ellis' Kittens face a home-standing team that they divided two games with in the regular season. The Lady Bulldogs won in Thomasville 58-57 in the fifth game of the year. The Kittens won here convincingly later in the year, 55-48.

"I feel we can win," said Ellis. "We lost by one point over there and were in foul trouble and had a bad shooting night. We won here with all phases of our game working together. The difference in the second game was that we played more like a team. We just matured."

A win over Thomasville would place the Kittens in the semifinals against the Colquitt County (Moultrie)-Bainbridge winner in today's 4 p.m. game.

Rome has altered the 'Cats offensive set-up in recent games and gotten good response. VHS now uses a two-guard set after going with a point guard most of the year.

John Bond and David New now give VHS as tall a pair of guards as anyone. Both stand 6-4.

Louis Bernard has moved into Bond's forward slot, giving VHS a very board-conscious starting team.

Bond has responded to the ball-handling position without problem, said Rome. He has generated a lot of excitement lately with his breakaway slam dunks.

Another key to recent success has been increased aggressiveness inside by center Nathaniel Caesar, said Rome.

The Central team Rome's 'Cats face "matches up real well size-wise," said the first-year head coach.

"Every game is just as important as the others," said Rome. "Last year they beat us twice in the regular season and we

beat them in the tournament."

The Bainbridge team the Vikes face was expected to do great things this season, but ended with an 11-11 record, same as Lowndes.

Successful head coach Charles Bess left the Bearcats at the end of last season to take a Seminole County school administration position. The team's handling by current head coach, Stan Stickland, is suspect by many camps.

The Bearcats feature last year's subregion scoring champion, LaRae Davis, who achieved the feat in his freshman year. Joining Davis at guard is talented Kenneth Biggles.

Probably the Bearcats top performer this season has been forward Gary Harris.

The Lady Bulldogs feature the play of inside tandem Maxine Anderson and Patricia Walden. Walden is a six-footer.

Anderson is called one of the finest all-around players in the league by Ellis.

Charles Cooper's Lowndes Vikes are of course the girls top seed with their undefeated mark and 112 straight wins.

The Vikes are not to see tournament action until Saturday's final.

All systems are go for the Vikes, except for the loss of their sixth-player, Bridgette Vickers. Vickers suffered a knee injury against Berrien of Nashville, Ga., last week.

Vickers added considerable variety to the Lowndes approach with her ability to play many positions.

"Bridgette was unique," said Cooper. "The other substitutes are more specialists. This limits us in several ways, but we've had all week to get things worked out."

Not playing until the finals could have a good or bad effect on Lowndes.

"I can see advantages and disadvantages both ways," said Cooper. "The other teams are playing Thursday and Friday. The fatigue factor might be an advantage, but then again they are playing on that court and we're not."

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Kittens Win No. 10

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Trojans were more than the now 11-7 Wildcats could handle. A towering backline intimidated Valdosta inside, said VHS Coach Roger Rome.

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"They have more size than Thomasville. They don't shoot as well, but go to the boards much better."

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Team Totals: Field goals 22, Free throws 17 of 25, Fouls 17.

I-AAAAA Tourney Starts Tonight

By Times Sports Writer

The Region 1-AAAA (South) basketball tournament gets underway tonight at the Thomasville High School gymnasium.

The number five and six seeded teams for both boys and girls meet. Those games winners advance to Thursday's action where all but the top seeds for boys and girls are to see action.

The 7 p.m. game tonight matches the fifth-seeded Central of Thomasville girls with the sixth-seeded Bainbridge girls.

At 8:30 p.m., the fifth-

seeded Colquitt County (Moultrie) boys face the sixth-seeded Central boys.

Top-seeded Lowndes in the girls bracket and Thomasville in the boys bracket do not see action until the finals Saturday night.

The winners of Tuesday's games advance with all but the top seeds in four games Thursday.

At 4 p.m., the number-two seeded Colquitt girls play the winner of the Central-Bainbridge game. At 5:30 p.m., the number-two seeded Valdosta boys meet the winner of the Colquitt-Central game.

The number four Valdosta girls take on the challenge of home Thomasville, which is the third seed, in the 7 p.m. game. In the nightcap, the third-seeded Lowndes boys meet number four Bainbridge.

The winning two boys teams and two girls teams from Thursday's action pair up in two games Friday. The girls winners meet at 7 p.m. and the boys at 8:30 p.m.

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Porter Pressured By Edmonson



Pam Johnson, Left, Of Lowndes

Jones Leads 'Cats To Subregion Win

By Times Sports Writer

MOULTRIE — The Valdosta High Wildcats won their sixth straight game, defeating homestanding Colquitt County 60-45 here Tuesday night. The VHS Kittens were set back 67-58 in the girls game. Both were Region 1-AAAA (South) wins.

Dante Jones scored in double figures for the fourth game in a row, leading the 'Cats with 17 points. Three other starters hit double figures to help VHS through a game that was closer than the final score.

"We blew them away in the last few minutes," said Wildcat Coach Roger Rome. "We had too many turnovers. I don't know if we took them too lightly or what. We probably had more turnovers than we've had all year."

The Packers finished the game with a 1-12 record, but threatened the 'Cats with their quickness in a man-to-man defense.

Rebounding was credited by Rome for the eventual victory. VHS held a 37-23 edge on the boards.

John Bond followed Jones with a 13-point performance on shots from around the key. David New added 11 and Greg Daniels hit for 10 points.

Beverly Wilson had her biggest scoring night of the year to pace the Kittens. Her 24 points coupled with 15 for Cindy Cooper and

11 for Dana Swindle were not enough to offset a poor third quarter when the Packerettes got ahead by 17 points at one time.

"We missed the front end of 10 one-and-one opportunities from the foul line," said Kitten Coach Jo Ellis. "We weren't that bad from the line, but we missed some we really needed."

"We stayed with them neck-and-neck most of the game."

Packerette center Brelinda Copeland was the main force for Colquitt, netting 19 points.

The Wildcats upped their record to 10-4 and 6-2 with the subregion win. The Kittens went back to 7-7 and 3-5 in the league.

Both teams do not play again until Thomasville comes to town Tuesday for two subregion games.

GIRLS		BOYS	
VHS	14 31 41 58	VHS	12 25 38 60
Colquitt	18 39 52 67	Colquitt	8 21 33 45
VHS (58) — Wilson 24, Cooper 15, Swindle 11, Porter 4, Mair 3, Lewis 1, Nelson.		VHS (60) — Jones 17, Bond 13, New 11, Daniels 10, Ceasar 5, Bernard 2, Cothran 2, Sullenger 4, Gaines.	
Team Totals: Field goals 22, Free Throws 14 of 24, Fouls 14.		Team Totals: Field goals 23-50, Free Throws 14 of 22, Fouls 17.	
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Team Totals: Field goals 30, Free Throws 7 of 12, Fouls 19.		Team Totals: Field goals 19-54, Free Throws 1 of 7, Fouls 17.	

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Vikettes Rout Thomasville; Bulldogs Handle Wildcats

By CHUCK DeVANE
Times Sports Writer

THOMASVILLE — The top seeds prevailed in the finals of the Region 1-AAAA (South) high school basketball tournament played here Saturday night.

The Vikettes from Lowndes High School captured their 113th straight victory and the subregion crown by demolishing Thomasville's Lady Bulldogs 84-32. In the boys' title game, the Thomasville Bulldogs took a hard fought 69-59 decision from the Valdosta Wildcats.

Coach Charles Cooper's Vikettes put on a basketball exhibition in the first half of the girls contest. The Lowndes girls executed all phases of the game with near perfection to blast out to a 50-14 lead. Those 50 points included scoring sprees of 20 and 14 unanswered points.

The five Vikette starters, Janice Williams, Faye Williams, Pam Johnson, Kim Griffin, and Alphanette Waters each displayed the kind of talent that has given girls basketball at LHS national prominence.

Griffin and Janice Williams led the scoring for Lowndes with 18 points apiece. Griffin also grabbed 14 rebounds while scoring her season high number of points.

Faye Williams ignited the LHS first half with 12 points. The Vikette guard wound up with 16 points on the night, most of them coming on 20-foot set shots.

Johnson scored 15 points and collected 16 rebounds for Lowndes, while Waters chipped in eight points and gathered 13 rebounds.

Tracey Johnson led the runner-up Lady Bulldogs with 10 points.

Coach Cooper was well pleased with his team's performance, saying it was "probably as good as we've played all year."

"We had a tremendous team effort," he added. "We played real good defense and our scoring was balanced."

Coach Cooper did not single out any of his players, saying "the whole team played equally as well. Every one did their job."

The Vikettes have now won the subregion crown every year since the tournament's existence.

In the boys' championship, Thomasville's Kenny Hayes fired in 21 points to lead the Bulldogs to their victory over the Wildcats.

The win was not a very easy one for the highly-favored Dogs, who found themselves trailing Valdosta 10-6 at the end of the first quarter. The Thomasville guards, Hayes and Jeff Putnam, who are usually deadly shooters from the 25-foot range couldn't seem to buy a basket in the early going, while the patient Wildcat squad forged ahead.

Thomasville warmed up a little in the second stanza while Valdosta's play remained consistent. The score was tied on six different occasions during the final two and a half minutes of the half, including a 30-30 deadlock at intermission.

The score remained tight throughout the majority of the second half, in which the two teams were tied six times and the lead changed hands a total of 11 times.

Greg Bell put the Bulldogs on top to stay with 3:02 left to go in the final period when his field goal made the score 54-53. Thomasville put the game on ice with precise free throw shooting, which accounted for their last 11 points. On the night, THS hit on 21 of their 24 free throw attempts.

Bell followed Hayes with 16 points for the Bulldogs. John Bond led all Wildcat scorers with 14 points. His total included one dunk and a 40-foot set shot near the end of the game.

Louis Bernard and David New both turned in fine performances for Valdosta, scoring 13 and 12 points respectively.

"I thought we played real well," VHS Head Coach Roger Rome commented, "It could have gone either way."

All four teams advance to the Region 1-AAAA tournament, which is to be held in Bainbridge on Friday and Saturday.

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LHS (84) — Johnson 15, Griffin 18, J. Williams 18, Waters 8, F. Williams 16, Latta 2, McFarland 3, Forthe 4, Carter, Parker, Culpepper, Branch, Phillips.	
Team Totals: Field goals 38, Free Throws 8 of 16, Fouls 13.	

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Valdosta	10 30 44 59
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Prep coverage: No fancy frills, only hard work

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But, after the dues are paid, how soon we forget.

The hardest worker on any sports staff is the high school guy.

At high school games, no 10-man crews produce neat volumes of play-by-play sheets (who made the hit, who recovered the fumble, who the intended receiver was, etc.), or provide full statistics and even coaches' quotes.

No perfumed coeds come by with fried chicken, sandwiches and soft drinks.

There are no elevators to whisk you to and from your seat. It's a complete do-it-yourself operation.

And, when you haven't covered a high school game for five years, it can be a real challenge. No, make that a chore.

At college and pro games, you casually watch each play and then wait for the instant replay on the nearby television screen. At high school games, you're constantly asking, "Who carried on that play?" as you hurriedly try to scrawl down what happened on the field.

One day last week, sports department ramrod David Lamm, caught shorthanded by a rash of sports business, asked, er . . . strongly suggested . . . stopping off at the Valdosta-Thomasville Central game on a roundabout journey to Tallahassee.

Why not?

Valdosta High plays in a 12,000-seat wooden bleacher structure called Cleveland Field. The press box is adequate. It's just that the second row of seats is reserved for the Valdosta school board.

The first announcement made over the press box PA at college and pro games is that cheering will not be tolerated. But how do you tell that to the guy who signs the checks?

Ralph Brandon, Valdosta school superintendent, occupies the right corner seat in the second row, directly behind the Times-Union's seat. For four solid quarters, he bellowed in his deluxe bullhorn voice, "Come on Cats, dig in!"

Having that noise reverberating through your eardrums while trying to maintain a running play-by-play sheet in addition to team and individual stats makes for a long night.

Then there were the Thomasville uniform numbers which seemed about three inches high and placed on the white jerseys with a crayon. Residential street signs at dusk are more legible.

And the punts. Yes, the punts. After figuring out the distance of a returned punt, you're a play or two behind on the next series. Hence, a scramble to catch up.

Mercifully, halftime came. Georgia edition deadlines, being what they are, mandate that part of the game story has to be called in between halves.

Fine, except the crowd noise which filters into the open-air pressbox, plus the age of the telephone, makes one sound like Audie Murphy calling in artillery fire.

The nearest workable telephone is across the street at the Brookwood Shopping Plaza. Coming back just before the start of the second half, the stadium gate was closed for 10 minutes while the Valdosta High band made its way back into the bleachers.

Screened by an armada of tubas and French horns, the first several plays of the second half went unseen and it took most of the third quarter to catch up.

Finally, the game ended.

Valdosta coach Nick Hyder is a delightful man, but getting to him is somewhat like breaking through the Secret Service presidential blockade. The best way is to navigate the high fence which surrounds the playing field, no easy trick when you're not a national-class high jumper or haven't scaled Mount Everest.

There are no private interviews in this league. Once over the fence, the next task is to hold Hyder's attention while a parade of frontrunners say, "Nice goin' coach." You wonder if they would have poured sugar in his gas tank if the score had gone against them.

Then it's a two-block jog to the Times-Union bureau for the filing of the story and the translating of the stats into something readable. After giving those unaccounted for three yards to a deserving running back, everything adds up.

Papers, covered with more scribbling than those at the Justina Road kindergarten, finally make sense and the night is over.

It's quarter to 11. The whole ordeal took less than three hours. Love those 12-minute quarters.

But it seemed like a month.



The nerve-wracking solo performance before the judges (left) was the highlight of the cheering tryouts. Watching, Cheri Greene (above) hoped her performance would be good enough.



Only 11 could win



At the end of the line of girls trying for the Valdosta cheering squad, Tracy Smith let her dreams of victory take her away.

Cheri Greene has voice and spirit — and high hopes — to match the Valdosta High School Wildcats.

She and 10 other girls.

They were the lucky ones — the ones whose jumps and cheers and gymnastics were good enough to win them spot on the Wildcats cheering squad.

The tension inside the gymnasium Monday afternoon was as strong as that before a Wildcats football game in Valdosta — where near-fanatical fans have been known to go to extreme lengths to show support for their team.

Forty-one girls sought the 11 spots — 10 cheerleaders and one mascot — for the 1980-81 season.

The girls had spent weeks practicing the moves and cheers they would perform before the judges.

This year, for the first time, the judges were other cheerleaders. In previous years, members of the football team had chosen the squad.

But outgoing squad sponsor Madonna Terry said this year the school decided to let cheerleaders and a cheering sponsor from a neighboring high school act as judges.

The judges watched intently, scribbled notes and kept score, as each contestant performed.

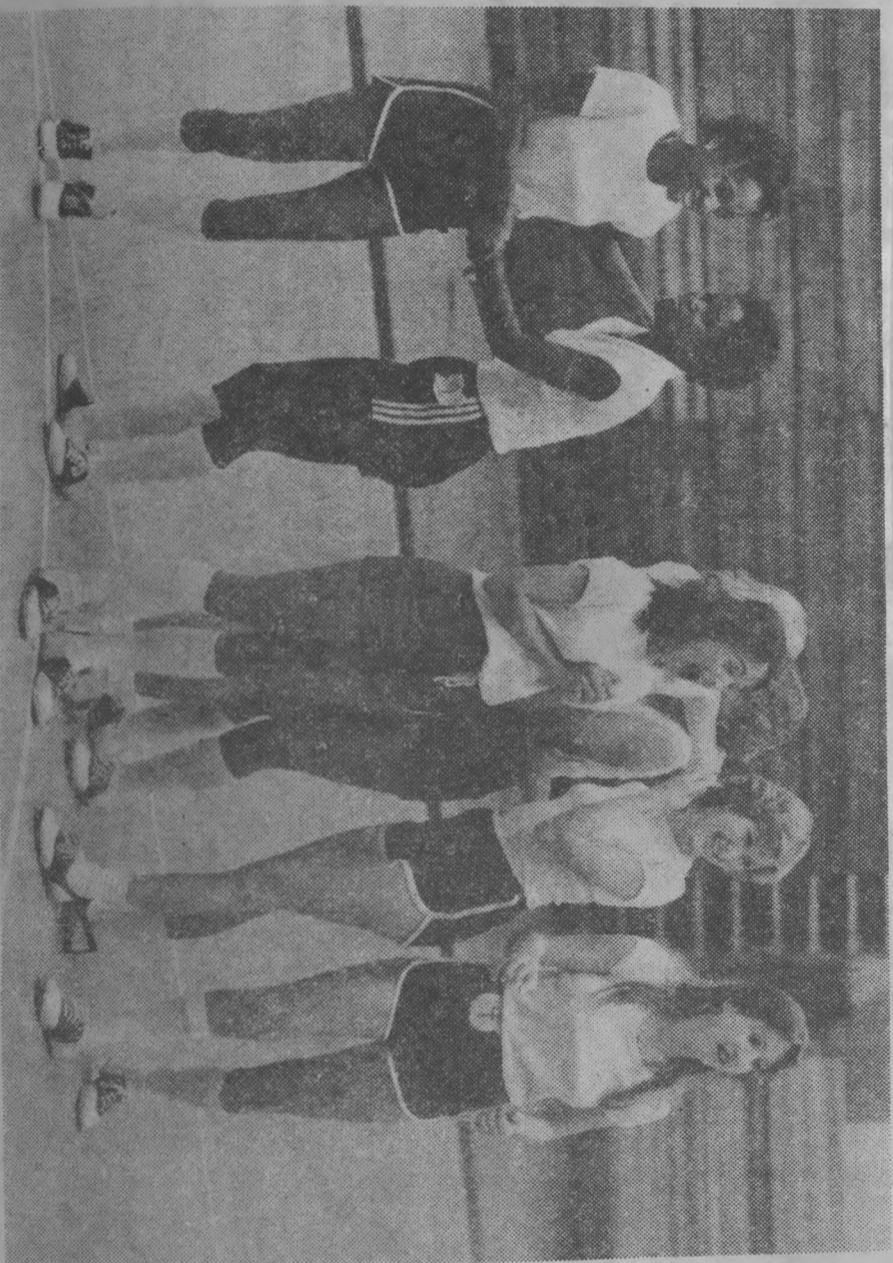
From the bleachers and doorways, the other contestants watched also — and waited for their turns on the floor.

For the 30 girls who didn't make the squad, there were sad faces and a few tears.

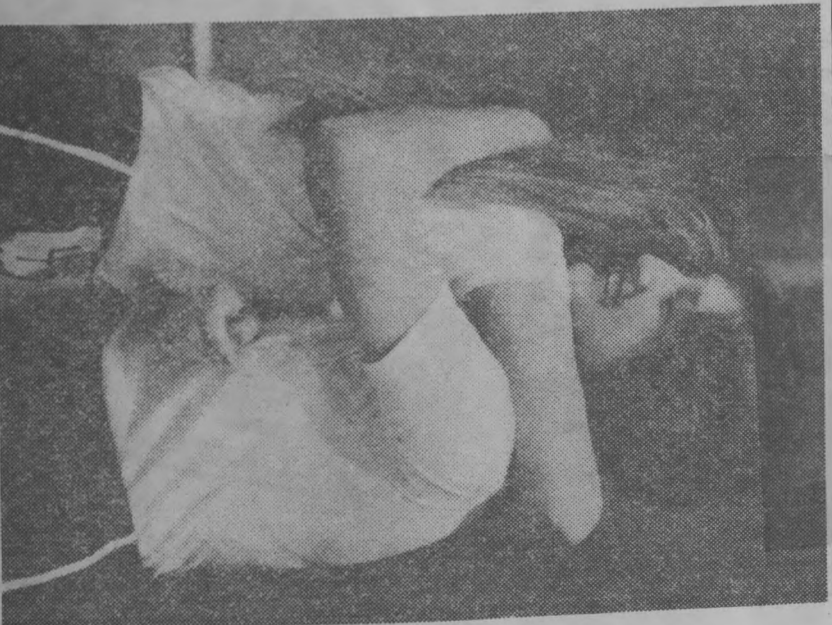
But for the 10 cheerleaders who did, there was nothing but excitement — the kind they hope to feel after every Wildcats game next season.



A competitor's performance prompted smiles from Jennifer English, Cheri Greene and Jan Wilder.



And then there were the winners: smiling, stunned and wide-mouthed with joy. They were among the 11 chosen for the 1980-81 squad.



One of the losers — Jan Wilder (right) — had a warm hug for winner Cheri Greene.

Staff photos by Ken Klanicki



The agony of defeat

— KEN KLANICKI/Staff

Forty-one girls sought 11 spots on the Valdosta High School Wildcats' cheering squad. For the 11, there

was elation; for the others, like Tracy Smith, it was wait until next year. Story, more photos on Page B-3.

Vikettes Move On To Title Bout; Wildcats Fall 91-72 To Dougherty

By CHUCK DeVANE
Times Sports Writer

BAINBRIDGE — Pam Johnson and Janice Williams led the Lowndes County Vikettes to their 114th consecutive victory in the opening round of the Region 1-AAAA high school basketball tournament played here Friday night. The Vikettes, champions of the south sub-region of 1-AAAA, plastered the Tift County Blue Angels 68-22.

The Wildcats of Valdosta were not as fortunate in their bid, however, as they were overpowered 91-72 by 1-AAAA (North) champ Dougherty.

Johnson scorched the nets with 26 points and Williams fired in 18 more for Coach Charles Cooper's Vikettes, who raised their season mark to 24-0. Johnson, a 6'4" senior, was particularly effective in the first half when she scored 19 of Lowndes' 32 points. Williams took control in the third period as she paced LHS to a 38-point advantage with 14 markers in the stanza.

Williams also accumulated eight assists, while Johnson blocked seven shots as well as dominating the rebounding statistics.

The Vikettes played with a seemingly small amount of emotion, but their effort was still far superior to that of Tift.

The Blue Angel leading scorer, Patricia Brown, totaled only six points. The lackluster offensive showing of Tift was mainly due to a stingy 1-3-1 Vikette defense.

"We played real good defense," Coach Cooper said of his squad's brightest spot.

Cooper was not displeased with his team's offensive output, although he noted that the Vikettes "have been a lot sharper."

"We'll take 'em any way we can get 'em this time of the season," Coach Cooper added.

With the win, LHS earned the right to take on the Crisp County Lady Cougars in tonight's championship. The Lady Cougars defeated Thomasville's Lady Bulldogs 61-45 in the initial contest of the tournament.

Gwen Harris paced the Crisp victory with 16 points, while Loretta Harvey and Betty Bryant scored 12 and 11 points respectively.

Priscilla Walden led the Lady Bulldogs with 14 points.

"I think it will be a real close ballgame," Coach Cooper said in anticipation of the title bout.

There will be no title game for Coach Roger Rome's Wildcats, who watched their season come to an end at the hands of the Trojans.

Dougherty gripped the Wildcats with full court man-to-man pressure at the onset of the contest, which forced Valdosta into costly turnovers.

The Trojans capitalized on six VHS miscues in the opening quarter enroute to a comfortable ten point lead. Dougherty increased slightly on that edge until the final minutes of the high-scoring affair.

Trojan forward Joe Dawson led all scorers in the contest with 27 points. Dawson terrorized the 'Cats from all over the court.

Speedy guard Lionel James contributed 18 points for Dougherty, while Walter Spurlin and Richard Corhen threw in 12 points apiece.

David New and Nathaniel Ceasar closed out their Wildcat careers with commendable performances. New hit for 17 points and Ceasar chipped in 10. The two seniors yielded team scoring honors to junior center Dante Jones, who collected 24 points. New and Ceasar sat out the final period in favor of younger players inserted by Rome.

"I was hoping it would be a lot closer," Coach Rome said of the game. "I thought we played even with them except for the offensive rebounding. But that's what wins the big games."

Rome played tribute to his departing seniors, which included starters New, Ceasar, John Bond, and Louis Bernard.

"We were real proud of the seniors. They showed good leadership all year."

Dougherty will now face 1-AAAA (South) champion Thomasville, who defeated Westover 73-60 in the other semi-final match-up.

Bulldog guard Kenneth Hayes led all scorers in that contest with 20 points. Hayes was one of four Thomasville to score in double figures. Greg Bell and Fred Brown both hit 16 points, and Jeff Putnam added 12 for the 'Dogs.

Vance Ford fired in 19 points for the Patriots, while Ron Best and Pat Seay threw in 10 points apiece.

The Vikette-Lady Cougar contest is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., and the Trojans will meet the Bulldogs at 8:30 p.m. All four teams will continue on into state tournament action, regardless of the outcomes.

GIRLS	
Tift	6 10 18
Lowndes	15 32 56
THS (22) — Turner 5, Burns 2, Withrow 4, P. Turner 4, D. Burns 1, Brown 6	
Team Totals: Field goals 9, Free throws 4 of 7, Fouls 17.	
LHS (68) — Johnson 26, Griffin 8, J. Williams 18, Waters 1, F. Williams 8, La	
McFarland 3, Carter 1, Parker 2	
Team Totals: Field goals 30, Free Throws 8 of 18, Fouls 11.	
BOYS	
Valdosta	16 30 46
Dougherty	26 48 54
VHS (72) — New 17, Ceasar 10, Bond 7, Bernard 4, Jones 24, Sullenberger 1, Allen 3	
Team Totals: Field goals 24, Free throws 19 of 22, Fouls 10.	
DHS (91) — Hurt 9, James 18, Spurlin 12, Dawson 27, Coshier 12, Hurt 2	
Walker 2, Jones 6, Harrell 2, Gordon 4	
Team Totals: Field goals 43, Free Throws 5 of 13, Fouls 19.	

Valdosta 28, Colquitt Co. 0

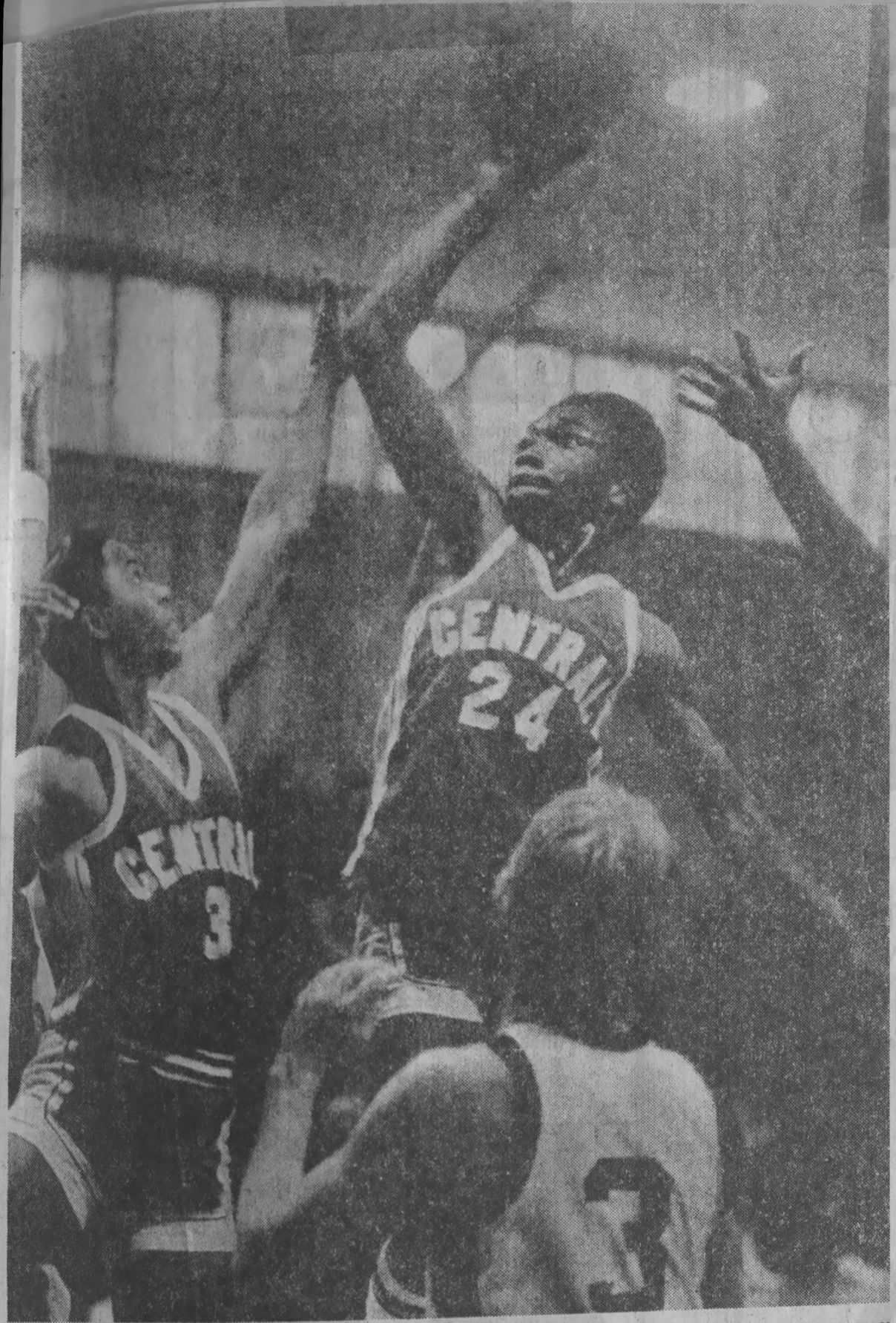
Valdosta's Wildcats look advantage of costly fourth-quarter Colquitt errors to blow open what had been a close game for three quarters.

Wildcat quarterback John Bond rushed for 155 yards and two touchdowns and passed for 111 more yards and the two other scores.

But Bond was the only night bright spot on a night when both offenses generally looked lethargic and the bone-jarring Valdosta defense stole the show.

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Broxton Win



KEN KLANICKI/Staff

Thomasville Central's Aaron Conage (24) dropped in a rebound basket although teammate Greg Cleveland (3) got in the way during Thursday's Region I-AAAA contest against Valdosta. Thomasville lost to the Wildcats 61-47.

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Valdosta rips Thomasville Central

THOMASVILLE — Nathaniel Caesar scored 21 points to lead Valdosta to a 61-47 Sub-Region I-AAAA South tournament victory over Thomasville Central Thursday night.

Valdosta, which didn't use a single substitute, also got 14 points from David New, 12 points from Dante Jones and 10 points from John Bond.

In other I-AAAA South playoff games, Thomasville's girls defeated Valdosta 56-46 and Colquitt County's girls defeated Bainbridge 61-36. Lowndes boys (11-11) met Bainbridge (11-11) in a late game.

Williams Davis led Central (8-15) with 11 points and was the loser's only player in double figures. Valdosta trailed 25-24 at halftime, but outscored Central 37-22 in the second half to pull away.

The victory by the Valdosta boys

improves the Wildcats' record to 16-7 and puts them in an 8:30 p.m. semifinal game today against the winner of the Lowndes-Bainbridge game. The winner of that game will meet second-ranked and host Thomasville at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the sub-region final. The Bulldogs (20-2) drew a bye to the final.

Center Tracy Johnson scored 19 points and dominated the boards to lead Thomasville's girls over Valdosta. Johnson got scoring help from Priscilla Walden with 15 points and Cassandra McIntyre with 11.

Beverly Wilson led Valdosta with 15 and Dana Swindle added 13.

Thomasville only led 27-26 at halftime and 38-35 entering the fourth quarter before finally pulling away.

Lowndes girls (22-0), who have a 112-game winning streak, have a bye

into the girls' final at 7 p.m. Saturday. Colquitt's girls (16-6) now advance to meet Thomasville (14-9) in a semifinal game at 7 p.m. today while Valdosta finished the season at 13-10. Bainbridge's girls ended their season at 6-16.

Boys
CENTRAL (47): William Davis 11, Williams 4, Conage 4, Bryant 7, Thompson 8, Cleveland 4, Wells 3, Wright 4, R. Bryant 2.
VALDOSTA (61): Dante Jones 12, David New 14, Nathaniel Caesar 21, John Bond 10, Bernard 4, Central 12 13 9 13-47
Valdosta 11 13 18 19-61
Total fouls: Central 23, Valdosta 13.

Girls
VALDOSTA (46): Cooper 8, Dana Swindle 13, Beverly Wilson 15, Porter 8, Nelson 2.
THOMASVILLE (56): Tracy Johnson 19, Priscilla Walden 15, Cassandra McIntyre 11, Anderson 8, Grimsley 3.
Valdosta 12 14 9 11-46
Thomasville 12 15 11 18-56
Team fouls: Thomasville 18, Valdosta 23.

Former Wildcat Blue Doing Well In Detroit

"All I have to do is catch so many passes and I'll be there." Few, I imagine, would doubt that Blue is capable of making the All-Pro ranks, but some may snicker at the thought of the Lions in the Super Bowl.

True, Detroit finished in the basement of the NFC Central Division with a lowly 2-14 record last year. But the snickers shouldn't be snickering for too much longer, Blue feels.

"We have the first-round draft pick next year, and the rumors are that we'll be going for either Charles White or Billy Sims," Blue said.

"Hopefully, that will add to our offense." "Also, we had a lot of injuries last season," he added. "We lost our starting quarterback (Gary Danielson), and the whole defensive line was injured at some point in the season. But everybody's healthy now."

Blue feels the Lions will be contenders for the Super Bowl by 1982. Detroit, by the way, is the scheduled site of the Super Bowl that year. "That will certainly give us some incentive," Blue said.

In the meantime, Blue is living in Bloomfield, Michigan, about 30 miles out from Detroit. It's a small place with an easy pace, and that suits Blue just fine.

There's a lot that I'm not used to in the city. I wouldn't be as comfortable living there," Blue said. "I wouldn't be surprised if after I'm done playing I move back to Valdosta."

Blue, a native Valdosta, hasn't forgotten his roots. "I really don't get down there that much, but I keep in touch," he said. "I get a football clipping every now and then from home."

Though Valdosta is still "home" for Blue, living near and playing for Detroit is a satisfying life to lead.

"I really like playing for Detroit, and just being a professional," he said. "It's always a dream of football players from junior high on up to be a professional ball player."

"It kind of shocked me at first," he added. "I had to sit back for a while and say 'I'm here.'"

Blue's high school dream was to play for the Miami Dolphins and while in college at Iowa State he had his "heart set on playing for New Orleans."

"But I was glad to be picked by anybody," he said. "Any year, the people still came out in support of the team. They're good people."

Blue plans to stay in the Detroit area for a while, even during off season, as he is employed in the engineering section of General Motors during the football break.

Then there's the travelling with the Detroit Lion basketball team, originated by some of the football players, and the speaking engagements to keep Blue busy.

"But I hope to get down to Valdosta sometime soon," he said.

Lee
Freeman
Times Sports Writer



anticipating being at 100 percent by the start of football camp. Blue, now 25, has accomplished much in football circles since his Death Valley playing days. Before his career is over, he plans to do much more.

I'd like for the team to go to the Super Bowl, and individually I'd like to become All-Pro," Blue said recently.

By LEE FREEMAN
Times Sports Writer

The Valdosta Wildcats graduated a number of quality football players in the early 1970s, not the least of which was tight end and wide receiver Luther Blue.

Most folks around here would remember Blue, though he didn't accumulate quite the devastating statistics that have kept such 'Cats as Stanley Bounds and Stanford Rome in the local limelight.

Blue himself says he's probably best remembered for the 70-yard touchdown pass he caught against Moultrie in 1972. Unfortunately, the 'Cats dropped that one, 42-14.

But Blue is evidence that although they certainly help, blistering high school statistics really aren't crucial to one's football future, as long as you're fundamentally sound at what you do.

And what Blue does, and has been doing for the past three seasons, is playing wide receiver for the Detroit Lions.

He's not a sideline receiver, either. In 1977-78, his rookie year with the NFL club, he started in five games and contributed 15 pass receptions and two TDs in Detroit's 6-8 year.

As a starter in all games of 1978-79, Blue tallied 31 receptions and five touchdowns. Last season, he totaled 12 receptions and one touchdown before he injured his right leg at mid season.

His leg is about 90 percent healed now, he says, and he's

Local Coaches Hope Trends Continue At Tourney

By MIKE HAGOOD
Times Sports Editor

If it was up to the basketball coaches at Lowndes High and Valdosta High, their teams would continue their play of late in the Region 1-AAAA (South) tournament. Three of the four squads take the floor at Thomasville High tonight.

The second-seeded Valdosta Wildcats take on sixth-seeded Central of Thomasville at 5:30 p.m. The fourth-seeded VHS Kittens follow at 7 p.m. against third-seeded Thomasville. In the nightcap, the third-seeded Lowndes Vikings battle fourth-seeded Bainbridge.

Coach Roger Rome's Wildcats won their last four regular season contests. The second of those four wins was a 54-52 decision over tonight's opponent, the Yellow Jackets.

The final win of the regular season came Saturday night against highly-rated Monroe at its Albany home.

"We saved our best game of the year for the last one," said Rome of the 60-50 win over the Tornadoses. "The last three or four games of the season we have looked very good. I just hope it carries over into the tournament."

"The last of the season is the time to start peaking. If we win two or three we've got a good chance to go to the region."

It would take three wins for the 'Cats to win the subregion. The same is true of the Vikings. Wins tonight would pair the two teams in Friday's semifinals. The winner there would meet undefeated Thomasville Saturday for the subregion title.

Both participants in the Championship game qualify for the combined 1-AAAA (South) and (North) tournament at Bainbridge Feb. 22-23.

Coach Terry Wilkes' Vikes are coming off an impressive season-ender, like Rome's 'Cats. The Vikings silenced talented Bainbridge 66-55 on the Bearcats' home turf Friday.

The two squads match up again tonight. Both won one game in the regular season. Bainbridge won at Lowndes by a 56-45 count early in the year.

"It was close through the middle of the fourth quarter," said Wilkes of Friday's win. "It really shouldn't have been that close."

"They have a really good team, but have been up and down all season. This could be their up night. You never know."

"They don't have that good of a shot selection. They have no close."



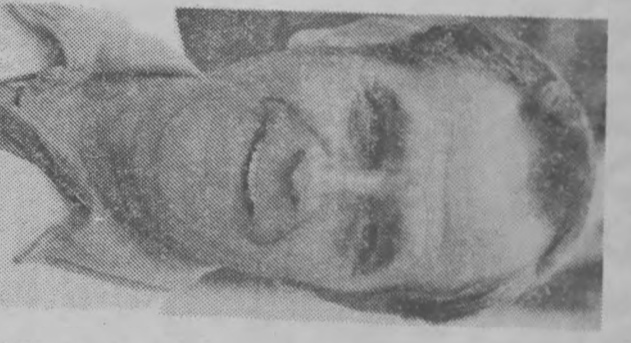
ROGER ROME
Cats Face Central



TERRY WILKES
Bainbridge Rematch



JO ELLIS
Faces Tall Thomasville



CHARLES COOPER
Waits In The Wings

inside people. They shoot from the outside and if they're off they're in trouble. We limited them to one shot. That will be the key again. It also depends on how we handle their full-court pressure. We did well with it Friday night."

Jo Ellis' Kittens face a home-standing team that they divided two games with in the regular season. The Lady Bulldogs won in Thomasville 58-57 in the fifth game of the year. The Kittens won here convincingly later in the year, 55-48.

"I feel we can win," said Ellis. "We lost by one point over there and were in foul trouble and had a bad shooting night. We won here with all phases of our game working together. The difference in the second game was that we played more like a team. We just matured."

A win over Thomasville would place the Kittens in the semifinals against the Colquitt County (Moultrie)-Bainbridge winner in today's 4 p.m. game.

Rome has altered the 'Cats offensive set-up in recent games and gotten good response. VHS now uses a two-guard set after going with a point guard most of the year.

John Bond and David New now give VHS as tall a pair of guards as anyone. Both stand 6-4.

Louis Bernard has moved into Bond's forward slot, giving VHS a very board-conscious starting team.

Bond has responded to the ball-handling position without lately with his breakaway slam dunks.

Another key to recent success has been increased aggressiveness inside by center Nathaniel Caesar, said Rome. The Central team Rome's 'Cats face "matches up real well size-wise," said the first-year head coach.

"Every game is just as important as the others," said Rome. "Last year they beat us twice in the regular season and we

beat them in the tournament."

The Bainbridge team the Vikes face was expected to do great things this season, but ended with an 11-11 record, same as Lowndes.

Successful head coach Charles Bess left the Bearcats at the end of last season to take a Seminole County school administration position. The team's handling by current head coach Stan Slickland is suspect by many camps.

The Bearcats feature last year's subregion scoring champion, LaRae Davis, who achieved the feat in his freshman year. Joining Davis at guard is talented Kenneth Biggles.

Probably the Bearcats top performer this season has been forward Gary Harris.

The Lady Bulldogs feature the play of inside tandem Maxine Anderson and Patricia Walden. Walden is a six-footer.

Anderson is called one of the finest all-around players in the league by Ellis.

Charles Cooper's Lowndes Vikes are of course the girls top seed with their undefeated mark and 112 straight wins.

The Vikes are not to see tournament action until Saturday's final.

All systems are go for the Vikes, except for the loss of their sixth-player, Bridgette Vickers. Vickers suffered a knee injury against Berrien of Nashville, Ga., last week.

Vickers added considerable variety to the Lowndes approach with her ability to play many positions.

"Bridgette was unique," said Cooper. "The other substitutes are more specialists. This limits us in several ways, but we've had all week to get things worked out."

Not playing until the finals could have a good or bad effect on Lowndes.

"I can see advantages and disadvantages both ways," said Cooper. "The other teams are playing Thursday and Friday. The fatigue factor might be an advantage, but then again they are playing on that court and we're not."

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Back To The Gym Floor

Valdosta has one of the finest high school facilities in the nation. Except for the gymnasium, that is. Almost since the school was completed, about seven years ago, the gym has been a problem. The floor would never stay in place.

Now the Valdosta Board of Education is going back at the gym floor once again. It is going to install a new flooring surface, hoping that maybe it will last.

The job, though, will be more than merely installing the new surface. The under-flooring is to be torn up and replaced. The idea is to provide a new, sound and water-proof base for the new floor surface.

So what kind of surface goes on top of the new base? A rubberized one. The same type that bubbled so last time the basketball boys and girls couldn't dribble on it.

The job is going to cost about \$55,000. Good luck, BoFE, and remember it is our money.

VHS FBIA Students Place

Valdosta High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBIA) members placed among the top five winners in district competition. The contest was held in Ashburn Feb. 23. Shirley Williams placed second in stenography I and is to compete for the state title in April. Third place went to Tonia Wakefield for extemporaneous speaking. Renee Marshall for public speaking and Ange Simmons for interoffice practice student of the year. Fourth place awards were brought home by Jayne Causey for accounting and Shelley Miller for clerk typist. Other students participating in the competition were Julie Bection in job interviewing, Dolores Carpenter for clerk typist and Shannon Frassrand for business communications.

VHS Netters

The Valdosta High Tennis team swept two matches from Bainbridge High here Wednesday with the boys being 9-4 winners and the girls 7-0 victors. VHS boys who took singles victories included Andy Wortham, Biff Taylor, Bill Kitchens, Stewart Young, Tommy Young, Rex Culbreth, Mark Swank, and Donald King. Double winners for Valdosta included David Broomberg-Wortham and Taylor-Culbreth. Girls winners in single competition for VHS were Kim Gandy, Julie Spencer, Jan Pendleton, Beth Pitts, LeeAnn Griffin and Pam Hall. Teaming up for double wins were Spencer-Pendleton and Gandy-Pitts. The girls team brings its record to 2-1 with the win while the boys go to 1-2. The next match for VHS is March 27th against Westover High in Albany.

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2nd District STARs Are Farley, Rogers

By Times Staff Writer

Winnersville added four more names to its long list of accomplishments — the 2nd District STAR student and teacher and the runners-up.

Tim Farley, 17-year-old Valdosta High School senior, was named STAR student from the 2nd District at the honors banquet at Valdosta State College Saturday night.

His math teacher, Mike Rogers, was STAR teacher.

"All we teachers do is teach," said Rogers after receiving the award. "We teach and try to set an example for our students."

Farley said he selected Rogers as the STAR teacher because he "knows math. He doesn't just teach out of one textbook like a lot of other teachers."

Both the STAR student and teacher received a \$500 scholarship and silver tray. They are to join other district winners on an eight-day tour through the state, visiting colleges and universities, industries and tourist sites.

The STAR program was started 22 years ago by the state Chamber of Commerce to honor students who achieve academically.

Al Rowell, senior at Lowndes High School, was runner-up in the district contest. His STAR teacher is Diane Thornton, English instructor at LHS.

Both Farley and Rowell were also named National Merit Finalist, making them eligible for scholarship



MIKE ROGERS
VHS Math Teacher



TIM FARLEY
State Is Next

consideration later this spring.

Farley doesn't know whether he will attend the University of Texas or Georgia Tech in the fall. But he knows he wants to study astronomy.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent P. Farley.

Rowell, on the other hand, knows what school he is going to in September but isn't sure of his major.

He plans to attend the University of Georgia.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Rowell.

The STAR student is the senior who, from the top 10 percent of his class, scores the highest mark on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

VHS DE Merit Award Winners

DECA Merit Silver medals have been given to 41 Valdosta High School Distributive Education Clubs of America students.

The merit awards program attempts to increase the students' employability by improving their marketing and merchandising skills as well as developing their awareness of various career choices, said Norman Greene, DE coordinator as VHS.

Students who complete certain requirements for the award receive recognition on the local, state and national level.

Students receiving the medal are: Nolan Barnes, Kerry Beaver, Donna Butler, Billy Garrett, Sonja Guess, Kim Jarvis, Larry Kolb, Sherie Maples, Peggy McKinney, Robert Meeks, James Register.

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Janet Morneault, Sherry Pullinam, Dexter Schunoff, Wally Walsh, Marilyn Williams, Charles Woods, Lisa Bernstein, Diana Daher, Keith Folsom, Roy Gaskins, Eve Hyman.

John Ivansco, Elinor Mitcham, Ben Norton, David Starling, Melissa Tedders, Mike Thomas, Lori Wetherington and Glaster Williams.

The awards are to be presented at the state Career Development Conference in Atlanta March 21-23.

VHS DE Students Place At Meet

By Times Staff Writer

Valdosta High School DECA students placed in eight out of 11 categories at the District Contest Conference in Brunswick.

VHS students competed with 16 other Distributive Education Clubs of America chapters in the contest Tuesday.

Margaret Aultman, president of the VHS DECA and student of the year, was elected District Student of the Year.

Cheri Greene was elected DECA vice president in charge of the 7th district for next year.

Other VHS winners were:
Second place, Faith Wilson,

spelling; Buck Green, business speech, and Marie Emory, finance and credit.

First place, Lisa Bernstein, job interview; Paige Hood, advertising; Cheri Greene, apparel and accessories and Bart Bosch, automotive and petroleum marketing.

These students are to compete in the state contest in Atlanta March 21-23.

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Noteworthy: Elks Youth Awards Given

By Times Staff Writer

Two area students were presented awards for their community and academic achievements by Valdosta Lodge 728 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at its March meeting.

David New was the winner of the Youth Leadership Contest for the six-county area which Lodge 728 includes, according to James Wilkerson.

Although scholarship is important in the contest, well-rounded activity is the overall consideration, he said.

Kevin Dowdy won the Most Valuable Student prize which emphasizes scholarship.

Both recipients were selected on the basis of brochures they submitted.

New was a National Merit finalist, a Governor's Honors Program participant and received a University of Georgia Certificate of Merit and National High School Award for Excellence.

He was named to Who's Who Among High School Students and to America's Outstanding Names and Faces. He was

president of the junior and senior classes at VHS and is a three-year letterman in basketball and baseball.

On the honor roll throughout high school, Dowdy was voted the Most Talented and Most Intellectual by his classmates. The STAR student was named to the American Society of Distinguished High School Students.

He has also participated in dramatic, musical and literary activities at ECHS.

New is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James New of Valdosta and Dowdy is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Jim Dowdy of Rte. 2, Lake Park.

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VHS Wins First Meet

By Times Sports Writer
TIFTON — The Valdosta Wildcats track team won its opening meet of the season, defeating Tift County and Colquitt County in a triangular meet here Monday.

Nathaniel Ceasar won three individual events and was part of two winning relay teams. Ceasar won the high jump, 440-yard dash and 330-yard intermediate hurdles.

VHS totaled 98 points to 56 for homesteading Tift and only 14 for Colquitt of Moultrie.

James Horton, Joe Henry and Keith Mitchell were double-winners for the Wildcats.

Horton won the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

Henry captured the 880 and mile runs.

Mitchell was victorious in the triple jump and long jump.

The 'Cats next meet is April 7 against Thomasville here.

Shot put — Ewing T, Randall T, Hill T, Holmes V. 44'3"
Discus — Reed C, Ewing T, Cox T, Holmes V.
High jump — Ceasar V, Merine V, Jones V, Johnson T. 6'4"
Triple jump — Mitchell V, Arnold V, Acree V, McKenzie T. 40'8"
Long jump — Mitchell V, Holt T, Miller T, Patterson V. 19'7"
Pole vault — Holmes V, Griffin V, Green T, Mathis T.
440-yard relay — Valdosta (Patterson, Johnson, Ceasar, Bee), Tift 46.5.
1-mile run — Durham V, Henry V, Black T, Yancey T. 5:12.00
440-yard dash — Ceasar V, Johnson V, Pettiford T, Brownley T. 52.34
100-yard dash — Horton V, Miller T, Smith C, Mathis T. 10.34
High hurdles — Holt T, Griffin V, Jones V, Tenorio T. 16.19
880-yard dash — Henry V, Gordon C, Lynch V, Powell T. 2:17.25
220-yard dash — Horton V, Patterson V, Smith C, Miller T. 23.8
330-yard intermediate hurdles — Ceasar V, Griffin V, Tenorio T, Green T. 43.33
Two-mile run — Henry V, Durham V, Mason T, Conley V. 10:05.00
Mile Relay — Valdosta (Ceasar, Johnson, Henry, Patterson), Tift. 3:42.36

New Tops VHS Banquet

By Times Sports Writer

David New grabbed four trophies at the Valdosta High Basketball Banquet here Friday night.

New received the varsity boys Most Valuable Player award as well as Best Free Throw and Best Offensive awards.

New also tied with Nat Ceasar as the teams best rebounder.

Ceasar and John Bond tied for the best defensive player award.

The most improved player award was given to Dante Jones while Louis Bernard and Greg Daniels tied for the team's spirit award.

Bernard, Ceasar, Bond, Daniels, and New received recognition as the team's seniors.

Varsity girls awards were

given out by coach Ellis, who first recognized the team's three graduating seniors, Debbie Mair, Vera Dotson, and Dana Swindle.

Dotson also received the teams' spirit award while Mair won the team free throw award.

Swindle was voted on as the teams most improved player.

Annie Porter won the rebounding trophy, Cindy Cooper, best defensive, and Beverly Wilson, best offensive.

Wilson and Cooper tied for the teams Most Valuable Player award.

The first awards presented were to the B-team girls by coach Jo Ellis.

Lisa Connaway was awarded most improved, Bridgette Harrell, best defense, and Andrea Roberts

best offense.

The B-team boys awards were then presented by coach Roger Rome.

The teams most improved award went to Leon Hudson. J.D. Thomerson was given the best offensive award and Clint East, best defense.

The ninth grade boys team awards were presented by Coach Bob Bolton.

Mark Perry was best offensive, William Cohnan, best defensive, and David Mims and Mike Worthy tied for most improved.

VHS Booster Club President Harrison Cooper opened the banquet by introducing guests including special guest, Georgia Christian head basketball coach, Mike Roller.

VHS B-Team

QUITMAN — The Valdosta High B-team defeated the Brooks County Varsity baseball team from here, by a 10-5 score here yesterday.

Rick Rupp and Craig Jenkins each homered and singled to lead the VHS offensive barrage.

Jeff Martin was the winning pitcher for the Wildcats.

The win puts the B-team at 2-0 on the season having also defeated the Tift County b-team last Saturday.

The next game for the B-team is next Tuesday at Scott Park in Valdosta against Lanier County of Lakeland, Ga. in a 7:30 p.m. contest.

The VHS ninth grade team is to play Madison High in Madison, Fla. there next Monday at 4 p.m.

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VHS Girls Win Track Opener With Tift

By Times Sports Writer

TIFTON — The Valdosta High girls track team defeated Tift County from here 82-26 in a dual meet here yesterday.

Vera Dotson took wins for Valdosta in the shot put, high jump, and 440 yard dash. Lisa Jones took wins for VHS in the long

jump, 100-yard dash, and 110-yard low hurdles.

Her leap in the long jump of 19 feet six inches was two inches longer than the current state record.

The win was the first of the year for the Valdosta High girls.

Health Occupations

VHS Course Takes In Wide Range Of Occupations

By LA-VOE GRIFFIN
Times Staff Writer

Some students at Valdosta High School are playing doctor . . . and nurse and physical therapist and X-ray technician and veterinarian assistant.

But, they aren't acting out a scene from Marcus Welby, M.D. or Medical Center.

They are taking a course in Health Occupations, a field which is becoming increasingly popular for persons wanting to go into medical professions, but who don't necessarily want to be physicians.

"What I am trying to get across to the community is that I'm not raising just doctors and nurses here," said Beverly Smith, a registered nurse and instructor of the VHS course.

"Health Occupations deals with any job related to the field of medicine," anything from an athletic trainer on a college football team to a secretary in hospital records.

Students begin the two-year course with a class on checking vital signs, temperature, pulse and blood pressure, and administering first aid.

"This is a community wide project," said Mrs. Smith. They have learned something which they can use in their own families," said Mrs. Smith.

After the first class, students are divided into groups depending on their level of study and particular medical job interest. After three quarters, students with a classroom average of 80 and a test grade average of 75 begin on the job training in their respective fields.

"This is a community side project," said Mrs. Smith. "I couldn't do it without the cooperation of the doctors and personnel at the hospital (South Georgia Medical Center)."

Some students also work in doctors' offices.

Mrs. Smith was working as a surgical nurse at SGMC when she became interested in the VHS course two years ago. At first, she was somewhat leery of teaching, worried she would not get the same "feeling" from the classroom that she got working with patients.

"I wanted to teach because I enjoyed it when I instructed student nurses.

"But, I went into nursing because I loved the patients and these students weren't patients," said the New Jersey native.

"I asked myself: 'Will I get the same feeling from teaching that I got from nursing?'"

That feeling returned to the petite blond nurse when a group of Valdosta Junior High School students were touring her classroom. She had just completed a course on cardiopulmonary resuscitation, CPR.

"Some of the junior high kids wanted to know what we did with Resusci-Annie and before I could begin to tell them four of my students began to demonstrate CPR.

"I went back to my desk and my eyes filled with tears as I watched those kids that I had taught pass on what they learned to another group of students."

No subject is banned from her class which looks more like the training room at a Red Cross center than a high school classroom.

She believes the only way students can make their minds up about something, whether it be birth control or hypnosis, is to study it in an academic setting.

With a broad knowledge of the various aspects of the medical profession, students are better equipped to decide for themselves which area they want to work in. After all, said Mrs. Smith, that is the purpose of the course.



Three VHS Students Practice In CPR Class

—Times Staff Photo.

News Summary

VHS Times March 24, 1980

DE Club At VHS Named Best In State

From Times Staff Reports
Valdosta High School's distributive education club was named the outstanding DE club in Georgia at the state convention in Atlanta Saturday.

A number of Valdosta students brought home awards from three-day Georgia DECA State Career Development conference.

Norman Greene, DE coordinator at the high school, said the outstanding chapter award was the one of the two highest honors given at the conference.

Margaret Aultman placed third in the most outstanding student in the state, the other top honor, Greene said.

Other winners were: Faith Wilson, third place, business vocabulary and spelling; Bryan Griffin, top six, club reporter of the year; Buck Green, top six, business speech; Paige Hood, first place, advertising services; and Sheri Greene, top six, apparel and accessories, he said.

Sixteen VHS students were

among about 800 who attended the Atlanta conference.

Contests were conducted Friday and Saturday and awards presented Saturday night. Sen. Sam Nunn was the keynote speaker at a recognitions session Friday night, Greene said.

In elections, Wendell Lewis was elected a vice state vice president and Miss Greene was installed as a district vice president.

She and Lewis are to be state delegates to the national DECA convention in Miami, Fla., in June, when she and two others, Miss Hood and Miss Aultman, are also to compete for national honors, he said.

The VHS chapter was named best of about 126 chapters across the state based on activities in 15 categories, ranging from alumni activities to civic work, Greene said.

Wildcats Eliminated

Val. Times

By Times Sports Writer
ADEL — The Valdosta High baseball team was eliminated from the Cook Invitational baseball tournament by host Cook High and Lanier County High here Saturday.

The Hornets of Adel topped the Wildcats 5-3 in the winners' bracket game. Lanier, of Lakeland, Ga., stopped the 'Cats 1-0 in the losers' bracket game to send VHS from the double-elimination tournament.

Cook is to meet Lanier at 3 p.m. Monday here in the

championship round. A win by Cook would decide the title. A Lanier win would force a deciding second game.

Ashley DeLoach was saddled with the hill loss against Cook. Bart Baggett won the pitching loser in the one-run second game to Lanier.

Larry Capan got the win for Cook.

Charles Highsmith was the winner for Lanier.

Valdosta is to play again Friday at 7 p.m. against Morristown, Tenn., at Valdosta's Scott Park.

GAME ONE				GAME TWO															
Cook	ab	r	h	r	bi	VHS	ab	r	h	r	bi								
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Grgec f	4	1	1	0	Di. Pk 2b	2	0	1	0	Dv. Pkss	2	0	1	0	Whitell	2	0	0	0
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Wood 2b	3	0	2	1	Bggff lf	1	0	1	0	Di. Pk 2b	3	0	0	0	Brrt 2b	2	0	0	0
Flds lf	3	0	1	1	Ayne lf	1	0	0	0	Dvs lb	3	0	0	0	Wist dh	2	0	0	0
Cpn p	0	0	0	0	Bstl lb	3	0	0	0	Nww dh	1	0	0	0	Estr dh	1	0	0	0
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Instructor Beverly Smith instructs Terry Dinnerman, Janis Clary; Schara Howell assists Vet Dave Richards

—Times Staff Photos.

Williams, Waycross Team Making Valdosta Return

V. Times Mar. 20, 1980

By MIKE HAGOOD
Times Sports Editor

The Valdosta-Waycross Spring Jamboree football game here Friday presents something of a homecoming for Bulldog Head Coach Dale Williams.

Williams played for the VHS teams that won 26 straight games before he graduated after the 1957 season. Williams quarterbacked the '58 team that won a state championship. The '57 team was also a state champion.

Williams has been coaching at Waycross for eight seasons. His team won a state Class AA championship in 1977.

Last year's Waycross team finished 11-1, losing its final game to Camden County (St. Mary's) in the Region 1-AAA playoffs.

It looks to be a new Bulldog team that is to stand on Cleveland Field here at 8 p.m. Friday.

Waycross has three starters back from last year's offensive team and four starters back from the defensive squad.

The top returner, according to Williams, appears to be tailback Tony Taylor.

Taylor is the lone returner in the Waycross wishbone offensive backfield set-up.

The Bulldogs have a quarterback situation similar to the Wildcats. A junior and a sophomore are competing for the job.

Williams' son Todd is in the running, along with sophomore Mike Cuneao. Cuneao is to start behind center against Valdosta and Williams is to open in the defensive backfield.

Besides the full-house offensive backfield the Bulldogs also use a defensive set not normally seen in Region 1-AAAA. They use a six-man defensive line, with two linebackers and three defensive backs.

The Bulldogs are coming off a 20-8 win in their Has-Been Will-Be Game last week.

Waycross went 14-0 in '77. That was the only year it has won the region since Williams has been head coach. The Bulldogs have won their subregion three times.

This is to be the first season in six years that a Taylor brother will not be the starting quarterback for the Bulldogs. Barry Taylor closed out the family

tradition there last season.

"I like to go over and play in Valdosta," said Williams. "It brings back fond memories. It's good experience for the kids that are coming back next season. It was always a good rivalry."

The last time the two schools played was in 1973. The Bulldogs won that game in the next to last contest of the season.

"Nick (Hyder, VHS Head Coach) and I have been talking about playing this game for two or three years, but he had obligations with Warner Robins and I was playing Moultrie (Colquitt County) and Thomasville the

VHS
Joey Gordon, 180 sr.; Edwin Robinson, 185 jr.
Jim Kehoe, 217 sr.
Phillip James, 210 sr.
Joe Wetherington, 175 jr.; Billy Broadfoot, 175 jr.
David Harrison, 155 sr.
William Davis, 180 sr.
Keith Mitchell, 155 sr.
Rob Sullenberger, 160 sr.; Dale Parker, 145 sr.
David Parker, 150 jr.; Pay Mayes 160 jr.
Welton Frazier, 185 sr.
Fred Notes, 145 jr.

Lynn Roe, 190 sr.
Charles Arnold, 178 jr.; Tim Bond, 178 jr.
Willie Bealy, 200 sr.
Kennedy Cooper, 225 soph.; Mark Holmes 190 sr.
Paul Stokes, 185 sr.; Willie Scott, 170 jr.
Bill Holland, 190 sr.
Anthony Moore, 190 sr.; Anthony Battle, 190 sr.
James Horton, 177 sr.
Rembrandt Moses, 160 sr.; Herbert Lowe, 155 soph.
Dante Jones, 185 sr.
Jeff Hunter, 170 sr.; Curtis Lowe, 165 sr.

last two years. It's good for the schools since we don't play in the regular season.

"I really don't know what to expect from Valdosta since I didn't get to see their senior game. I guess I'll be going out blind."

"We hope to be a more experienced ballclub on defense," said Williams. "I hope that is a strong point."

"We should have a good (offensive) backfield. Taylor was overshadowed by some of our seniors last year. Ralph Herring is a good fullback. The quarterback situation should be in pretty good shape."

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WAYCROSS
Tommy Seals, 175, sr.
Jim Smart, 180 jr.
Will Jeffords, 190 jr.
Jamie Anderson, 165 jr.
Dale Todd, 195 sr.
Greg Cook, 150 sr.
Alfred McElroy, 150 jr.
Charles Green, 170 sr.
Mike Cuneao, 150 sr.
Ralph Herring, 155 jr.
Tony Taylor, 160 sr.

DEFENSE

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Cary Merchison, 175 sr.
Kenny Boyd, 160 jr.
Mike Boggs, 195 sr.
Tony Wooten, 185 jr.
Jake McDonald, 300 sr.
Mark Hayes, 180 jr.
Steve Stipe, 175 jr.
Anthony Hobbs, 170 jr.
John Howard, 155 sr.
Todd Williams, 160 jr.
Britt Gale, 160 jr.

VHS Baseball Depends On Great Attitude

By BILL RYAN

Times Sports Writer

This year's edition of the Valdosta High baseball team promises to be one that is short on superstar talent but long on attitude.

"We're just an average team with average talent, average hitting, and average speed, and a great attitude," said VHS head mentor Butch Brooks.

The season opens for VHS Saturday in Tifton against Region 1-AAAA (North) opponent Tift County at 4:00 p.m.

The Wildcats are coming back from a 13-6 season in which they finished second in the region to Lowndes.

Two of the key members of that squad, first baseman John Lastinger and pitcher Wayne Fugett have advanced into the college ranks. Lastinger is expected to see

considerable action in a Georgia Bulldog uniform while Fugett is throwing for Valdosta State College.

The lone returning Wildcat with all-star credentials is senior catcher Mike Ruff, who in Brooks' opinion, is the best catcher in the state.

Ruff, who also played flanker on the VHS football team, was a member of the 78 state championship squad and is the team captain. He is the Cats' most experienced player.

"Our goal is to be competitive. If we get solid pitching from our seniors we could be very respectable," comments Brooks, referring in particular to senior hurlers David New and Ashley DeLoach. Brooks called junior Rod Sullenberger "a hard thrower who could help us."

Sullenberger is a new member of the squad who Brooks has seen very little of because of his involvement in basketball and football.

Brooks has seen very little of because of his involvement in basketball and football. "We also like to get some good pitching days out of Bart Baggett," added Brooks of the 6-3 senior who also plays third base.

Backing up Ruff at catcher is Grant Nichols and William Davis both of whom are juniors. Davis is also expected to see action at other infield positions. Brooks describes him as a "good utility man

who hits the ball well." Other projected infield starters include Tony Blassetti at first, Dale Parker at second, brother Dale Parker at short, and DeLoach at third.

Junior Mark Cox, who had considerable B-team experience, is expected to see action at first. "We should have a fairly good infield, defensively," says Brooks.

Senior David Berryhill is slated to start in left field. Brooks calls him the team's most improved player from last year.

Other outfielders battling for playing time include Pat Mayes, Chris Mayne and Sydney Bowdoin in center field, Nolan Barnes and Jeff Wiggins in left, and Billy Joe Gordon, Rembrant Moses, and Jack Sumner in right.

And abundance of young players have given the Wildcats quality backups at many positions. "I'm really pleased with depth we have," said Brooks on the subject.

A new part of the baseball program that has started this year is the formation of a ninth-grade team.

"I couldn't really see cutting nine players who could play," Brooks said of the ninth grade team. "This way players get some valuable playing time before they are sophomores."

The team is to play nine games with most of them against other school's B-teams. "It sure was hard finding many games for them to play because most schools do not have any ninth grade programs," Brooks commented.

Chances for the VHS varsity having a good season depend on how much the team progresses during the early season. Besides bad weather, many of the Wildcats are involved in other sports that give them a late start in baseball preparations.

"We have a young team, the weather has really hurt us," Brooks commented, "with good pitching and the attitude this team has through we could have a real good year."

Brooks also noted that he thought that this year's team had as good an attitude as the 1978 team that marched to the state title.

ROSTER
Pitcher: David New, Ashley DeLoach, Billy Garrett, Bart Sullenberger, Pat Mayes, Billy Serrano, Jack Sumner, Chris Mayne, Billy Joe Gordon, Rod Sullenberger, Jeff Wiggins, Jeff Martin, catcher Mike Ruff, William Davis, Grant Nichols, first base: Tony Blassetti, Mark Cox, second base: Dale Parker, third base: Ted Welch, David Williams, shortstop David Parker, outfielders: David Berryhill, Nolan Barnes, Rembrant Moses, Sidney Bowdoin.

SCHEDULE
March 15, Tift County (Tifton), away; March 21-22, Cook (Involational (Adel)), home; March 28, Morrisston (Morristown, Tenn.), home; March 31, Tift, home; April 1, Bainbridge, home; April 4, Colquitt County (Moultrie), away; April 8, Thomasville, home; April 11, Lowndes, away; April 12, Central (Tallahassee, Fla.), away; April 15, Monroe (Albany), home; April 18, Bainbridge, away; April 19, Dougherty (Albany), home; April 22, Colquitt, home; April 24, Thomasville, away; April 26, Cook County (Adel), home; April 29, Lowndes, home; May 2, Central, away.

BUTCH BROOKS 'Average Talent'

Has-Been Game Unproductive

Valdosta Meets Waycross Friday

By MIKE HAGOOD
Times Sports Editor

The Valdosta High Spring Jambooree Game with Waycross Friday night is the football report card for the Wildcat football team.

The two teams meet at Cleveland Field here at 8 p.m. with marks for the term yet to be handed out.

The last time the Cats took the field was March 7 in the Has-Been Will-Be Game. The upcoming varsity won that game, but many questions are yet to be answered.

"We've made some improvement since then, hopefully," said VHS Head Coach Nick Hyder. "The Has-Beens did not give us a good full game. That was disappointing. After looking at the films it looked like more of a sideshow than a good, hard football game. We've had to go back in practice and really had to work hard."

The value of the Waycross game said Hyder is, "It shows if we are able to put this offensive combination we've been working with on the field and have it work effectively under pressure."

This won't determine who will be in the playoffs in November, but will tell us what we have to do."

The main questions to be answered, as Hyder indicated, are ones about the offense.

Of the offensive questions, who is to be the quarterback remains the biggest? David Parker and Pat Mayes continue to share duties at that position.

Recent weather conditions have hindered developments at the all-important signal caller slot.

"We need to throw," said Hyder. "We know what we need to do. We're not sure though, whether we are good enough to do it."

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Sometimes Mayes is the better passer. Sometimes it is Parker," said Hyder.

"Mayes is the better runner. Mayes can also go to split end if we need him there."

Welton Frazier is expected to see plenty of game action against Waycross after missing most of the Has-Been Game. Fred Motes is to join Frazier in the backfield.

Pennell Bee, who scored twice in the Has-Been Game, has missed practice lately with injuries and may play sparingly against Waycross. Rob Sullenberger has

developed into the top pass receiving threat on the team at split end. "He has the potential to be as good as we have had there," said Hyder.

"That is if we can get the ball to him."

On defense, things appear to be pretty well set.

"We return linebackers, tackles and ends," said Hyder. "With the returning people at key or apex positions they (the defense) know more what they have to do with the combination they have."

One change on defense, was prompted when tackle Carl Gainers suffered a compound fracture of the lower leg in practice.

Kennedy Cooper was switched from offensive tackle to defense to replace Gainers, while Jim Kehoe moved into the vacated offensive tackle spot.

The only other injury has been to running back Ronald Patterson, who is hospitalized with internal bruises.

The last time the two schools met on the football field was in 1973, when Waycross defeated VHS in the season's finale.

The Bulldogs use a wish-bone offense primarily. They are experimenting with young quarterbacks, also.

The Bulldogs were competitors in the four-team Region 1-AAA playoffs in 1979, which eventually went to Camden County (St. Mary's).



NICK HYDER
Eyeing Offense

VHS Netters

The Valdosta High Tennis team swept two matches from Bainbridge High here Wednesday with the boys being 9-4 winners and the girls 7-0 victors.

VHS boys who took singles victories included Andy Wortham, Biff Taylor, Bill Kitchens, Stewart Young, Tommy Young, Rex Culbreth, Mark Swank, and Donald King.

Double winners for Valdosta included David Broomberg-Wortham and Taylor-Culbreth.

Girls winners in single competition for VHS were Kim Gandy, Julie Spencer, Jan Pendleton, Beth Pitts, LeeAnn Griffin and Pam Hall.

Teaming up for double wins were Spencer-Pendleton and Gandy-Pitts. The girls team brings its record to 2-1 with the win while the boys go to 1-2. The next match for VHS is March 27th against Westover High in Albany.

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Lowndes, Valdosta Set Standard For Region 1-AAAA Baseball

By Times Staff Writer
Just as the changing of the seasons brings us these warm, sunny days we have been experiencing lately, so too do our minds tend to drift out of the enclosed arenas of the basketball courts to the wide open fields of the baseball fields.

The season is still a month away, but the local high schools are quietly practicing, gearing up for that first game in late March.

It seems again that Lowndes and Valdosta High will be the teams to beat in Region 1-AAAA, but, according to VHS Coach Charles Tarpley, "the region this year is going to be more balanced than in the past six or seven years I've been watching it. There's

going to be a lot more competition to go up against."

Lowndes is coming into the season as the defending champion, having won the 1-AAAA title the past two years. Lowndes beat Valdosta last year in the regional finals to take the title.

LHS went an impressive 19-4 last season, but they were beat in the first round of the state playoffs, something they hope to improve on this year.

Lowndes Coach Noel George says that he will be fielding a fine team this year, but that he was hurt a little by losses from last year's team. "Of course," he said, "losses are always a key, but we think we have some good

boys coming up that can fill in and do the job."

Practice started a couple of weeks ago for the Vikings, and they have been working off and on, working around the weather. So far, says George, they have not been able to get the consistency that they want in their practices. That will come when the weather changes for good.

The season starts for Lowndes on March 20 and 21, as they travel to Douglas to participate in the Coffee County tournament. Their regular season begins on March 24 against Tift County in Tifton.

The Vikings have a couple of fine players coming back from last year's team. They

have one of the state's top pitchers returning in Keith Hagan, a senior, a two year starter, and coming back from an 8-2 season last year.

Also returning for the Vikings is third year starter Tony Bowden as catcher. "Bowden is a steady fielder that is very consistent at the plate," said George. "He usually will hit around the .400 range."

George has his worries, though. "We have a completely new outfield this season, no experience. They're not rookies, but they didn't start last year. That starting experience is very valuable."

Coach Charles Tarpley is coming into the season in his first year as head coach with

Valdosta. He spent several years as assistant to Butch Brooks, however, and he is very familiar with the Valdosta team and the region they compete in.

Valdosta goes into the season off last season's 14-8 mark, getting ready for a tough season. Tarpley says he lost a lot of experience but he thinks he has the players that can do the job and do it well.

VHS lost all of its pitchers from last year's squad, as well as their first baseman, their catcher, and a couple of outfielders.

"We will be depending heavily on senior leadership this year," said Tarpley. "We have nine seniors coming back this year. I'm not saying that this means they all will start but I will say that the season depends on these guys coming through for us. I have confidence in them though."

Those seniors include Danny DeMersseman, who will pitch for the Wildcats, and Rob Sullenberger, a shortstop who may be called on to pitch also, depending on how well his arm holds out. David Parker is expected to nail down a job in the outfield for Valdosta.

Several new players have come up that might be worth keeping an eye on, says Tarpley. Among them are Chris Mayne and Nolan Barnes, who have been hitting extremely well in practice.

According to both coaches, though, the region will be a lot more competitive this season. Both Moultrie and Central of Thomasville have most of their starters back and they will be very tough. Thomasville is said to have an outstanding left-handed pitcher.

But, it seems that the teams that worry the Lowndes and Valdosta coaches are each other.

It seems, once again, the Vikings and the Wildcats are the teams to beat this year.

Lowndes High 1981 Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
March 20	Coffee County	There	
March 21	Coffee County	There	
March 24	Tifton	There	7:30
March 28	Live Oak	There	3:00
March 30	Tifton	Home	7:30
March 31	Coffee Co.	Home	4:00
April 4	Live Oak	Home	3:00
April 7	Central of T'ville	There	4:00
April 10	Colquitt Co.	Home	4:00
April 14	Valdosta	There	4:00
April 15	Thomasville	Home	4:00
April 17	Bainbridge	There	4:30
April 18	Dougherty Co.	Home (DH)	1:30
April 21	Thomasville	There	4:00
April 23	Coffee Co.	There	4:00
April 24	Central of T'ville	Home	4:00
April 28	Colquitt Co.	There	4:00
May 1	Valdosta	Home	4:00
May 5	Bainbridge	Home	4:30

Valdosta High 1981 Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
March 21	Berrien Co (DH)	1:00	at Bazemore Field
March 28	Tift Co.	2:00	at Bazemore Field
April 3	Bainbridge	4:30	at Bainbridge
April 4	Dougherty Co. (DH)	1:00	at Bazemore Field
April 7	Colquitt Co.	4:00	at Bazemore Field
April 8	Tift Co.	6:30	at Tifton
April 10	Thomasville	4:00	at Bazemore Field
April 11	Suwannee Co.	3:00	at Bazemore Field
April 14	Lowndes Co.	4:00	at Bazemore Field
April 17	Central of T'ville	4:00	at Thomasville
April 18	Suwannee Co.	7:30	at Live Oak
April 21	Bainbridge	4:30	at Bazemore Field
April 24	Colquitt Co.	4:00	at Moultrie
April 28	Thomasville	4:00	at Thomasville
May 1	Lowndes Co.	4:00	at Lowndes
May 5	Central of T'ville	4:00	at Bazemore Field
May 7-9	First round Reg. Playoffs		
May 12-14	Finals Reg. Playoffs		

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Tift Spoils VHS Comeback With One Run In Seventh

By Times Sports Writer
TIFTON — Tift County scored one run in the bottom of the seventh inning to break a 5-5 tie and capture a 6-5 win over Valdosta in the high school baseball opener for the two squads.

Valdosta had come back with three runs in its half of the seventh to tie the Region 1-AAAA game at the Blue Devils' Tifton home.

Drew Herndon singled in Landy Ewing for the decisive score. It was Herndon's fourth hit in four trips to the plate.

The three Wildcat runs in the seventh came from doubles by David Parker and David New.

Parker brought home Billy Joe Gordon, who had singled to open the inning. New's double scored Parker and David Berryhill, who also

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singled in the VHS uprising.

Ewing was able to score the winning run after he had struck out. The third strike got away from VHS catcher Mike Ruff, allowing Ewing to take first.

There were already two outs when Herndon brought in Ewing.

New was hit with the loss from the mound in relief of starter Ashley DeLoach.

Barry Whitehead picked up the mound win for Tift.

Ewing was responsible for the first run of the game, leading off the second inning with a home run off of DeLoach.

The Blue Devils went ahead 3-0 in the fourth inning.

VHS got back two runs in the fifth inning when Ruff homered with Bart Baggett on base after a single.

Tift scored two more runs to lead 5-2 in the sixth inning.

Whitehead homered off of New, with Herndon on board.

The Wildcats are now 0-1 on the year. Tift is 1-0.

The 'Cats are to take part in the Cook Invitational Tournament in Adel Friday and Saturday.

VHS	ab	r	h	rbi	TIFT	ab	r	h	rbi
Ruff c	4	1	2	2	Baker ss	3	0	0	0
D. Park ss	2	1	1	1	McAll 3b	4	0	1	0
Berry cf	4	1	2	0	C. Ewing c	3	0	1	0
Barnes lf	3	0	0	0	L. Ewing 1b	4	2	1	1
New p	1	0	1	2	Hobby cf	4	1	0	0
D. Park 2b	4	0	2	0	Hern lf	4	2	4	2
DeLch p 3b	3	0	0	0	Moorer f	3	0	0	0
Blaset 1b	3	0	0	0	Carm rf	0	0	0	0
Bagge 3b	3	1	1	0	White p	1	1	1	2
Bowd lf	0	0	0	0	Johnson 2b	2	0	1	0
Gordon rf	1	0	0	0	TOTALS	28	6	9	5
Davis rf	2	1	1	0					
TOTALS	30	5	10	5					

VHS	000	020	3-5	103		
Tift	010	202	1-6	90		
E — David Parker, DeLoach, Baggett;						
LOB — VHS 7; Tift 5; Winning run scored						
with two out in ninth. 2B — Berryhill, New,						
Dale Parker; HR — Ruff, L. Ewing,						
Whitehead; SB — Hobby; S — David						
Parker, DeLoach, Whitehead.						
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Whitehead w, 1-0	7	10	5	5	1	4
DeLoach	4	3	3	2	4	3
New 1, 0-1	22	3	3	0	2	
PB — Ruff.						

VHS Pounds Bainbridge

From Staff Wire Reports
The 1-AAAA (South) baseball game Tuesday between Valdosta High and Thomasville High was called in the bottom of the first inning due to rain with VHS holding a 3-2 lead.

The game is rescheduled for today at 4 p.m.

Thomasville had scored two runs in the top of the inning when catcher Scott Morgan drove in two runs with a single off of Wildcat starter David New.

VHS came back with three runs in the bottom half of the inning with Mike Ruff, Ashley DeLoach and pinch-runner David Parker all crossing the plate.

New helped his own cause with a single that drove in a run.

The Lowndes High baseball team was to travel to Cordele today for a 1-AAAA contest with Crisp County that was to start at 4 p.m.

The LHS game with Colquitt County Tuesday in Moultrie was postponed due to rain.

VHS and Lowndes are to play this Friday in a 4 p.m. game at Lowndes field.

By **MIKE HAGOOD**
Times Sports Editor

David New, Danny DeMerrseman and William Davis keyed the Valdosta High attack to an 11-4 rout over Bainbridge in the Region 1-AAAA (South) baseball opener for both clubs here Tuesday.

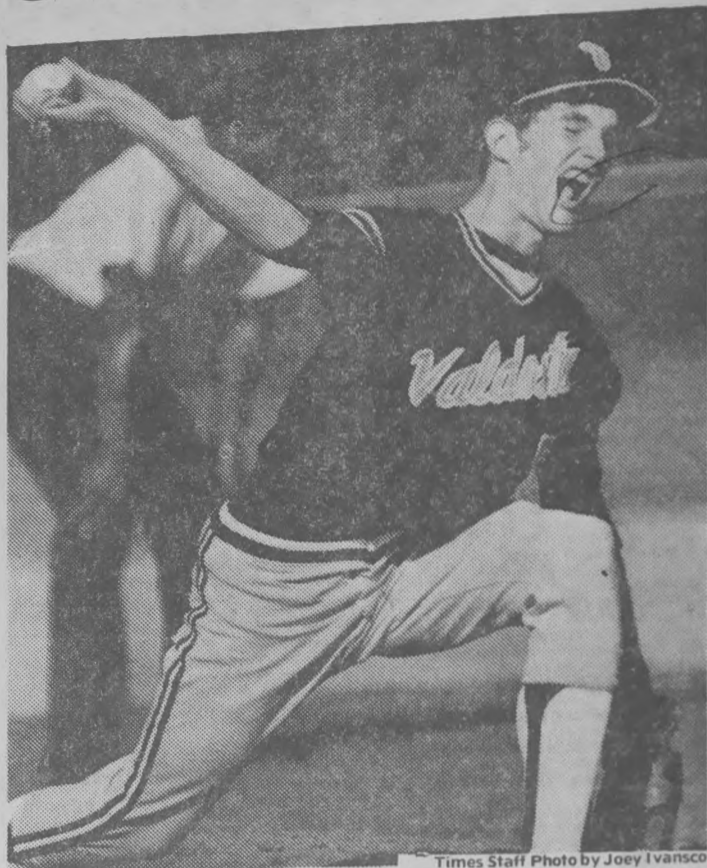
New gained his first hill win with a five hitter. He also powered his third home run of the season, this time a grand slam in the fourth inning that put VHS up 8-1 in the early going.

Davis was responsible for the first VHS run, knocking in New, who had singled to open the second inning. He also collected another RBI in the fifth inning when the Wildcats were mopping up with two additional runs.

DeMerrseman followed Davis in the second inning with a two-run single up the middle to get VHS off on the right foot. DeMerrseman totaled four stolen bases on the day where VHS took 13 extra bases from the Bainbridge catcher.

DeMerrseman was starting only his second game of the season at shortstop.

The win ups the VHS record to 4-3 overall and 1-0 in league play.



New Brings It Home

Chris Mayne added to the Wildcat heroics with a solo home run in the sixth inning that ended the Valdosta scoring.

Bainbridge was led by pitcher Trip Chapman who homered in the fourth, making the score 3-1, before the big VHS fourth. He knocked in another run the Bearcats' three-run sixth inning.

New surrendered five hits, three in the sixth, and seemed in control of the contest.

The Wildcats play again Friday in Moultrie against Colquitt County in a subregion game.

B'bridge	ab	r	h	rbi	VHS	ab	r	h	rbi
Biggles lf	4	0	0	0	Ruff c	3	0	0	0
E. Wil ss	3	1	1	0	DeLoach 3b	2	1	0	1
Rich cf	2	1	0	0	Berry cf	2	1	0	0
Chapp	3	2	2	2	Blase lb	3	1	0	0
Crista 3b	2	0	1	1	New p	3	2	2	4
Godwin c	2	0	1	1	Parker 2b	0	0	0	0
Parker 2b	3	0	0	0	Mayne dh	2	2	1	1
A. Wil lb	3	0	0	0	Sullen lf	3	1	1	1
Simm rf	2	0	0	0	Davis rf	4	2	2	2
Herd ph	1	0	0	0	DeMer ss	1	1	1	2
TOTALS	25	4	5	4	TOTALS	23	11	8	10

B'bridge 000 103 0-4 53
VHS 030 521 8-11 80
E — Rich, Chapman, Godwin; LOB — B'bridge 3, VHS 6.
HR — New, Mayne SB — Ruff, Beryhill 2, Mayne, Sullenberger 3, Davis 2, DeMerrseman 4; S — New; SF — DeLoach, Godwin.
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New w. 2.0 7 5 4 4 1 5
Chapman 1 6 8 11 5 7 5
HBP — Ruff by Chapman. WP — Chapman.

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Jackson placed second in the 100-yard dash as well as the 220-yard dash and the long jump.

Dotson set a new meet record with a throw of 36 feet 1.2 inches in the shot put and placed fifth in the 440 yard dash.

Other girls finishing well in events for VHS included Beth Parnell, third in the discus, Joyce Hall, third in the 880-yard run, and Darlene McCormick, fifth in the two-mile run.

Colquitt Sweeps VHS Spring Games

By Times Sports Writer

MOLTRIE — Colquitt County High won both games in a spring basketball double-header with Valdosta High here Friday.

The homestanding Packers topped the upcoming VHS varsity boys 84-60. The Packerettes topped the VHS girls 51-36.

Colquitt took the fast-paced boys game led by Edward Clatt's 20 point effort.

Dante Jones led all scorers with 25 for Valdosta.

The VHS girls suffered a poor shooting night, hitting 23 percent from the floor and 24 percent from the free throw line.

VHS girls leader Beverly Wilson was saddled with four fouls in the first half limiting her offensive output to 13 points.

JoBeth Weaver had an unusually good shooting night

from the point for the Packerettes, leading her team with 15 points.

The Wildcats were playing with four new faces in the starting lineup, as four senior starters are to graduate from last year's Region 1-AAAA semifinalist.

GIRLS	VHS	Colquitt
VHS (36) — Wilson 13, Porter 7, Cooper 6, Irvin 5, Lewis 4, Roberts 1.	11	18
Team totals: field goals 15, free throws 6 of 25, fouls 20.	22	37
Colquitt (51) — Weaver 15, Copeland 10, Bright 10, Lyles 5, Denton 5, Carter 4, Clark 2.	22	41
Team totals: field goals 21, free throws 9 of 12, fouls 24.	36	51

BOYS	VHS	Colquitt
VHS (60) — Allen 8, Cothran 2, Thomerson 9, Marable 6, Jones 25, Hudson 4, Brown 2, Robinson 2, East 4.	14	24
Team totals: Field goals 26, free throws 10 of 14, fouls 15.	22	41
Colquitt (84) — Sheffield 12, Brow 10, Marshall 8, Stewart 9, Clatt 20, Anderson 3, Walden 1, Harper 10, Thomas 2, M. Williams 2, T. Williams 4.	22	41
Team totals: field goals 34, free throws 16 of 18, fouls 11.	60	84



VHS Second Baseman Dale Parker Turns Double Play

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The Wildcats are to run at Lowndes on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

High jump — merrine v, jones v, ceasar v 5'6"
Discus: kehoe v, holmes v, daniels v 118'

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The Valdosta High girls track team defeated Brooks County of Quitman here in a dual meet Monday.

The VHS girls totaled 91 points to 24 for the Brooks girls.

Valdosta is to host a 12-team invitational meet Saturday.

Shot putt-Dotson V, Dunlap B, Hollis B, 37'10"
Discus-Parnell V, Hollis B, Brooks B 95'
Long jump — Jones V, Wonds B, Bryant V 18.5
High jump — Dotson V, Hall B, Hollis B 4'6"
440 relay — Valdosta (Jackson, William, Jones, Dotson) 50.85
Mile run — McCormick V, Mair V, Manning V 6:24
440 run — Dotson V, Monds, Bryant V 1:04
100 dash — Jones V, Jackson V, Purvis V 11.3
110 Low hurdles — Jones V, Williams B, Sprout B 14.7
880 yard run — hall V, Marble V, Washington B 2:44
220 yard dash — Jackson V, Williams V, Purv 27.1
2 mile run — McCormick V, Mair V, Herring B 14:09
Mile relay — Valdosta (Jackson, Bryant, Jones, Dotson) 4:40

Eddie Arcaro and Bill Hartack are tied for most winning Kentucky Derby rides with five each.

VHS Students Excel At Literary Meet

By Times Staff Writer

Five Valdosta High School students returned home with winning ribbons from the state literary meet in Macon Friday.

Kim Gandy, 10th grade daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ed Gandy, took first place in piano competition.

In girls' trio singing competition, VHS students again placed first. Singers were: Leslie Brown, 12th grade daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Brown; Laurel Camarano, 10th grade daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Warren Camarano and Melody Shepherd, 12th grade daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Shepherd.

Mrs. Strickland, 11th grade daughter of Dorothy Strickland, brought home fourth place in the spelling competition.

Two other VHS students also competed in the meet at Mercer University.

They were: Andrew Taormina, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Taormina, and Cynthia Trautmann, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Trautmann.

VHS Ninth Graders Win

THOMASVILLE — The Valdosta High ninth grade baseball team whipped Central of Thomasville 7-1 Wednesday in action here.

The winning pitcher for VHS was Rick Rupp. Craig Jenkins and Steve Kebler led the offense with two hits each.

Ted Streets and Mark Henley had two hits each for Central. VHS goes to 5-2 with the win.

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110-yard low hurdles — Jones V, Turner T, Donahoe C. 14.6
880-yard run — Hall V, Smith T, Lovejoy T. 2:37
220-yard dash — Jackson V, Walden T, Busch T. 26.5
Two mile run — Cochran T, Mayer V, Smith T. 14:27
Mile Relay — Valdosta (Jackson, Bryant, Jones, Dotson), Thomasville 4:24

VHS Takes Triangular Track Meet

By Times Sports Writer
The Valdosta High track team won its third meet in three outings, defeating Lowndes and Thomasville at the VHS track Wednesday.

The Wildcats totaled 71 points to 53 for Lowndes and 46 for defending Region 1-A AAAA champion Thomasville.

It was Thomasville's first meet of the season.

The meet was close after the six field events. VHS had scored 26 points to 21 for Thomasville and 19 for Lowndes.

A first-place finish in the first running event, the 440-yard relay, put Valdosta in a commanding position it held the rest of the meet.

Fred Motes ran a solid anchor leg for the 440 team, while Lowndes suffered a faulty handoff on its anchor leg to leave the Vikings behind 31-19.

Motes recreated his heroics on the final event of the day, the mile relay. The Lowndes team had opened a sizeable lead by the third leg of the relay when Motes took the baton and made up close to

30 yards, placing anchor men Johnny B. Williams of Lowndes and Nathaniel Caesar of Valdosta in a dead heat.

Williams held off Caesar in a thrilling finish to an exciting meet.

Highlights of the meet included an unusual double by Lowndes' Cedric Jones in the shot put and the 100-yard dash.

Williams of Lowndes won the 120-yard high hurdles 330-yard intermediate hurdles, the triple jump and anchored the winning mile relay team.

Williams is the reigning state champion in the 120-yard high.

Cesar of Valdosta won the high jump in his best leap of the spring, 6'6" and was the victor in the 440-yard dash.

David McQueen of Lowndes and Robert Durham had a classic race in the mile run with the LHS senior grabbing the victory on the final turn over VHS's sophomore distance man.

Durham came back to win the two mile run later in the meet.

Odell Griffin and Mark

Holmes tied for the win in the pole vault at 12 feet, setting a new Valdosta High record.

Holmes won a coin flip for first place.

Lowndes has now won three of five meets it has competed in. The Vikings are to face Thomasville in a dual meet Monday in Thomasville.

Valdosta hosts Brooks County of Quitman Monday in both boys and girls meets.

Discus — Anderson T. Kehoe V. Daniels V, Holmes V. 121'10"
Shot put — Jones L. Anderson T, Dixon T, Holmes V. 43'6"
Pole vault — Holmes V, Griffin V, Hargett L, Harris L. 12'
High jump — Cesar V, Jones V, Merrine V, Henderson T. 6'6"
Long jump — Burks L, Duncan T, Seay T, Mitchell V. 21'6 1/2"
Triple jump — Williams L, Duncan T, Seay T, Hargett L. 43'3"
440 yard relay — Valdosta (Horton, Patterson, Cesar, Motes), Thomasville. 45.4
Mile run — McQueen L, Durham V, Jones T, Ivey T. 4:54
440 yard dash — Cesar V, Walker L, Thompson T, Mitchell T. 51.9
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880 yard run — Henry V, Austin T, Orr L, Lowe V. 2:11
220 yard dash — Moore T, Patterson V, Motes V, Horton V. 22.9
330 yard intermediate hurdles — Williams L, Cesar V, Griffin V, Hampton L. 39.65
Two mile run — Durham V, Parson T, Ivey T, Henry V. 10:51
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Lowndes And Valdosta Hurlers Compete In High Hurdle Event

Valdosta Falls, 6-5

By Times Sports Writer
MOULTRIE — The Valdosta High Wildcats were defeated by homestanding Colquitt County 6-5 in Region 1-A AAAA (South) baseball action here Monday.

The Packers scored two runs in the sixth and one in the seventh to come from behind and nail down the win. All but one of the Colquitt runs were unearned, as errors handicapped the Wildcats down the stretch.

For the game, VHS would be charged with five errors.

The 'Cats led at one time in the second inning 5-0 behind a three-run homer by catcher Mike Ruff.

David Berryhill drove in the other two runs in the first inning with a single.

The Wildcats did not score again following the second inning.

Ruff paced the VHS hitting attack with two hits, including a double besides his home run.

Shortstop Danny DeMersseman also had two hits for VHS.

The loss spoiled a five-hit pitching performance by David New who went the distance for the 'Cats.

"We just gave it away," said VHS head coach Butch Brooks.

The loss dropped VHS to 5-5 on the year and was their second defeat in a row having lost to Lowndes High last Friday. Valdosta is now 2-2 in the subregion.

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Blaset lb	3	0	1	0	Wish ss	4	1	1	0
Berry cf	3	0	1	2	Patt rf	3	0	0	1
DeMerr ss	3	0	2	0	Clark lf	2	2	0	0
New p	2	1	1	0	Till c	3	2	0	0
Dv. Pkr. ph	0	0	0	0	Coley pr	0	0	0	0
Sull. lf	2	0	1	0	Reeves 3b	2	1	0	0
Mayes lf	1	0	0	0	Allig. cf	1	0	0	0
Bagg. dh	1	1	0	0	Clay. ph	1	0	0	0
Di. Pak. 2b	2	0	0	0	Bell ph	1	0	1	1
TOTALS	26	5	8	5	McHain pr	0	0	0	0
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					TOTALS	28	6	5	2

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Laboratory Tour

The Valdosta High School professional health class takes a look at a blood analyzing machine at South Georgia Medical Center here Wednesday during a tour being held in conjunction with National Laboratory Week. During the

week the public is invited to see slides, displays and tour the lab where they can see the complete process of how blood is analyzed. Another tour is scheduled for Friday from 2-4 p.m. — Times Staff Photo.

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Mike Enfinger and Broomberg, Wortham-Taylor and Swank and Mark Young won doubles matches.



Vike's Hollis, Right, Slides Under Blasetti's Tag

—Times Staff Photo.

Lowndes Whips Valdosta

The win was the fifth in a row over Valdosta for the reigning region champion Lowndes.

Lowndes was to host Crisp County (Cordele) today at 2 p.m. Valdosta was to travel to Tallahassee, Fla., to play Lincoln High.

Tuesday Lowndes hosts Bainbridge and Valdosta hosts Central of Thomasville in 4 p.m. games.

Lowndes 0-2-4-1
114 011 X-8-8-0

10-LHS3
E—Deloach; DP—VHS 1; LOB—VHS
Hollis, Bowden; SB—Ponder; HR
Culpepper; S—Willey.

Hagan w/3-0
Pitzing 1,21
Deloach 1,21
Save—Pitzing; WP—Hagan 2; Deloach 1

By MIKE HAGOOD
Times Sports Editor

The Lowndes Vikings defeated the Valdosta Wildcats 8-2 here Friday to take sole possession of the lead in the Region 1-AAAA (South) baseball race.

The Vikings moved the 7-0 overall and 3-0 in the subregion with the home field victory. Valdosta went to 5-4 overall and 2-1 in subregion play.

Four Lowndes batters and two Viking pitchers paced the victory.

Junior Ponder had three hits in three trips in the leadoff position and scored two runs.

Ray Luke followed Ponder in the order, scoring the Viking shortstop with two singles up the middle. The second Luke RBI proved to be the game-winner in the third inning.

Todd Hollis put the game out of reach with a three-run home run two batters after Luke had brought in Ponder for the second time. Hollis' line drive crashed into the scoreboard in left field, traveling an estimated 345 feet. It was the senior third baseman's third round tripper of the season.

Viking catcher Tony Bowden hit a solo homer in the fifth inning. The 350 foot blast to right was also Bowden's third home run of the season.

Starting pitcher Keith Hagan worked 6 1-3 strong innings, allowing two runs after control problems set in.

Buddy Pitzing came in to complete the game on the hill, getting all five outs on strikeouts, while walking one and surrendering three hits.

Hagan fanned nine en route to his third win without a defeat. Pitzing was credited with a save.

The Vikings were blessed with an excellent run to hit ratio. The Vikes had eight hits, but scored eight runs. Valdosta got two runs out of six hits.

VHS Head Coach Butch Brooks credited Pitzing in a big way for the Viking victory. "Pitzing is one of the best I've seen in the region in a long time," Brooks said. "He came in in a tough situation and did the job. Pitzing came in for Hagan after one out in the sixth

inning with the bases loaded. Hagan had walked three, fanned one and given up a leadoff single to Ashley Deloach, who scored on a Hagan wild pitch.

The bases were loaded for the 'Cats in both of the final two innings when the frames ended.

Pitzing gave up on bouncing RBI single to William Davis, but struck out two and ended the VHS challenge in the inning.

The 'Cats came back to load the sacks in the seventh, but Pitzing fanned the final two batters to end the inning.

Brooks summed up the day for his team saying, "We brought a bunch of scared little city boys over to play these big farmers. There ain't much you can say. They're awesome. We were so intimidated and scared we couldn't execute. We could have made a ballgame out of it but didn't."

"They threatened in the last three innings," said a relieved Lowndes Head Coach Noel George. "The umpire missed some and Keith got in a hole and couldn't pitch. Buddy came in and did a great job, I thought. We hit the ball good when we needed to and make any mistakes."

Ponder opened the Viking first with a triple that curved into the right field corner. Luke followed that good LHS omen with his first RBI single, stole second and went to third on a Jimmy Milley sacrifice bunt.

Eric Thomas walked and ended Wildcat hurler Deloach to throw the ball away at first on a pickoff attempt, allowing Hollis to score.

Then came the four-run third with Ponder, Luke and Hollis doing the damage.

"I had to do something today," said Ponder. "I had been in a slump. Ponder teed off on Deloach's first pitch on his last two hits. "Coach George told us to hit like that," said Ponder. "He said he (Deloach) liked to throw low and inside."

LHS Hosts VHS In Friday Baseball Battle

The Valdosta Daily Times, Thurs., Apr. 10, 1980—26—

By MIKE HAGOOD
Times Sports Editor

The Lowndes Vikings host the Valdosta Wildcats for a baseball game at Lowndes Field Friday at 4 p.m. Little more needs to be said to draw a crowd.

"I guess it will be like every other time we play them," said Lowndes Head Coach Noel George. "It's always tooth and nail. They are after us and we are after them. They forget everything else and so do we."

The Vikings have won all six of their games this season. Valdosta has won four in a row, boosting its record to 5-3.

Last year the two teams met four times with the Vikings claiming wins in all of the games.

The victorious pitcher in all four of those games, Keith Hagan, is to be on the hill once again for Lowndes. Ashley Deloach is to open on the mound for Valdosta.

Both pitchers are 2-0 on the season.

"We are the underdogs," said Valdosta Head Coach Butch Brooks. "We know Lowndes has the experienced pitcher, good hitters and an experienced ballclub. We do not have the big, talented ballplayer."

"It should be a pitchers' ballgame. I hope it is low scoring. Baseball is a funny game. Two or three breaks and it could be a runaway."

"All in all, when Lowndes and Valdosta get together it is good, tough baseball."

The Viking pitching staff has allowed only three runs in 43 innings this season, indicating that Friday's game could be low scoring.

The hitting on both squads has not been up to what George and Brooks hoped it would be.

Hot hitters of late for the Vikings are catcher Tony Bowden and third baseman Todd Hollis.

For Valdosta, Deloach, third sacker David New and left fielder Rob Sullenberger have had the hot bats.

The defense on both sides has pleased Brooks and George.

"The only thing that I have not been happy with so far is that we get hot, score some runs and then sit on it," said George. "They have been

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sort of complacent. You can't relax in a ballgame and figure it is won. You have to play at your best all the time."

"We haven't had any luck so far," said Brooks. "We've lost three games by one run. People play real well against us. Every team we play throws their best pitcher at us. They all want to beat Valdosta."

"We just hope we get into the playoffs. We feel we have

contest serves as a good indicator on how the subregion and region races are shaping up.

Both squads are 2-0 in Region 1-AAAA (South). In games against 1-AAAA (North) teams, Lowndes is undefeated and Valdosta has dropped only one game, the season opener to Tift County (Tifton).

The Vikings and Wildcats were region playoffs finalists a year ago with Lowndes advancing to state action.

Probable Starters

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|------------------|----------|----|----------------|---------|
| ASHLEY DELOACH | VALDOSTA | P | KEITH HAGAN | LOWNDES |
| MIKE RUFF | 1B | 1B | TONY BOWDEN | 1B |
| TONY BLASSETTI | 2B | 2B | RAYNY WILLEY | 2B |
| DANNY PARKER | 3B | 3B | JUNIOR PONDER | 3B |
| DANNY DEMERSEMAN | SS | SS | TODD HOLLIS | SS |
| DAVID NEW | LF | LF | ALAN COLLEPPER | LF |
| ROB SULLENBERGER | CF | CF | CHUCK DEVAINE | CF |
| DAVID BERRYHILL | RF | RF | ERIC THOMAS | RF |
| WILLIAM DAVIS | DH | DH | JOEY MCCONNELL | DH |
| CHRIS MAYNE | | | | |



ASHLEY DELOACH
Wildcat Starter



KEITH HAGAN
Vikings Ace

Val. April 17, 1980



Times Staff Photo by Joey Ivansco

Valdosta High's James Horton Pushes Forward In 100-Yard Dash Competition

Lowndes Captures Meet

By Times Sports Writer
The Lowndes High track team was the winner of a quadrangular meet at Lowndes High Wednesday. LHS scored 91.5 points on the day to 65 for Valdosta High, 62 for Thomasville, 35.5 for Tift County of Tifton, and no points for Colquitt County from Moultrie. Lowndes claimed victories in the 440 relay as well as the mile relay events with a new school record in the mile of 3:28.26. Johnny B. Williams won both the 120 high hurdles and the 330 intermediate hurdles as well as the triple jump. Valdosta had taken a triangular meet with Lowndes and Thomasville last Wednesday. Competition in most of the events was reportedly very close, particularly in some of

the field events. LHS and VHS are to compete again along with Central of Thomasville in a triangular meet at Lowndes next Monday. Valdosta and Lowndes are then to meet in a dual meet two days later at Lowndes also. Poll vault: Hargett L, Stephenson L, Green T, Holmes V, Griffin V.

High jump: Merline V, Jones V, Henderson T, Ceasar V, Johnson T 6'5"
Long jump: Williams T, Burks L, Duncan T, Scott T, McKenzie T 19'6"
Triple jump: Williams L, Mitchell V, Duncan Tm, Seay T, Hargett L 41'7.5"
Discus throw: Anderson Tm, Cox T, Holmes V, Ewing T, Kehoe V 139'11"
Shot put: Ewing T, Jones L, Wright L, Hill T, Reddick L 45'4"
440 relay: L (Burks, Burns, Baker, Jones) 44.48
Mile run: McQueen L, Parson Tm, Cutler T, Durham V, Ivey Tm, 4:55.04
100 yard dash: Jones L, King V, Harris Tm, Horton V, Hobby T, 10.15

440 yard dash: Walker L, McKenzie T, Johnson V, Ivey Tm, Foster L 51.97
120 high hurdles: Williams L, Griffin V, Hampton L, Holt T, Inman L 15.01
880 yard run: Thompson Tm, Mitchell Tm, McQueen L, Austin Tm, Henry V 2:05.95
220 yard dash: Jones L, Horton V, Motes V, Mathis T, Patterson V 23.36
330 yard intermediate hurdles: Williams L, Hampton L, Griffin V, Inman L, Fann Tm 39.67
Two mile run: Parson Tm, Durham V, Henry V, Connelly V, Yancy T, 10:36.08
Mile relay: L (Hargett, Foster, Williams, Walker) 3:28.26

VHS Pounds Central, 22-2

By BILL RYAN
Times Sports Writer
The Valdosta High Wildcats ripped the Central of Thomasville Yellowjackets in a 22-2 laugher in 1-AAAA (South) baseball action at Bazemore Field Tuesday. The Wildcats battered two Central pitchers for 19 hits and seemed to hit the ball at will.

VHS pitcher Ashley DeLoach pitched a superlative game giving up only four hits and striking out 12 batters.

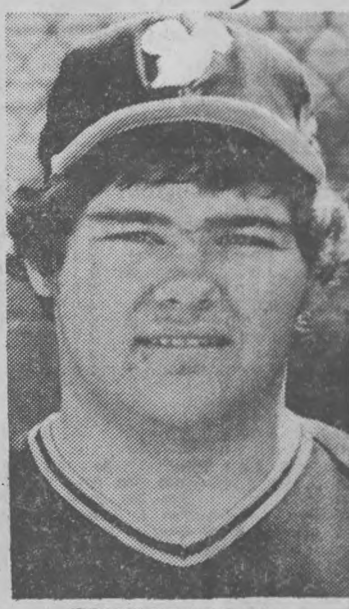
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Owen, cf	3	0	0	0	Garet, 2b	1	0	1	1
Brooks, c	2	0	0	0	Welch, 2b	1	1	1	2
Streets, 3b	1	0	0	0	DeLch, p	1	2	0	0
D. Street, p	3	1	1	0	Nichis, ph	0	1	0	0
Binin, 1b	2	0	1	2	Ruff, c	4	3	2	2
Jones, 1b	1	0	0	0	Barnes, ph	1	1	1	0
Shrrd, 2b	1	0	0	0	Blasti, 1b	4	3	4	4
Hiny, 2b	2	0	0	0	Sumer, ph	1	1	1	1
Cimnts, ss	3	0	0	0	Bryhill, cf	4	1	1	1
Mitchel, rf	1	0	0	0	Gordon, ph	0	1	0	0
King, rf	1	0	1	0	Di. Prkr, cf	0	0	0	0
Hare, lf	2	0	0	0	New, 3b	5	1	2	2
TOTALS	24	2	4	2	Bagel, ph	1	0	1	0
					Wilms, 3b	1	0	0	0
					Dr. Prkr, ss	3	2	2	3
					Mrtin, ph	1	0	0	0
					Davis, rf	3	0	0	0
					Mayes, ph	0	1	0	0
					Wigns, ph	0	1	0	0
					Myme, ph	2	2	2	0
					Bowdn, lf	0	0	0	0
					Sulnbg, lf	1	0	0	0
					Cox, 1b	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	22	18	17						

Central 200 000 0-2-4-3
VHS 364 117 x-22-19-1
E—Clements, Sherrod, Brooks, Cox; DP—Central, 1.
LOB—Central, 3; VHS, 10;
2B—D. Streets, Ruff, Blasetti 2, Berryhill; 3B—Barnes; HR—Dr. Parker;
SB—DeLoach, Ruff, Mays, Mayne; SF—New, Ruff.
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Van Zant 3 1 3 10 9 9 8 3
DeLoach (W) 3 1 7 4 2 2 2 12

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The win broke a two game losing streak for the Wildcats who moved their record to 6-5 overall and 3-2 in the 1-AAAA (South) which keeps their playoff hopes alive. First baseman Tony Blasetti had a field day against the Yellowjackets going four for four from the plate with two doubles and four runs batted in. Shortstop David Parker also had a productive offensive afternoon, getting two hits and three runs batted in while slamming a two-run homer in the second inning, his first of the year. Mike Ruff and David New also swung hot bats for the 'Cats with two hits and two RBIs each. The VHS parade of hitters seemed endless. Wildcat coach Butch Brooks used the lopsided victory to play his entire 24 man squad with 11 of the batters that came to the plate coming away with hits. DeLoach proved more than the Central batters could

handle after giving up both Yellowjacket runs and three of their four hits in the first inning which sure the visitors a short lived lead. After that, the 6 foot 1 senior gave up only one hit and was never in any danger. At one stretch during the contest, DeLoach struck out seven of 12 batters he faced. The Wildcats shelled Central starter David Streets for three runs in the first and then six more in the second giving VHS a comfortable 9-3 lead. But the 'Cats poured on the fire, seemingly taking out anger and frustration from the last two losses out on the hapless Yellowjackets. VHS scored in every inning, including seven in the sixth, adding insult to injury in a game that was a complete rout. VHS is to host a 4 p.m. game Thursday with Monroe of Albany at Bazemore Field.



TONY BLASETTI
Four Hits



ASHLEY DeLOACH
Wins Third

Girls' Track Team Is Two-Year Wonder

Most successful athletic programs whether it be high school or the more advanced college ranks, take years to build. There are not too many overnight successes.

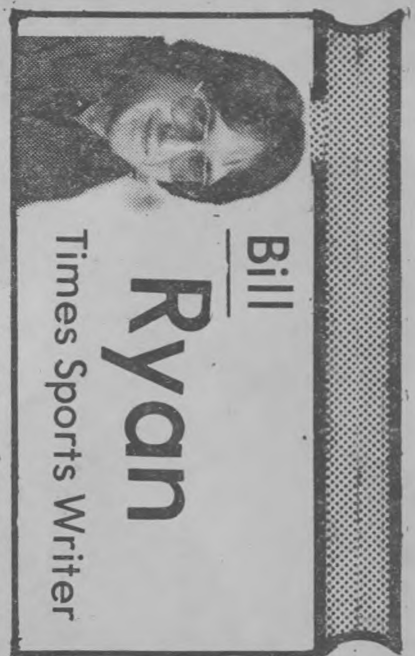
One exception to the rule is the Valdosta High girls track team which has gone from scratch two years ago to one of the best in the state. Coach Jerry Don Baker's charges finished third in the region that season and sent four girls to the state track meet. Lisa Jones, a VHS freshman at the time, won the state long jump at that meet.

Last year's team had more depth than the team the year before and ran away with the region championship with a record-shattering 156 score for the meet. Eleven of the girls went to the state meet as they broke and set two state records in that meet.

This year, with basically the same team as two years ago, there is no telling how high up the VHS girls might finish.

Coach Baker will tell you that the heart of the team is the dynamic trio of Roziner Jackson, Lisa Jones, and Vera Dotson. Of these three, only Dotson is a senior which leaves Jones and Jackson both coming back next year to wreak havoc on other teams in the state as well as the region.

Jones is a remarkable track and field athlete, capable of competing in a number of events effectively. She had



Bill Ryan
Times Sports Writer

never run in the 110 low hurdles before and tied the state record the first time out, a remarkable statistic. Also a strong sprinter, Jones managed a 10.8 time in the 100 yard dash in a recent meet in Tifton. She finished 3rd in the state in that event her freshman year and second last year.

Dotson, the senior member of the team whom Baker

calls a "team leader" is another versatile athlete who competes in the shot put and other events as well as the 440 yard dash. Another strong sprinter. She has also made a name for herself in other sports as well as track including basketball and softball. As Baker puts it, "it's going to be hard to replace someone like her next year."

Jackson is another all-around athlete in the same mold as the other two with tremendous natural ability.

These three, along with Denise Williams from a devastating combination in the 440 relay giving VHS an almost automatic win in that event each meet.

A couple of younger track members have shown promise this year.

Darlene McCormick, who is only a freshman, has shown a lot of potential for being an outstanding runner in the long distance events such as the mile and the two mile runs.

Juliet Purvis is another freshman who seems to be ready to carry on the VHS tradition of strong sprinters.

Interest has grown with the girls' track program at VHS since it began and drawn increased enthusiasm from other students.

Over sixty girls tried out for the team this year with only 18 slots available.

Coach Baker attributes the interest to the "winning tradition" that the girls have carried through.

The girls on the team train from December until March with most of the training centered around cross country running and weight lifting.

One of the milestones in the program is to take place this weekend when 12 other teams come to VHS to compete in the first annual Kitten Classic.

A good cross section of area teams seemed to be represented with squads from Tift County, Thomasville Central, Colquitt County of Moultrie, Ware County High from Waycross, Whigham High, Coffee County of Douglas, Camden County of St. Mary's, Charlton County from Folkston, Dougherty High of Albany, and Fitzgerald High.

The meet should be one of the biggest in the state this year and certainly the largest in the area.

Baker plans to take several members of the track team to Atlanta this summer for the AAU meet here.

The track team is one of the few examples of how a program can reach competitive level almost overnight.

This year there is a good possibility that the girls may bring back a state championship this summer. It would be certainly deserved.

Shot putt-brinson b, jackson b, jones b, 41' 8"

Long jump — mitchell b, mitchell v, roberston v 21' 2"

Triple jump — Robinson v, mitchell, v arhms v 39' 9"

Pole vault — griffin v, holmes v 11' 6"

440 relay — brooks (mitchell), green, seay, randolph) 44.7

Mile run — durham v, harr b, connelly v 5.00

440 dash — johnson v, monds b, green b 54.00

100 dash — randolph b, mitchell b, seay b 10.1

120 hurdles — griffin v, jones v, miller b 15.85

880 run — monds b, henry v, lowe v 16.5

220 dash — randolph b, horton v, paterson v 23.4

330 intermediate hurdles — griffin v, seay b, jones v 43.69

2 mile run — durham v, peeples b connelly v 10:55

Mile relay valdosta (johnson, henry, paterson, motes) 3:46.9

VHS Girls Track

The Valdosta High girls track team defeated Brooks County of Quitman here in a dual meet Monday.

The VHS girls totaled 91 points to 24 for the Brooks girls.

Valdosta is to host a 12-team invitational meet Saturday.

Shot putt: Dotson V, Dunlap B, Hollis B, 37' 10"

Discus: Parnell V, Hollis B, Brooks B 95'

Long jump — Jones V, Monds B, Bryant V 18.5

High jump — Dotson V, Hall B, Hollis B 4' 6"

440 relay — Valdosta (Jackson, William, Jones, Dotson) 50.85

Mile run — McCormick V, Mair V, Manning V 6:24

440 run — Dotson V, Monds, Bryant V 1:04

100 dash — Jones V, Jackson V, Purvis V 11.3

110 Low hurdles — Jones V, Williams B, Sprout B 14.7

880 yard run — hall V, Marble V, Washington B 2:44

220 yard dash — jackson V, Williams V, Purv 27.1

2 mile run — McCormick V, Mair V, Herring B 14:09

Mile relay — Valdosta (Jackson, Bryant, Jones, Dotson) 4:40

Eddie Arcaro and Bill Hartack are tied for most winning Kentucky Derby rides with five each.

VHS Track

The Valdosta High track team defeated Brooks County of Quitman 103-59 in a dual track meet at VHS Monday.

The Wildcats are to run at Lowndes on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

High jump — merrine v, jones v, ceasar v 5' 6"

Discus-kehoe v, holmes v, daniels v 118'

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VHS Strolls To 18-6 Win

By Times Sports Writer

The Valdosta High Wildcats blasted Monroe High 18-6 in a Region 1-A AAAA baseball game at Bazemore Field here Thursday.

Bart Baggett recorded the hill victory, placing his record at 1-1 on the year.

The VHS team record climbed to 7-5 overall. The Wildcats are 3-2 in Region 1-A AAAA (South) and face Bainbridge on the road today in a subregion encounter.

Saturday, Dougherty High of Albany comes to town for a double-header, beginning at 1 p.m.

Sixteen walks issued by four different Monroe pitchers played a large part in the game that was called after the sixth inning due to darkness.

The leading VHS hitter on the day was designated hitter Danny DeMerrseman with three base hits.

Baggett scattered 10 hits through six inning, while

Monroe	ab	r	h	bi	VHS	ab	r	h	bi
T. Smith ss	4	2	2	3	Dv. Pkr ss	2	2	1	0
James rf	4	0	2	0	Di. Pkr 2b	1	1	0	0
Glenn c	4	0	1	1	Welch 2b	0	0	0	0
Wingate 1b	3	1	2	0	DMirsmn dh	5	3	3	0
Webb lf	3	0	0	0	Ruff c	0	3	1	2
J. Smith 3b	1	1	0	0	Nichols c	1	2	0	2
Watley 2b	3	1	1	0	Bisti 1b	1	2	0	2
Scott cf	3	1	2	0	Martin 1b	0	0	0	0
Abbott p	1	0	0	0	Cox 1b	0	1	0	1
Johnsn 1b	0	0	0	0	New 3b	2	0	1	2
Fowler lf	0	0	0	0	DeLch 3b	1	0	0	1
Taylor 3b	1	0	0	0	Wilms 3b	1	0	0	1
Baley 2b	0	0	0	0	Mayne lf	1	0	1	0
Hewitt cf	0	0	0	0	Sinogr lf	0	0	1	0
Harris p	1	0	0	0	Mayes lf	0	1	0	0
Moase p	0	0	0	0	Wigons lf	0	1	0	0
Redding p	1	0	0	0	Berryhl cf	2	0	0	1
					Barnes lf	1	0	0	0
					Sumner cf	1	1	1	1
					Davis rf	3	0	0	0
					Bowdin rf	1	1	0	1
					Baggett p	4	2	0	0
					Gordon ph	0	0	0	0
					Garret 2b	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	29	6	10	4	TOTALS	28	18	8	11

Monroe 011 400-6-10-3
VHS 334 503-18-8-2

E — Dv. Parker, Garrett, T. Smith, J. Smith 2.
LOB — Monroe 7, VHS 11.
2B — T. Smith, Wingate, Sumner; SB — Wingate, DeMerrseman, DeLoach, Bowdin 2; S — Blasetti.

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Baggett W, 1-1	6	10	6	4	1	12
Rob Abbott	1	2	6	5	6	0
Harris L	1	2	4	4	4	2
Moase	1	4	4	4	1	1
Redding	3	1	4	4	5	4
BALK — Redding.						
WP — Harris, Redding; PB — Glenn 4.						



DANNY DeMERSEMAN
Three Base Hits

fanning 12 batters.

The Wildcats opened a 10-2 lead after three innings of play.

Four runs in the top of the fourth for the Albany-based Tornadoes brought the score to 10-6.

A five-run VHS fourth closed off the threat.

Tony Blasetti knocked in the first VHS run with a sacrifice fly in the first. David Berryhill scored two more with a single.

An error by Monroe shortstop Troy Smith scored a run in the VHS third and walks forced in two more runs.

Two runs scored for the 'Cats in the third on passed balls. A base hit by David New scored two more runs.

Two Valdosta errors and a double by Smith were responsible for the four-run Monroe fourth.

A bases-loaded single by Grant Nichols scored two runs for Valdosta in the fourth.

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VHS Sweeps Double-Header

By Times Sports Writer
The Valdosta Wildcats swept a baseball double-header from previously undefeated Dougherty High here Saturday afternoon.

The Wildcats took game one by a 10-1 score on the strength of a six-run uprising in the fifth inning that broke a 1-1 tie.

In game two, Danny DeMersseman smacked a bases-loaded, ground-rule double in the bottom of the extra eighth inning to score two runs for a 10-9 win.

DeMersseman went from goat to hero in one half inning. He committed an error in the top of the eighth that allowed Dougherty the go-ahead run at 9-8.

Rob Sullenberger rode the crest of the Wildcat offensive outburst in game one to claim the hill win in his second appearance of the season.

Sullenberger gave up five hits. One was a solo home run by Chris Norman, which came on Sullenberger's first pitch of the fourth inning. That was to be the, now 8-2 Trojans, only tally in the opening game.

The Wildcats built their record to 8-6 with the two wins over the Region 1-AAAA (North) pacesetter.

"Dang if we'd just play ball like that all the time, we'd be alright," said VHS Heach Coach Butch Brooks. "We played the kind of ball we are capable of playing. All in all it was a big team effort. I was just hoping we'd go out and



ROB SULLENBERGER
Allows One Run

play respectable ball. "The kids haven't given up. When you've given up you start dropping game after game. Of the six games we have lost, we gave away four. We're still in there scrapping."

Valdosta is to host Colquitt County of Moultrie Tuesday at Bazemore Field in a Region 1-AAAA (South) subregion game at 4 p.m. Thursday the 'Cats visit Thomasville for another subregion game.

The 'Cats had built a 6-0 lead after three innings in the rainy second game. Dougherty scored three in



DANNY DeMERSEMAN
Game-Winning Double

the fourth, one in the fifth and four in the sixth to move ahead, 8-7.

Valdosta tied the score at 8-8 in the bottom of the sixth on a solo home run to left by catcher Mike Ruff.

After starting pitcher-designated hitter Chris Johnson had scored on DeMersseman's error, the 'Cats came back to load the sacks on three walks.

Ruff, David Parker and Ashley DeLoach were on the pond when DeMersseman came through with his game-winner.

In game one, DeLoach scored Parker with a single

for the first VHS run.

The six-run fifth began with a single by Pat Mayes. After Parker walked, DeLoach came through with another single to score Mayes.

DeMersseman then brought in Parker and DeLoach with a single up the middle.

Dougherty second baseman mishandled a pop fly and a routine grounder on consecutive plays to keep the Valdosta rally alive, scoring DeMersseman.

Sidney Bowdoin came in, running for David New, on a double steal for the sixth run of the inning.

The 'Cats came through with three runs in the next inning to slat away the upset win.

The Dougherty error syndrome continued with two on one play and another on a separate play to aid the VHS

cause.

Parker and DeMersseman collected hits in the inning. DeMersseman was credited with an RBI.

In the four-run second inning of game two Bart Baggett scored one with a sacrifice fly.

Dale Parker scored on an errored Ruff grounder. Ruff scored on a Billy Joe Gordon double and Gordon scored on a David Parker double.

Jeff Wiggins picked up the hill win the game two in relief of Jack Sumner. Sumner pitched the middle three innings after Gordon worked the first three frames

GAME ONE											
DHS	ab	r	h	rbi	VHS	ab	r	h	rbi		
Polluck c	2	0	2	0	Dv. Par. ss	1	3	1	0		
Brooks 2b	2	0	0	0	DeLoach 3b	3	2	2	2		
Harrell ph	1	0	0	0	DeMerss dh	4	2	2	3		
Johnson 3b	3	0	0	0	Blasett lf	4	1	0	0		
Smith	1	0	0	0	New lf	3	1	1	0		
C. Nrm 1b	3	1	1	1	Ruff c	3	0	0	0		
Adams cf	3	0	1	0	Sullen p	2	0	0	0		
McCray rf	3	0	1	0	Berry cf	2	0	0	0		
Stack lf	3	0	0	0	Nichols ph	1	0	1	1		
Kilpat ss	2	0	0	0	Mayes rf	3	1	1	0		
D. Norman p	3	0	0	0	Di. Par 2b	0	0	0	0		
TOTALS	26	1	5	1	TOTALS	26	10	7	7		

GAME TWO											
DHS	ab	r	h	rbi	VHS	ab	r	h	rbi		
Alston 3b	4	1	2	2	Dv. Prk dh	3	1	1	1		
Smith c	5	1	2	0	DeLoach 3b	4	0	1	1		
John p-dh	3	1	0	0	DeMerr ss	5	1	2	2		
Polluck p	1	1	0	0	Blas lb	3	1	0	0		
C. Nrm ss	4	1	0	1	New rf	3	1	0	0		
Spillers rf	2	0	0	0	Dy. Prk 2b	2	1	0	0		
Adams cf	3	1	1	0	Welch 2b	1	0	0	0		
D. Nrm cf	1	0	0	0	Baggett lf	2	0	0	1		
McCray rf	4	2	3	1	Mayes cf	1	0	0	0		
Frazier lf	1	0	0	0	Ruff c	2	1	1	0		
Stack lf	2	0	0	0	Gordon p	1	1	1	1		
Maudlin lb	4	1	1	1	Sumner p	1	0	0	0		
Cope 2b	0	1	0	0	Wiggins p	1	0	0	0		
Brooks 2b	2	0	0	0	Berry cf	0	0	0	0		
TOTALS	36	9	9	5	TOTALS	26	10	7	7		

Dougherty 000 314 01- 5-9-1
Valdosta 042 101 02- 10-7-3
E - C. Norman, DeMersseman 2;
Sumner 1; DP - VHS 1; LOB - Dougherty 9, VHS 5; winning run scored with one out in eighth.
2B - Alston, Dv. Parker, DeMersseman, Gordon; HR - Ruff; SB - DeMersseman 2, New, Ruff 3, Johnson; S - Dv. Parker, New 2, Wiggins; SF - Baggett.
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Gordon 3 2 3 2 3 4 4
Sumner 3 3 7 5 4 2 1
Wiggins w, 1-0 1 0 1 0 1 0
Chris Johnson 3 3 6 2 3 1
Polluck 1, 0 5 4 4 4 5 0
HBP - Ruff, Sumner by Polluck; WP - Gordon, Johnson 2; PB - Smith.

Bainbridge Tops VHS

By Times Sports Writer
BAINBRIDGE - Tripp Chapman slammed a two-run homer in the fifth inning to give Bainbridge a 5-3 win over Valdosta High in a 1-AAAA (South) baseball contest here Friday.

The loss dropped VHS to 7-6 on the season with a 3-3 subregion mark.

The winning shot came after another Bearcats batter had reached on a Wildcat error.

VHS managed to put runners in scoring position in both the sixth and the seventh innings but never could cash in either time.

All of the Wildcat runs came in the second. Rob Sullenberger scored on an error after a David New bunt. David Parker followed with a single that scored New and Ashley DeLoach doubled to score Parker.

But VHS didn't score after that and left 12 base runners stranded on the afternoon.

Danny DeMersseman and Parker paced the Wildcat

hitting attack with two hits each.

Chapman pitched the win for Bainbridge while New took the loss for VHS.

Errors hurt the Wildcats throughout the game as two of the Bainbridge runs came in the second when the 'Cats had three of the costly mistakes.

The Wildcats were to play Dougherty High of Albany in a double-header at Bazemore Field today starting at 1 p.m.

B'bridge	ab	r	h	rbi	VHS	ab	r	h	rbi
Bigg lf	4	1	0	0	Dv. Par ss	3	1	2	1
AA Wil 1b	3	0	0	0	DeLoach 3b	2	0	1	2
Rich cf	3	1	0	0	Ruff c	4	0	0	0
Chapp	3	1	1	2	Blas lb	2	0	0	0
E. Will ss	3	1	1	1	Bagg ph	1	0	0	0
Crist dh	3	0	0	0	Berry cf	3	0	0	0
Nich 3b	3	0	0	0	Nich ph	1	0	0	0
Park 2b	3	1	2	0	DeMerr dh	3	0	2	0
Simm rf	0	0	0	0	Sull lf	2	1	1	0
TOTALS	27	5	5	3	TOTALS	27	3	7	3

VHS 030 000 0-3-7-5
B'bridge 002 120 X-5-5-1
E - Du. Parker 3, DL. Parker 2; Chapman.
LOB - VHS - 12, B'bridge 5;
2B - DeLoach; HR - Chapman, E. Willis, SB - DeMersseman 2, DL. Parker 1;
S - Dr. Parker, DeLoach, Sullenberger.
ip h r er bb so
New 14-2 6 5 5 2 0 4
Chapman 7 7 3 3 5 5

VHS B-Team Tops Cook High

ADEL - Pat Mayes fired a one-hitter to lead the Valdosta High B-team to a 12-1 baseball victory over host Cook High here Monday.

Joey Griffin had the lone hit for the now 2-4 Honrets.

The Wildcats improved their record to 6-2 with the win and are to face the Lowndes High B-team at Lowndes Field Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Grant Nichols was the leading Valdosta hitter with three base hits. Ted Welch added two safeties.

Mayes' record went to 1-0 with his pitching gem.



Jones Breezes To Win In Hurdles At VHS Kitten Classic

Kittens Win Own Meet

By Times Sports Writer
Lisa Jones won three individual events as the Valdosta High girls' track team ran away with the first annual Kitten Classic here Saturday.

Jones won the 100-yard dash, long jump, and the 110-yard low hurdles for VHS, as well as being part of the winning 440 and mile relay teams.

The Valdosta girls scored 157 points and won 10 out of 13 events to easily outdistance Tift County of Tifton, which finished second with 73 points.

Whigham High finished third with 46 followed by Brooks County of Quitman with 37.5, Dougherty of Albany with 36, Atkinson County from Pearson with 25.5, Fitzgerald -18, Charlton County of Folkston -8, and Camden County of St. Mary's -2.

Darlene McCormick won both the mile and two mile runs for VHS, as the only other girl to win more than one event.

The VHS 440 yard relay team of Roziner Jackson, Denise Williams, Jones, and Vera Dotson has yet to be beaten this year.

Times of all events were reportedly slower than normal because of strong winds that blew along the track.

The two teams that did not

compete in the meet because of bad weather were Ware County of Waycross, and Coffee County of Douglas.

The next meet for VHS is Monday when they host Thomasville High in a dual meet.

Shot Putt - Dunlap B, Dotson V, Brckbank T, 37' 1/4"
Discus - Parnell V, Vickers W, Dunlap B 99' 10"
High Jump - Griffith T, Hienz W, Dotson V, 49"
Long Jump - Jones V, Johnson A, Jackson V, 16' 7"
440 Relay - V (Jackson, Williams, Jones, Dotson), 50.4
Mile Run - McCormick V, Montgomery D, 16:53.0
440 - Heinz W, Dotson V, Mondis B 1:00.0
100 Dash - Jones V, Jackson V, Johnson V, 1:15
110 Low Hurdles - Jones V, G. Jones T, 1:55.5
880 Run - Hall V, Montgomery D, Lately F 2:33.0
220 - Jackson V, Williams V, Johnson A 27.3
Two Mile Run - McCormick V, Jones W, 12:56.1
Mile Relay - V (Jackson, Bryant, Jones, Dotson) 4:18.0

- Times Staff Photo.

Gym Floor Woes Solved?

By Times Staff Writer
A six-year problem with the gymnasium floor at Valdosta High School may be cured this summer.
Superintendent Ralph Brandon told board members Monday night the firm of Niggel and Associates is prepared to remove the old floor and install a new one immediately after school is out.
"We hope for a number of years this will cure the problem. . . we have had it for six years," said Brandon.
The old floor was apparently defective from the start with bubbles appearing in it. For last two years the basketball teams could not use the gym at all and played their home games at Valdosta Junior High School.
Brandon told the board "ap-

propriate" guarantees had been made by the company concerning completion of the floor.
In other building and repair reports, Brandon said a low bid of \$79,400 was accepted for repairing the roof at Sallas-Mahone Elementary School and said the rest of the work there would be advertised for bid soon.
Brandon said Thompson and Sanders are completing plans to advertise and get bids on the classroom additions.
The work is scheduled to be completed before next school year.
Plans are being drawn by Ellis, Rickett & Associates for work on the S.L. Mason Elementary School library. Brandon said bids should go out around the first of June.

In other activity Monday night the board:
—Heard some preliminary budget discussions (see story on page 1).
—Changed the July meeting date to July 14.
—Approved a three-year plan for special education as required by state regulations.
—Declared as surplus a mini-computer which was purchased for about \$4,000 when new. Brandon said it is not being used enough to justify keeping the machine.
—Heard reports from the athletic committee and band committee.
—Learned that a committee formed to study an alternate to Social Security is at work.

VHS Sweeps Westover Netters

ALBANY — The Valdosta High tennis teams claimed Region 1-AAAA victories over host Westover here Monday.
The Valdosta girls won 7-1 and the boys won 11-1.
The VHS girls are now 7-1 on the year, while the boys upped their record to 5-3.
Both teams were to meet Tift County in Tifton today.
Singles winner for the VHS girls were: Kim Gandy, Julie

Spencer, Jan Pendleton, Beth Pitts, and Lee Anne Griffin.
Girls double winners were the teams of Gandy-Pitts and Pendleton-Spencer.
Singles winner for the VHS boys were: Andy Wortham, David Broomberg, Biff Taylor, Mark Swank, Lex Culbreth, Stewart Young and Tommy Young.
Doubles winners were: Mike Enfinger-Broomberg, Wortham-Taylor, Swank-Stewart Young and Culbreth-Tommy Young.

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Sports In Brief

LHS Golf Team Defeats VHS, Tift

From Staff Reports

The Lowndes High golf team defeated Valdosta High and Tift High in a match Monday at Francis Lake here.
LHS tallied 312 total points to 315 for VHS and 326 for Tift.
Jeff Wooly fired a 72 for Lowndes while Mike Lindsay and Mike Womack each had 78s.
Tripp Singletary had a 76 to lead Valdosta while Mike McLeod came in with a 78.
George Faircloth and Billy Bulmar had 75 each for Tift.

Sports In Brief

Jones Breaks State Record In Hurdles

From Staff Reports

Lisa Jones shattered a state record and a region record as the Valdosta High girls' track team won the Region 1-AAAA (South) track meet here Wednesday.
Jones had a time of 14.26 in the 110 low hurdles that broke the existing state record of 14.30. Her time of 11.0 in the 100 yard dash was a new meet record.
Vera Dotson also had a big afternoon for VHS winning the high jump, shot put and 440 yard dash.
Dotson and Jones tied for first in the long jump.
The final VHS tally for the afternoon was 98 followed by Thomasville with 72, Bainbridge 15, Colquitt County of Moultrie 10, and Thomasville Central, 9.
The VHS are now to compete in the region meet which is to be held in Thomasville next Tuesday.

intermediate hurdles.

Dante Jones took the high jump for Valdosta High and Odell Griffin took the 120 high hurdles for the only other VHS win.
Both Lowndes and Valdosta are to compete in the Blue Devil Invitational meet in Tifton this Saturday.

- High Jump — Dotson V, Turner T, Anderson T, 4'9"
- Long Jump — (Tie) Jones V, Dotson V, Warren T, 18'3 1/2"
- Discus — Walden T, Parnell V, Anderson T, 97'9 1/2"
- Shot Put — Dotson V, Anderson T, Brooks TC, 35'5 1/2"
- Mile Run — Turner R, McCormick V, Mair V, 5:59.0
- 440 Relay — V (Jackson, Williams, Jones, Dotson) 4:49
- 440 Dash — Dotson V, Ingram V, Hunter B, 1:03.0
- 100 Dash — Jones V, Jackson V, Thomas T, 11.00
- 110 Hurdles — Jones V, Turner T, Tettis T, 14.26
- 880 Run — Hall V, Lovejoy T, Smith T, 2:39.0
- 220 Dash — Jackson V, Walden T, Williams V, 26.50
- Two Mile Run — McCormick V, Cochran T, Mair V, 13:27.0
- Mile Relay — V (Bryant, Jackson, Jones, Dotson) 4:24.0

Monroe Defeats LHS, VHS At Meet

Monroe High of Albany came up a slim three point winner over Lowndes High from here in a quadangular track meet held yesterday at Lowndes.
Monroe scored 50 points for the afternoon followed by LHS with 47, Thomasville 42 and Valdosta High 32.
Individual winners for Lowndes included Kevin Stephenson in the high jump and Johnny B. Williams in the 330 in-

Valdosta Girls Win Track Meet

The Valdosta High School girls track team claimed a dual meet with Thomasville High Monday at the VHS track.
The VHS girls scored 65 points to 47 for Thomasville.
The win closed out the regular season for the Kittens. They stand 8-1 on the year.
Valdosta is to host the Region 1-AAAA (South) subregion meet Wednesday, starting at 10:30 a.m.
Shot put — Anderson T, Dotson V, Andrews T, 34' 1/2"
Long jump — Jones V, Warren T, Bryant V, 17'3"
Discus — Walden T, Parnell V, Anderson T, 102'4"
High jump — Turner T, Dotson V, Anderson T, 4'9"
440 yard relay — Valdosta (Jackson, Williams, Jones, Dotson) 51.1
Mile run — Turner T, McCormick, V, Mair V, 5:52.0
440 yard dash — Dotson V, Cone T, Ingram V, 1:05
100 yard dash — Jones V, Jackson V, Walden T, 11.5
110 yard low hurdles — Jones V, Tettis T, Smith T, 15.1
880 yard run — Hall V, Smith T, Lovejoy T, 2:42.0
220 yard dash — Walden T, Jackson V, Williams V, 26.6
Two-mile run — McCormick V, Mair V, Smith T, 14:19.0
Mile Relay — Valdosta (Ingram, Bryant, Jones, Dotson) 4:20.0

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Wildcats Bounce Packers

The Valdosta Daily Times SPORTS

By MIKE HAGOOD
Times Sports Editor
The Valdosta High Wildcats kept their Region 1-AAAA (South) playoff hopes alive with a tight 9-6 win over Colquitt County here today.
Mike Ruff broke a 5-5 tie in the bottom of the fifth inning with a two-run home run to provide the margin of victory.
DeLoach pitched the final two innings to nail down the win for starter Mike New. New also had his share in the VHS scoring with a two-run homer of his own in the first inning.
New had handled the pitchers from Moultrie through four innings, but he up five earned runs in the fifth inning to tie the game.
Which Conner and Jamie Ham hit home runs, while other Packers got to

New for hits.
The two subregion opponent left Bazemore Field with identical 3-3 1-AAAA (South) records, tied for second place behind pacesetter Lowndes High.
Valdosta is now 9-6 overall. The Packers are 5-8.
Valdosta visits Thomasville Thursday for a crucial subregion game. Saturday, the Wildcats host Cook of Adel in non-region

action, beginning at 1 p.m.
DeLoach reached base on Barry Bell's error and later scored the first run of the opening inning. Bell's error caused all three runs in the inning to be unearned.
DeLoach made his way home on two wild pitches by Colquitt starter DeWayne McCalpin, seeing his first mound activity of the season.
The Packers pitching staff has been hit by injuries all season. Their top pitcher

broke an ankle earlier in the year and the number two hurler has bone spurs in his elbow.
After DeLoach had scored and Danny DeMersseman walked New stepped up to connect with a McCalpin pitch and send it 360 feet to left field.
A Rob Sullenberger single in the third inning, followed by another Bell error, set up a scoring opportunity.
Sullenberger worked the double steal with David Berryhill and made his way from third in for a run.
DeMersseman brought home William Davis in the fourth inning with a two-out single up the middle.
Then in the top of the fifth, the Colquitt comeback produced a new game.
It was Ruff's pleasure to once again make it a VHS game in the 'Cats half inning.

After New drew a walk, Ruff lined a McCalpin pitch from the park for a 7-5 lead.
Colquitt scored one in the sixth to close the gap to one run; but the Wildcats scored two more in the sixth on back to back hits by Sullenberger and New.
Colquitt ab r h rbi VHS ab r h rbi
Conner 2b 4 1 3 3 Dv Pk lf 3 0 0 0
Bell 3b 4 1 2 0 DeLoach 3b-p 3 2 0 0
Wisham ss 4 1 2 2 DeMers 2b 3 1 1 1
Patter lf 4 0 0 0 Sullen ss 4 2 2 1
Clark lf 4 0 2 0 New p-3b 4 2 2 3
Powell dh 4 0 0 0 Ruff c 3 1 2 2
Tiller c 2 0 0 0 Berryhill cf 3 0 0 0
Thomas 1b 3 2 2 0 Barnes ph 1 0 0 0
Alligdt cf 1 1 1 0 Aayes dh 3 0 2 0
Clayton ph 1 0 0 0 Davis 1b 1 1 1 0
Whiddn ph 1 0 0 0 Nichols ph 1 0 0 0
Wclain cf 0 0 0 0 Baggett rf 0 0 0 0
TOTALS 32 6 11 5 TOTALS 29 9 10 6
Colquitt 000 051 0-6-11-3
VHS 301 122 x-9-10-2
E — Conner, Bell 2, Berryhill 2; DP — Colquitt; LOB — Colquitt 6, VHS 7.
2B — Bell, Clark, Sullenberger, Ruff; HR — Conner, Wisham, New, Ruff; SB — DeLoach.
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New W, 5.2 5 8 5 5 1 4
DeLoach 2 3 1 0 0 2
McCalpin L, 6-1 4 2 3 8 7 2 4 2
Todd 1 1 3 2 2 2 2 1
WP — McCalpin 3, Todd 1.

VHS Girls' Tennis Team Wins

From Times Staff Reports

The Valdosta High tennis team split with Tift County of Tifton in a match played here Tuesday.

The VHS girls came up 8-1 winners while the boys fell by a 5-4 count.

Single winners for the VSC girls included Kim Gandy, Julie Spencer, Jan Pendleton, and Beth Pitts.

Doubles winners were Pitts and Gandy along with the team of Pam Hall and Lee Anne Griffin.

The only boys single winners were Biff Taylor and Mark Swank.

Taylor teamed with Andy Wortham for one doubles win while Mike Enfinger and David Bloomberg teamed up for another.

The girls record goes to 8-1 while the boys go to 5-4. The next match for both teams in Region 1-AAAA tournament to be held on April 28.

VHS Tops Thomasville

By Times Sports Writer
THOMASVILLE — The Valdosta High Wildcats scored seven runs in the second inning and went on to crush the Thomasville Bulldogs 15-5 in Region 1-AAA (South) baseball action here Thursday.

Mike Ruff slammed a two-run homer off Bulldog starter Donnie Moore to start the big inning for VHS.

The 'Cats added five more runs in the third to put the game well out of reach of the Bulldogs.

VHS pitcher Ashley DeLoach fired a two-hitter to take the win which was his third against two defeats on the season.

DeLoach struck out 11 and walked five for the game.

One of the big hitters for VHS was third baseman David New with three hits in four trips to the plate including a double.

Rob Sullenberger also gained three hits for the day while driving in two runs.

DeLoach helped his own cause with two hits and scored three runs as well.

Danny Demersseman and William Davis had the

other two VHS hits with Demersseman gaining two runs batted in.

The game was marred by 10 errors with each team being charged with five.

Both of the Thomasville hits were triples by center fielder Johnny Chastain who knocked in two runs.

The win gives VHS a 11-6 overall record with a subregion mark of 5-3.

The 'Cats are to host the Cook Hornets from Adel Saturday in a non-region battle slated to begin at Bazemore Field at 1 p.m.

Tville	abr	n	r	o	VHS	abr	h	r	b	i
York 2B	3	1	0	0	Dv. Pkr If	3	1	0	1	
Frncs ss	2	1	0	0	DLch p	5	3	2	1	
Chstn cf	3	1	2	2	Drsmn 2B	4	3	1	2	
Mrgn c	3	0	0	1	Silgr ss	5	1	3	2	
Mbly dh	4	0	0	0	Ruff c	4	1	1	2	
Stone 1B	3	1	0	0	New 3B	4	2	3	1	
Lsstr P	3	0	0	0	Davis 1b	4	2	1	0	
D. More rf	2	1	0	0	Brns dh	3	1	0	0	
Fitch rf	1	0	0	0	Mays rf	2	1	0	0	
L. More 3B	3	0	0	0	Brvhl cf	0	0	0	0	
Cxwll lf	0	0	0	0	D. Pkr pr	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	27	5	2	3	TOTALS	34	15	11	9	
VHS	075	011	1-15-11-5							
Tville	102	002	0-5-2-5							
E — DeLoach, Demersseman, Ruff 2, New, York 2, Frances, Stone, L. Moore. LOB — VHS — 7, Thomasville 6. 2B — Demersseman, Sullenberger, New; 3B — Chastain 2; HR — Ruff; SB — Dv. Parker, DeLoach, Demersseman, New, Mays; S — Dv. Parker; SF — Davis. ip h r er bb so DeLoach (W) 3-2 7 2 5 3 5 11 D. Moore (L) 1 2 7 2 3 0 Lasseter 6 9 8 7 3 1 WP — Moore, Lasseter; PB — Morgan.										



V. Times Miss VHS 4-28-80

Newly crowned Miss VHS, Kelly Schroer, beams after hearing her name announced as the winner of Saturday night's beauty pageant. Miss Schroer, 18, is a senior at VHS. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schroer Jr., her hobbies are water skiing, snow skiing and dancing. The pageant, sponsored by the junior class, was held at the city auditorium. — Times Staff Photo by Joey Ivansco.

VHS Netters Fair Well At Region Meet

By Times Sports Writer
TIFTON — The Valdosta High girls tennis team finished second in the 1-AAAA tennis tournament held here Monday with Julie Spencer and Jan Pendleton advancing to further post-season play.

The VHS boys finished tied for first in the region although none of the individual players advanced.

The VHS girls finished with 10 total points for the match while Colquitt County of Moultrie won with a total of 15.

In boys play, VHS ended in a three-way tie with Tift

County and Thomasville, all with 10 points.

Spencer and Pendleton are to now compete in the sub-

state match that is to be held here on May 9-10.

VHS Ninth Grade Losses To B-Team, Tops Cook

By Times Sports Writer
The Valdosta High ninth grade baseball team split two games at Scott Park Monday losing to the VHS B-team 5-0 and defeating the Cook County ninth grade team 4-3.

Chris Mayne fired a one-hitter for the B-team to gain the win, while Steve Walmer took the loss.

Sidney Bowdoin drove in three runs with a hit to pace the B-team offensive attack, while Ben Reaves had the

lone hit for the ninth grade.

Ted West took the win against Cook for the ninth grade giving up six hits while Mel Bates was the losing pitcher for Cook.

Greg Jenkins and Alan Thrift had two hits each to lead the ninth grade hitting attack.

The VHS ninth grade now has a record of 7-5 while the B-team goes to 8-2.

Both teams are to play

again Wednesday in a 5:30 p.m. contest at Scott Park.

Wildcats Host Baseball Vikings

The Valdosta Wildcats and Lowndes Vikings were to meet in a high school baseball game at VHS's Bazemore Field here today.

The Region 1-AAAA (South) contest pits the 12-2 Vikings against the 11-6 Wildcats.

More importantly, LHS can wrap up the subregion crown, while VHS is fighting to keep second place in the league.

Projected starting pitchers for the bout are Keith Hagan (5-0) for visiting Lowndes and Ashley DeLoach (3-2) for the host Wildcats.

Game time was to be 4 p.m.

4-29-80

Miss VHS Pageant Is Scheduled

4-24-80

MATHIS CITY AUDITORIUM: Valdosta High School's annual Miss VHS beauty pageant is to be Saturday at 8 p.m., said Peggy Wilkes, sponsor of the junior class.

The juniors sponsor the Miss VHS contest as a fundraiser for the annual junior-senior prom she said.

Tickets are \$1.50 in advance, at the school or from contestants and \$2 at the door.

Junior Class President Dante Jones is to be emcee for the contest in which junior and senior girls are to compete. Competition is evening gown and casual wear.

Leslie Brown, 1979 Miss VHS, is to entertain along with Laurel Camarano who is to sing with the school stage band.

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VHS Runners-Up

Runners-up in the Valdosta High School beauty pageant Saturday night were from left to right: fourth runner-up, Jennifer English, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard English; third runner-up, Barbara Walters, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Walters; second runner-up, Pat

Stringer, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Stringer and first runner-up, Avis Taylor, 16, daughter of Trouise Newkirk. Held at the city auditorium, the pageant was sponsored by the junior class at VHS. Winner of the beauty contest was Kelly Schroer, picture on page 1. — Times Staff Photo.

VHS Airs Two Shows This Week

By Times Staff Writer

Valdosta High School is to present two shows on WVSC-TV, channel 12 Tuesday and Thursday, with both starting at 8 p.m.

The Tuesday presentation is dubbed, "Inside VHS," hosted by Bruce Green of the VHS science department and featuring a group of ninth graders who, under the supervision of English department head Mrs. Harry Wolinski, are to perform a play adapted from D.H. Lawrence's "Rocking Horse Winner."

Lawrence's short story was written in play form by David Carlson, produced by Barry Herrin and directed by Gretchen Trautman, students in Mrs. Wolinski's advanced placement English class.

Green is to interview Mrs. Wolinski and the students on the making of the play prior to its presentation.

The Thursday night presentation is called, "Academic Goals and Philosophies," and addresses the topic of current academic standards as compared to those in years past at VHS. Mrs. Wolinski and Mike Rogers, mathematics department head at VHS, are to host the show.

Guest appearances are to be put in by former VHS students, who are to discuss VHS academics during their high school days.

Three More VHS Netters Make State

By Times Sports Writer
Three Valdosta High tennis players are to join a previously announced VHS pair at the state tennis tournament.

The doubles team of David Broomberg and Mike Enfinger and singles player Kim Gandy qualified for state competition with second place finishes at the Region 1-

AAAA tournament.

The doubles team of Julie Spencer and Jan Pendelton qualified for state by winning the girls doubles at the meet.

VHS Potpourri Program

Valdosta High School students are to present a news program called VHS Potpourri Wednesday night.

The show is to air at 7:30 p.m. on channel 12. Grace King, English teacher, is to be interviewed by Debbie Tomlinson, a science teacher.

Jan McKay and Stephen Paine are to be anchor persons during the news show.

A discussion period is to follow the interview.

Playoff With Bainbridge Monday Here

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Wildcats Pull By Central Of Thomasville

By Times Sports Writer

THOMASVILLE — The Valdosta High Wildcats were within one out of seeing the season end here Friday but scored five runs to take an 8-4 baseball win over host Central of Thomasville.

The win coupled with a loss by Bainbridge against Lowndes qualifies the Wildcats for a playoff with Bainbridge Monday at VHS.

Rob Sullenberger brought home two runs with a two-strike double in the top of the seventh and give VHS the lead.

Tony Blasetti flied out to open the inning and was followed by a David Parker walk and Ashley De-

Loach double.

Parker was thrown out at home plate on a ground out by Mike Ruff to give the 'Cats two away.

Sullenberger's double brought home both DeLoach and then Ruff with the eventual game-winner.

David New then collected a base hit and later came home on a wild pitch, as did Sullenberger.

David Berryhill drew a bases-loaded walk to score the inning's final run.

Berryhill had given VHS a 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning with a solo home run.

Errors allowed Sullenberger to score in the fourth.

Errors and a DeLoach fielders choice scored Parker

for a 3-1 lead in the fifth.

Dain Clemons slapped a DeLoach pitch for a three-run homer in the bottom of the sixth that put the Yellow Jackets up 4-3 before the VHS uprising.

The 'Cats are now 12-7 overall and tied with Bainbridge at 6-4 in the subregion.

A coin flip at Thomasville Saturday morning decided the site of Monday's playoff game. Valdosta won the flip.

The winner of that game earns the right to meet Dougherty of Albany in the opening round of the Region 1-AAAA tournament.

There is to be a \$2 adult ticket charge and \$1 student ticket price at the playoff

game.

Booster club passes are not to be accepted at the gate.

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Ruff c	4	1	0	0	Owens cf	2	1	1	1
Sullen ss	4	2	2	2	D. Stree lb-p	2	1	1	0
New 3b	3	1	2	0	Clemons ss	3	1	1	3
DeMerz 2b	1	1	0	0	Mitchell rf	2	0	1	0
Garrett ph	1	0	0	0	Haire lf	1	0	0	0
Barnes rf	3	0	0	0	King lf	1	0	0	0
Bageff rf	0	0	0	0	Batwell lf	1	0	0	0
Berry cf	3	1	2	2	Brooks c	3	0	0	0
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D. Streets	6	23	8	8	6	6
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ROB SULLENBERGER Game-Winning Double



—Times Staff Photo.

Margaret Aultman, L, Carol Huling With Awards

Ceremony Honors VHS DE Students

By Times Staff Writer
Seven Distributive Education students were honored in an awards ceremony at the 32nd annual employer-employee banquet at Valdosta High School Tuesday night.

Margaret Aultman, president of the DE club at VSC, was named Student of the Year to highlight the affair held in the school's Little Theatre.

As student of the year, Miss Aultman was noted for the highest degree of achievement in DE activities, her overall school record, character, and business intelligence, said Bart Bosch, DE vice president who presented the award.

Sharing the spotlight with Miss Aultman was Carol Huling, DE secretary and recipient of the Warren Horton Memorial Award.

The award, named after a former VHS DE student who was killed in a car accident in 1954, recognized Miss Huling as the most outstanding student in DE activities.

The W.E. Glenn Award

went to Bosch, as the most valuable DE student. Wendell Lewis, club treasurer, was named Rookie of the Year as the first-year outstanding student in the club.

Two students won the Coordinator's Award as the most improved second-year DE students. Presented by VHS DE Coordinator Norman Greene, the award went to Patricia Stringer, club historian, and Bryan Griffin, club reporter.

A special award created this year was presented to Robert Meeks, as the Most Dependable member of VHS DE.

The students received trophies for their efforts.

As recognized at the ceremony was former Valdosta Mayor Gil Harbin, who received life membership within the VHS DE club.

Television station WCTV, which broadcasts out of Thomasville and Tallahassee, Fla., was given the Outstanding Service Award.

It was received by Scott Crane, a moving photographer for the station.

Keynote speaker at the ceremony was Fred Butterfield, president of the Georgia Vocational Association, who told the audience of about 100 that vocational training areas were where the jobs were going to be in the 1980s.

"You should be glad you have the opportunity to get experience in vocational areas," he said, directing his talk mainly to the DE students.

"We can provide op-

portunities for all to grow and develop," he added, more for the ears of the employers in the audience.

"Vocational education has a winning tradition, and the key to a winning team is cooperation," he said. "That's why I want you all to continue to be a winning player on our team."

Miss Aultman presided at the hour-long event.



Mike Hagood
Times Sports Editor

Local Baseball Proves Superior

The baseball programs at Valdosta High and Lowndes High have once again proven their superiority over the rest of Region 1-AAAA by qualifying for the league finals, which begin Tuesday.

Lowndes swept two games from 1-AAAA (North) runnerup Tift County of Tifton, while VHS took two from the northern champion Dougherty of Albany.

Lowndes made it look easy with a 5-0 series clincher in Tifton Thursday. Valdosta had little trouble once it got started, blasting Dougherty 18-6 Saturday.

Dougherty was supposed to be the bad boy from the north. The Trojans were undefeated when they visited VHS's Bazemore Field in April for a two-game set.

Dougherty left town with two losses that day, giving an indication that the best the north had to offer was not all it was cracked up to be. That double-header sweep was also when VHS established itself as a force to be reckoned with down the line.

Valdosta's win Saturday proved that the two previous wins were not flukes. The Wildcats beat Dougherty ace Chris Norman in both games.

The fun is just beginning. It is time for another Valdosta-Lowndes playoff.

The Vikings have held off Valdosta in six straight contests, four last season and two this year. LHS again enters the finals with the favorite role, having lost only two games this season. Both came at the hands of Godby High of Tallahassee, Fla. Valdosta has lost seven games this season.

Lowndes can call on two undefeated pitchers. Buddy Pitzing has won eight games and Keith Hagan has won seven this year. Hagan has also defeated Valdosta in the six straight games previously mentioned. Hagan was the pitcher of record in both games of the playoff sweep last year for Lowndes.

Valdosta can counter with three starting pitchers of merit. Ashley DeLoach, David New or Rob Sullenberger have all been effective in recent starts.

The Vikings hitting strength lies in the first five men of their order. Junior Ponder, Ray Luke, Chuck DeVane, Tony Bowden and Todd Hollis have all had moments of glory at the plate during the year.

There is no telling who is going to lead the VHS batsmen from game to game. The entire order in coach Butch Brooks' ever-shuffling lineup have made solid contributions.

The fact that Valdosta and Lowndes have made the finals once again should be a source of great pride to the people here. The record of both schools in recent years can only be interpreted to mean — the baseball here is the best in south Georgia.

VHS Girls Lead State Meet

By Times Sports Writer
ATLANTA — The Valdosta High Girls track team broke three state records and tied a fourth in the preliminary round of the state AAAA track meet here Friday at Lakewood Stadium.

The VHS girls hold a one point lead in the meet going into the final day of competition.

Lisa Jones broke two of the records herself winning the high jump with an effort of 19 feet five and 1/2 inches and winning a preliminary heat race of the 110 low hurdles with a time of 13.9.

The VHS mile relay team broke its' own state record with a time of 3 minutes and 59.2 seconds. The team is made up of Roziner Jackson, Nina Bryant, Vera Dodson and Jones. The old record was 3:59.5.

The 440 relay team of Jackson, Jones, Dodson and Denise Williams tied the existing state record in a preliminary run with a time of 48.5.

Jackson made the high jump a sweep for VHS finishing second in the event with a jump of 18 feet and 3/4 inches.

Jackson and Jones also qualified for the 100 dash finals with Jackson going 11.1 seconds and Jones 11.0.

Jackson qualified for the finals in the 220 dash with a time of 25.3.

Dodson is to compete in the finals in the 440 having won her heat race with a time of 58.0.

Dodson also placed fifth in the state in the shot put.

All of the field events were completed Friday with the finals in the track events tonight.

The last of the VHS girls to qualify for the finals was Joyce Hall in the 880 with a time of two minutes and 27 seconds.

The Region 1-AAAA champions have tallied 19 points to lead the meet with Hendrix of Columbus second with 18 and Peachtree of here third with 17.

New Pulls In VHS Honors

By Times Staff Writer
A Valdosta High School senior who has made a name for himself on the basketball court and baseball field as well as in the classroom was named the school's most outstanding senior and valedictorian this year.

David New received the two coveted academic awards during the Honors Program at VHS Monday night.

New was one of 16 seniors who was named a senior superlative. Nine seniors have been named honor graduates meaning they have maintained a 90 grade point average during their four years in high school.

Tim Farley, who was the 2nd District STAR student this year, was salutatorian and Mark Howard Mobley was third honor graduate.

The other six honor graduates are Margaret Aultman, Antonio Blasetti, Leslie M. Brown, Mark Wayne Ellis, Ross Karl Langenbach IV and Jan Pendleton.

Senior superlatives in addition to New are Odell Griffin, Margaret Aultman, William Passmore, Laura George, Vera Dotson, Ashley DeLoach, Mark Toth, Maxwell Blocker, Tim Farley, Leslie Brown, Harvey Carter, Karl Langenbach, Nathaniel Ceasar, Deborah Patterson and Mike Ruff.

Other awards given during the honors ceremonies were:

SPECIAL AWARDS
Administration and faculty special awards in citizenship, character, cooperation, and service: Keith Adams, Dewey Morris Jr., Jan Pendleton, Amy Gunter, Louis Bernard, Jimmy Bostock, William Vaughn Irby, Antonio Blasetti, Shirley Williams, Andy Wortham and Melody Shepherd.

ENGLISH AWARDS
Ninth Grade—Most Outstanding English Student: Mary Taormina, Tenth Grade—Most Outstanding English Student: Stephen Paine, Eleventh Grade—Most Outstanding English Student: Mary Farley and Twelfth Grade—Most Outstanding English Student: David New.
Most Improved English Student: Vera Dotson.

Governor's Honors — Drama: Suzanne Roush.

ART AWARDS
Most Outstanding Senior Art Student: Lisa Holand, Most Outstanding Junior Art Student: Laura Dille, Most Outstanding Sophomore Art Student: Dana Schroer and Most Outstanding Freshman Art Student: Tom Farley.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AWARDS
Most Outstanding French Student: Monica Bettadapur and Most Outstanding Spanish Student: Belinda Collazo.

MATH AWARDS
Most Outstanding Algebra I Student: Philip Reid, Most Outstanding Geometry Student: Lisa Mathis, Most Outstanding Algebra II Student: Monica Bettadapur, Most Outstanding Trig and Pre-Calculus Student: Cynthia Trautmann and Mary Farley and Most Outstanding Calculus Student: Tim Farley.

National Math Test — 1st Place: Tim Farley, 2nd Place: John Furey and 3rd Place: Cynthia Trautmann.

Georgia Math League — 1st Place in Region 2, Top 2 VHS Scorers: 1st Place: Tim Farley and 2nd Place: John Furey.

Coastal Plains CESA Math Tournament — 1st Place — Algebra II: Monica Bettadapur, 1st Place — Comprehensive: Tim Farley, 2nd Place — Algebra II: Edwin

King, 2nd Place — Algebra I: Philip Reid, 3rd Place — Comprehensive: David New and 4th Place — Algebra II: Kim Gandy.

Governor's Honors — Math: Cynthia Trautmann.

NAVAL SCIENCE AWARDS
Distinguished Cadet: Karl Langenbach, Greg Fulginiti and Jimmy Bostock.

SCIENCE AWARDS
Most Outstanding Physical Science Student: Lisa Mathis, Most Outstanding Biology Student: Monica Bettadapur, Most Outstanding Chemistry Student: Mary Farley and Most Outstanding Physics Student: Tim Farley.

Governor's Honors — Science: Bruce Judd.

SOCIAL STUDIES AWARDS
Most Outstanding Students in Social Studies: Freshman: Lisa Mathis, Sophomore: Monica Bettadapur, Junior: Mary Farley and Senior: David New.

National Merit Finalists: David New and Tim Farley.

National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students: Deborah Beard Patterson.

National Merit \$1,000 Scholarship from RCA: David New.

National Merit Commended Scholarship: Debra Rose.

Valdosta Association of Education Scholarship to VSC: Teresa Watson.

College Scholarships: Tim Farley: \$1,000 a year scholarship to Georgia Institute of Technology, National Merit Scholarship to University of Texas and \$500 a year scholarship from SAFT America to college of his choice.

Stanley White, scholarship to Southeastern College in Lakeland, Fla.

Lynette Council, \$200 scholarship from the Valdosta alumni chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Most Outstanding Student: Business Education: Teresa Gilbert, Construction: Thomas Patton, D.C.T. Lori Caudle, D.E. Margaret Aultman, Drafting: Robert Poncet, Electro-Mechanics: Michael Swipes, Graphic Arts: Clay Broadie, Health Occupations: John Lampert, Home Economics: Annette Sloan, Industrial Arts: Ken Perry, Metals: Troy Black and Transportation: Mike Rhoades.

STATE AND LOCAL AWARDS
American Legion Post 13: American Legion Medals (NJROTC students): Gold—Greg Fulginiti, Silver—Joey Williams and Bronze—Jeff Crawford.

Boys State: Mike Bass.

American Legion Auxiliary Post 13: Girls State: Lynne Pulliam and Lee Strickland.

Daughters of American Colonists: Merit Award (NJROTC student): Rusty Wetherington.

Daughters of American Revolution: Best American History Student: Mary Farley and Sue Oliver Runner-up, Good Citizenship Award: Jan Pendleton and Mike Ruff, Merit Award (NJROTC student): Lori Jamieson.

Elks Leadership: David New (Regional Winner).

Kiwanis Club: Star Student—Tim Farley and Star Teacher—Mike Rogers.

Literary Guild: Most Improved Senior English Literature Student: Leslie Brown, Wymodausis Club: Alice Bingle Essay Contest: 1st place—Tony Blasetti, 2nd place—Margaret Aultman and 3rd place—Steve Teffeteller.

American Cancer Society: Essay Winners: 1st place—Rob Sullenberger and 2nd place—David New, Cartoon Winners: 1st place—Sue Oliver and 2nd place—Dante Jones.

WHO WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Seniors: Margaret Aultman, Deborah Beard, Louis Bernard, Tony Blasetti, Maxwell Blocker, Jimmy Bostock, Leslie Brown, Mary Cullipher, Harvey Carter, Nathaniel Ceasar, Greg Daniels, Carol Davis, Ashley DeLoach, Vera Dotson, Tim Farley, Laura George, Amy Gunter, Paige Hood, Curtis Kelley, Karl Langenbach, Mark Mobley, David New, Bill Passmore, David Parker, Jan Pendleton, Debra Rose, Mike Ruff, Melody Shepherd, Mark Toth, Shirley Williams, Dewey Morris, Vaughn Irby and Odell Griffin.

Juniors: Dawn Courson, Debra Crawley, Mary Farley, John Furey, Joanne Gore, Dante Jones, Bruce Judd, Grant Nichols, Crawford Powell, Lynn Pulliam, Toni Purcell, Julie Spencer and Cynthia Trautmann.

State of Georgia and University of Georgia Certificate of Merit for Juniors: Kara Dawn Courson, Debra Crawley, Mary E. Farley, John S. Furey, Juan Dante Jones, Bruce M. Judd, Sue I. Oliver, Laura Lynn Pulliam, Julie P. Spencer and Cynthia Trautmann.

LITERARY
One-Act Play — 2nd Place in Region: Andy Taormina, Gretchen Trautmann, Tod Meussling, Lynne Pulliam, Suzanne Roush, Jan McKay, Monica Bettadapur, Cynthia Trautmann, and Melvin Lastinger. Toni Purcell—stage manager, Tracy Smith—make-up manager, Keith Sweat—set manager and Windy Sullivan—properties manager.

Debate — 4th Place in Region: Karl Langenbach, David Furukawa, Barry Herrin and Mary Taormina.

Girls' Spelling — 1st Place in Region and 4th Place in State: Lee Strickland.

Boys' Spelling — 2nd Place in Region: John Furey.

Girls' Essay — 3rd Place in Region: Paige Hood.

Boys' Essay — 2nd Place in Region: Tim Farley.

Girls' Oral Interpretation — 4th Place in Region: Lynne Pulliam.

Boys' Oral Interpretation — 1st Place in Region: Andrew Taormina.

Girls' Extemporaneous Speaking — 1st Place in Region: Cynthia Trautmann.

Home Economics — 3rd Place in Region: Annette Sloan.

Girls' Piano — 1st Place in Region and 1st Place in State: Kim Gandy.

Boys' Piano — 2nd Place in Region: Roger Allen Carter.

Boys' Quartet — 3rd Place in Region: Calvin Davis, Ethridge Seward, Gary Sharper and Alfred Wiggo.

Girls' Trio — 1st Place in Region and 1st Place in State: Leslie Brown, Laurel Camarano and Melody Shepherd.

Girls' Solo — 3rd Place in Region: Laurel Camarano.

Boys' Solo — 3rd Place in Region: Jerry Isom.

Shorthand — 2nd Place in Region: Teresa Gilbert.

Boys' Typing — 2nd Place in Region: Bruce Judd.

Girls' Typing — 4th Place in Region: Angela DeVane.

ATHLETIC AWARDS
Most Outstanding Physical Education Student: Cheryl Moore.

Football: Jimbo Hancock-Team Captain; Touchdown Club Award-Best Defensive Lineman 1979.

John Bond-Co-Captain; All-State: Parade Magazine All-American; Football Scholarship-Miss. State University; Georgia Athletic Coaches Selection for the South All-Star Football Team; Touchdown Club Award-Most Valuable 1979.

Harvey Carter-Co-Captain; All-Region 1AAAA; President-Fellowship Christian Athletes; Football Scholarship-Troy State University; Touchdown Club Award-Most Outstanding 1979.

Ernest King-Co-Captain; Football Scholarship-Savannah State; Touchdown Club Award-Most Loyal 1979.

Nathaniel Ceasar-Co-Captain; Three Sport Athlete-Football, Basketball, Track; Football Scholarship-Auburn University; Touchdown Club Award-Best Defensive Back 1979.

Tony Blasetti-All-Region 1AAAA his Junior and Senior years; Touchdown Club Howard Bridges Senior Scholastic Award to the football player with the highest overall academic average in 1979; Georgia Athletic Coaches Selection for the South All-Star Football Team.

Mark Toth-Touchdown Club Mark Stevens Memorial Sportsmanship Award.

Irvin Roe-Touchdown Club Award-Best Offensive Back 1979.

Calvin Davis-Football Scholarship-Savannah State.

Basketball—Boys: David New-Captain; Best Offensive Award; Best Free Throw Percentage; Most Valuable Player; Best Rebounder Award (tie).

Nathaniel Ceasar-Best Rebounder Award (tie); Best Defensive Player (tie).

John Bond-Best Defensive Player (tie).

Greg Daniels Spirit Award (tie).

Louis Bernard Spirit Award (tie).

Basketball—Girls: Vera Dotson-Most Spirit Award.

Debbie Mair-Best Free Throw Average.

Dana Swindle-Most Improved Player.

Golf—Trip Singletary and Mike McCluskey-Co-Captains.

Baseball—Mike Ruff and Ashley DeLoach-Team Co-Captain.

Wrestling—Odell Griffin, captain-1st Place-Lincoln Invitational; 3rd Place-Southwest Invitational; 3rd Place in the sub-area; Overall record-23 (1), 3 (1), 1 (1), Willie Donaldson, co-captain-1st Place-Lincoln Invitational; 3rd Place-Southwest Invitational; 3rd Place in sub-area; Overall record-22 (w), 4 (1).

Track—Boys: Odell Griffin-School Record-Pole Vault 12', Track-Girls: Vera Dotson-School Record for shot put and 440 yd. dash; School and State Record for 440 relay and mile relay (team member); Football Cheerleader.

Tennis—Boys: David Broomberg and Mike Enfinger-2nd place in 1AAAA Doubles in Region; Tennis—Girls: Jan Pendleton-member of tennis team who won Region 1AAAA Doubles.

VICA COMPETITIVE EVENTS
First place in area contests: Clay Broadie, graphic communications; Stan White, architectural drafting; Crawford Powell, medical assistant; Kent Adams, commercial art; Ronnie Cowart, commercial food trades; Michael Swipes, electrical trades; Mary James, practical nurse; Jimmy Walker, sheet metal; Eddie Young, appliance repair and Elton Gordon, bricklaying.

Second place in area contests: Cindy Renn, job interview; Dan Furey, air conditioning and refrigeration; Derrick Johnson, capentry; Roy Jones, machine drafting and David Evans, machinestop.

Third place in area contests: Ouida Mays, prepared speech; Mike Rhoades, auto mechanics; Troy Black, welding and Keith Mitchell, air cooled gasoline and engine repair.

District contests award winners were: Clay Broadie, Stan White, Crawford Powell, Kent Adams, Michael Swipes, Jimmy Walker, Eddie Young and Elton Gordon.

Kent Adams placed third in state commercial art competition.

Also, the VICA club was named District champions for 1979-80.

DECA COMPETITIVE EVENTS
District winners: Margaret Aultman, student of the year; Lisa Bernstein, job interview; Faith Wilson, spelling vocabulary; Cheri Greene, apparel and accessories; Bart Bosch, petroleum marketing and Paige Hood, advertising services.

Also, Marie Emery and Buck Greene took second place awards in district DE competitions.

In state competition the club was named best DE chapter in the state this year.

Individual state winners were: Margaret Aultman, third place as student of the year; Faith Wilson, third place in spelling vocabulary; Cheri Greene, fourth place in apparel and accessories; Paige Hood, first place in advertising services; Buck Greene, fourth place in business speech and Bart Griffin, fourth place in reporter of the year competition.

VHS Art Goes On Display Sunday

From Staff Wire Reports

In Drexel Park Sunday art works by Valdosta High School students are to be displayed and sold.

The 13th annual VHS art show and sale is scheduled from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the park if the sun shines.

In case of rain the art show is to be in the mall of Brookwood Plaza.

Included in the show are to be paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and ceramics.

Art students in all grades at the school are to have items in the show, said art department chairman Patsy Smith.

In addition to Mrs. Smith, VHS art teachers are Gale Darling and Sheila Sabin.

News Roundup

VHS Airs TV Shows Tonight

Valdosta High School is presenting two television shows tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Shown on channel 12, the first program is to be VHS Potpourri with student hosts Monica Bettadapur and Trey Powell.

Also, Scott Arnold is to interview STAR teacher Mike Rogers.

Following that show, another program, Inside VHS, with host Bruce Green, science teacher, is to be shown. Patsy Smith, head of the VHS art department, is to talk about the school's 13th annual spring art show Sunday.

Five In VHS Band Receive Awards

By Times Staff Writer
Outstanding members of the Valdosta High School bands received awards during Friday night's banquet at the school.

Five students were selected by the directors of the VHS bands for the Directors' Awards.

The students receiving the honor for their participation and work in the bands were: Bernard Williams, senior; Mark Kinchen, senior; Cherie Southwell, junior; Jan McGuyrt, senior and Mark Mobley, senior.

The Tex Mullis Loyalty Award went to senior Vaughan Irby, band captain and trumpet player.

Melody Shepherd, also a senior, won the Lucy Stewart

Memorial Award. Miss Shepherd is section leader of flute players.

Spirit Award went to senior Chris Huss and the Outstanding Bandsman of the Year award was won by another senior Leslie Brown.

Senior of the Year was Bill Passmore and Rookie of the Year was tenth grader Laurel Camarano.

The Most Improved bandsman award went to ninth grader Juliet Purvis.

Also, Leslie Brown and Ginger Metcalf, 11th grader, received an award from the Women Band Directors' National Association. The girls were selected by the association to participate in the all star honor band.

VHS Potpourri Airs Tonight

Valdosta High School is presenting a television program tonight on cable channel 12.

The show, VHS Potpourri, is a student news program with Michele Ingram and Edwin King.

Tonight's spotlight features tennis star Kim Gasky and state track relay team champions, Lisa Jones, Vera Dotson, Denise Williams and Roseziner Jackson.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Lisa Jones Likes The Big Challenge

By MARTIN REGISTER
Times Staff Writer

Lisa Jones, possessed with a ready grin and an effusive personality, gives an immediate impression of being an angelic creature.

She plays the piano, teaches a class for pre-schoolers at Morningstar Baptist Church and is secretary of the student council at Valdosta High School.

She is also a demon on the cinder track. Earlier this spring, she set state records in the long jump and the 110-yard low hurdles and was a member of VHS' record-smashing 440-yard relay team.

Her time of 14.04 in the low hurdles puts the 16-year-old junior among the nation's top female competitors.

Her accomplishments have brought her much more than personal satisfaction. She now has the national recognition she needs to talk scholarship with colleges. Earlier this week, she learned she has been named Georgia's Athlete of the Year, an award she is to receive later this month in Marietta.

She has been invited to try out for an Amateur Athletic Union-backed track team which will tour Europe this summer.

And her hopes of participating in the Olympic Games — a longshot for any athlete — have taken a giant stride forward.

Miss Jones inherited her talent honestly. Her father, Edward Jones, is a former basketball and track star, and it was his trophies and scrapbook which first got her interested in sports.

Jones, who coached football and track at Pinevale and Valdosta High Schools, also coached his daughter. But he never pushed her into athletics, he said.

"I understood she would be a star even when she was a little thing," said Jones, who retains his runner's physique even though he's now retired.

"She was always running around as a small kid. And when she said she wanted to run track, we let her do it."

She began running track in Valdosta Parks and Recreation-organized programs eight years ago, and began collecting trophies, ribbons and medals on a state level almost immediately.

Now, her awards cover the family piano, forming a scene just as imposing as the trophy rack filled with her father's honors.

As a freshman at VHS two years ago she helped fashion a state competitor out of a program in its first year.

She won two events at the state level that year, but as a sophomore she placed second in every event to Brenda Cliette, a ball of fire from Macon.

"Lisa told me as soon as that meet (a year ago) was over that she was getting

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prepared for this year," said her coach, Jerry Baker. "She started working in September."

The hard work, sandwiched between a part-time job at McDonald's Restaurant here, left her little time for anything else. But it paid off.

She returned to the top in awesome style this spring, defeating Miss Cliette and leading VHS to a first place finish in the state.

"Lisa's a very hard worker," Baker said. "She's very competitive. She thrives on competition."

Miss Jones says her relationship with God has been a tremendous help with her athletics.

"I pray a lot before I run," she said. "Lots of times when I'm set before a run, I'm saying the Lord's Prayer."

"It's really helped me. It secures my feelings, makes me feel like I'm not as likely to get hurt. I've seen girls who were running right beside me fall and get concussions."

These days, her running is taking up more of her time than Beethoven, but Miss Jones says she's making room for her studies.

She wants to become a gynecologist, an ambition spurred by her love for children.

"I want to have a big family," she said. "I want to have a lot of children," she said, grinning. "Maybe I'll stop when I've got about 40 of them."

It's doubtful if she'll ever have 40 children, but even one child can cramp a career. Family, however, is just as important as career to Lisa Jones.

"I really wouldn't mind staying at home. If I stayed at home, I'd just get outside and run up and down the street," she said half-seriously.

"And I do feel like there's a limit to women's lib. I feel like a woman does have her place. There are some things only a man can handle ... a woman just can't do some things like a man can."

In the coming year, Miss Jones will make many decisions about college, family, athletics. Competitive running seems to be in the cards, at least for a few years.

And even the Olympics, that vague, universal dream of every sawdust court and playground, may edge nearer.

Baker thinks she has the ability. And so does her father.



Lisa Jones: Set Then Reached Tough Goals

Griffin Wins MVP Awards At VHS Banquet

By Times Sports Writer

Odell Griffin was named the Most Valuable Player in track and in wrestling at the Valdosta High Spring Sports banquet at the Gold Plate Restaurant Thursday night.

VHS was also given the Albany Herald All-Sports Trophy for the fifth straight year.

Awards were given to participants in girls and boys tennis, track as well as boys golf and wrestling.

Lisa Jones was named most valuable on the VHS state champion track team. Jones was named recently as the girls track athlete of the year by the Atlanta Track Club.

Joyce Hall was given the Spirit award on the track team while Most Improved was Denise Williams.

There was a tie for Most Outstanding on the team between Roziner Jackson and Vera Doston.

The awards for the girls track team were presented by coach Jerry Don Baker.

Nathaniel Ceasar was named most outstanding on the boys track team while Dante Jones received the Most Improved award.

Marcus Griffin was named Most Loyal by VHS track coach Freddie Waters who presented the awards.

Special awards were given to Julie Spencer, Jan Pendleton and Kim Gandy of the VHS girls tennis team.

Gandy was runnerup in the Region 1-AAAA and ended up third in the state.

Spencer and Pendleton teamed up to win the region doubles championship and also reached the state semifinals.

Spencer was named Most Valuable on the team while Gandy was named Most Outstanding.

JoAnne Gore was named Most Improved while Beth Pitts received the Spirit award.

The Most Valuable Player on the boys' tennis team was Mike Enfinger while David Broomberg was named Most Outstanding.

The Most Improved Award on the team went to Alan Young while Andy Wortham received the Spirit Award.

The boys tennis awards were presented by Jim Burroughs and the girls by Randal Heron.

The Golf team Most Valuable Player award went to Trip Singletary while Mike McLeod and Tom McTier tied for the Most Consistent Award.

The golf B-Team player of the year Award went to Tom Barton.

Coach Jack Rudolph presented the golf awards.

Ted Welch was named Most Dedicated on the wrestling team while Joe Sanders was named Best Hustler.

Anthony Battle was given the Most Improved Award.

Coach Jim Landrum handed out the wrestling awards.

Area News Roundup

VHS DE Club Banquet Thursday

From Times Staff Reports

The Valdosta High School DE Club is having its annual employer-employee banquet Tuesday night.

Fred Butterfield, president of the Georgia Vocational Association, is to speak at the banquet at VHS.

The purpose of the banquet is to show the club's appreciation for the support employers here give the VHS Distributive Education Clubs of America students.

The banquet is to be at the school at 8:30 p.m.

VHS Netters Fall

MACON — Valdosta High's representatives in the AAAA classification of the state tennis tournament were eliminated in the semifinal rounds held here Saturday.

Kim Gandy of VHS was defeated in the singles semifinals by Mary Beth Larson of Stone Mountain High of Atlanta 2-6 and 4-6. Larson then lost in the finals to Lisa Spain of Colquitt High of Moultrie. Spain had defeated Gandy last month in the Region 1-AAAA finals.

The VHS team of Jan Pendleton and Julie Spencer were defeated 2-6 and 6-7 by a team from Dunwoody High of Atlanta.

There are no team awards given in the tournament as competition is on an individual basis only.

VHS Frosh Cops Ad Design Prize



Photo: Special To The Times

Grand Prize Winner: An Obviously Pleased Tom Farley

By Times Staff Writer
When Tom Farley was called to the vice principal's office Wednesday morning he was trying to think what trouble he had gotten himself into. But what appeared to be a dreaded confrontation ended up with a pat on the back.

Farley, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent F. Farley, was picked as the grand prize winner in The Valdosta Daily Times Design-An-Ad Contest.

Farley's winning entry was for an ad for Bosch Olds-Buick which included a drawing and jingle.

"I wrote two jingles for it and ended up with the second jingle, although my basic idea for the overall ad was the same," he said.

Farley, a 9th grade student at Valdosta High School, learned about the contest through the school. He said his art teacher, Patsy Smith, encouraged him.

"I was doing a couple of others (ads) and looking at another when I thought of this one. I stayed up 'til 2 o'clock and the next day inked it in," he said. All together he figures he spent about 2 days on it.

Farley said he first took some art in grade school but the private school he went to last didn't offer art. This is his first year in the subject and he plans to continue in the field.

"I particularly like to do cartoons but I have to do other types of art to keep in practice," said Farley. "I like to doodle and think up puns."

Farley said he couldn't imagine why he was called into Bill Alrich's office Wednesday morning.

"I was trying to think what I had done wrong and just about fell over when Mr. Alrich told me I won," said Farley.

As grand prize winner, Farley won himself \$50. But already he knows where it's going.

"I owe my sister \$20 so I guess I will pay her. The rest I will probably put in the bank," he said.

Besides this recent honor, Farley won the freshman award Monday in art for best in overall freshman class.

"My brother, Tim, was always trying to get me to enter things but I always put it aside," he said. "Now I

guess I'll try again."

Other winners in the contest were for first prize: Arthur Gardner, 11th grade, Lowndes High School; Michelle Gould, 10th grade, Valdosta High School; Mike Baskins, 12th grade, LHS; and Chuck Frush, 9th grade, LHS. They each won \$20.

Winners in the second prize category were: Victor Norwood, 12th grade, LHS; Kevin Lawrence, 10th grade, LHS; and Farley. They received a \$10 prize each.

Third prize winners were: Kent Adams, 11th grade, VHS; Michelle Gould; and Karla Garnto, 9th grade, LHS.

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Workin' At It

Students in Patsy Smith's mixed media class at Valdosta High School are shown here at work on ads for the Design-An-Ad Contest. The work obviously paid off since Tom

Farley, a VHS junior, won the competition. — Photo by Candi Harrison.

Valdosta Girls Win State Track

By Times Sports Writer
ATLANTA — Valdosta High won the state Class AAAA girls track title going away here Saturday night.

The Valdosta team outdistanced the field to win a state title in its third year of competition. VHS totaled 68 points to top second-place Douglas of Atlanta with 32. Statesboro High and Peachtree of Atlanta tied for third with 25 points. Valdosta's Lisa Jones set a state record, winning four gold medals.

Jones won the 100-yard dash, 110-yard low hurdles and was part of a record-setting performance by the 440-yard relay team Saturday. She won the long jump Friday.

Jones' time of 14.04 in the hurdles was not only a state record, but ranks her in the top 10 in the nation in the event.

Jones won the 100 with a time of 11.2.

The VHS relay team broke its own state record with a time of 48.21 in the opening event of the evening session. Jackson, Rosziner, Jackson, Denise Williams and Vera Dotson joined Jones on the winning relay team.

Jackson took third place in the 100 with a time of 11.4. She was also third in the 220-yard dash at 25.5.

The VHS mile relay team of Jackson, Dotson, Jones and Nina Bryant finished in third place.

The Lady Wildcats entered Saturday's track events with 20 points from Friday's field events, good for a one-point lead in the meet.

Jones' four gold medals ties the state record of Northeast Macon's Brenda Chiette, set in last year's meet.

Chiette was to lead Northeast in the title chase with Valdosta this year but

suffered a twisted ankle in the long jump Friday, keeping her out of competition Saturday.

The Valdosta girls were third in the state last season. They were sixth the year before.

Jerry Don Baker and Dick Sturtevant are Valdosta's coaches.

The VHS team is to arrive at the city school superintendent's office on Slater St. today at 1 p.m.

Forget-Me-Not Days



THE FIRST FORGET-ME-NOT was pinned on Mayor Ernest Nijem by Sala Wilkinson, Lowndes High homecoming queen. At left, Laura George, Valdosta High homecoming queen; next to her, Col. Wayne Davis, R.M. at Moody Air Force Base, and also looking on, Joe Blackman, Commander of Chapter 14, Disabled American Veterans, Valdosta.

VHS Baseball Banquet

New Named Most Valuable Player

By Times Sports Writer

David New was voted Most Valuable Player at the Valdosta High baseball banquet here Friday night.

New led the 'Cats with an incredible .500 batting average and sported a 6-4 record as a pitcher.

New also received the Most Valuable Player Award for the VHS basketball team this season.

The Wildcats finished 15-9 on the season and was runnerup in the Region 1-AAAA, losing in the region finals to Lowndes High.

Rob Sullenberger was voted Best Offensive Player by his teammates after finishing the year with a .409 average at the plate.

The Best Pitcher award went to Ashley DeLoach who compiled a 6-3 record on the mound and led the Wildcats in strikeouts with 71.

Senior catcher Mike Ruff was given the Best Defensive Award. The three-year starter led the team in put outs with 147 and committed only four errors.

The Spirit of the Wildcat Award went to Grant Nichols who is slated to take over Ruff's position behind the plate next season.

Tony Blasetti tied Danny Demersseman for the Most Improved Award, while Bart Baggett tied David Berryhill for the Most Loyal Award.

The seven seniors on the squad were given

plaques and were recognized by head coach Butch Brooks.

The VHS seniors included Blasetti, Baggett, Berryhill, DeLoach, Billy Garrett, New and Ruff.

The Most Outstanding Offensive Award on the B-Team was given to William 'Dipper' Davis, while David Williams was given the Most Outstanding Defensive Award.

Two VHS Ninth Grade awards were presented with Mark Perry receiving the Best Offensive Award and Greg Jenkins getting the Most Outstanding Defensive Award.

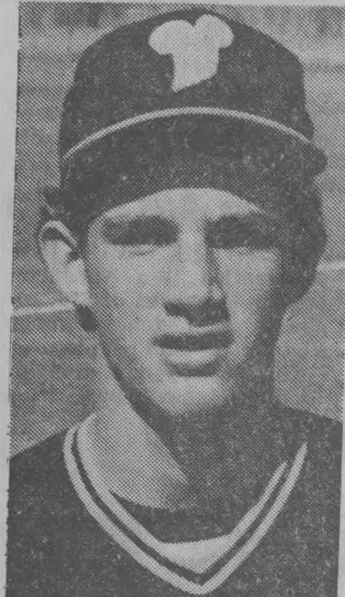
Spirit of the Wildcat Awards were given to VHS batgirls Beth Belue and Debbie Rambo.

Other recognition went to all of the batgirls, batgirl mascots and the rest of the players on all three teams.

Varsity coaches Charles Tarpley and Brooks were presented with gas grills by the VHS Baseball Booster Club. Brooks was also given a complete outfit with which to use his new grill.

Ninth grade coach Jimmy Taw and B-Team coach Bob Bolton were also given gifts by the Booster Club.

A special Booster Club award was presented to president Andy Bond and Jimmy New was presented with a plaque from VHS principal Lloyd Mims for his service to the school the last four years.



DAVID NEW
.500 Batting Average

VHS Enjoys Good Year

Finishing second in the region would not be considered a big deal most years at Valdosta High. A 15-9 record would not be any great accomplishment either as the Wildcats were state baseball champions just two years ago. But VHS coach Butch Brooks is not disappointed at all in the effort his team put forth this past season.

"I felt like we had a super year," said Brooks. "Our goal was to be respectable and to make the first round of the playoffs and I never thought we would make the second round." He also added, "I never thought we would be 15-9."

The season ended for the Wildcats by losing to cross-town rival Lowndes in the Region 1-AAAA finals two games to none. The defeat at the hands of the Vikings was no disgrace at all as LHS has amassed a team with tremendous talent, something that was not in abundance at VHS this season.

"This team was not blessed with a great deal of talent," said Brooks. "It was the most enjoyable team I ever coached before. They at least tried to do what I tried to tell 'em to do." Brooks also added, "I couldn't chew this team out, it was hard to get after them because they gave everything they had."

The 'Cats came a long way from the first of the year when they got out to a very poor start and at one time were 1-3. There was an amazing difference in the team which lost to Cook (Adel) in an opening season tournament and the team which stormed back to upset Dougherty in the playoffs and then put Lowndes on the ropes one game.

"Our defense was not very good at the first of the year," Brooks said. "But we worked and worked and it came around in the second half and we were as decent as anybody."

The offensive punch of the Wildcats was a different story as VHS did not have the consistent punch needed to be a powerhouse. "We had to really scratch on offense," said Brooks. "It was the type of team that when somebody was down somebody else would pick it up."

The VHS seniors this season in particular seem to make big contributions to the Wildcats cause. Ashley DeLoach, David New, Tony Blasetti, Bart Baggett, David Berryhill and Mike Ruff all made significant efforts at one time or another.

DeLoach hit the dramatic home run at Dougherty that capped a thrilling comeback to whip the Trojans in the playoffs. He batted .337 on the year and hit three home runs. He also boasted a 6-3 round on the mound putting him near the top of the VHS hurlers.

VHS basketball and academic standout New was another player making his presence felt on the field. He batted an amazing .500 for the year while hitting three home runs of his own and also posting a 6-4 record on the mound.

Blasetti was a "pleasant surprise" for Brooks this season and had several moments when he pulled VHS through, including the playoff game with Bainbridge. Baggett may be remembered for the driving in of two runs against Lowndes in a game when the 'Cats almost pulled off a big upset.

Ruff did not have a super hitting year, (.260 average) but did lead the 'Cats in home runs with six. But his play behind the plate has become a customary sight the last three years and it is hard to imagine VHS without him.

Brooks was also pleased with the play of Rob Sullenberger, a player he says has a "lot of raw talent." He is to return next year and could become a standout on next year's squad. Other returnees for next year are to include Danny Demersseman and David Parker, both of whom had their moments this year.

For the VHS team to have a successful year next season, it will have to find some pitchers. "If we don't get some strong pitching, we could have a tough year," Brooks said.

Something that Brooks tried for the first time this year was the fielding of a ninth grade team. That squad posted a 7-3 record under coach Jimmy Taw. The team was the first of its kind when it was first conceived although several other schools, including Lowndes have started to field them.

There were no Buck Belues this season or David Whites. But there were some players who were willing to work and produce a team that had nothing to be ashamed of. They did the best they could and had an outstanding year by any standards.

Wildcats Advance To Finals

By MIKE HAGOOD
Times Sports Editor

The Valdosta High Wildcats moved into the Region 1-AAAA finals with an impressive 18-6 victory over Dougherty of Albany here Saturday.

The win completed a two-game sweep of the 1-AAAA (North) champions by the Wildcats, runnersup in 1-AAAA (South).

Lowndes High was the southern champion in the regular season and is to be Valdosta's opponent in the region finals. The Vikings swept Tift County of Tifton to earn their spot in the upcoming playoff.

The best of three championship series begins Tuesday at Lowndes Field in a 4 p.m. game.

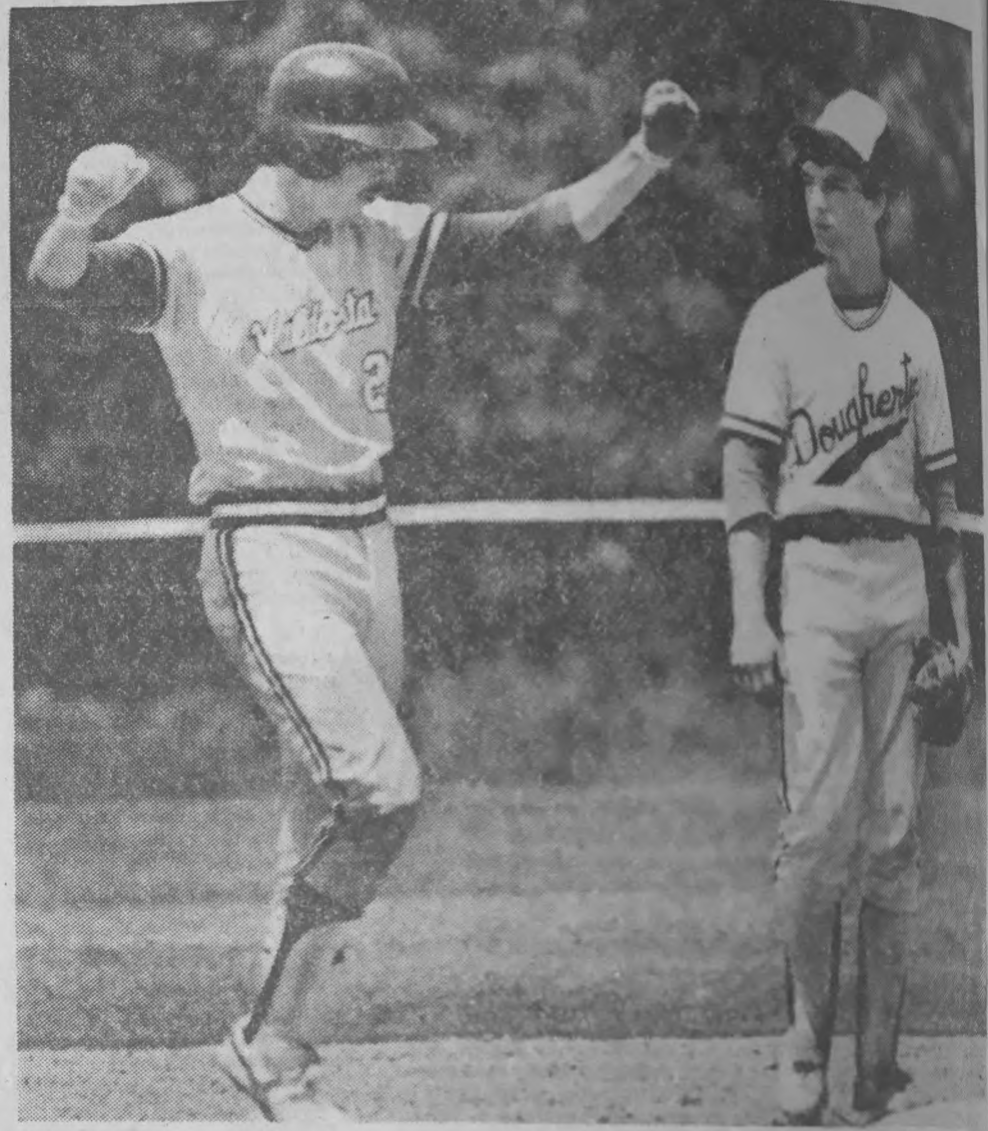
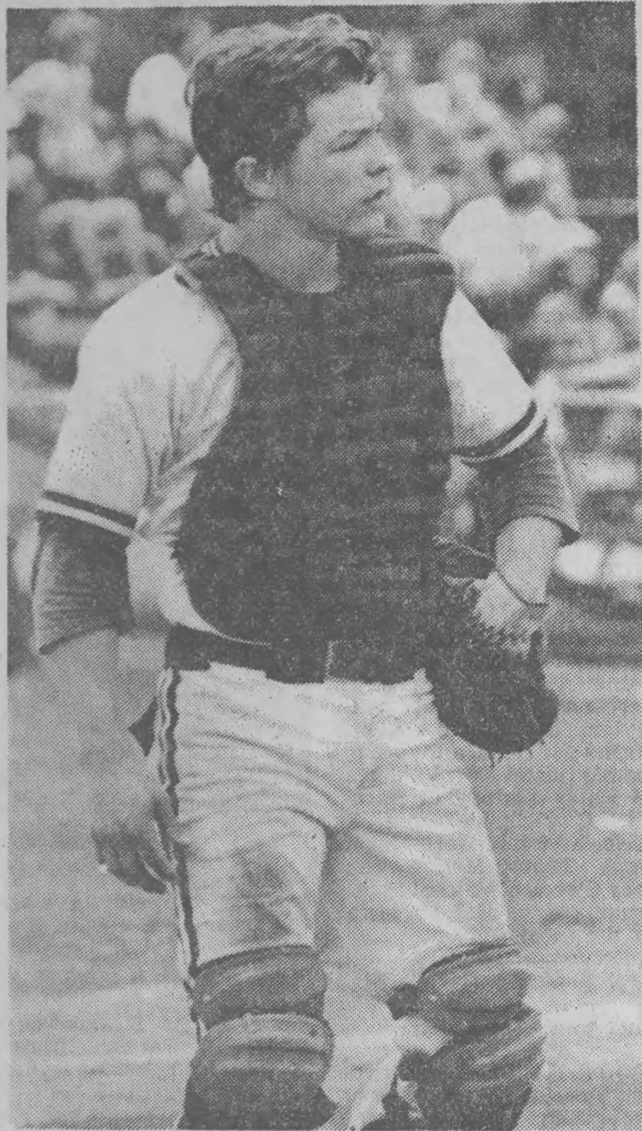
Game two and three, if necessary, are to be held at VHS's Bazemore Field, beginning at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

The Wildcats' win over the visiting Trojans was claimed with a 14-hit attack, good defense and a solid performance on the hill by Ashley DeLoach.

DeLoach was effective for six innings, before Dougherty came through with too little, too late in the final inning.

DeLoach was particularly effective in the first four innings, striking out seven.

"My arm started to hurt in the fourth inning," said DeLoach. "I had to let up from then on. I was more tired than sore, but I knew I could finish with the lead we



Bruce Pollock, Left, Second Baseman Phil Brooks, Right, Differ With DeLoach, Center, On VHS Success

D'gherty	ab	r	h	rbi	VHS	ab	r	h	rbi
Pollock c	2	2	2	1	Park rf	3	2	1	2
Brooks 2b	0	0	0	0	DeLoach p	5	3	2	1
K. Smith dh	4	1	0	0	New 3b-1b	3	3	1	0
Adams p-cf	4	1	2	4	Sullen ss	4	2	2	3
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Johns 3b	3	0	0	0	Ruff c	3	1	2	2
Stack lf-p	2	0	1	0	Blasett 1b	3	2	3	4
McCray rf	3	0	1	0	Bowd pr lf	0	0	0	0
K. Smith 1b	3	1	1	0	Mayer cf	3	1	0	0
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Adams	2	3	3	5	1
Norman (L, 7-2)	1	1	3	6	10
Stackhouse	3	5	3	3	1
HBP - by DeLoach (Stackhouse), by Adams (Ruff); WP - Adams, Norman; BALK - Adams.					

had." Dougherty took the first lead of the game on a solo home run by catcher Bruce Pollock in the top of the third inning.

Valdosta erased the 1-0 deficit with five-run third.

Two more VHS runs in the fourth, a big eight-run fifth and three runs in the sixth inning offset two Dougherty runs in the fifth and three in the top of the seventh inning.

"It seems like every time the other team gets ahead out kids break it and go," said VHS Head Coach Butch Brooks.

Dougherty led the 'Cats 5-0

in the playoff opener Thursday, but VHS came back to win 6-5 in eight innings.

"Everybody, at one time or another, has come off the bench and done the job we asked them to do," said Brooks of the comeback tendencies of his team.

As the season began, Brooks said his young team would be respectable.

After Saturday's win, Brooks said, "I had no idea we would hit that well. We've matured a lot."

Tony Blasetti came through with the big blow in Valdosta's five-run third inning.

A costly Dougherty mistake opened the door to the hitting onslaught that continued the remainder of the game.

David Parker tied the game 1-1 with a legitimate run, coming home on a ground out by Rob Sullenberger.

Trojan first baseman Kevin Smith took his foot off the bag, taking the throw after Danny DeMersseman hit a grounder to the infield.

The error allowed DeLoach to score the go-ahead run.

Trojan starting pitcher Kevin Adams hit Mike Ruff

with a pitch, placing men on first and second with Blasetti at the plate.

Blasetti lined a three ball, one strike pitch over the center field fence, giving VHS a 5-1 lead.

Adams walked the next batter and was pulled from the mound in favor of Dougherty ace Chris Norman.

Norman ended the inning with a strikeout, but was hit hard in the next two innings and was pulled in the fifth inning with VHS leading 12-3.

Sullenberger knocked in two runs with a double in the fourth off Norman.

In the fifth inning, William Davis, David Parker, DeLoach and DeMersseman collected singles off of Norman.

Ruff and Blasetti tagged reliever Grant Stackhouse for two more one-baggers in the inning.

Parker's bases loaded hit to right knocked in two runs and allowed a third to score when the Dougherty right fielder misplayed the ball.

In the sixth inning, Sullenberger homered with New aboard.

Valdosta improved its record to 15-7. Dougherty finished the year at 12-4.

White Sold On Christian Music

By VICKIE CHANDLER
Times Religion Editor

The slightly mysterious-looking young man on the album cover is really a reserved, well-mannered Valdosta High School senior.

The title, "Your Love Is Forever," isn't talking about the things mysterious-looking young men usually sing about. It refers to God's love.

The cover actually covers 10 songs of the contemporary Christian sort.

The album is a product of a group of young Christians sold on two things — Jesus and contemporary gospel. They believe the both are the shape of things to come. They are part of what Stan White believes is a new generation that will mark the death toll of traditional gospel's monopoly on the Christian market.

White — the young man on the cover — is singer and bass and percussion player for "Your Love Is Forever."

The title song was written by Chuck Day and Richard Gandy. Gandy recently moved here from Nashville, Ga. Day is one of the children of the Grace Family, longtime gospel group from Cook County. Then there was Greg Day on the drums. And Roger Brainard, who works at Sandy Campbell Music Center, played guitar.

"Contemporary Christian music is the fastest growing area in the music market today," White says. "We no longer need the secular field to make it. The contemporary field is big enough on its own."

And no longer do contemporary gospel songs have to be "sneaked in" on the secular charts, he says.

"I've talked to people who say Southern gospel — the Happy Goodmans, Florida Boys — won't ever be replaced.

"But I think it will. They're popular mainly the older generation. My generation is coming along." And coming along and coming along. White cites: — Dan Peek, one of the original members of Santana, who "got saved, made the total commitment, cut, 'All Things Are Possible,' and made more money than he did all the time he was with Santana."

"The Hensens are as old-style, campmeeting as they come but they came out with two contemporary songs on their latest album," he said.



"It's difficult, at my age and with my friends, to explain new gospel music. I tell them I cut an album and they say, 'Oh, really, what kind?' When I tell them it's contemporary gospel, they say, 'Aw, I don't like that stuff.'"

"But then I hear them listening to 'Do Right' and singing it. And I tell them, 'That's contemporary gospel. That's what I do.'"

White has been playing backup for gospel groups since he was 11 years old, turning down offers to play country because "I want to sing about something with meaning, not just a bunch of junk."

White, 18, was born and reared in a musical family — the Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy White — and nurtured under the tutelage of Calvin McGuyrt, music director at Evangel Assembly of God where the elder White is pastor.

White is to give a concert Sunday night at 7 p.m. at Evangel, in a kind of "unveiling" of his album.

Local Track Well Represented At State

Both Lowndes and Valdosta High will be well represented when the state track meet begins in Jefferson this Thursday. The Vikings have eight members off their team in the meet while VHS can count three representatives. Both programs have had a successful year.

LHS captured the Region 1-AAA meet last week over such powers as Monroe of Albany, Dougherty and Valdosta. The victory was the third region title Lowndes has won in track the last five years. The Vikes were champions in 1976 and '77 before finishing second in '78 and fourth last year. Coach Newman Sanchez had said at the beginning of the year that his team "had more depth than any other we've had". The team has certainly proved that.

In the forefront of the Lowndes track effort is Johnny B. Williams who can be considered a thoroughbred track athlete. Williams is to represent Lowndes in the 120 high hurdles and 330 intermediate hurdles as well as in the triple jump and mile relay team. Williams is the kind of athlete that could probably compete in other events if he had to.

Sanchez attributed Williams' development as a track star to his "hard work and dedication". He also gave credit to a junior high track coach ironically named Johnny B. Wilson who gave Williams lessons in jumping and hurdling. Wilson, who Sanchez describes as a "track nut" is to be at LHS next year. As an athlete, Williams does not have great size or speed. He



Bill Ryan
Times Sports Writer

stands about six feet tall and weighs in around 160 lbs. According to Sanchez, "Williams has no sprinters speed at all." He has reportedly run a very average 10.8 in the 100 yard dash.

Another LHS track star who has drawn attention to himself is football star Cedric Jones. Jones won the region 100 yard dash with a time of 10.0 flat although in the subregion meet the

week before he reportedly ran a time of 9.47. Sanchez believed though, that the time was probably inaccurate although it could have been below 10.0. Jones also is on the 440 relay team and competed in the shot put this season, showing his versatility as well as his strength.

Reginald Miller took the 440 in the region meet with a time of 49.3 which was far and away his best time ever in the event. Right behind Miller was Nathaniel Caesar of VHS who is also in the state meet. Caesar came on at the end of the season to show well after being hobbled for part of the year with a leg injury.

One of the big surprises in the region meet was the high jumping of Dante Jones of VHS. Jones improved steadily from the start of the season and leaped 6'6" to claim the region title and the right to compete in state competition. Improving seems to be a trademark for Jones who was awarded the Most Improved Award at the VHS basketball banquet.

The other representative for VHS in the state is Odell Griffin who finished behind Williams in the 120 high hurdles. Griffin has beaten Williams twice this season and is a versatile athlete who was regarded as an excellent pole vaulter, although he didn't qualify for the region meet in that event.

Both the LHS 440 and mile relay teams qualified for the state meet by finishing second in the region. The mile team is made up of Miller, Williams, Lawrence Walker and Anthony Foster.

The 440 lineup has Jones, Reginald Burns, Ricky Baker and Robert Burks.

As for the state meet, Sanchez has no idea about the other teams present although he believes that "Athens and Columbus will have good teams present and Atlanta also." He observed that it is hard for the Southern teams to win because the "North Georgia schools have better long distance runners than the South Georgia schools."

The meet is to be held at Jefferson High School in Jefferson, which is reportedly an excellent facility that has had the event for several years now.

No matter what the results of the meet though, Lowndes and Valdosta will have been represented well.

It has come down to VHS and LHS again in baseball. It seems that they are the only teams around here that really play the game right on the high school level. Other schools have teams, but don't seem to understand the game as well.

This year, it has been Lowndes with the powerhouse team with Valdosta the underdog. I think that if LHS wins the first game today, they will win the series 2-0. If the Wildcats break the ice and win the first game at Lowndes, then it is possible that they could beat the Vikings one out of two at Valdosta. I think though, that Lowndes is going to win because of superior pitching and hitting. I do think however, that the series will go three games with VHS winning one.

Sports In Brief

Three Valdosta Netters Advance To State Finals

From Staff, Wire Reports
TIFTON — Kim Gandy, Julie Spencer and Jan Pendleton of Valdosta High qualified for the state tennis tournament with their performances in the sub-state tournament here Friday and Saturday.

Gandy was defeated by Lisa Spain of Colquitt County (Moultrie) in the girls singles final 4-6, 6-2 and 6-2. Gandy advances as the number two seed from south Georgia.

Spencer-Pendleton defeated a doubles team from Statesboro High in the sub-state final 7-5, 7-5 to advance as the top seed from the southern half of the state.

The state finals are to be held in Macon at Mercer University next Saturday.

In Friday sub-state action, the VHS boys doubles team of Mike Enfinger and David Broomberg was defeated in opening round action.

VHS had participated in the same camp last year.

Tift College Scrimmage Basketball Camp here.

Cindy Cooper of VHS was named the Most Valuable Player of the camp which started last Sunday and ran through Friday.

Cooper, along with Beverly Wilson and Annie Porter, played in the All-Star game on the squad that was coached by VHS head coach Jo Ellis. Their squad won by a 43-23 count.

The only other area team participating in the tournament was Clinch County of Homerville.

Porter of VHS also won a one-on-one event that was held during the week.

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830 In Senior Classes

Valdosta Candidates

By Times Staff Writer

Nine Valdosta High School students are to be recognized as honor graduates during graduation ceremonies Monday night.

Graduation is scheduled for 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field.

The class valedictorian David New is to speak as is Margaret Aultman, president of the DE club this year and an honor graduate.

Honor graduates must have maintained an A average their four years in high school.

Mark Mobley, the third top honor graduate, is to give the invocation and Jan Pendleton is to deliver the benediction. Leslie Brown is to sing the class song "Old Days."

This year's salutatorian is Tim Farley.

Other honor graduates are: Antonio Blasetti, Leslie Brown, Mark Wayne Ellis, Ross Karl Langenbach IV and Miss Pendleton.

In addition to the nine top graduates, 339 other seniors are candidates for their diploma. They are:

Keith Bryan Adams, Maggie Agüero, Jonathan R.H. Allen, Robert James Anderson, Edwin Frederick Armentrout Jr., Bernard Franklin Austin, Barton Dean Baggett, Dina Bajalia, Faith Baker, Lavis Baker, Ronald Dale Baker, Rex Douglas Baldwin, Belinda Barden, Randolph Lewis Bass, Marlin Beaufort, Daniel A. Becton, Julie Ann Becton, Bernard Bee, Beth Belue, Grady Lee Bennett Jr.

R. Louis Bernard, Sandra Lynette Berrian, Sharon Berrian, Nancy Bivins, Troy L. Black, Frederick Blair, Sonja M. Blankumsee, Maxwell Earl Blocker, Cindy V. Blow, Darcy L. Blow, Andrew John Bond, Beth Bonner, Bart J. Bosch, James A. Bostock, Joey L. Bramlett, Gwennerv Breeden, Christine Brookhouser, David Michael Broomberg, Gloria Brown, Leslie Regina Brown.

Sharon Brown, Jeffery Wayne Bruhl, Alison Van Cott Buchanan, Andrew Paul Buchanan, Frederick Henry Buescher Jr., Pam Bumgarner, Brenda Burns, Ellis Clayton Butts, Rebecca Rose Cagle, Anna Caroline Campbell, Guy Canaday, Andrea Janine Canady, Anita Regina Carter, Edward Carter, Harvey Carter, Lori Ann Caudle, Jayne Ann Causey, Nathaniel Caesar, Eugene W. Clark, Janis Clary.

Constance Yvette Coleman, Belinda Jannett Collazo, Anna Collins, Karen Collins, Beth Colwell, Tommy Guy Connell III, Carietta Copeland, Marier Voncia Copeland, Sherri Lynette Council, Byron Courson, Ronnie Wayne Cowart, Yvonne D. Cox, Mary Winslow Cullipher, Gary Curtis, Dale Thomas Cutshaw, Gregory John Daniels, Scott Daniels, Calvin Davis, Carol Davis, Gretta Marie Davis.

Mike Dean, Anthony Christian Defillippo, Ashley DeLoach, Charlotte Denise Demps, Gary Denegall, Samuel Denegall, Mary Angela Devane, Tammie Sue Dinnerman, Harold L. Dixon Jr., Vera Charlotte Dotson, Angela Renee Dowdy, Bobbi Ellen Dunman, Sharon Elizabeth Eckrote, Tyrone Edwards, Gwendolyn Paulette Elliott, Marie Joan Emery, Joni Dee Evans, Kenneth Evans, Pamela Reva Flowers, Melody Fluitt.

Louie Carlton Flythe Jr., Lonnie Keith

Folsom, James Bryan Foster, Fran Michelle Frassrand, Mary Louise Frazier, Daniel Patrick Furey, William Roy Garrett II, Laura Kay George, Nancee Lowe Gilbert, Teresa Carol Gilbert, William Glaster, Harold Goodman, Genise Green, Bryan Houck Griffin, Odell Griffin, Elizabeth Tracey Grudzien, Amy Jean Gunter, Anna Marie Gyr, Bobbie Ann Gyr, Angela Yvette Hand.

Willie Hankins III, William Mark Harbin, Homer Harden, Beverly Cassandra Harrell, Tony Harrell, Percy Harris Jr., Patricia Janette Harrison, William R. Hart, Cynthia Elaine Hart, Melissa Lynn Harvell, Amy Jean Hazel, Darran Henderson, Joseph Doyle Henderson, Matt Hermann, Josephine Hickey, Paul D. Hitchcock, Lisa Holland, Tim Holland, Leslie Paige Hood, Robert Fouche Horne III.

Monica Kaye Houseal, Schara Howell, Mary Ann Fennell Hughes, Carol Lynn Huling, Susan Hunicutt, Christina Marie Huss, Ed Hutchinson, Vaughn Irby, Jerry Isom, Ronald Isom, Calvin Lewis James Jr., Mary Eunice James, Yolanda Michelle James, Kenneth Jamieson, Kimberly Jarvis, Melissa Jarvis, Cheryl Jenkins, Wesley H. Jenkins, Carroll Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson.

Ethel L. Johnson, Mark Johnson, Myron Keith Johnson, Orestes Arcellious Johnson, Sharon L. Johnson, Roy B. Jones, Curtis Kelley, Annie Mahala Kent, Mark J. Kinchen, Eloise King, Ernest King, Joyce King, William H. Kitchens Jr., Phillip Lee Kult Jr., John Lampert, Cathy Lawrence, Dorothy Lennon, Janie R. Leonard, Mae Frances Lockhart, Karen Loftin.

Nancy Elaine Lucas, Deborah L. Mair, Kevin Dale Mallow, Sherie Lee Maples,

Artie Renee Marshall, Aisee Martin, Charles Lewis Martin, Jackie Martin, Dorothy Ann Matchett, Linda Faye Mathis, David Edward Mayer, Ouida LaCountess Mays, Robert William McCall III, Tommy McCaskill, Beverly L. McCoggie, Ernest Murphy McDonald Jr., Lora Ann McDougal, Jan McGuyrt, Charles Michael McLeod, John Thomas McTier Jr., Joseph Allen Meeks, Robert R. Meeks III, Lisa Ann Miller, Cheryl Moore, Jessica Lynn Moore, Robin Moore, Wanda Moore, Sandi Kaye Morgan, Dewey Lee Morris Jr., Tammie Morris, Tamara Lynn Morrison, Lisa Murchison, Jerry Newmans, Benjamin Harrell Norton, Brenda Norwood, David F. Oliver, Denise Padgett, Angela Parham, David Alan Parker, Chantil Parkos.

Roxanna Marie Parnell, Karla Kaye Patrick, William Stewart Passmore Jr., Deborah B. Patterson, Curtis E. Peeler, John Pendleton, Paula Perdue, Cynthia Lynn Perkins, Linda A. Phillips, Derek Pickup Jr., James Pitts, Kathy Poole, Cathy Prairie, Daniel Eugene Pressner, Gary Prine, Kathy Ragan, Debbie Rambo, Ricky Raney, Patricia Lynn Redd, Shari Redish.

James Register, Peggy Lorraine Reynolds, Joyce Renee Ridley, Lona Riser, Sylvia E. Roberson, Carolyn Denise Roberts, Andora Kathaline Robinson, Carla Collier Robinson, Kevin Robinson, Leslie James Robinson, Debra Louise Rose, Larry Rozier, Patricia E. Rozier, Michael Rudy, Michael David Ruff, Nancy Leigh Sanders, Jennifer Lorraine Sapp, Kelly Schroer, Dexter Philmore Schunhoff, Sara Gretchen Scruggs.

Deryl Mack Seckinger, Etheridge Seward, Cynthia Lee Sharman, Vinton Sharpe, Sandra Elaine Shaw, Melody

Louise Shepherd, Rebecca Ann Sims, Jeanette Lee Sims, Joe Singletary Sharon Denise Sirmans, Angela Denise Sloan, Annette Delois Sloan, Howard Bridges Slocumb, Gwendolyn Levonne Smallwood, David Smith, Stuart Simmons Smith, John Taylor Smotherman, Angie Spurlink, David Lyle Starling, Barbara Jean Stephens.

Linda Steward, George A. Stewart, Mary Karen Stewart, Rosella Stewart, Elidia Ann Stiefel, Theodore A. St. Mars Jr., Roberta Stokes, Patricia Lynn Stringer, Melody Sturgis, Jeffrey Scott Sturtevant, Douglas J. Sullenger, Dana Swindle, John L. Sylvester, William F. Taylor, Janet Teate, Steven Tefleteller, Shirley Terrell, Linda Thomas, Ronald Thomas, Troy Thomas Jr.

Sandra Lynne Thompson, David Wayne Thornell, Faye Tillman, Mark Tom Townsend, Jeannie S. Tucker, Joey Tucker, Michael L. Tumbin, Richard L. Udoback, Tomas E. Velez Rivera, Lomie Voss, Wally Walsh, Teresa Grace Watson, Abigail Wells, Julie Wells, Wendy Wells, Jeffery Jordan West, Stanley J. White, Carl E. Wilcox, Bernard Williams.

Beverly Williams, Fred E. Williams, John Merritt Williams, Johnny Lewis Williams, Marilyn Williams, Myra Williams, Robert Williams, Scott James Williams, Steno Williams, Shirley Williams, Deborah Willis, Louise Latrice Willis, Nancy Winders, Patricia Ann Wooden, Charles Ray Woods Jr., David Anderson Wortham, Debra Youman, Eddie James Young, Sara Young.

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VHS's New, Clinch's Hood Named To All-Stars

From Times Staff Reports
Valdosta High School basketball player David New has been selected as an alternate for the South team when it plays the North in Atlanta on July 30.

basketball scholarship with the University of Georgia, is a forward on the South squad.

She was the Lady Rams' leading scorer last season.

Lou Sims of Coffee County High School's State AAA girls champions is also a guard on the South team.

Both games are to be played in the Omni with the girls' game starting at 6 p.m. and the boys taking the court at 8 p.m.

East Hall's Seth Vining is to coach the girls' North squad and Walter Daniels of Miller County is the South team's mentor.

Lakeshore High's Rusty Hudson is the boys' North team coach and his counterpart for the South squad is James White of Swainsboro.

Gandy Eliminated

One Valdostan went to the sidelines and another advanced Wednesday in separate divisions of the

Southern Tennis Club

Wolinski Named TOTY In City

By Times Staff Writer

One of the most revered English teachers at Valdosta High School has been named Teacher of the Year for 1981 in the city school system.

Mabel Wolinski, who began her career in the VHS English department in 1959, is to go on to compete in the Georgia Teacher of the Year program as the Valdosta candidate in August.

Before coming to VHS, Mrs. Wolinski taught sixth grade at Central Elementary School. Prior to that four-year stint she taught typing, Latin and

shorthand in the Lowndes County Schools.

She has been the faculty adviser for the VHS annual, The Sandspur, for many years and was once the adviser for the school paper, 'Dosta Outlook.

In 1963, 1973 and 1974, she was selected as STAR Teacher. The senior student who scores the highest mark on the Scholastic Aptitude Test is named the STAR Student and he in turns chooses the outstanding teacher.

Mrs. Wolinski was the Teacher of the Year for VHS in 1972.

She was also honored by the Georgia Association of Educators and WSB-TV in Atlanta as a runner-up in the School Bell Award in 1976 and 1977.

Besides school work, Mrs. Wolinski has been in organizations including the American Association of University Women, Delta Kappa Society (teacher's honorary) and First Baptist Church.

In 1976, the Business and Professional Women's Club nominated Mrs. Wolinski as one of the ten most outstanding women in Valdosta.

Brooks Likes 'Cats Class

By MIKE HAGOOD
Times Sports Editor

Butch Brooks has played his part in the saga of Wintersville with work in the Valdosta High School athletic program.

Brooks has gained renown for his work as offensive coordinator of the VHS football team, but his most memorable entry into the Book of Wintersville was the 1978 State Class AAA baseball championship that he coached.

"I don't see another team like that anywhere," said Brooks. "Ask anybody. All the way around. Offensively, there will never be another team like that."

"We had (Buck) Belue, (Mark) Powell, (Wayne) Fugett, (John) Lastinger, (David) White, (Chris) Daniels and (Mike) Ruff. Nobody puts a team like that on the field."

"The team went 28-1 and the one loss was to a good team from Columbus in the south Georgia championships. We were 26-0 going into that game. With baseball like it is in the state of Georgia, it is hard for anybody to win 26 games."

Brooks came to VHS in 1972 as a B-team defensive coach. He was straight out of the Air Force and had never coached at any other school.

Since that time, Brooks has risen through the ranks in both baseball and football. He has had head coaching offers from other high schools, but has

chosen to remain with the Wildcats.

"There is no place like Valdosta," said Brooks. "They do everything they can do to help you. Facilities, equipment, anything you need. The people of Valdosta are winning people. They care. It's different other places, believe me. Valdosta has class."

"If we were 0-50 the next four years, the people of Valdosta would still have class. That is what separates the champions from the cock-eyed, ever-so-often champions."

When the 1980 baseball season began, Brooks had compiled a record of 108-24. At the time this story was written, the 'Cats were once again in the thick of the Region 1-AAAA (South) playoff race, that VHS has qualified for in each of Brooks' seasons.

Brooks became head baseball coach in 1974, after Joe Mercer left coaching to enter private business.

"When I came here I had no aspiration whatsoever to be head coach," said Brooks. "I just try to do the best job I can with whatever job I am given. I've always tried to work hard. My philosophy is to do the best you can, you have to give everything you've got."

"I spend a lot of time with it. My spring holidays I was here (VHS's Bazemore Field) from 9 a.m. until 6 or 7 p.m. at night. That takes away from my time with my family, but to have anything worth a flip, you've got to put time into it. We don't just take infield and batting practice and go home, like

most teams do. We go over situations and plays. We coach the little things everyday."

Brooks worked hard in his time as an athlete. He earned all-state recognition in high school for his exploits on the football field and the baseball diamond at Monroe Area High School.

He was an honorable mention all-state choice as a runningback his sophomore year and received full honors as a center and linebacker his junior and senior seasons.

Brooks chose to pursue baseball rather than football as a catcher-first baseman at South Georgia College and Georgia Southern College. In four seasons, he never batted below .300.

Brooks places the same standards of excellence on his players that he did on himself. "We ask a lot of the kids," he said. "We work hard, maybe sometimes too hard, but I don't know anything different."

"A winning program is the key thing," said Brooks of his decision to stay at VHS after offers to coach football at Berrien (Nashville, Ga.), Cairo, Southeast Whitfield (Dalton) and Cook (Adel). "A winning program gives everybody an identity from the mayor to the fans. You can say Valdosta in California, and thanks to Wright Bazemore, people will know what you are talking about."

—Times Staff Photo

Butch Brooks Believes His 1978 Baseball Champions Will Always Be Best



Valdosta Will Call Foes In On The Carpet

Like movie fans have waited for the second "Star Wars" movie, Valdosta High basketball fans have finally got what they have waited for.

The gym at VHS is finally going to get a new floor. The Wildcats are going to come home.

As everyone probably knows, the old floor in the gym wasn't exactly a hoopssters paradise. The bubbles that rose out of the floor because of the moisture there turned the court into an obstacle course that a marine sergeant wouldn't mind sending his raw recruits through.

The junior high wasn't too bad to play in, it just wasn't home. And what a home the basketball Wildcats and Kittens have. The VHS facility would be envied by many colleges if they could see it. It is just simply beautiful.

The floor that is going into the gym was finally decided on after a strange twist of plot. By September, the VHS gym will be the proud owner of a surface known as Sports Tread, or in layman's terms — carpet. Yes, I know, it sounded funny to me



Bill Ryan
Times Sports Writer

too at first but that is what it is going to be. People that run other facilities with the surface are reportedly very happy with

it. I still can't imagine a basketball court made out of carpet. But I guess that doesn't matter.

"We're just happy to get the gym back," said VHS boy's coach Roger Rome, who feels the Wildcats may get more practice time on the floor of new-surfaced gym. Girls' coach Jo Ellis was happy about the new turn of events. It's apparent that the return to home ground will boost the morale of the VHS hoop programs. I'm sure the coaches wouldn't mind playing in their gym if it had barb wire strung across the floor, there's no place like home.

School superintendent Ralph Brandon is also happy with the new turn of events. At first, it looked like VHS was going to get a rubber compound based floor. In fact, a contract had already been awarded to a company for that type of installment and test spots had already been placed on the now bare floor.

But the rubber didn't stay down in what is the worse part of the floor and the company decided that it wasn't the one for the

job. So they got the carpet. I got my basketball out and bounced it on my living room carpet last night and it just didn't sound right. But I understand that a ball bounces fine on it. Just not as loud as wood.

Brandon described the new floor as a "real tough fiber surface". One of the things that he was impressed with about his carpet deal was the fact that it has a five year warranty and they had never had anything more than a one-year guarantee. You can't beat that. In today's day of inflation and rising cost's, little things like that are very important. I still can't see a basketball court painted on it, but I guess I'll see it soon enough. It's supposed to be ready by September.

Well, that makes two miracles in one year. The new VSC facility is under construction and the VHS gym is getting a new floor. All is well in the local basketball camps. It doesn't seem like something like a gym would make much of a difference in how a team performed, but you would be surprised.

Joneses And Winning

It's A Family Tradition

By MARTIN REGISTER
Times Staff Writer

For Lisa Jones, winning is a family tradition.

Miss Jones, the holder of two state track records and the Atlanta Track Club's Track Athlete of the Year, has amassed an impressive collection of awards in her eight years of competitive running.

In doing so, she's carrying on the tradition started by her father, Edward Jones, who excelled as an athlete and a coach.

As a child, Lisa Jones was enthralled by her father's trophies and his scrapbook of old newspaper clippings.

Later, when she began running competitively, her father served as a coach.

She also gives much of the credit for her enormous success to her father, who taught her how to become an athlete and how to remain one.

She also gives a lot of credit to God.

God and family are the most important things to Miss Jones, who often recites the Lord's prayer before competing and claims she wants a husband and "40 children".

Her long range plans include a career in gynecology, but in the near future there's another year at Valdosta High School and a tryout for an Amateur Athletic Union-sponsored track team.

The AAU-backed team is to tour Europe this summer, and Miss Jones is hoping a berth on that team could be a stepping stone to a higher goal, the Olympic Games.

"I think she has the ability (to make the Olympic team)," said her father. "I always knew she would be a runner. Even when she was a little kid, she was always running all over the place."

Miss Jones' efforts keyed Valdosta's state championship girls' track team, much to the satisfaction of her coach, Jerry Baker.

"Lisa's a very hard worker," he said. "She's very competitive."

As a freshman, Miss Jones won two events at the state meet. But as a sophomore, she was upstaged by Macon's Brenda Cliette, who won every head-to-head match.

Then, last September, Miss Jones began training hard for her rematches with the Macon athlete.

At the long-awaited state meet in April, the Valdostan defeated Miss Cliette in the long jump, in the process setting a state record of 19 feet, five inches.

Miss Cliette was injured in that event, however, and much to Miss Jones' disappointment, she didn't get another chance to compete against her rival.

The Valdosta star wasn't

too disappointed to continue her record-smashing march through the state meet, however.

Her time of 14:04 in the low hurdles placed her among the top 10 female runners in the nation.

"I didn't hold anything against her," Miss Jones said, referring to Miss Cliette. "I just felt like I could beat her. I wanted to do my best."

Athletes can never relax, as Miss Jones has discovered. Once, she helped set a state record in the 440-yard relays, then watched as it was broken the next day.

But then, Miss Jones has never been one to relax.

Through the years, there have been piano lessons, part-time work and volunteer work at Morningstar Baptist Church.

There have been a variety of activities at VHS, including being named secretary of the Student Council and doing extensive work with PAMS, an organization which takes its name from the first letters of the words "Personality, Ability, Morals and Scholastics."

PAMS works "to improve things," she said. "We go out and help people, help families."

She's not hurting herself, either. Her athletic successes have drawn the attention of college coaches, including one at Tennessee State, which she says she's interested in attending.

Then, there's the AAU, and maybe the Olympics. Talking with Miss Jones, one gets the idea that's not at all ludicrous.

CORRECTION

By Times Sports Writer

The Times reported that Valdosta High's Lisa Jones had set a new record in the high jump at the state track meet in Saturday's edition.

The story listed her leap at 19 feet, 5½ inches.

The leap was a state record, but in the long jump rather than the high jump.

Roziner Jackson of VHS was second in the event with a long jump of 18 feet ¾ inches.

The Times regrets the error.

VHS Holds Registration

By Times Staff Writer

New students to Valdosta High School must register at the school Aug. 14.

All scheduled changes must be made Aug. 15. Principal Lloyd Mims said no changes would be made in schedules when school starts.

Also, all identification cards are to be made Aug. 18-19. Football tickets are to be sold then and lockers are to be rented.

All students must have an identification card.

VHS Wrestlers Fair Well

DAHLONEGA — Joe Sanders of Valdosta High was voted Most Outstanding Wrestler by coaches and wrestlers at a wrestling clinic held here at North Georgia College Thursday through Sunday.

Sanders placed first in the 138 lb. class of a tournament that was held during the final two days of the clinic.

Seven other VHS wrestlers took part in the tournament as well.

Alfred Agüero of VHS was the only other first place finisher for VHS, winning the 126 lb. class.

Second place finishers included Terry Wortham in the 98 lb. class and Ted Welch in the 132 lb. class.

Valdosta had four third place finishers including Trey Powell in the 119 lb. class, Jimmy Cullipher in the 132 lb. class, David Parker in the 138 lb. class and Mark Pitrie in the 154 lb. class.

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Wright Bazemore — Winningest Winner

By ARCHIE MCKAY
Times City Editor

The very name brings visions of winners, athletes, the good life of the outdoors.

In fact, the former Valdosta High School football coach is the very image of winnersville, U.S.A., as some have tagged Valdosta.

His legendary coaching feats have made the name of Valdosta known from coast to coast and probably in some foreign countries.

Persons have been known to travel hundreds of miles just to watch a Valdosta team in action.

Bazemore is a winner and has been one all his life. He didn't wait for coaching before he started winning.

Playing football for Fitzgerald High School, the young Bazemore scored 20 touchdowns and for the year scored 250 points. He became a feature in Ripley's Believe It or Not column.

But you can believe it. Bazemore is a winner. What does it take to be a winner?

"Hard work and dedication and a lot of good people, that's what I think," said Bazemore who at age 63 remains very active, taking in all the sporting events he

can manage each day.

Coaching football has changed a bit. When Bazemore first started he coached about five sports and did well in each.

"We didn't have weights back then. The difference was the boys had chores to do like cutting wood. Frankly I think weights make them stronger and they don't get hurt so much," said Bazemore.

However, Bazemore believes athletes should be encouraged to participate in more than one sport.

"If he just concentrates on one all year long he gets tired and come tournament his heart is not in it. I just felt like a boy playing more than one sport would be better in each one. I coached all the sports anyway," said Bazemore.

Just a partial list of his "winnings" show the ability of Bazemore. He holds a football record of 290 wins against 43 losses and six ties in 31 years of coaching.

He had 15 state championships all at Valdosta. Bazemore's team was runner-up three times. His teams were No. 1 in the nation three times — 1962, 1969, and 1971 — and were No.

2 in the nation twice.

Six times Bazemore teams were in the top 10 in the nation.

He was the first active member elected to the Georgia High School Hall of Fame. That was in 1960. He was national high school coach of the year in 1969. Bazemore was the state coach of the year 17 times and region winner 18 times.

He was coach of the year in district four, including four states, six times. Bazemore is in the Mercer University Hall of Fame and was elected to the Citizens Savings National Hall of Fame in 1976, one of the first coaches to receive the honor.

In all Bazemore put out 31 football players who made All-America and 109 who made All-State.

As a basketball coach he went to the state playoffs six years in a row and won the crown in 1948.

He coached a state championship team in tennis, nine singles and four doubles, he had seven state golf titles, one regional baseball title and one regional track championship team.

That is a partial list of the man who probably did the most to put Wintersville on the map.



Now Retired, Coach Bazemore Finally Has Time For Gardening, Other Hobbies

—Times Staff Photo.

LHS, VHS Eye Region Championship

By BILL RYAN

Times Sports Writer

Valdosta and Lowndes are to meet for the third time this season Tuesday when they clash in a 4 p.m. battle at Lowndes Field.

The game is the first of a best of three series in the finals of the Region 1-AAAA baseball playoffs. The difference this time though, is that one team is to advance in state tournament play and the other is not to play again this season.

Both teams have had contrasting seasons and have taken different roads to reach

the finals.

The Vikings have enjoyed a 17-2 year so far while winning the Region 1-AAAA (South) championship. LHS breezed past 1-AAAA (North) runner-up Tift County in two games to reach the region finals.

The Wildcats have a record of 15-7 and ended the regular season in a tie with Bainbridge for second place in the subregion standings. VHS defeated Bainbridge in a tie breaking contest to reach the Region 1-AAAA (North) champion Dougherty of

Albany to reach the finals.

The Cats came from behind to whip the Trojans in eight innings Thursday and then demolished Dougherty 18-6 Saturday to gain the right to play Lowndes.

LHS coach Noel George does not plan to make any changes with his team for the region championship bout with the Vikings' cross town rival.

"We just want to play the same kind of ball we always play," coach George said. "Just keep playing our game." The Vikings have defeated

the Wildcats twice this season by scores of 3-1 and 8-2.

Both of the mound wins for Lowndes were gained by junior left-handed pitching wizard Keith Hagan.

George was not sure at this point as to who he was going to pitch in Tuesday's game, either Hagan or right handed ace Buddy Pitzing. Hagan has a record of 7-0 on the year while Pitzing has a mark of 8-0.

The rest of the Viking line up is the same as it has been all season. The infield has Jimmy

Miley at first base, Ray Luke at second, Junior Ponder at shortstop, Todd Hollis at third and Tony Bowden behind the plate.

Chuck DeVane is in center field with Eric Thomas in right and Alan Culpepper in left.

The only two Viking losses this season have come at the hands of Godby High of Tallahassee, Fla.

VHS coach Butch Brooks thinks his team is ready to play the Vikings this time. "We've been struggling all along," said Brooks. "The boys are a little battle scared

now and I think they're ready for it."

Brooks is also convinced that it will be a good series.

"Each game that we've played they have been fairly close, they could have gone either way," the Wildcat head coach said.

Brooks was also not sure who he would pitch in the first game of the championship series. Either Ashley DeLoach, David New or Rob Sullenberger could get the call against the Vikings.

The status of first baseman Tony Blasetti is also unsure

at this point because of a knee injury in Saturday's romp past Dougherty.

The rest of the infield is to be Danny Demersseman at second base, either DeLoach or Sullenberger at shortstop, Deloach or New at third and Mike Ruff behind the plate.

If Blasetti is unable to play, William Davis is to get the call at first.

David Parker is to start in right field, Pat Mayes or Nolan Barnes in center and David Berryhill or Bart Baggett in left.

Brooks has also indicated that he is going to use a

designated hitter for one of his outfielders for the first time in several weeks.

Neither coach expects a high scoring affair although Brooks observed with a laugh that "we could get beat 100-0, it's never happened to me before but it could happen."

The series shifts to Bazemore field at VHS Wednesday for a 2 p.m. contest with a third game to be played there afterwards if needed.

State tournament action is to begin the following week for the winner of the series.

School Bells Ring Monday

Monday morning the Frisbees, baseballs, swimming pools and free time will be traded in for books, calculators, homework and study.

It's back to school time for the about 14,000 students in the Valdosta and Lowndes County schools.

While the students have been playing this summer, school officials have been hard at work sprucing up buildings and putting finishing touches on construction underway for more than a year.

And in the Lowndes County system some reworking of grades is going to start this year. Kindergarten through fifth grade students are to be in the county elementary schools with sixth-eighth grades in middle school.

Then ninth-12th graders are to be at Lowndes High School where a \$1.8 million construction job

has been completed. A new library, band room, office space and 27 classrooms have been added to the St. Augustine Road school.

Also, 2,500 seats have been added on the visitor's side of Martin Stadium which retiring school Superintendent A.B. "Sonny" Martin said would be ready for this football season.

In the city almost every school building underwent some summer maintenance work.

All the classrooms and hallways as well as the outside at Valdosta Junior High School were repainted.

New ceilings and lights were put in the lunchroom at Lomax-Pinevale Elementary School and in the counseling office at VJHS.

W.G. Nunn Elementary School got an outside face lift as did Leila Ellis and Southeast Elementary

schools.

At Valdosta High School a new carpet-like floor is being laid in the gym which has caused problems since the building opened seven years ago.

If everything goes as planned and as school board members hope, the basketball teams will be returning to their home court this year, the first time in two seasons.

At Sallas-Mahone Elementary School, a \$282,000 renovation project including fresh paint, new lights, roof and ceilings is to be finished by the opening of school.

Work has also begun on new classrooms at the old North Patterson Street school and at W.G. Nunn. And at S.L. Mason construction of a new library is scheduled to get underway soon.

New Gym Floor Surface At VHS Will Cost Less

By LA-VOE GRIFFIN
Times Staff Writer

When the test patch had looked so promising for the last year succumbed to seeping water, the Valdosta board of education members decided they would have to put carpet on the high school gym floor.

Board members had hoped to put a vinyl-type surface on the water-plagued floor, but they just couldn't do it. They had even signed a contract with a South Carolina firm which guaranteed the vinyl floor for one year.

The company came down and stripped the old floor, put three or four test patches down and reported the surface appeared to be holding well.

But a couple of months ago the big rain came and the test patches bubbled. The firm backed out of its contract, contending it couldn't guarantee the vinyl surface would stay down even for a

year, and the board was back at the drawing board.

Board members decided to go with the carpet which it had ruled out earlier, primarily because of fear of injury to players. The carpet is to cost \$44,800, about \$10,000 less than vinyl floor.

The same surface is in Nicholls High School in Coffee County and Superintendent Jack Willis said there have been no more injuries on the floor since it was put down a year ago than there are on other surfaces.

The main difference between carpet floor and other surfaces is the noise.

"It bothers your ears because it is silent," said Willis.

A major advantage is the floor is easily maintained and can be used for other purposes, he said.

"Just vacuum it every day and clean it once a year."

Willis said the coaches and

players have reported they like the surface.

The Valdosta High School gym floor has caused problems since it was put in six years ago. No one knows the exact problem, "every expert has their own opinion," but the general consensus is water from underneath backs up when it rains and seeps up through the porous cement base.

Basketball teams at the school have not played on their home court the last two seasons. They have had to use the Valdosta Junior High School gym.

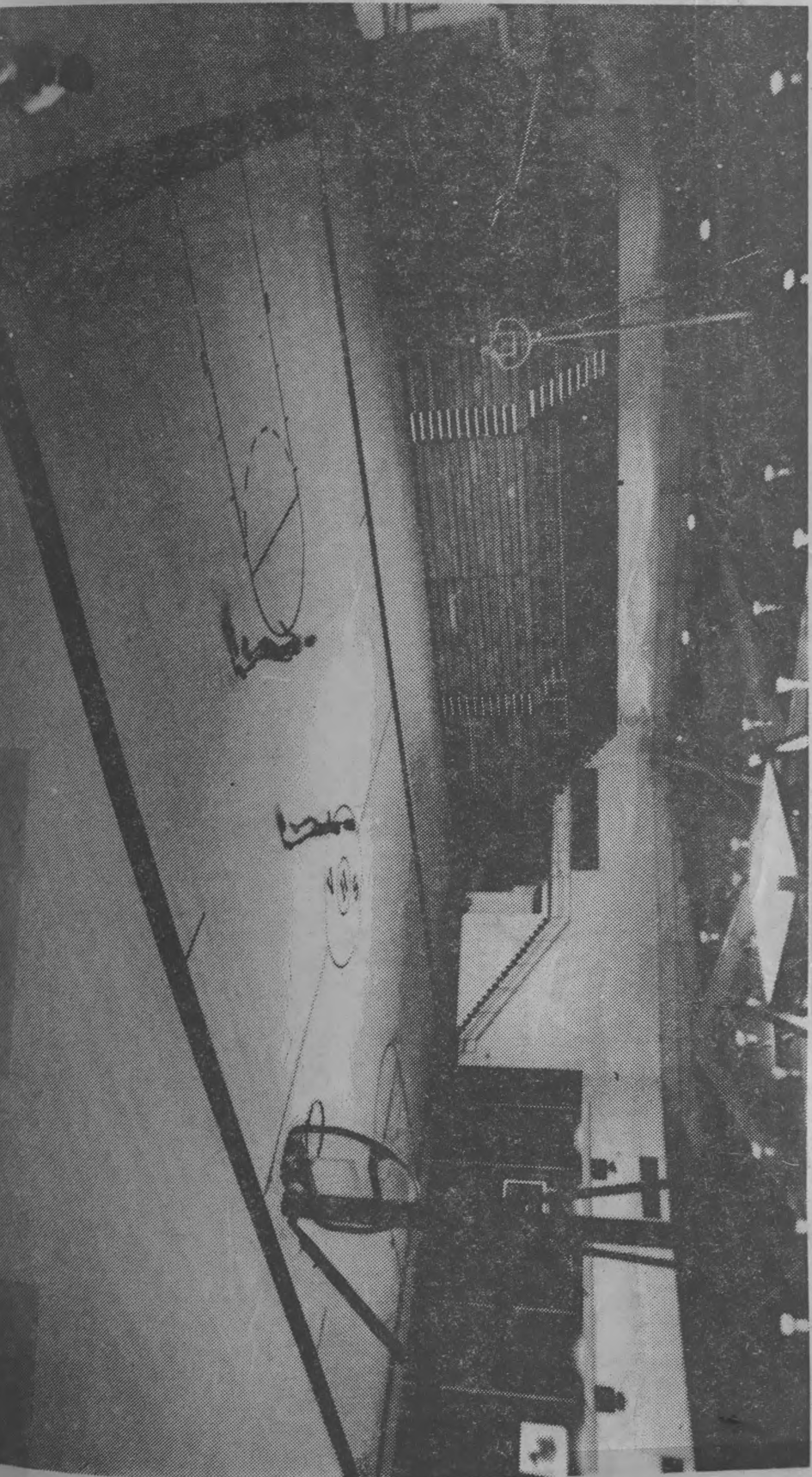
The surface which is now going to be put down is a low-pile carpet floor. The Atlanta-based company installing the floor has given the board a seven-year guarantee on the carpet and a five-year guarantee on their installation.



Checking Lockers Inside Out



Painters Rush To Finish Job



Valdosta High Basketball Squads Will Return To A Newly Carpeted Gymnasium This Fall

Sparing The Rod

VHS Has Other Alternatives

By LA-VOE GRIFFIN
Times Staff Writer

When the federal government's civil rights office asks for records of corporal punishment at Valdosta High School it doesn't find a high number of recorded paddlings.

High school administrators believe students at that age are too old and too big to reap the benefits of a spanking. Instead students who can't follow the rules are sent home to copy page after monotonous page from a text book.

When the work is finished, the students are admitted back into the school. Most troublemakers complete the copying job in one night.

If they can't finish the work in that amount of time the culprits are

required to stay out of school until they do so.

"We try to keep suspensions down, let the suspensions be the last resort," said VHS Principal Lloyd Mims.

But everytime a student is suspended, or receives any form of discipline, a record is kept in the school office.

Then when the officials in the civil rights office of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare ask for the records, school authorities have the information at their fingertips.

Mims said the federal government asks for the records at random. He said the school is not required to send the data in each year.

But when the government asks for the punishment records, they want to know

who received what type of discipline and for what.

The records must be kept by race and sex, "which is ridiculous," said Mims.

Valdosta school board members have given teachers in city schools the authority to paddle students who misbehave. State law gives local boards the right to make the decision.

Paddling must be done by teachers or administrators in front of another professional witness.

But the once familiar sounds of the paddle whacked against a student's backside is practically extinct at VHS.

"I haven't heard that paddle in a long time," said Mims. "Students are too

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sophisticated now for paddling."

He said it is the "easy way out" for many students as is a suspension.

"You know a lot of students want you to send them home." So Mims said he

makes students who break the rules write pages to keep them busy at home.

There are handbooks in the city schools outlining the rules, but disciplinary action for each offense is

not spelled out.

"You can't have a general rule for discipline," said Mims. "You have to handle (rule breaking) according to what comes up."

'VHS Potpourri' To Air

From Times Staff Writer

The second installment of "VHS Potpourri," a television program put on by the audio-visual department at Valdosta High School, is to air Wednesday night.

The 15-minute program is to begin at 7 p.m. on cable channel 12, according to Ralph Guarino at the school.

Guarino says he hopes the program can nail down a regular time slot in the channel's programming.

Anchormen this week are Edwin King, Michelle Ingram and Scott Arnold, he said. Trey Powell is to handle "man-on-location" in-

terviews.

The 11th grade advanced placement English class of Landia Doughty is responsible for the content of the program, Guarino said.

FHA Officers Named

Members of the Future Homemakers of America club at Valdosta High School have elected Kadriye Johnson, a senior, as president for 1980-81.

Also elected were Kitty Rolly, junior, vice president; Dora Sherman, junior, secretary, and Donna Morris, junior, treasurer.

Patriots Still Looking For First Win

By BILL RYAN
Times Sports Writer

ALBANY, Ga. — Westover head football coach Paul Lounsberry just keeps on hoping. Sooner or later the Patriots are going to win a football game.

After losing all 10 of its games last season, Westover dropped its 1980 opener to cross-town rival Albany High. The Patriots were the only team the Indians managed to beat last year. But Lounsberry believes that the Patriots will be competitive, sooner or later.

"We're much better right now than we were this time last year," said Lounsberry, who is in his second year as head mentor at Westover. Lounsberry came to the Patriot program last August — just before the season began and had little time to turn the ship around.

The boat got rocked early in the season with the 30-7 loss to Albany and Lounsberry was not pleased with some of the things he saw his team do.

"I was shocked by the poor execution," said Lounsberry. "We need to hang on to the football better." The Patriots lost seven fumbles in the opening-week defeat. Although it is not unusual to turn the ball over in a wish-bone type offense like Westover uses, Lounsberry is still looking for better results.

"We had a lot of basic fundamental errors in the way we

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executed our game. They're hard to pick up on the football field. They were so subtle, we didn't even see them on the practice field."

The Westover coach also expressed the need for the Patriots to put the ball in the air more, "something we didn't do very successfully in the first game."

On defense, Lounsberry had surprises in several different ways during the Patriot opener. "People who I thought would play good, didn't and people who I thought wouldn't do well did."

Westover runs a 4-3 defense and also a 50 alignment on occasion. Depth on defense this year is better than last

season, as Lounsberry puts it, "we didn't have any last year."

Though inexperienced, the secondary was the area on defense where Lounsberry thought the Patriots strongest. The Westover deep zone features a pair of twin brothers in Dallas and Dennis Smith besides standouts Andre Washington and Curtis Loud. "Kelvin Price also had some fine plays for us there," the Patriot coach added.

As far as Valdosta was concerned, Lounsberry didn't have much to go on. "All we know is that they beat Bainbridge, 41-0" said Lounsberry of the fifth ranked 'Cats. "They have a top-notch program with a real good coaching staff."

Lounsberry thought the Valdosta offense would not be as potent as last year's. "I don't think they could do all of the things they did when they had Bond, but I'm sure they're good."

The Westover coach was unsure about what the future of Westover football would be like over the long run. "I don't know if we can get to a point where we can be competitive year in and year out in this region."

Lounsberry thought that some changes would have to be made in the county before the Patriots would have a chance of upgrading its football program.

"The only real problem is the lack of enforcement on the rezoning. We're getting out-recruited. It's hard to recruit when you didn't win a game the year before."

Roughing It Makes Cullen Appreciate Outdoors

Curtis Cullen, 16, had a rough summer roughing it. Back home after nine weeks in the Brasstown Youth Conservation Corps at Chattahoochee National Forest at Gainesville, Ga., Cullen doesn't take for granted conveniences like dishwashers and modern cooking equipment.

In fact, before his summer experience for the U.S. Forest Service, Cullen didn't do dishes or cook, he said. He does now and finds it easy after a summer of cooking over an open fire and washing dishes by hand in a stream.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Cullen of Valdosta said the summer experience changed him in other ways too.

"I was not an outdoors person. I am outdoors more now since I got back (on Aug. 10.) I walk around in the



'His Corner'

By Marcia McRae

woods and look at everything.

Although he had not been an outdoorsman before the program, Cullen was an avid tournament tennis player. He also likes swimming and golf.

He was an associate member of The Valdosta School student council and was twice Valdosta Daily Times carrier of the month.

"(It (the experience) makes me think about nature and what I do like littering. One day I had to pick up litter and it makes you hate people who litter," said Cullen, youngest of the three Cullen children.

"You really get back to nature. I makes you think. If you're in the city, in Valdosta even, it makes you think what you're missing," said Cullen, a Valdosta School 11th grader.

He heard about the youth conservation corps through an announcement at the school and was one of 32 persons, ages 15-18, in Georgia selected from 30,000 applications, he said.

"It's really lucky I was chosen," he said. "I was chosen by Zip code. They look at your application and choose from 11 different areas in Georgia."

The 32 participants were divided into groups of eight, each with a youth leader who'd been in the program before. That's a job Cullen would like to have. But for a career his sights are set on the Air Force following his father's footsteps.

The group Cullen was in called themselves the "Blue Sensations." Each group took turns doing different tasks. Most of the time they were housed at Young Harris College in Young Harris. But each group got a turn at staying at Spike Camp "and really roughing it."

"We took sleeping bags and slept outside. Got up at 6 a.m. and fixed our own meals over the fireplace, then cleaned up the breakfast dishes.

"It was real scary at first but it was exciting," said Cullen who had never camped before and never cooked before.

Every weekend the group slept out in tents, cooked over open fires and washed their dishes in a stream.

"Now I'm helping more and more (at home) and I find it easier."

The program wasn't just adventurous camping and afternoons of swimming and

fishing. "We did an awful lot of work," Cullen said. "We worked on trails, clearing them out, thinning them out and working on soil erosion, seeding and fertilizing to prevent erosion on the side of a mountain."

They also built a fitness trail for forest rangers to use on their rounds. Cullen said it is like the Vita Parcours fitness trails here put up by Valdosta Parks and Recreation Department and the city school system at Sallas-Mahone and W. G. Nunn elementary schools.

The corps also worked at Brasstown putting up picnic tables, digging out under them, putting in railroad ties under the tables and mulching the area to make it easier to clean.

They also built a fence at Brasstown which Cullen said is the highest point in Georgia.

"We did projection thinning too," he said. "That's where you go into a forest and certain trees that are marked you leave standing. Anything in a 10-foot radius you cut down. When they are cut down it gives the trees more sunlight and water the others take up."

The Department of Agriculture marks the trees. Cullen's labors weren't volunteer work. He was paid \$93 per week for the 30-hour work week, he said.

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CHRIS CULLEN Works In Forest

Hyder Expecting Tough Game

The Valdosta Daily Times SPORTS

By Times Sports Writer
Despite playing Westover, a team that has won only one game the past three years, Valdosta High football coach Nick Hyder does not feel like his Wildcats will have the cake-walk they enjoyed last week in a 41-0 smothering of Bainbridge at Cleveland Field.

"They feel like they have a good football team," said Hyder. "They've got a senior football team." The Patriots start seven seniors on offense and six on defense.

"They'll be tough. They'll be better than Bainbridge." The Bearcat team that Hyder's charges belted in the season opener was without 14 players that were kicked off for disciplinary reasons and six more who quit in loyalty to the 14.

As for his own team, Hyder thought that there were several areas the 'Cats could improve on.

"We're going to have to work on our blocking better. We've got to get the young boys better and our pass blocking too." One of the key things Hyder is trying to establish this early in the year is depth. Nearly 80 Wildcats played in the game against

Bainbridge including over 60 in the first half alone. "Depth is the big thing."

The Wildcat head coach, who owns a 3-1 record against the Patriots including a 50-0 shellacking in 1977, looks for a better game out of the Albany team this go-round. "In all fairness, Bainbridge did not have the team. I heard someone say that it was like playing a

"B" team. But our kids did a great job." After all the doubt that has surrounded Valdosta football this season, Hyder thought that it was good that the 'Cats started the way they did. "We needed it."

Hyder was also pleased with the play of first-year starting quarterback David Parker. "He plays at 100 percent all of the time, he gives you his best shot. Against Bainbridge he ran well, passed well, he just had a great game." The Westover offensive attack the 'Cats are to face Saturday night at Mills Stadium is one of the wish-bone variety with emphasis on a ground game.

Hyder said the Patriots will try to sneak a pass "every now and then. You've got to be able to run and throw in this region."

Although Westover went 0-10 last year and 1-9 the season before that, Hyder thought that the Patriots would win some. "They've got to break out of this streak sooner or later."

News Roundup

DE Club At VHS Elects Officers

From Times Staff Reports
The Distributive Education Clubs of America unit at Valdosta High School has elected Dean Harris, a senior, as vice president for the 1980-81 school year.

Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Harris.

Other officers include Faith Wilson, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie W. Wilson, secretary; Suzanne Jackson, senior, daughter of William Jackson of Jasper, Fla., and Mrs. Nina Hackworth of Valdosta, treasurer; David Lynch, junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Lynch, reporter; Melissa Tedders, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Tedders, historian; Lynne Becton, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Becton, chaplain; Miss Becton and Jennifer

English, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard English, sweethearts.

Janet Morneault, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Morneault, was elected president of the club last May.

Merit Scholars

Two high school students from Valdosta and one from Madison, Fla., have been named semifinalists in National Merit Scholarship competition.

John S. Furey and Paige L. Hood of Valdosta High School and Kathryn A. Rowe of Madison High School were among 15,000 semifinalists announced Wednesday afternoon.

Semifinalists, chosen on the basis of their scores on the Preliminary Scholastic

Aptitude Test and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, must meet further requirements to achieve finalist status.

About 14,000 finalists will be chosen next February to compete for about 4,500 Merit Scholarships to be awarded next spring.

Fulbright Grants

The deadline for filing applications for graduate study abroad under the Fulbright Program is Oct. 1 at Valdosta State College.

About 511 awards are available for study in 52 countries, and are offered under the Fulbright Program by foreign governments, corporations, universities and private donors, ac-

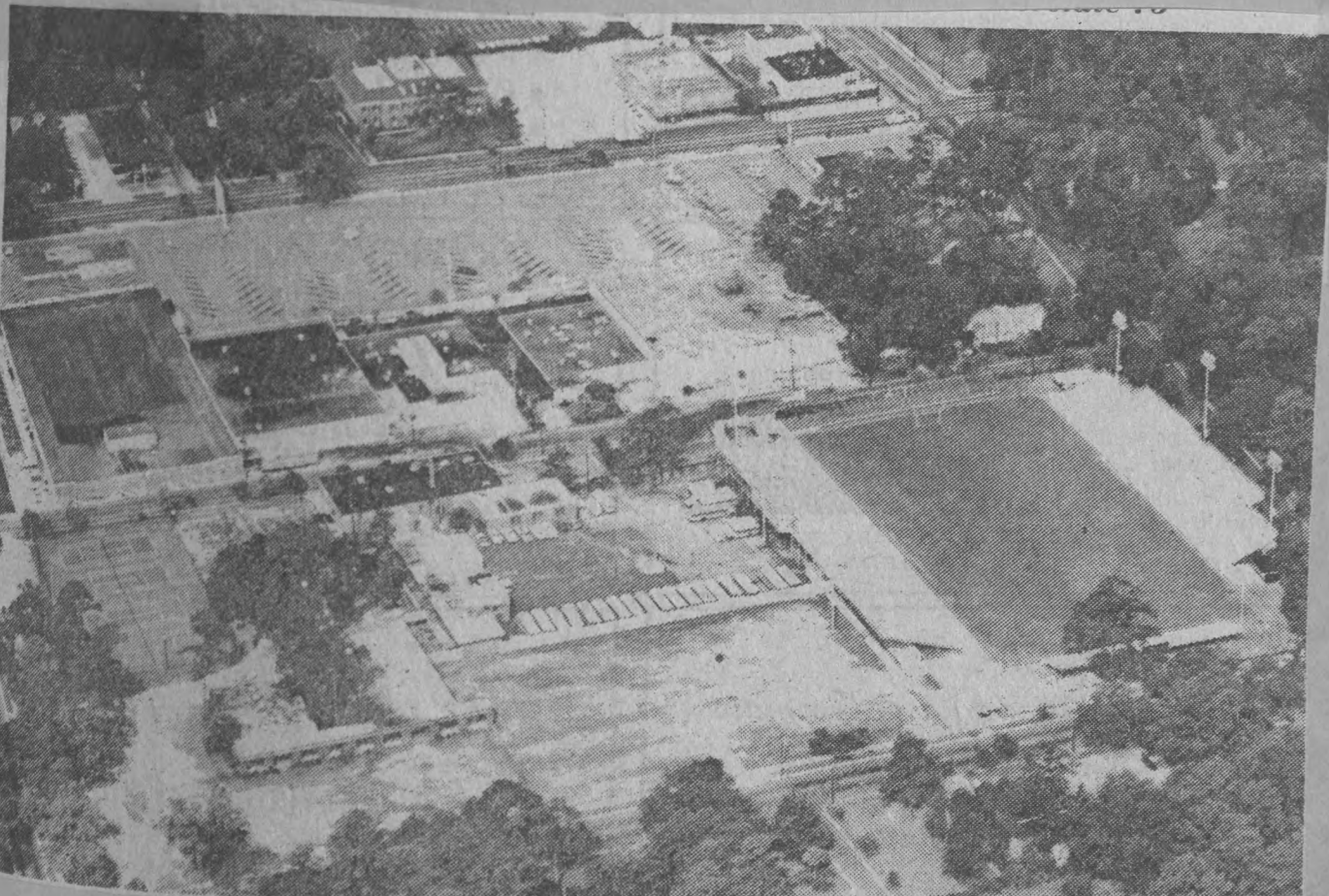
cording to the Institute of International Education.

Application forms and further information for VSC students are available from Alex B. McFadden, assistant professor of English, Room 8, West Hall.

FBLA Officers

The Future Business Leaders of America Club at Valdosta High School has elected Tonia Wakefield, a senior, as president for the 1980-81 school year.

Other officers include Renee Turner, vocational office training vice president; Angela Summers, intensive office procedures vice president; Angie Simmons, secretary-treasurer, and Katrina Moore, reporter.



Valdosta High School's Cleveland Field (Left Photo) And Lowndes High's I

Valdosta Bounces Albany With Strong Ground Game

By BILL RYAN
Times Sports Writer

Like a construction worker with a jack hammer, the Valdosta Wildcats hammered away at the Albany High Indians until they had carved out a 28-0 win at Cleveland Field Friday night.

The 'Cats pounded away at the Indians with a balanced

STATISTICS

	Albany	Valdosta
First Downs	6	21
Yards Rushing	113	218
Yards Passing	21	100
Passes	2 12-1	7 16-3
Passes Incl. By	3	1
Fumbles Lost	3	1
Punting	6-36.1	1-19
Penalties	6-42	8-50

rushing attack that ate away time as well as yards and diminished Albany's chances in the game.

Two long drives in the contest, one in the first half and one in the third quarter put Valdosta in the driver's seat after a fairly even first quarter.

Nine different Wildcats took turns carrying the football against the Indian stop troops while racking up 218 yards. Eugene Patterson was the biggest workhorse for the 'Cats picking up 88 yards on 17 carries.

But as significant a fact as any in the game, was the Valdosta defense which kept its opponent out of the end zone for the fourth time in five games.

Albany High running back Bobo Williams came into the game as the number two rusher in the region and obviously the heart and soul of the Indian offense. The slick senior tailback however, gained but 53 yards on 12 carries.

What success the Indians enjoyed early in the ball game came on a couple of reverses by tight end Tim Nelson.

Valdosta meanwhile, drove

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down to the Albany 26-yard line on their first possession of the game behind a 26-yard run by Patterson and a David Parker to Keith Mitchell pass.

The drive stalled however, after two penalties set the 'Cats back.

Valdosta lost the ball on their next possession but held the Indians and got the ball back on their own 25.

VHS then marched down the field on a 10-play drive for their first score with 8:16 left in the half. Welton Frazier bulled the final five yards into the end zone.

The drive was highlighted by superb execution on the part of Parker as he mixed passing and running plays well.

Neither time mounted a serious threat before the half ended although both took their turns at trying to hit the home run ball. Parker even lined up in the shotgun formation for one play.

The only Indian threat of any kind in the second half started with the second half kickoff when Albany drove to midfield on the running of Williams and Nelson's third reverse of the evening.

The Wildcat defense rose to the occasion however, and shut down the Indians completely at that point.

It was then that the 'Cats put the final nail in the Indian coffin. VHS marched down the field for 69 yards in 15 plays before Parker skirted left end four yards for the score. The drive ate up nearly seven minutes and the rest of the third quarter.

For Albany, things then went from bad to worse.

On the next play from scrimmage, the Indians lost the handle on the ball and VHS found themselves on the Albany 29-yard line.

VHS coach Nick Hyder then went to his bench for yardage on the ground. Pernell Bee and Ben Reaves took turns slicing through the Albany defense while Parker added a pass to Edwin Robinson.

Bee shot four yards up the middle to give the 'Cats a 20-0 lead with 10:13 left in the game. Edgar Sampson added his third extra point of the evening and VHS seemed to have everything in hand.

But the second half nightmare was still not yet over for the Indians.

Valdosta defensive back Jeffery Hunter scooped up an Indian fumble on the ensuing kickoff and the Wildcats were back in business deep in Albany territory.

But the drive stalled and the 'Cats lined up for a field

goal on only third down to the surprise of the home fans.

But Parker, who was holding on the attempt, rolled with the ball to the left and overshot his receiver into the arms of Albany defensive back Henry Nix who managed to latch onto three Valdosta passes during the contest.

The final VHS tally came with only 1:26 left in the game when reserve quarterback Pat Mayes rambled three yards into the end zone.

Valdosta coach Nick Hyder was pleased with the win as well as the fact that the 'Cats are now 5-0 on the year.

"They were not a bad football team," said Hyder of the Indians who have now dropped to 3-2 on the year.

Other standouts for Valdosta in the contest included wide receiver Keith Mitchell who latched on to four passes for 66 yards and middle guard Paul Stokes who led the 'Cats with five individual tackles.

The Wildcats are now to travel to Moultrie next Friday for a bout with Colquitt County.

Score by Quarters:	
Albany	0 0 0 0-0
Valdosta	0 7 14-28

Scoring:	
VHS	Frazier 5 run (Sampson kick),
VHS	Parker 4 run (Sampson kick), VHS
VHS	Bee 4 run (Sampson kick), VHS—Mayes
VHS	3 run (Sampson kick).

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
Rushing:	Albany Williams 12.53.
	Bialock 5.6, Lorz 3.9, McBride 2.7,
	Nelson 3.31, Holden 1.3, Pope 1.4. Valdosta
	Parker 2.11, Frazier 14.46, Bee 7.22,
	Patterson 17.88, Moses 2.9, Robinson 1.14,
	Reaves 4.8, West 2.6, Mayes 2.0
Passing:	Albany—Bialock 0-0-0, Pope 24
	121 yds. Valdosta—Parker 7 153 100 yds
	West 0-1-0, Mayes 0-0-0.
Pass Receiving:	Albany Coleman 1.18,
	Willis 1.3 Valdosta Mitchell 4.66,
	Robinson 2.22, Moses 1.12.
Defense (Number of Tackles):	Albany
	Jones 7, Fuller 5, Wallace 8, Solomon 5, Ho
	5, Wallace 4, Hood 4, Guirder 4, Huston 2,
	Nix 2, Glover 2, Adams 1, McRea 1, Willie 1.
Valdosta—	Stokes 5, Holland 4, Balfie 3,
	Beatty 3, Hunter 2, Jones 2, Moore 2, James
	2, Lowe 1, Moses 1, Bee 1, Mitchell 1, Pat
	terson 1, Chachere 1, Arnold 1, Bond 1,
	Cooper 1, Davis 1

Everybody Loves 'The Wildcat Lady'

By SUZANNE CARSWELL
Times Staff Writer

No one in Valdosta has anything bad to say about Patsy Smith.

The zany art teacher at Valdosta High School is loved by everyone she touches — students, fellow teachers, her principal and the community.

"You can't say enough good things about Patsy Smith," said Lloyd D. Mims, principal of VHS. "She is one of the most vivacious, most easy going people I have ever met."

Everyone who knows her says the same thing.

"I have never seen her upset or act down in the dumps," Mims said. "She loves kids, loves life and does a tremendous job. She loves teaching and that's what makes her good at it. She's one of the greatest I've ever run across."

If you ask Mrs. Smith the secret of her bubbly, sometimes off-beat personality,

she will tell you, "I'm always satisfied with life, whatever it is. If it's raining, snowing, sleeting or whatever, I'm just glad to be alive."

"Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be. That's a famous quote from Lincoln, and I took it as mine," she said.

Affectionately known as "the Wildcat Lady," Mrs. Smith has "painted Wildcats all over this town — on trees, on people, anywhere there is a wildcat to be painted, Patsy Smith is going to paint it," Mims said.

Mrs. Smith admits her Wildcat artwork has graced "the normal things plus bags, jackets, jerseys, walls, buildings, billboards, spirit banners, program covers, blankets and glasses."

One of her biggest projects was painting a wildcat on the billboard over the concession stand at Cleveland Field, a job she completed three times.

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"I told Coach (Nick) Hyder when we first put it up that when people wrote on it we would just paint back over it," she said. "But last time, some of the words were so bad, we had to paint over it in a hurry. They learned how to spell one word real well," she said.

Hilda Spurlock, business education teacher at VHS, said Mrs. Smith "is always willing to help anybody do anything. She's very, very talented."

"Besides that, she's the only person I know of who can walk on the sides of her shoes," she added.

Antics like "broken ankle walking" have endeared Patsy Smith to about 5,000 students she has taught over her 23-year teaching career.

"You have to know Patsy Smith," Mims said. "She's always laughing and carrying on in her classroom."

Valdosta Junior High School dedicated its annual to her when she taught there about "10 or 12 years ago," and the 1978 edition of the VHS annual was dedicated to her.

"It's really an honor to know your students think well enough of you to choose you," Mrs. Smith said. "That's something I really don't understand because all the teachers at Valdosta High deserve to be put on a page all by themselves."

The former citywide Teacher of the Year said she has "never had a bad class."

"I think the first thing a teacher needs to do is to be liked by everybody. If I like them and they like me, we can go anywhere from there. But you must first find the child" as a person, she said.

And find the child she does in each of her students.

"She doesn't act like a teacher," said a former student. "She acts like a real person. When I'm her age that's the way I'd like to be. She's got a heart and she thinks about other people. She's a great lady."

One former student tells the story of Mrs. Smith's hair. "Her daughter and I are the same age and she was like our class mother. She had real long hair. She didn't cut it the whole time we were in school. She said when we graduated she would cut it, and she did."

Mrs. Smith also likes to see her students outside the classroom.

She has been active in her daughter's high school sorority, Sigma Delta Theta, since 1963.

"If I were to pick out the five brightest spots in my life, that would be one of them," Mrs. Smith said.

"I get to be with the girls on a different level than at high school. I go to dances and things and it brings me closer to my students," she said.

Mrs. Smith credits Mims with influencing her life "in a big way, and making her 'the teacher I am today.'"

At one time in her teaching career, Mrs. Smith was teaching art in 14 elementary school classes a day for 23 minutes each. "I taught 98 classes in two weeks. I had a wagon I carried around with me in one school and a grocery cart in another," she said.

Patsy Smith is the last person you would ever expect to have a nervous breakdown

but, "I almost had one that year," she said. "But I loved it."

Then she moved to the junior high school where Mims was principal.

"I think he favored me by letting me come and be his teacher," she said. "He let me be real innovative and try new things like putting murals all over the walls."

The murals have now been there for 12 years, she said.

Another innovative idea is Mrs. Smith's art services class.

Students in the class do projects for the entire school and members of the community who contact them.

At VHS, the class has done "posters, charts, wall quotations for the wrestling team, bulletin boards, spirit banners, etc."

They have also painted murals for a local restaurant and banners for a local hamburger chain. The fee for community projects is only the cost of the materials the students use, she said.

One class painted fairy tale murals on the fifth floor children's wing of South Georgia Medical Center in 1970. "We painted about 35 murals in the rooms and even painted on the ceiling in the cobalt treatment room and the X-ray room," she said.

The murals are still there and are "looking good even today," Mrs. Smith said.

Her "spontaneous" personality sometimes makes people a little uncomfortable, she said, but her family is not surprised by her zany nature.

Her husband, Tom Bush Smith, Jr., was her childhood sweetheart and his personality complements hers.

"He's quiet, easy-going, unassuming and accepts all this crazy stuff I do until one or two o'clock in the morning," she said.

Recently, someone left the back door of their house open and when she went into the bedroom, there was a bird on the pillow next to her husband.

"If he had woke up and seen it, he would have said, 'What the hell is that? I'll bet it's Patsy's doing,'" she said.

A new grandmother, Mrs. Smith has very deep feelings for her own mother.

Mrs. Smith's father died two weeks after her graduation from high school and he had always encouraged her to be "real independent and try things I didn't think I could normally do — like mixing concrete and stretching fences."

After his death, her mother became Mrs. Smith's strength.

"We have such a feeling together. I have for her a complete love in all the facets of the word...I like to do something for her every day, and I try to," she said.

Patsy Smith has always used this strength to lead an active life.

She does calligraphy for wedding announcements, party invitations, awards, etc.; has painted flowers for local garden clubs; works with her daughter's current sorority, her son's fraternity and in Bible school, and recently painted "Star Wars" creatures on the walls of a local business.

"I live a really positive life...I have so many things going on in my life at one time and I can't stop. One day I may be painting a truck and the next I'll be painting little tiny violets on a card."

"I go from one extreme in my life to another while all the time remembering I'm a teacher," she said.

Mrs. Smith admits that she is a "serious person, deep down," but she doesn't like to show it.

"I believe that humor lights up the darkest of corners," she said.



Patsy Smith: 'I'm Just Glad To Be Alive'

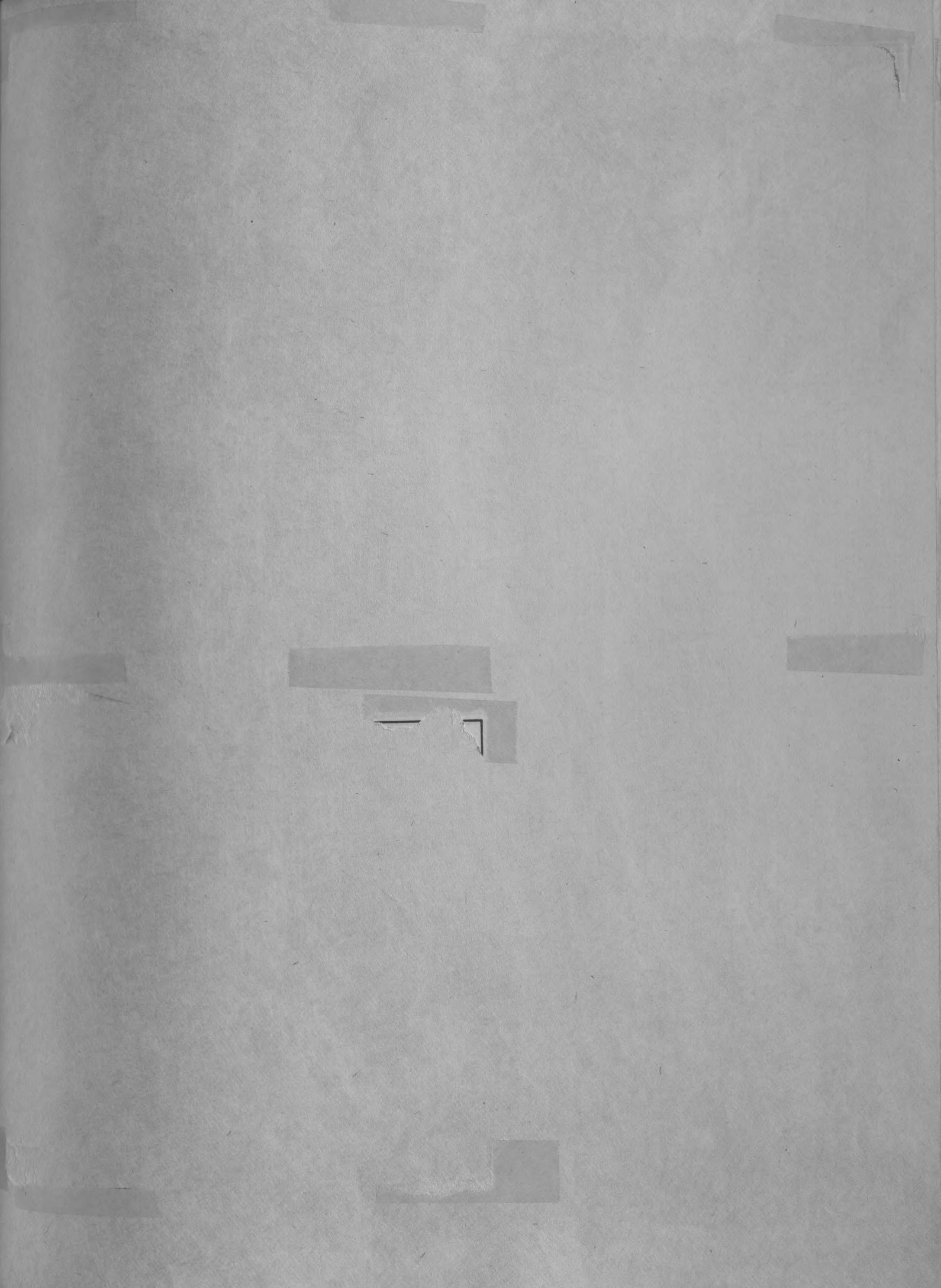
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VHS Seniors Commended

Four Valdosta High School seniors have been commended for their performance in the 1981 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Receiving letters of commendation from VHS and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation are Laura Lynn Pulliam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pulliam; Hester Lee Strickland, daughter of Dorothy S. Strickland; Andrew P. Taormina, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Taormina, and Cynthia Trautmann, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Trautmann.

Commended students rank below the level required for Merit Program Semifinalists, but score among the top 5 percent of program participants on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.



VHS Spirit Club Formed

A group of Valdosta High School students has formed a new club to promote school spirit.

Called the "Valdosta High Rowdies," members are also to participate in fund raising activities and "to form fellowships increase our individual responsibilities and to mold and shape our character in society," according to the club's bylaws.

Officers of the club are Brent D. Vickery, president; David DelRossi, vice president; Craig Broomberg, treasurer; Steven J. Connelly, secretary and Marc Pitre, activities director.

History teacher Kelly Dees is sponsor for the Rowdies. 10-14-80

10-13-80
'Inside VHS'
Airs Tonight

By Times Staff Writer

The first telecast of a Valdosta High School faculty-produced show, "Inside VHS," is to be presented tonight on cable channel 12.

Ralph Guarino at VHS said the show, featuring VHS football, is to be shown at 7:30 p.m. tonight and at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The show, which this week pre-empts the student show "VHS Potpourri," is hosted by Jimmy Taw, a U.S. history teacher at the high school.

Taw is to interview Head Coach Nick Hyder, Offensive Coordinator Butch Brooks and Defensive Coordinator Jack Rudolph.

Introductions of each Valdosta player are also scheduled.

The show lasts about 20 minutes, Guarino said.

Literary

Guild Meet

By Times Staff Writer
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Valdosta High School English department head, Mabel Wolinski, reviewed Ann Morrow Lindbergh's "War Within and Without" for Literary Guild meeting at Bavarian Inn Oct. 18.

The book is about Mrs. Lindbergh's life, including the period of the kidnapping of her child and her life with sometimes controversial aviation hero Charles Lindbergh.

The book is a blend of poetic prose, historical reporting, philosophical passages and bland flat statements, a guild spokesman reported.

Its major theme is everyone has a war front within himself, the spokesman said.

New members welcomed to the club were Martha Martin, Juanita Webb and Florine Skoropat.

Guests were Kitty Oliver, Mary Henry, Betty Strickland, Betty Montague and Grace Clay.

Hostesses for the meeting were Eva Carruthers, chairman, and Edwina Burgsteiner, Mary Taylor, Clarice Clements, Kathryn Holt, Frances Worstall, Nell Speer and Ruth Perry.

Students At VHS Score Above Georgia Average

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By SUZANNE CARSWELL
Times Staff Writer

Valdosta High School students scored above the state average on the Scholastic Aptitude Test this year, but Lowndes High School students scored slightly below the Georgia average, according to figures from both high school principals.

Valdosta students scored an average of 403 on the verbal portion of the test, with the Georgia average being 389 and the national average being 424, according to Lloyd Mims, principal.

Lowndes students had an average score of 372 on the verbal portion, according to Bill Sears, principal.

On the math portion of the test, Valdosta students scored 428, Mims said. The Georgia average was 425 and

the national average was 466. Lowndes students averaged 409 points on the math portion of the test, Sears said.

"As far as the nationwide scores, we were one of the leaders," Mims said of VHS.

"We had 97 students who scored above the national average on the verbal and 66 who scored above the national average on the math," he said.

"We have the figures right here and we think that's quite an achievement," he said.

Ralph Brandon, superintendent of city schools, said a higher percentage of Valdosta students take the test than in other places in the country.

The national average is about 30 percent of a student body who take the test, while about 50 percent of Valdosta High students were tested, he said.

Brandon said he is "very pleased" with the results of this year's SAT in Valdosta.

Of the lower Lowndes scores, Sears said, "I'm not one to alibi for test scores," but gave some possible reasons why Lowndes student averages were not as high.

"It's our policy that we don't turn anyone down who wants to take the SAT," he said.

Some students who take the test have not followed the school's academic college preparatory program and are "not qualified to take it," Sears said.

About 25 percent of the student body of Lowndes High took the test this year, he said.

Students in Atlanta area schools had slightly higher scores on both the verbal and math portions of the test,

according to figures released from those schools.

DeKalb County students scored an average of 419 on the verbal and 459 on the math, with 73 percent of the student body taking the test, according to Dr. Don Schultz, assistant superintendent.

Fulton County students scored an average of 419 on the verbal and 460 on the math, according to John Bond, coordinator of counselors.

No figures were available as to the percentage of Fulton students taking the test.

Figures from Atlanta city schools were also unavailable.

Georgia students are still scoring below the national average although this year's

test scores are about the same as last years, according to a news release from the Georgia Department of Education.

"I believe there are several reasons why Georgia students continue to score lower on the SAT than those nationally," said H. Titus Singletary, associate state superintendent of schools.

"In Georgia, approximately 50 percent of all high school seniors take the SAT verbal and mathematics tests, while nationally only about one-third of all seniors take the SAT. This means Georgia scores are based on a much broader sample of the student population than are the national scores," he said.

Students Complain Of Ticket Scarcity

VHS Beier Off

By ARCHIE MCKAY
Times City Editor

At least 1,525 Valdosta High School students out of a total enrollment of about 1,900 already have tickets to the Friday night football game with Lowndes High School but there have been some complaints that students at both schools could not secure tickets.

Valdosta School Superintendent Ralph Brandon, asked about ticket policies today, said his philosophy, the city board of education's philosophy and VHS Principal Lloyd Mims philosophy is that "we have always thought the number one priority in such cases is for students at Valdosta High School because it is a high school activity."

Most of the student complaints concerning the lack of tickets for the game seem to come from Lowndes High (see related story on this page concerning that school system's policy).

However, a VHS student told the Times some of his own classmates could not get a ticket to the game and "we heard it was even worse for students at Lowndes."

Brandon said if a student at VHS waited until today "there is no way now to get a ticket for anyone."

However, he said VHS students get first chance at tickets.

"They are given the opportunity for the first two weeks of school to buy season tickets and 850 students at VHS did that this year at a reduced price. It is, for students, \$1.50 for one game or \$7.50 for a season ticket," said Brandon.

"In addition, we made 379 tickets available to students this week and gave them first shot at them before the general public got a shot Tuesday and Wednesday," said Brandon.

School officials said 4,016 tickets were sent to Lowndes High School and were broken down this way:

- 1,000 tickets for general admission.
- 1,000 tickets for students.
- 1,716 reserved seat tickets.
- 300 tickets for the LHS band.

Brandon and Mims get with their counterparts at other schools each year and decide on how many tickets a visiting team's school is to get, officials said.

"We send more to Lowndes than anyone and Tift County is next," Brandon said.

School officials said an entire reserved section of tickets were sent to Albany High School and just 12 adult and 18 students

tickets were sold.

Brandon said the game is for students to play and watch "but obviously we must have adults to buy tickets and some of them to volunteer for some kind of work for the band and team because these programs are very, very expensive."

Brandon said Thursday, a previous system at season or single game tickets at reduced cost. Then, they got, this week, a chance on Tuesday and Wednesday to try and get one of less than \$400, Brandon said.

He said the priority system is for students, teachers, members of the Touch-down Club who don't hold season tickets and season ticket holders who may purchase up to four additional tickets.

Then, Brandon said, any left over are put on first come, served basis to the general public.

Brandon said only about 39 TD Club members out of about 800 bought extra tickets.

In addition, VHS has about 100 football players and 210 band members who don't have to purchase tickets.

"Frankly, the complaints I have heard were not to do with our students but asking how many we sent to Lowndes," said Brandon.

In addition to those sold, most high schools, including VHS, reserve a certain number of tickets for visiting coaches, wives, Georgia High School Association officials and try to find room for college scouts.

A member of the Valdosta School Board, who asked not to be identified, said, when told of the furor, "I can't wait until my time on the board is up. I am so damn tired of hearing about football, about football tickets and other crap I don't even want to heard the word anymore."

The board has a written policy to never sell one more ticket than Cleveland Field has seats, which is 12,400, Brandon said.



Valdosta Runners Show
By Times Staff Writer *Oct. 26 80*

WAYCROSS — Several Valdosta runners made strong showings in the Waycross Okefenokee Autumn Run here Saturday.

In the five-kilometer race, Darlene McCormick of the Valdosta High track team, took overall female honors with a time of 20:38.

Linda Pitre, also of the Valdosta High track team, took second place in the 14-18 age group with a 25:14 time.

Cathy Morris of the Valdosta track club was the third female finisher overall with a time of 22:02.

R. C. Bramlett was the second place finisher in the men's 25-class with a time of 20:19.

Bramlett teamed with his son Bobby to take the Parent-Child Trophy for best combined time.





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CO-CAPTAIN - VALDOSTA

**OSSIE
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CAPTAIN - LOWNDES



VHS Drum Majors Ellison, Lynch, Wilson Unpack Trophies

—Times Staff Photo

'Gold' Arrives For Open

By Times Staff Writer

Trophies to be given out at the fifth annual Southern Open invitational band competition Saturday have arrived in town for the event, according to band officials.

Jim Ingram, Valdosta High School Band Boosters Southern Open Committee Chairman, said the 50-60 trophies are to be on display at Shoney's until Friday.

"That's an impressive bunch of awards," Ingram said.

The awards, which are valued at \$1,500 to \$1,600, were purchased from

Harmon's Trophy Shop, according to Mike Chapman, director of the Valdosta High Marchin' Cats Band.

Chapman said the trophies alone cost about \$950, with plaques for finalists running another \$300.

Valdosta High, which sponsors the Southern Open, is to also give medals to each member of the band judged No. 1 in final competition.

"And that's some more money," Chapman said.

The display is to include all the awards to be given to the 24 bands competing in Saturday's tournament, he said.

Semifinal competition is to begin at 9:30 a. m. at Cleveland Field, with finals set for 8 p. m.

"Even if people can't make it during the day, they can still come at 8 p. m. and see the five best bands on the field," Chapman said.

The Marchin' Cats are to give an exhibition performance at 4:30 p. m.

Lowndes High's Marching Viking Band is not performing this year, Chapman said, but is to attend competition in the Atlanta area Saturday.

Reserved seats for the Southern Open cost \$5 and general admission is \$4.



Flag Corps Member Keeps Time

Our Bands — The Best In The Land

A vital part of every high school is its band and in Lowndes County there are two of the best in the land. Both schools have more than 200 band members, both have won numerous honors and both bands seem equally dedicated. And into each band goes hours of practice and support from their directors, parents and boosters clubs.

Lowndes High School has two marching bands, a jazz ensemble and after football season four concert bands. Billy Martin is director with associate directors, Woody Leonard, Bobby Godwin, Alan Drew and Charles Todd.

Martin said other assistants include Jack Vinson, Lynn Drew, Craig White and Dena Ernest.

There are 280 members in the bands of Lowndes High and each member takes other courses in theory, instrumental methods and instrument repair.

A band member is required to practice four hours every day, be in the ninth grade and must audition at band camp, held each summer, said Martin.

Martin said members must take exams in playing and marching at the camp, this year held at Fort Rucker, Ala. Band camp teaches the fundamentals, said Martin, in a six-day course.

And each year the marching band member must try out

again. Martin said this is to see "if they've slacked off." "We've got some pretty stringent requirements," said Martin.

The band has several competitions yearly and have gone as far north as Niagara Falls, Canada, and as far south as Miami, Fla., to compete. Since 1971 the band has won eight of these competitions, said Martin.

Two weeks ago the band took top honors at the Southeastern

Tournament of Bands in Abbeville, S.C., where they competed against 24 other bands. This was the second time the Marching Vikings received this honor, having won also in 1978.

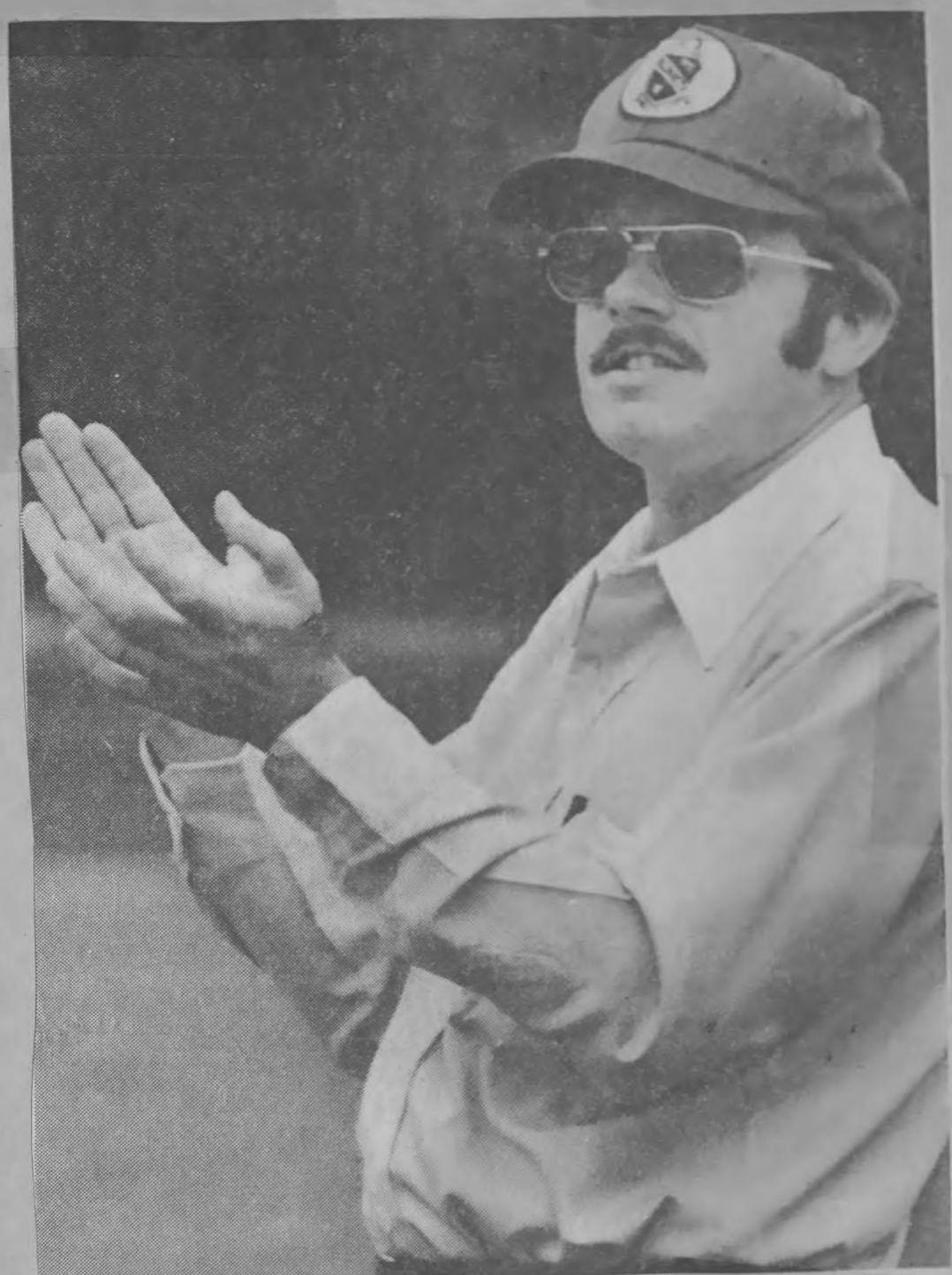
"It's always nice to go back and win for the second time," said Martin.

Lowndes High has also won the sweepstakes competition

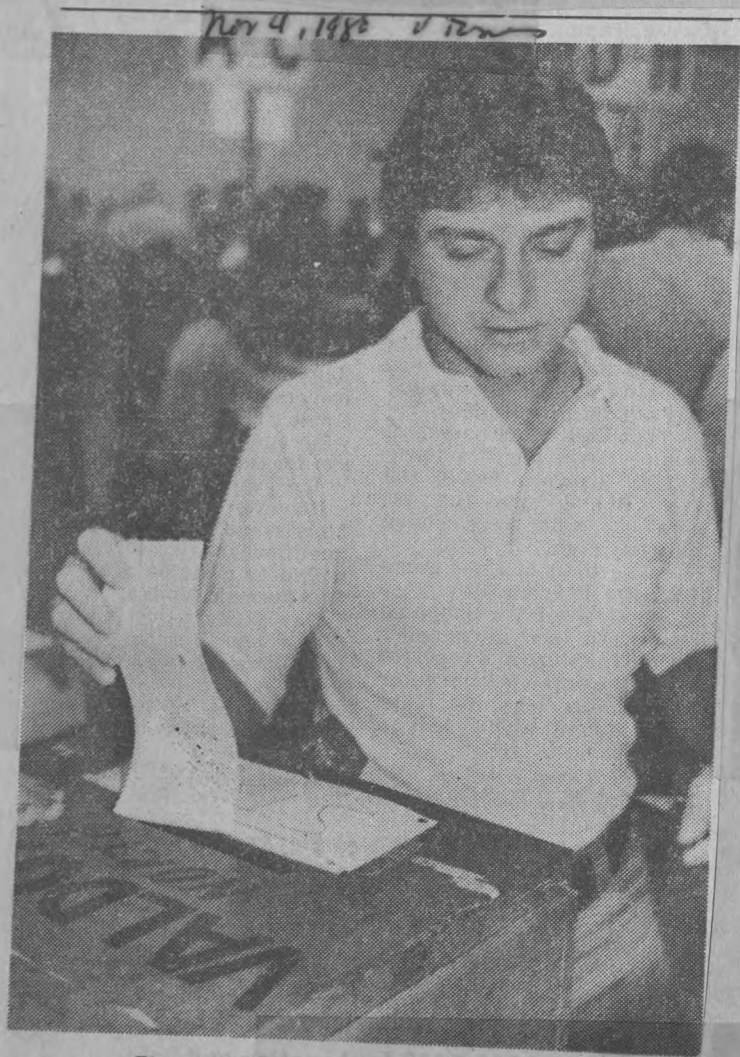
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Trumpeting The News



Bravo!: VHS Director Mike Chapman Likes What He Sees



Jimmy Taw Casts First Ballot



Practice, Practice, Practice: The Pace Can Be Exhausting

Valdosta quarterback David Parker is No. 1 in the eyes of his coach

Tift County's Ken Hobby may be the No. 1 quarterback prospect in the nation, but Valdosta coach Nick Hyder thinks his own quarterback, David Parker, may be the best in Region 1-AAAA.

"David's a real clutch man," Hyder praises. "He's not as highly regarded as some of the great Valdosta quarterbacks of the past [Buck Belue, John Bond and John Lastinger, all now playing in the SEC], but he gets the job done. He's a winner."

Valdosta carries a 9-0 record into tomorrow night's game at Tift County. The winner will be the 1-AAAA North champion and be the home team against the South runner-up (Lowndes, Thomasville, Central or Colquitt County) next week in the first round of the playoffs.

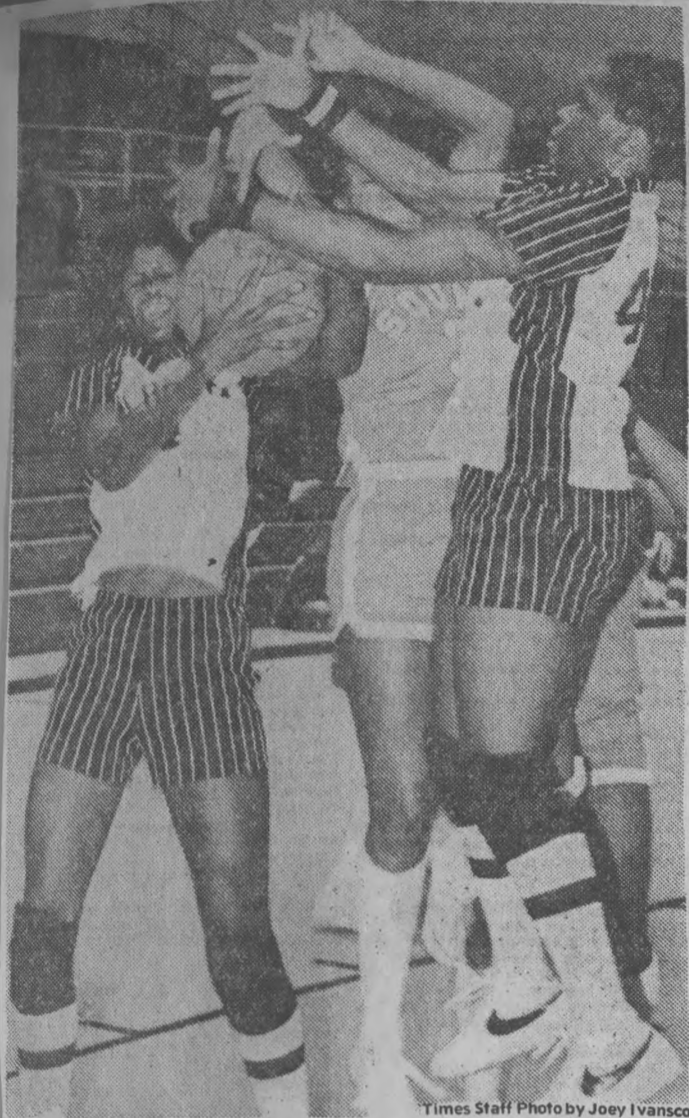
Parker, a 151-pound senior, hit 8 of 12 passes for 117 yards and rushed 9 times for 69 yards in last week's 19-0 victory over Central. He threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Rob Sullenberger and scored on a 7-yard run.

Hobby led Tift to the state finals a year ago, and has thrown for more than 1,000 yards again this season. Last week he hit 12 of 23 for 229 yards, but the Blue Devils lost to Colquitt County 30-28. Hobby was intercepted in the end zone on the final series of the game.

The loss dropped Tift to 7-2 and messed up a showdown of Top 10 teams. Valdosta is third, but Tift fell to the also-mentioned category.

Meanwhile in the South, Thomasville can get to the playoffs only by beating Lowndes, and if Lowndes wins as expected the winner of the Colquitt-Central game would be the region's No. 2 playoff representative.





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Porter, Right, Cooper Snag Rebound

Lady Wildcats Scalp Squaws

By TERRY KELLY
Times Staff Writer

Valdosta High School opened the 1980-81 basketball season splitting a pair of games with Albany High school in boys and girls action at the VHS gym Tuesday night. The girls started the night off on the right foot as they ran away with an 86-29 win over the Squaws, but the boys fell by a 59-49 score to the Indians.

In the first game of the evening the Lady Wildcats exploded for a 27-8 lead in the opening quarter as they coasted to an easy win. Annie Porter led all scorers as she jumped in 21-points and she also pulled down six rebounds on the night.

Beverly Wilson was next with 18 talleys, while Bridgett Harrell and Aundria Roberts came off the bench to score 11 points apiece.

Lady Wildcat Head Coach Jo Ellis was very pleased with her team's offensive showing as the girls hit 67 percent from the floor.

"We have strong leadership on this team with a lot of seniors and a great deal of depth. We had two girls come off the bench to score in double figures for us," said Ellis. "I have confidence in all my players and we're very excited about the new season." The Lady 'Cats had 22 steals and 34 team rebounds as Cindy Cooper and Melanie Nelson were standouts on defense.

The Wildcats didn't fare so well in the nightcap as they got shot down by a quick Albany team 59-49.

The 'Cats had a poor night

offensively, hitting only 36 percent from the field.

The game was a close affair throughout the first two periods and the score was 24-17 at the half as both teams played slow and conservative ball.

In the third quarter Valdosta came out running, but the Indians' full court press soon began to wear down the 'Cat attack. Suddenly, Albany was ahead by 15 points as the final quarter of play began.

Valdosta showed some character in the last few minutes as they pulled to within 10-points, but it was too little too late and the final score stood at 59-49 in favor of the Indians.

Drexter Marable led the 'Cat attack with 18 points. David Allen had 15 points and seven rebounds. J.D. Thomasern and Butch Jordan each had five points in a losing cause.

"I was disappointed in our team shooting, especially at the free throw line," said Wildcat Head Coach Roger Rome. "They trapped us and pressured us all night and that really hurt our offense."

"We had a lot of trouble in the third period when we changed our game plan and Albany picked up on it real fast and took a large lead. But our boys showed some heart in the last quarter when they tried to make the comeback."

The Wildcats are playing without the services of seven regulars who are still involved in football playoff action.

"We are starting a real young team this year due to the long football season. We've got five starting players who may not be out here for awhile," said Rome.

GIRLS

Albany	8	15	21	29
Valdosta	27	48	72	86

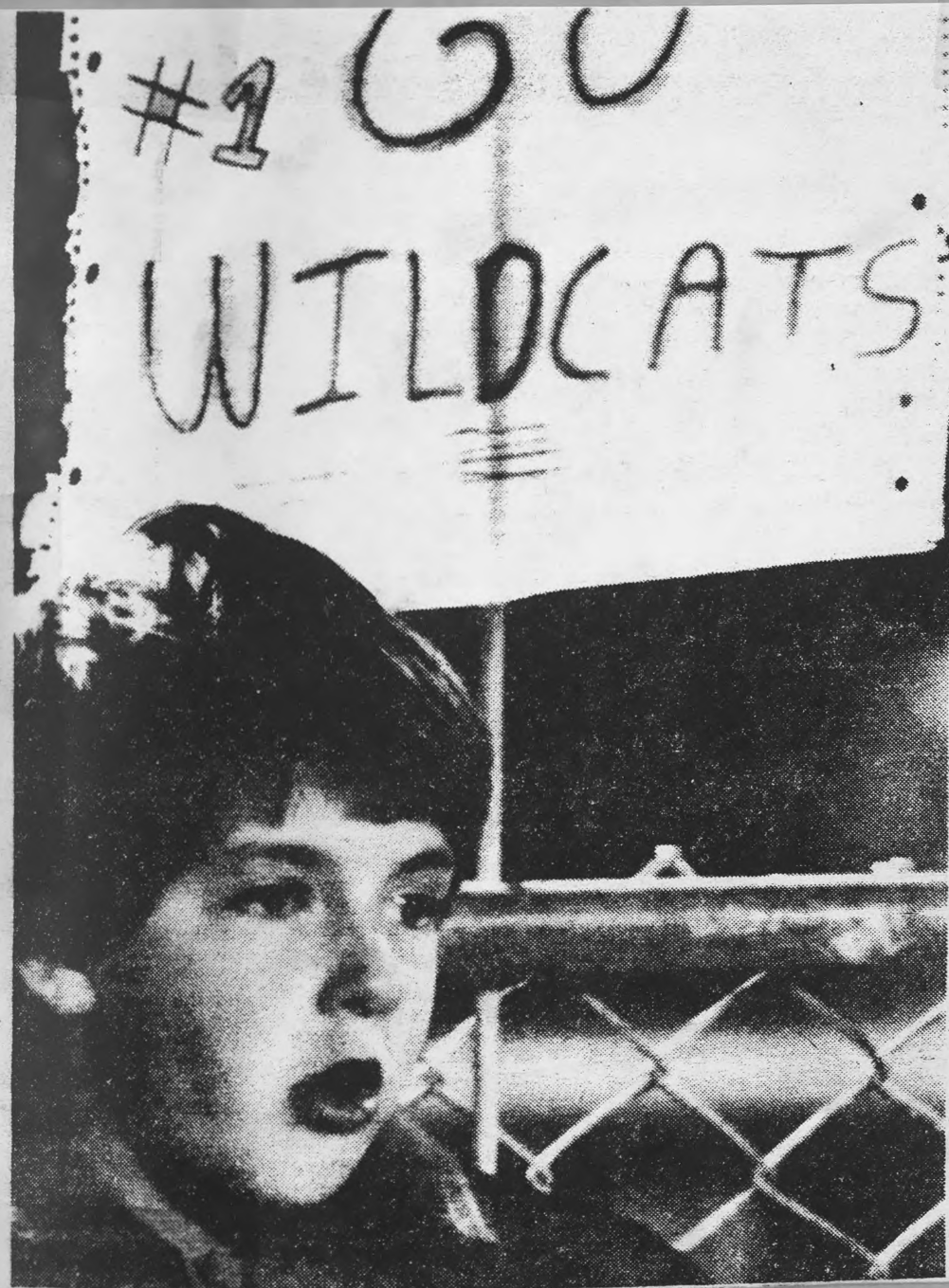
Albany (29) — Jones-8, Davis-5, Perry-4, Kendrick-4, Davis-4, Nix-2.
Team Totals: Field goals 13, Free throws 3 of 7, Fouls 14.
Valdosta (86) — Porter-21, Wilson-18, Harrell-11, Roberts-11, Nelson-9, Cooper-6, Irvin-4, Lewis-2, Peeler-2, Davenport-2.
Team Totals: Field goals 41, Free Throws 4 of 8, Fouls 13.

BOYS

Albany	10	24	39	59
Valdosta	8	17	24	49

Albany (59) — Nix-23, Wilson-8, Cross-8, Belk-7, Laster-6, Williams-2, Coleman-2.
Team Totals: Field goals 25, Free throws 9 of 12, Fouls 21.
Valdosta (49) — Marable-18, Allen-15, Thomasern-5, Jordan-5, Artis-4, Cothran-2.
Team Totals: Field goals 21, Free Throws 7 of 14, Fouls 24.

The Kind Of Night It Was At Cleveland Field



That Kind Of Game

It was that kind of ball game and the pictures on this page and elsewhere tell the story and there were many stories.

Members of the press and scouts from out of town shook heads and gazed at each other at the noise, intensity and sheer fun that can be generated when Valdosta High School and Lowndes High School meet on Cleveland Field.

This time, the "Ghost Of Cleveland Field" tipped his hat to the Vikings of Joe Wilson, whose Vikings won the Region 1-AAAA championship and now go on to represent in the area in what could lead to a state championship if the Vikings keep on winning.

Top left shows happy LHS students, middle left is a worried Wildcat fan and at bottom Wilson speaks to his players shortly after the game on the field. Middle right shows the emotion of some Wildcat boosters and top right shows a different emotion for the Vikings players.

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Valdosta Splits With Westover

12-7-80
v. Tins

By **CHUCK DeVANE**
Times Sports Writer

Beverly Wilson poured in 34 points to lead the Valdosta Lady Wildcats to a 88-37 victory over the Westover Lady Patriots in the first game of a Region 1-AAAA high school basketball doubleheader played here Saturday night.

The Albany school earned a split in the twin-bill, however, as the Patriots pulled out a 71-68 win over the Wildcats in the nightcap.

The Lady Patriots controlled the opening tip-off and the first two minutes of the game, but after that it was all Valdosta.

Trailing 5-3 early in the first quarter, the Lady Wildcats resorted to a fast break offense which reeled off fourteen unanswered points. Valdosta steadily added to their lead throughout the remainder of the contest, and coasted to their fourth win of the year against one loss.

Despite the margin of victory, Lady Wildcat Head Coach Jo Ellis was not overly pleased with her team's performance.

"I thought we played sloppy," Ellis said, "we don't tend to execute well against weak teams."

The Lady Patriots were indeed weak, and they were much more sloppy than Coach Ellis' squad. Westover committed twenty-nine turnovers during the contest,

and Valdosta used its fast-paced attack to take advantage of the majority of the miscues.

"I was real pleased with our fast break," Coach Ellis added.

Wilson was not the only heroin for Valdosta, as three other players scored in double figures. Melanie Nelson fired in 13 points, Cindy Cooper scored 12, and Annie Porter chipped in 11 more for the Lady Wildcats.

Cooper was the catalyst of the Lady Wildcat attack, dishing out 11 assists.

"I'm real proud of Cindy Cooper and Beverly Wilson," Coach Ellis said, "and I'm also real pleased with our depth."

Every player on the Lady Wildcat roster saw action in the game, with all but two putting points on the scoreboard.

Valerie Brown and Tonjie Jones led the Lady Patriots with seven points apiece.

The boy's game was a seesaw battle in the first half, with the score deadlocked twelve different times. The Patriots pulled away in the second half, however, as the Wildcats could come only as close as the final margin.

Westover's Mike Hudson canned a pair of free throws with six seconds remaining in the first half to put the Patriots ahead to stay.

Ironically, it was Hudson and free throw shooting that

caused Coach Roger Rome's Wildcats to lose their fourth game of the year.

Hudson scorched the nets for 33 points to lead all scorers in the game.

Carl Hogan scored 14 points for Westover, while Lawrence Seay and Todd Whitaker added 12 and 10 more respectively.

Dante Jones led the 1-4 Wildcats with 26 points. Dexter Marable burned in 19, and Mark Artis threw in 16 for Valdosta.

The Wildcats matched the Patriots from the field with each team hitting thirty two-pointers. Poor free throw shooting doomed the Wildcats, as they sank only forty-four percent of their attempts.

"We definitely should have won the ballgame," a disappointed Coach Rome stated, "we were just standing around out there."

GIRLS

Westover	9	21	35-37
Valdosta	18	42	62-88

WHS (37) — Glaser 6, Henderson 6, Jones 7, Brown 7, Shavers 3, Moore 4, Armstrong 4.

Field goals 16, free throws 5 of 12, fouls 15.
VHS (88) — Cooper 12, Nelson 13, DeCarlo, Lewis 2, Irvin 4, Wilson 34, Porter 11, Harrell 4, Roberts, Swails 2, Melvin 3, Peeler, Davenport 1, Bell 1.
Field goals 38, free throws 12 of 18, fouls 13.

BOYS

Westover	12	34	53-71
Valdosta	12	32	47-68

WHS (71) — Hogan 14, Hudson 33, Whitaker 10, Seay 12, Proctor 2, Mundee.

Field goals 30, free throws 11 of 18, fouls 19.
VHS (68) — Allen 1, Jordan, Gaines, Marable 19, Jones 26, Thomerson 4, Colthran 2, Artis 16.
Field goals 30, free throws 8 of 19, fouls 17.

Lady Wildcats End Vickette Winning Streak

The Valdosta Daily Times SPORTS

By BILL RYAN
Times Staff Writer
It was bound to happen sooner or later and Tuesday night it finally did.
The Valdosta High Lady Wildcats ended the Lowndes High Vickettes' 122-game winning streak with a heart-stopping 63-56 victory in the Lowndes gym.

VHS boys' made it a two-game sweep for the visitors as the Cats escaped with a 58-56 win over the Vikings.

The Lady Wildcats historic triumph did not come easy. Although, the Valdosta girls dominated the inside play of the contest, it always seemed that the Vickettes would storm their way back into the thick of things, somehow.

The biggest star for Valdosta in the victory was senior forward Beverly Wilson who pumped in 28 points and pulled down 17 rebounds. Annie Porter lent a helping hand with 19 points and 13 caroms. It was her clutch free-throw shooting down the stretch that pulled the game out of the Vickettes' reach.

"I thought they outplayed us in every phase of the game," said LHS girls' coach

Charles Cooper. "They have a good experienced ball club and they were better than we were tonight."

The Valdosta girls indeed looked as if they would run away with the contest at the start when they raced to a 10-1 lead early in the first quarter before Lowndes fought back to close the gap to 15-9 at the period's end.

LHS super-shooter Faye Williams scored two quick buckets at the start of the second period to pull Lowndes within two. But the all-star guard was saddled with her third foul with 6:17 left in the half and was sent to the bench.

Agatha Carter nonetheless tied the game for Lowndes with her only bucket of the night before the Lady Wildcats got back on the scoreboard.

Valdosta blitzed Lowndes with a 6-0 spurt to pull ahead 21-15 before poor free-throw shooting stalled the VHS effort temporarily. The Lady Wildcats missed the first part of no less than seven situations that could have given them 14 extra points before intermission.

But two buckets by Porter and two free throws by Cindy Cooper offset two Williams scores to give the Lady Wildcats a 27-21 lead at the half.

The rest of the game would be a dog-fight — every inch of the way.

The two teams battled furiously throughout the third quarter with the Valdosta Ladies never leading more than six.

The Valdosta Ladies were helped by three baskets in the last two minutes of the period by Bridgette Harrell as they managed to cling to a 41-38 lead going into the final stanza.

The Vickettes finally took the lead with 6:19 left in the game on a basket by Faye Williams and it looked as if "Vickette Pride" would pull Lowndes through. But the ever-present Wilson sank another of her close in jump shots to put Valdosta back ahead and the Lady Wildcats would never trail again.

Porter, who missed several 1-1 opportunities in the first half sank seven free throws in the last two minutes of the contest to ice the win.

Cooper sank two more for good measure as the Vickettes had to deliberately foul as time melted away.

For VHS Lady Wildcat coach Jo Ellis, the victory was a sweet one.

"It was better than I expected," said Ellis. "Our scouting report on them was excellent so we used a zone press on and off that helped us a lot."

The Valdosta defense did indeed force numerous turnovers and took Lowndes out of their offense most of the night. Credit must also be given to Cindy Cooper for her direction of the VHS offense in the last minutes of the game, not letting the Vickettes have a shot at a steal without fouling.

Cooper, although disappointed with the loss, was not too let down by the end of the streak that has stretched for a period of over five years.

"All good things must come to an end. I always said if we lost I wouldn't mind being 122-1. I thought we might lose a few this year. We have a real young team and they'll get better by the end of the season."

Although the boys' game did not draw as much interest it was no less exciting.

The Vikings looked as if they might have the game in hand when they held a 47-41 lead with 7:39 left in the game. But three straight Lowndes turnovers led to three straight Wildcat baskets.

"That was the key," said Lowndes coach Terry Wilkes. "We had a six-point lead and we turned the ball over three straight times. I'm still proud of the way our kids played tonight."

The late Viking turnovers produced a 10-0 spurt by the Wildcats giving them a 51-47 lead with 5:20 left in the game.

Lowndes drew to within one with a basket Darryl Chandler and a free throw by Al Chandler but a three-point play by the Cats David Allen with 1:40 to go made things look bleak for the Vikings, who have now lost all of their outings this year.

J.D. Thomerson and Dexter Marable were the top gunners for VHS in the contest with 18 each with many of Thomerson's coming from way outside.

Al Chandler led the way for Lowndes with a game-high 23.

"I think our kids showed a lot of maturity tonight," said VHS coach Roger Rome. Especially since this is such a big game and such a good rivalry."

Both schools are at home Friday night with Lowndes hosting Thomasville and Bainbridge visiting Valdosta.

BOYS	
VHS	12 27 41 58
LHS	14 27 44 54
VHS (69) — Thompson 18, Mayrahe 18, Jones 9, Cochran 4, Allen 3, West 2, Gaines 2, Artis 2, Hudson.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 23, Free Throws 12 of 15, Fouls 19	
LHS (50) — A. Chandler 23, D. Carter 9, Taylor 8, Roman 8, Chandler 6, D. Allen 2.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 22, Free Throws 12 of 23, Fouls 16	
GIRLS	
VHS	15 27 41 63
LHS	9 21 38 56
VHS (63) — Wilson 28, Porter 19, Lewis 6, Harrell 6, Cooper 4, Melvin, Nelson.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 22, Free Throws 19 of 28, Fouls 18	
LHS (50) — Williams 20, Vickers 18, Hart 10, Parker 4, Walters 4, Carter 2, Smith 2.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 20, Free Throws 16 of 24, Fouls 25	



Lady Wildcats' Annie Porter Goes Up For Shot

—Times Staff Photo

Lowndes tumbles, streak ends at 122

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Valdosta girls coach Jo Ellis (right) was congratulated by Lowndes coach Charles Cooper after Valdosta ended the Vikettes winning streak at 122 straight last night 63-56.

From Times-Union Staff

VALDOSTA, Ga. — The Lowndes girls basketball winning streak is over.

It ended last night at 122 straight in the Lowndes Gym. Valdosta became the first team in more than four years to beat the Vikettes as the Kittens recorded a 63-56 victory.

"All good things have to come to an end," said Lowndes' coach Charles Cooper. "We got outplayed by a good ball club, but I'll tell you, 122 out of 123 ain't bad. We still feel pretty good about that."

Cooper's Vikettes have won four straight state Class AAAA championships. Their streak was the third-longest in high school girls basketball history, falling short only to Baskin (La.) High's 218 straight from 1949-55 and Taylor (Ga.) High's 134 straight from 1968-72.

Cooper said he hadn't expected the streak to last much longer.

"I expected it to happen [losing]," he said. "I said at the beginning of the year we'd lose five or six ball games. This one is just the first one. We have a good group of kids, just young and inexperienced, and we got outplayed by a more experienced team. We were prepared for it."

Although Lowndes won some close ones during the streak, the Vikettes were in trouble from the start last night. Valdosta jumped out to a 15-9 lead after the first period and kept the six-point cushion at intermission, 27-21. Lowndes did rally in the third period, trimming the deficit to three, but the Beverly Edwards-led Kittens re-

gained the momentum over the last eight minutes.

Edwards scored 28 points to lead all scorers and Annie Porter added 19 for Valdosta. Lowndes' only two returning starters from last year, Faye Williams and Bridgett Vickers, scored 20 and 18 points, respectively, but it wasn't enough.

The victory for Valdosta earned a bit of revenge for the boys football team which was eliminated from the playoffs by Lowndes two weeks ago 6-0.

Cooper said losing to Valdosta "doesn't hurt me any more than losing to anyone else", but Valdosta coach Jo Ellis didn't even try to hide her feelings. "I'm ecstatic," she said.

"We thought we could beat them. I just told them if we played good defense and got on the boards we could beat them. We dominated the boards," Ellis said.

Ellis is in only her second year at Valdosta, but said last year's losses were enough for her.

Valdosta is now 5-1 and working on a three-game winning streak of its own. Ellis just laughed at a suggestion the Kittens may be on their way to a 100-plus streak.

As for Lowndes, Cooper's club is now 3-1 and will be trying to bounce back for the first time in a long time. "We're not going to change anything," Cooper said. "We'll still play them one game at a time."

VALDOSTA (63): Cooper 4, Lewis 6, Beverly Wilson 28, Annie Porter 19, Harrell 6, Melvin 0.
LOWNDES (56): Faye Williams 20, Waters 4, Carter 2, Vickers 18, Parker 4, Smith 2, Hart 6.
Valdosta 15 12 14 22—63
Lowndes 9 12 17 18—56
Total fouls: Lowndes 25, Valdosta 19.

'Cats Pull Upset

VHS Sweeps Thomasville

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By BILL RYAN
Times Staff Writer

The Valdosta High Wildcats and Lady Wildcats both came away winners when Thomasville invaded the VHS gym Tuesday night.

The Lady Wildcats pulled away from the Lady Bulldogs in the fourth quarter for a 55-43 win while the VHS boys held off the visitors by a 61-59 count.

For coach Roger Rome's 'Cats, the victory was only the third of the season and it came against a team that came into the contest with a reputation of having one of the better teams in the region. The Bulldogs also boasted of having one of the better players in the region in Jeff Putman.

But tonight, the game belonged to Valdosta as the Wildcats threw a full-court press at the Bulldogs that completely baffled the Thomasville offense.

Dante Jones had one of his

finer games of the season as he threw in 20 points, pulled down 12 rebounds and had at least three steals.

Another key factor in the game was that Putman was saddled with three fouls in the first half and did not return until the final period.

The 'Cats had led during the early going but the Bulldogs gradually pulled even towards the end of the first half as turnovers and weak inside play hindered the Valdosta effort.

Even without Putman in the third quarter, the Bulldogs managed to open up a six-point 43-37 lead with just over two minutes left in the period. It was then that the turning point in the game occurred.

The Wildcats ran off a 13-0 spurt that carried over into the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs went almost seven minutes without putting a point on the board. But Putman and James Fann

rallied the Bulldogs and they pulled to within two with less than a minute remaining in the game. But David Allen took all of the steam out of the Thomasville rally with two free throws with 10 seconds left and that was that.

"Our zone press worked a lot better than I expected," said a very pleased Rome. "I was pleased with the intensity our boys showed out there. It was the best they've shown all season long. We're finally starting to get things together."

Besides Jones' effort, Dexter Marable added 19 points while Allen chipped in with 12 more. VHS coaches were also pleased with the performance J.D. Thomerson gave at point guard.

Putman had 18 to lead Thomasville but got many of his points on drives down the baseline and foul shooting. The 'Cats took away his outside shooting range which is to the dressing room.

VHS girl's coach Jo Ellis was also pleased with the intensity her squad played with.

"I was glad to see us play with more intensity. We didn't shoot good but we played well on the boards."

The Lady 'Cats had to contend with Thomasville's 6-foot-1 center Priscilla Walden who led the visitors with 18 points. Outside of her inside game, the Lady Bulldogs didn't have that much to offer.

The game however, was a dogfight much of the way with Thomasville having the advantage of seeing top VHS scorer Beverly Wilson sitting the bench in foul trouble.

Annie Porter however, took up much of the slack and fired in 16 points, several coming in the pivotal fourth quarter when the Lady Wildcats finally managed to pull away.

"Annie picked up the slack when Beverly had to sit out."

Porter finished the game with 15 rebounds, many of them on the offensive glass giving the VHS girls second and third shots.

Wilson did some damage of her own, even though her playing time was limited. She was the leading VHS scorer with 18.

The VHS ladies are now 7-1 on the year while the boys climb to 3-5.

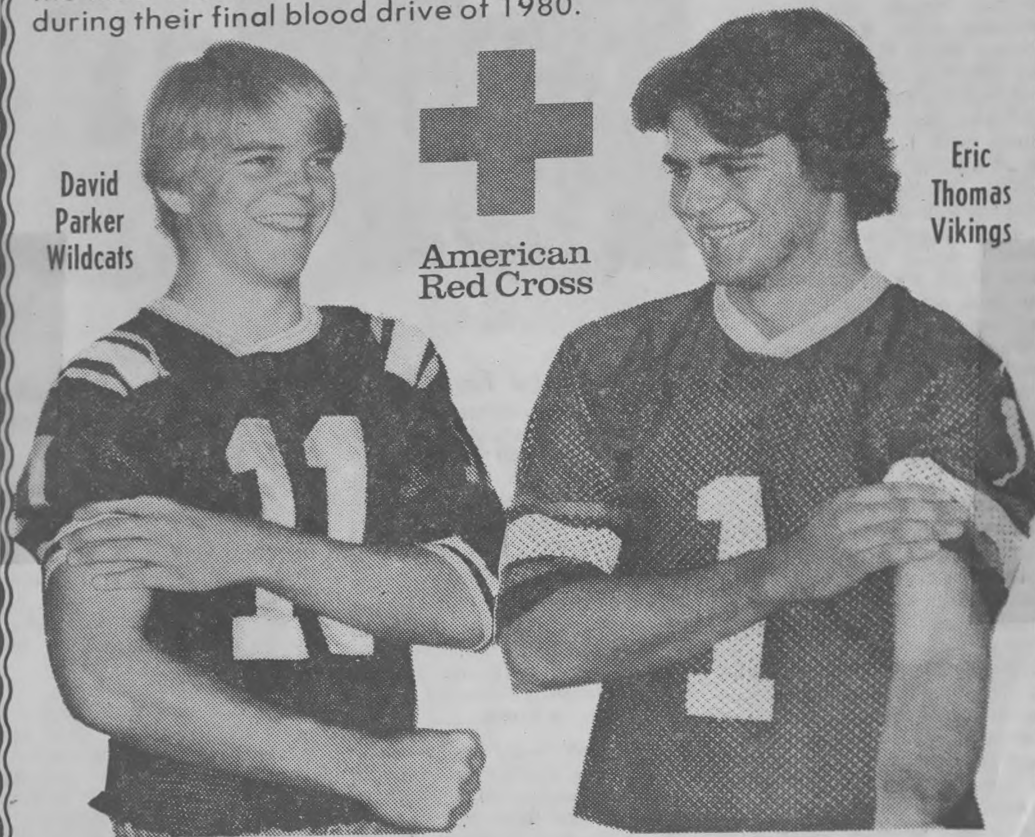
Boys	
Thomasville	16 32 43—59
VHS	20 33 43—61
VHS (59) — Putman 18, Fann 15, Young 9, Bush 9, Wilson 4, Moore 4, Dukes, Frances.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 25, Free Throws 9 of 15, Fouls 20.	
VHS (61) — Jones 20, Marable 19, Artis 2, Thomerson 6, Allen 12, Robinson, Jordan 2.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 24, Free Throws 13 of 23, Fouls 19.	

Girls	
Thomasville	11 18 35—43
Valdosta	12 21 34—55
VHS (43) — Priscilla Walden 18, Veronica Cochran 10, McIntyre 5, Graham 5, Grant 4, Grumley 1.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 18, Free Throws 7 of 16, Fouls 18.	
VHS (55) — Wilson 18, Porter 16, Lewis 7, Cooper 6, Nelson 4, Irvin 2, Roberts 2, Harrell, Swails, Melvin.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 21, Free Throws 13 of 21, Fouls 15.	

L.H.S., V.H.S. SQUARE OFF AGAIN

Quarterbacks Eric Thomas (R) and David Parker (L) roll up their sleeves to help the Red Cross encourage you to GIVE, this Wednesday, December 10, from 1 - 6 P.M. at Mathis Auditorium.

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Valdosta Wrestlers Defeat Colquitt

By Times Staff Writer

MOULTRIE — In what was the first match of the season for both schools, the Valdosta High Wrestling Team defeated Colquitt County with 52 points to 18.

Of the 14 matchups, Valdosta wrestlers took 10 with Colquitt winning only

two.

"We had a great team effort for our first match," said VHS coach Jim Landrum.

Valdosta is to host Westover of Albany tonight in the Valdosta High gym for the teams' first home match of the season.

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