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Valdosta Splits With Tift

By Times Staff Writer

The Christmas break was good and bad for the Valdosta high basketball program. The Wildcats, who had won four games in a row, lost to Tift County in Tifton Tuesday night, while the Lady Wildcats won their game against Tift County after being knocked out of the Lowndes High Christmas Tournament in their last game of 1980. The Wildcats lost a heartbreaker to the Tift County Blue Devils 61-58. Tift jumped ahead in the first quarter and went onto the lead with excellent shooting from the free throw line and good defensive play. The Wildcats were outbounded and shot only 8-of-16 from the foul line. Leading

scorer Dante Jones was double-teamed and triple-teamed all night as the Blue Devils honed in on the 6-foot-5 senior, holding him to 13 points.

"We just didn't rebound," Coach Roger Rome said. "Rebounding and poor performance at the foul line are what hurt us. We are still rusty. We can play better — we gotta play better to win."

Dexter Marable led the Wildcat scorers with 16 points and J.D. Thomerson had 10.

The Blue Devils were led by Ken Howard with a game-high 18 points. Lon Assmussen threw in 17 points and Jimmy Spurlin hit 10 for Tift.

The loss dropped Valdosta's record to 6-6.

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The Christmas layoff didn't hurt Coach Jo Ellis' Lady Wildcats as they easily whipped the Tift County Angels 63-37 in their first game since the break.

The Lady Wildcats were

paced by Annie Porter with a game-high 19 points. Beverly Wilson had 17 points and Armelua Lewis chipped in six as Valdosta jumped off to an early lead and steadily widened the margin until

they led by nine at the half.

The second half was a blowout as Tift was totally outplayed and outscored by a two-to-one margin.

The Lady Wildcats, who earlier this season broke the Lowndes Vikes' four-year winning streak, are now 8-2 on the season.

Ellis said she is pleased with the way her girls have come along and feels they are going to be in the thick of the run for the region championship.

Valdosta returns to action Friday night when they play Bainbridge in Bainbridge.

GIRLS	
VHS	15 27 47 63
TCH	10 18 24 37
VHS (63) — Porter 19, Wilson 17, Lewis 6, Harrell 5, Irzin 4, Roberts 4, Peeler 4, DeCarlo 2, Melvin 2, Nelson, Swails, Davenport, Bell, Conaway.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 27, Free Throws 9 of 13 Fouls 21.	
TCH (37) — Patricia Brown 11, Stanley 9, Turner 9, Burns 7, Griffin 1, Tucker, Boazman, Thornton, Denson, Henry, Green, Seymour, Potts, Goins, Mallory.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 14, Free Throws 9 of 20 Fouls 12.	
BOYS	
VHS	13 24 38 55
TCH	16 27 41 61
VHS (58) — Jones 13, Marable 16, Thomerson 10, Allen 7, Rogers 5, Heard 7.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 25, Free Throws 8 of 21 Fouls 20.	
TCH (61) — Howard 18, Assmussen 17, Spurlin 10, Stokes 7, Beinhardt 6, Psledders 3.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 22, Free Throws 15 of 23 Fouls 16.	

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VHS's David Levy Gets Position On Cook's Mike Tippins

Times Staff Photo by Joey Ivansco

VHS Program To Air Tonight On Channel 12

By Times Staff Writer

A Program about Valdosta High School which was aired last May is to be shown tonight at 7:30 p.m. on Cable Channel 12.

"Inside VHS," is to preempt the regular program, "VHS Potpourri," which is being reorganized, according to Ralph Guarino, audio visual director at the school.

In the program's first segment, science teacher Bruce Green interviews Mrs. Harry Wolinski and her ninth grade advanced placement English class.

The program's second segment is to be a student production of a play adapted from a short story by D.H. Lawrence.

"The Rocking Horse Winner" was written by David Carlson, produced by Barry Herrin and directed by Gretchen Trautmann.

Valdosta Unbeaten

By Times Staff Writer

The Valdosta wrestling team remained unbeaten Saturday winning their fifth match of the season with a 69-3 pasting of Dougherty of Albany.

Anthony Battle, 187 pounds, got the quickest pin of the match pinning his opponent in 3:02. Other Valdosta wrestlers recording pins were Horace Beaufort, 167; Danny Levy, 140; David Levy, 157; Joe Sanders, 134 and Danny McCleod, 177 pounds.

Other Wildcats winning matches included Terry Worthan, 100; Greg Prine, 107; Mark Levy, 114; Alfred Augero, 121; Ted Welch, 128; David Harrison 147; and Jimmy Kehoe, heavyweight.

The Valdosta Daily Times SPORTS

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The Valdosta wrestling squad got a five-win spurt that propelled the Wildcats to a 54-12 win over Cook County Thursday night at Valdosta.

The Wildcats won 11 of the 14 matches and improved their record to 4-0.

After the first five matches of the night, Valdosta held a slim 3-2 lead. But the Wildcats came up with five straight wins among the middle weight divisions to secure their lead and remain undefeated this season.

There were four pins during the match with the Wildcats getting three and the Hornets claiming one. The quickest pin of the night went to David Harrison in the 147-pound class. Harrison pinned Tommy Sampson in 17 seconds of the first round. The time for the pin is also the quickest of the season for

a Wildcat.

Valdosta's Jimmy Kehoe also pinned his opponent, Walter Jackson, in the heavyweight division. The Wildcats' other pin belonged to Greg Prine over Marshall Croft at 107 pounds. Dan Shaw of Cook County, at 177 pounds, pinned Ty Davenport.

Other wrestlers winning matches for Valdosta Thursday night included: Terry Wortham, Alfred

Aguero, Joe Sanders, Jack Priest, David Levy, Horace Beaufort, Anthony Battle and Victor Waymon. Battle and Wayman were awarded their matches by forfeit.

Also winning matches for Cook County were Darren Durr and Joe Alley.

There are six Valdosta wrestlers that are undefeated so far in the season. They are: Prine, Aguero, Sanders, Danny Levy, David Levy and Kehoe.

Valdosta is scheduled to wrestle Dougherty in Albany Saturday.

Match Results

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

100 lbs. — Terry Wortham (V) Dec. David Rentz (C.C.) 11-4
107 lbs. — Greg Prine (V) Pinned Marshall Croft (C.C.)
114 lbs. — Darren Durr (C.C.) Dec. Mark Levy (V) 11-8
121 lbs. — Alfred Aguero (V) Dec. James Morris (C.C.) 10-1
128 lbs. — Joe Alley (C.C.) Dec. Ted Welch (V) 3-2
134 lbs. — Joe Sanders (V) Dec. Anthony Payne (C.C.) 14-5
140 lbs. — Jack Priest (V) Dec. Mark Little (C.C.) 15-10
147 lbs. — David Harrison (V) pinned Tommy Sampson (C.C.)
157 lbs. — David Levy (V) Dec. Mike Tippins (C.C.) 19-5
167 lbs. — Horace Beaufort (V) Dec. Billy Lovett (C.C.) 13-0
177 lbs. — Dan Shaw (C.C.) pinned Ty Davenport (V)
187 lbs. — Anthony Battle (V) won by forfeit
197 lbs. — Victor Waymon (V) won by forfeit
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—Times Staff Photo By Robert Winter III

VSC's Ivey Hubbard Shoots For Two Of His Game-High 22 Points

Free Throws Could Be Key

Wildcats Coming Around

By CLARENCE GOSIER
Times Staff Writer

The Valdosta High School Wildcats return to basketball action for the first time following the Christmas hiatus with a 7 p.m. tilt in Tifton with the Tift County

Blue Devils tonight. The 6-5 Wildcats have won four in a row and head Coach Roger Rome is looking forward to a second-half spurt that will take them into tournament action at a level of performance more in line

with their potential. "We have a lot of talent on this team but several of our key players are also members of the football team and it naturally takes them somewhat longer to adjust to the court from the gridiron," Rome said. "These kids are beginning to come around, however, and when they really begin to jell and consistently play the kind of ball they are capable of playing, we're going to have a much improved basketball team."

"I expect that Edwin Robinson and Carl Gains are going to play much bigger roles for us the latter half of the season. So will Curtis Robinson and Rob Sullenberger. Dante Jones has been the leading scorer and rebounder for us since returning from football. Of course he is slowed somewhat right now with a slight injury but Dante is a fine, consistent athlete and we expect a lot from him the rest of the way."

"Gains suffered a compound fracture last spring in football and is still not going at full tilt — still not jumping as well as he should. He's six-foot and a strong kid and he could be our best rebounder

by tourney time. He has a lot of potential.

"All of our kids are naturally a little bit rusty following the Christmas holidays, particularly at the foul line and the only way to remove the kinks is to work them out."

Rome is concerned with the poor performance of the 'Cats at the free throw line and sees the teams' foul shooting as the big key to their success in the weeks ahead.

"In four of the five games we have lost," Rome pointed out, "we have lost the game at the line. We lost by two in overtime to Moultrie and we hit only forty-four percent of our foul shots. We only lost by four points to a Daugherty team which I consider one of the finest in the region and we lost because we hit only forty percent of our foul shots. You can't win if you shoot like that."

Tipping off the second half of the season, Jones leads the 'Cats in scoring with 18 points per game. He is followed closely by Dexter Marable with 16. David Allen and J.D. Thomerson are averaging seven, and Freeman Jordan and Gary Cochran have three points per game.

Valdosta Wrestlers Place 3rd

By Times Staff Writer
MACON, Ga. — The Valdosta High School wrestling team finished third in the Southwest Georgia Invitational Tournament held at Southwest High School Saturday night.

Seventeen teams from across the state participated in the tourney with nine Valdosta wrestlers placing.

The Wildcats who placed and their weight divisions are as follows:

- Danny Levy, second 140;
- David Harrison, third, 147;
- David Levy, third, 157;
- Horace Beaufort, third, 167;
- Anthony Battle, third, 187;
- Greg Prine, third, 107;
- Mark Levy, fourth, 114;
- Joe Sanders, fourth, 134
- and Ted Welch, fifth, 128.

The Valdosta team finished with 127.5 points while Fitzgerald won the tournament with 223.5 points.

Valdosta is to wrestle Fitzgerald Thursday night in Valdosta.

Valdosta Loses

By Times Staff Writer
ALBANY — Valdosta High dropped two games to Monroe High Saturday night in 1-AAAA basketball action, the boys falling 60-54 and the girls losing 49-43.

In the boys game, the Wildcats made a valiant effort at a last quarter comeback but fell short in the attempt. Valdosta outscored the Tornados 20-14 in the final period but it was not enough as Monroe managed to hold on to their lead.

High scorer in the game was Donnell Williams of Monroe with 20 points. Dexter Marable chipped in 18 points for Valdosta to lead the Wildcats.

In the girls' game, a scrappy Lady Wildcat team stuck with Monroe but could

not manage a fourth period rally. They were down just four points at the end of the third quarter and stayed with the Lady Tornados in the final period but never could pull it out.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	16 23 35-43
Monroe	12 26 39-49
VHS (43) —	Cooper-1, Nelson-6, Lewis-8, Wilson-16, Porter-12, Melven.
Team Totals:	Field Goals 16, Free Throws 11 of 19, Fouls 43.
MHS (49) —	Frazier-19, Fowler-10, Burks-4, McIntyre-4, Works-11, Thomas-2.
Team Totals:	Field Goals 22, Free Throws 6 of 10, Fouls 56.

BOYS	
Valdosta	10 20 34-54
Monroe	20 31 46-60
VHS (54) —	Jones-6, Marable-18, Heard-9, Allen-2, Thomason-17, Jordan-2.
Team Totals:	Field Goals 23, Free Throws 8 of 10, Fouls 54.
MHS (60) —	James-13, Celestin-4, Adams-19, Donnell Williams-20, Oliver-4.
Team Totals:	Field Goals 27, Free Throws 6 of 10, Fouls 11.

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VHS Hosts Unbeaten Club

VHS Wrestlers Win Over Tift

From Staff, Wire Reports

The Valdosta High School Wrestling team bested Tift County in a wrestling match held in Tifton Wednesday. The Wildcats currently own a 6-0 record.

Individual results follow:

100 lbs: John Waters (T) Dec. Scott Richardson (V) 12-2; 107 lbs: Clint Range (T) Dec. Greg Prine (V) 4-1; 114 lbs: Mark Levy (V) Pinned Al Commer (T); 121 lbs: Alfred Aguero (V) pinned Theonis Wright (T).

128 lbs: Ted Welch (V) pinned Darrel Brown (T); 134 lbs: Joe Sanders (V) pinned William Milton (T); 140 lbs: Danny Levy (V) Dec. Ike Richardson (T) 14-5; 147 lbs: David Harrison (V) pinned Raymond Dixon (T); 157 lbs: David Levy pinned Jerome Davis (T).

167 lbs: Horace Beaufort (V) Dec. Leroy Clark (T) 11-0; 177 lbs: Robert Prine (T) pinned Danny McLeod (V) 18-7; 187 lbs: Anthony Battle (V) Tied Anthony Harris (T) 6-6; 197 lbs: Willie Hill (T) Dec. Victor Waymon (V) 13-2; and heavy weight: Jimmy Kehoe (V) pinned Richard Green (T).

Valdosta's B-team wrestled to a 24-24 tie with Tift's B-team. Winning wrestlers for Valdosta were: Mike Bajalia, Steve Kaiser, Darren Connell, Frank Abney, Greg Jenkins, Craig Jenkins, Jack Priest (V) tied Darren Tumlin (T) 3-3.

Valdosta wrestlers still undefeated are: Alfredo Aguero, Joe Sanders, Danny Levy and Jimmy Kehoe.

Valdosta is to travel to Macon Jan. 16-17 to wrestle in the Southwest Invitational at Southwest High School. Twenty-one teams will be in the tournament.

Lady Wildcats Go To Wire

By Times Staff Writer

It would have been more fitting for the Valdosta Lady Wildcats and the Lowndes Vikes to come out wearing shoulder pads and helmets Tuesday night. The game was that rough.

In one of the more physical games of the year, the Lady Wildcats defeated the Vikes, 36-35, and had to rely on a missed Lowndes shot at the buzzer to preserve the win.

It was the second time this year the Lady Wildcats had defeated the Vikes and it improved Valdosta's record to 10-2. Lowndes fell to 9-3 on the season.

Although Valdosta owned the first quarter, the game was as even as one could want. The score was tied 19-19 at the half and again at 25-25 at the end of three quarters. Both teams scored 15 field goals in the game but the Lady Wildcats notched one more free throw, which proved to be the deciding point. Neither team shot free throws with any mastery of the art. Lowndes was 5-13 from the line while Valdosta was 6-15.

The Lady Wildcats jumped out to an early 14-6 lead at the end of the first period, but Lowndes then began playing with an intensity that had carried them to four straight state championships.

The Vikes outscored the Lady Wildcats 13-5 in the second quarter to tie the game at 19-19 at the half. The Vikes shut out the Lady Wildcats over the last four minutes of the half when Valdosta held a 19-12 advantage.

Neither team could establish any dominance in

the third period and it was not until 4:25 remained in the fourth quarter that Valdosta took a one-point lead, 30-29 on two free throws by Beverly Wilson. The Lady Wildcats moved out to a three-point lead as late as 1:53 to play, but Lowndes cut it back to one in the final minute of play when Faye Williams stole a pass and scored to make it 36-35, Valdosta.

The Lady Wildcats tired to stall, but turned the ball over to Lowndes with nine seconds left. Lowndes played for the final shot but it missed its mark.

"This was such a pressure game," said Valdosta Head Coach Jo Ellis. "It really feels great to get this one. I thought we did a good job under the boards and our rebounding kept us in the game. We were terrible at the foul line. I don't know when we've shot so bad."

"The turnovers hurt us late in the game, but like I said, this was a pressure game, for both teams, and I was glad to see that we didn't fold."

"I thought it was an equally played ball game," said Lowndes Coach Charles Cooper. "How much more even can it be. We both had 15 field goals, but they made one more free throw than we did."

"I was real proud of our girls. I think they are playing up to their capabilities and they are improving. That's all I can ask."

	GIRLS	
Lowndes		6 19 25 36
Valdosta		14 19 25 36
LHS (35)	—	Williams 9, Waters 6, Carter 6, Hart 2, Parker 10, Vickers 2, Player.
Team Totals:	Field Goals 15, Free Throws 5 of 13, Fouls 13.	
VHS (36)	—	Wilson 17, Louis 6, Cooper 6, Porter 5, Irvin 2, Nelson, Roberts, Melvin.
Team Totals:	Field Goals 15, Free Throws 6 of 15, Fouls 14.	

Local Bands Fare Well At Contest

By Times Staff Writer

All six bands from Valdosta and Lowndes County participating in the Eighth District Instrumental Band Festival in Waycross this weekend fared well, according to their respective directors.

The Lowndes High School Symphonic Band and the Ninth Grade Honor Band scored an "excellent" rating in the concert judging and a "superior" rating in sight reading, according to assistant band director Woody Leonard.

The Lowndes High Concert Band made a rating of "good" in both categories, Leonard said.

The Valdosta High School Concert Band, under the direction of Ronnie Lunsford, scored a rating of "good" on the concert stage and a rating of "excellent" in sight reading, according to band director Mike Chapman.

The VHS Symphonic Band, directed by Chapman, made an overall "excellent" rating in the concert portion of competition, and a "superior" rating in sight reading, he said.

Debbie Bradley, director of the Valdosta Junior High School Bands, said the VJHS Advanced Band scored an overall rating of "excellent" for their concert performance and a rating of "superior" in sight reading.

Valdosta Erases Another Victim

By Times Staff Writer

Just as the sun rises in the East, the Valdosta Wrestling team lifts itself to another victory each time they take the mat.

The Wildcats made it 9-0 Tuesday as Valdosta defeated Madison, Fla. 58-6.

Valdosta is scheduled to take on Suwannee High of Live Oak, Fla. Friday at 7 p.m. in the last regular season match for both schools. Live Oak is undefeated after 10 matches and has captured first place in two Florida tournaments this year. A Wildcat win over Live Oak would give Valdosta its best record going into the regional matches to be held in Moultrie next week. Valdosta's previous best record was a 9-1 mark.

Valdosta ran off 11 straight wins against Madison before heavyweight Jimmy Kehoe was pinned by Tom Bailey in the last match of the day giving Madison its only win.

Valdosta recorded six pins in the match with 167-pound Horace Beaufort getting the

quickest of the day in 1:28. Other Wildcats who pinned their opponents included Greg Prine, Alfred Aguero, Joe Sanders, Danny Levy and David Levy.

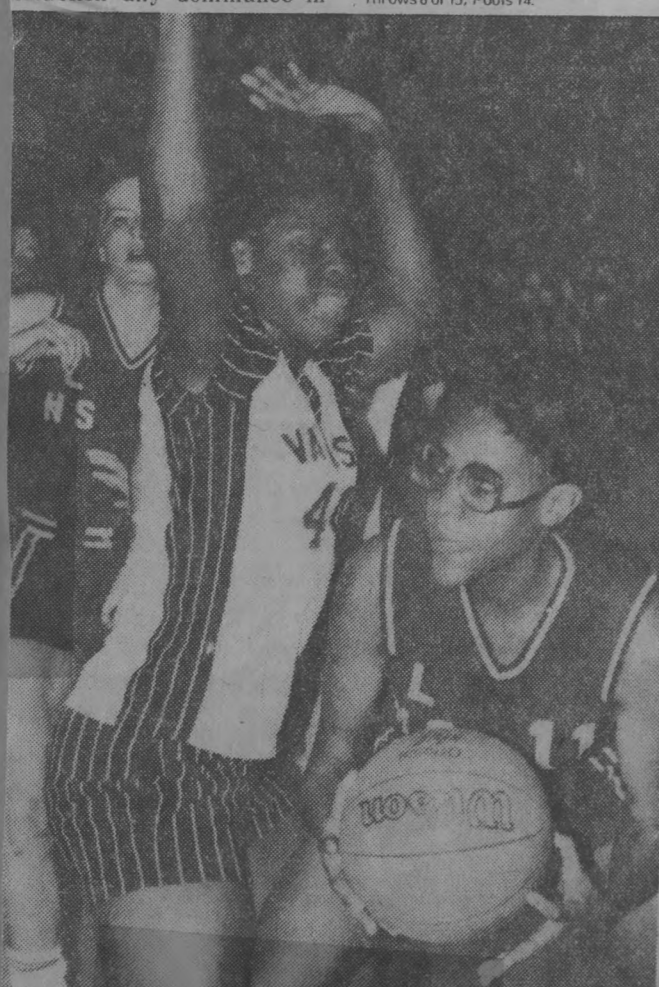
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 107 lbs: Greg Prine (V) Pinned Roderick Curree (M)
 114 lbs: Greg Sanders (V) won by Forfeit
 121 lbs: Alfred Aguero (V) Pinned James Bailey (M)
 128 lbs: Ted Welch (V) Dec. Charley Hodge (M) 10-4
 134 lbs: Joe Sanders (V) Pinned Mike Cooks (M)
 140 lbs: Danny Levy (V) Pinned Darryl Axson
 147 lbs: David Harrison (V) Dec. David Jones (M) 8-3
 157 lbs: David Levy (V) Pinned Marco Pursley (M)
 167 lbs: Horace Beaufort (V) Pinned Bill Brothers (M)
 187 lbs: Anthony Battle (V) won by forfeit.
 H.W.: Tom Bailey (M) pinned Jimmy Kehoe (V)



Times Staff Photo by Joey Ivansco

Annie Porter Defenses Agatha Carter

VHS Wrestlers Act Tall Against Mighty Fitzgerald

By Times Staff Writer
The Valdosta High wrestling team must have looked like Jack's bean stalk to the Fitzgerald High wrestlers Thursday night in the Wildcats' gym.

Both teams entered the match with unbeaten records after six matches this season, but it was the Wildcats that preserved their unblemished slate with a well-earned 32-24 win over Fitzgerald.

"We had a lot of our wrestlers grow up," said Valdosta Wrestling Coach Jim Landrum. "Fitzgerald had a very fine program and this is the first time we've ever beaten them. This had to be our best victory ever."

"Fitzgerald starts their wrestlers out in the fifth grade getting ready for competition. But for us it is a year-to-year thing. Our boys just wrestled their hearts out and I'm awfully proud of them."

It was not until the final

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match of the night that Landrum could show just how proud he was. Although Valdosta led Fitzgerald by five points going into the final match, a pin by Fitzgerald would have been worth six points and could have meant a one-point loss for the Wildcats.

But Jimmy Kehoe, in the heavyweight division, preserved the victory with a 7-2 decision over Richard Ellington. In another key match, Anthony Battle was losing 3-2 in the 187-pound division, but came back to pin Terry Rogers to give

Valdosta its biggest lead with two matches remaining. However, Martin Hugh decided Valdosta's Victor Wayman in the next match to close the gap and set the stage for Kehoe's match.

The match changed leads four times with Valdosta taking the lead, 23-18, after the 169-pound match. Horace Beaufort pinned Carl Jenkins in that match and the Wildcats managed to hang on.

There were four pins in the match with the Wildcats getting three and Fitzgerald recording one. Valdosta's

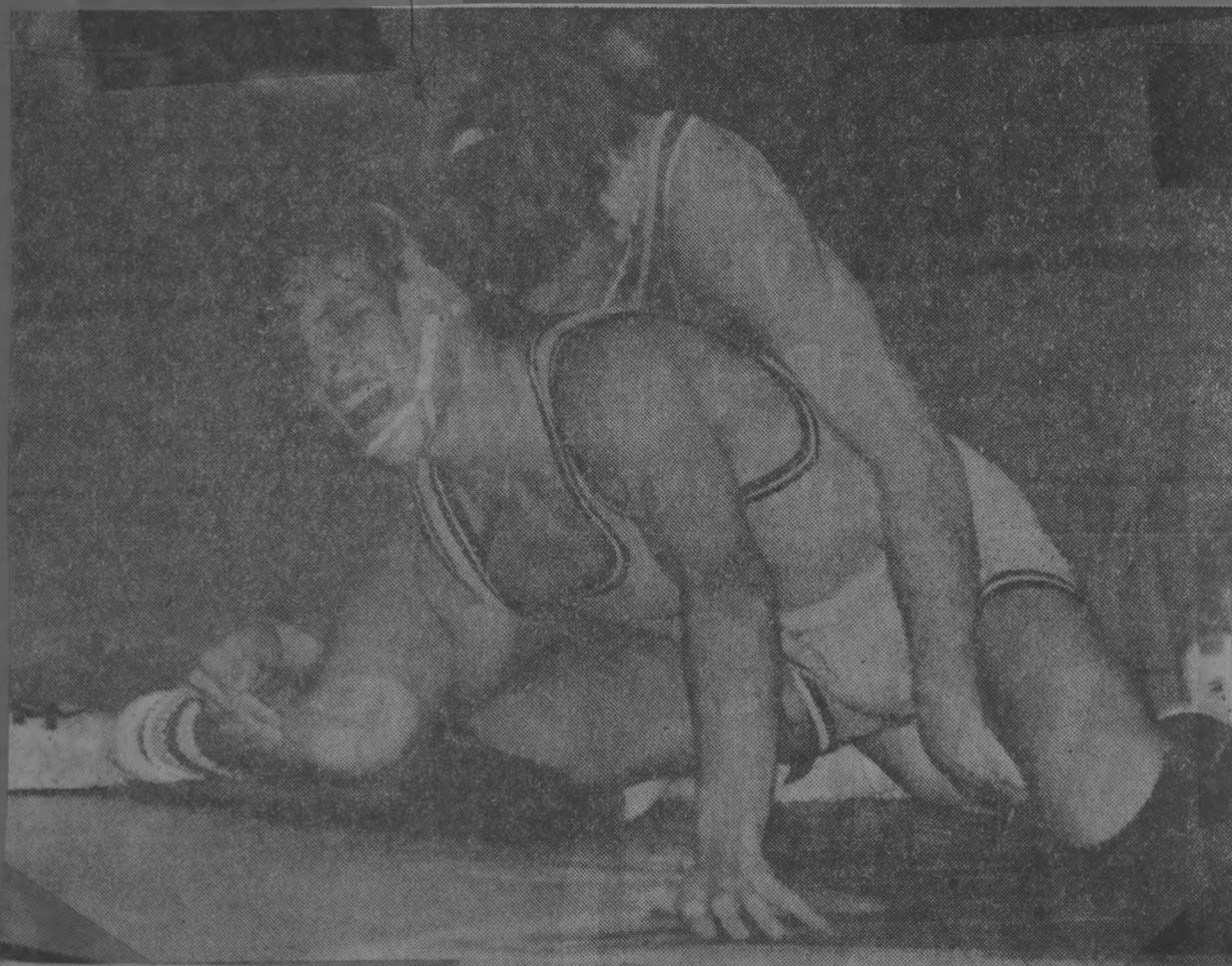
Greg Prine got the quickest pin of the night when he won his match in 3:14.

Last weekend Fitzgerald captured the Southwest Tournament in Macon with Valdosta finishing third.

Valdosta is scheduled to take on Albany Friday in the Wildcat gym at 7:30 p.m.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

100 lbs: Took Vickers (F) Dec. Terry Wortham (V) 12-6
107 lbs: Greg Prine (V) Pinned Jeff Dopson (F)
114 lbs: Scott Taylor (F) pinned Greg Sanders (V)
121 lbs: Alfred Aguero (V) Dec. Ronald Jones 4-2
128 lbs: Ted Welch (V) tied Eric White (F) 4-4
134 lbs: Terry Mann (F) Dec. Joe Sanders (V) 7-1
140 lbs: Drew Massee (F) Dec. Danny Levy (V) 9-0
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VHS's Ted Welch Maneuvered His Way From The Bottom But Wound Up In A Tie

Times Staff Photo by Joey V

VHS Wrestlers Drop Finale

By Times Staff Writer
LIVE OAK, Fla. — It all came down to the last match of the night in the last regular season match for the Valdosta High wrestling team.

Suwannee overcame a 24-21 Valdosta lead in the final match Friday night to hand the Wildcats their first loss of the season, 27-24. Valdosta ended its season with a 9-1 record while Suwannee concluded its season with a 11-0 mark.

The match see-sawed until Anthony Battle pinned John Avery in the 188-pound match to give the Wildcats a three-point lead with one match left. However, Jimmy Kehoe, 215 pounds, was pinned by

Brent Hull, 287 pounds, to give Suwannee the match. Hull is unbeaten this year pinning all 19 of his opponents.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

101 lbs: Don Wainwright (S) Dec. Terry Wortham (V) 6-0
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'Cats Wrestling Team Hammerlocks Indians

By Times Staff Writer
The Valdosta High School Wrestling team kept its unblemished record in tack when it outmatched the Albany High Indians here Friday night 61-12. The Wildcats are now 8-0 on the mat.

Greg Prine who scored the quickest pin against Fitzgerald Thursday night, turned the trick again Friday night when he pinned his man in 1:11. Prine wrestles in the 107-pound weight class.

The Wildcats next match is against Madison High at the Valdosta High School gym Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. instead of at 7:30 p.m. as it was originally scheduled.

Individual results follow:

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

100 lb: Terry Wortham (V) Dec. Butch Coppock (A) 7-1
107 lb: Greg Prine (V) pinned Terry Hicks (A)
114 lb: Scott Swain (A) Dec. Greg Sanders (V) 7-3
121 lb: Alfred Aguero (V) pinned Jim Butler (A)
128 lb: Ted Welch (V) Dec. Willie Jackson (A) 1-0
134 lb: Joe Sanders (V) pinned Barry Bloodworth (A)
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147 lb: David Harrison (V) Dec. Chuck Callaghan (A) 16-0
157 lb: David Levy (V) pinned Royfield Hicks (A)
167 lb: Horace Beaufort (V) Dec. Ken Tosky (A) 8-0
177 lb: Troy Lowe (A) Dec. Ty Davenport (V) 11-4
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 Valdosta 24 45 64-81
 VHS (81) — Cooper 10, Nelson 10, Decano 10, Lewis 4, Wilson 22, Porter 17, Harrell 2, Roberts 5, Swails 1, Peeler 2, Conroy 6.
 Team Totals: Field Goals 20, Free Throws 9 of 15, Fouls 8.
 AHS (39) — Davis 4, Jones 9, Perry 2, Kendrick, M. Davis 5, P. Kendrick 6, Brookshire 10, Nix 3.
 Team Totals: Field Goals 19, Free Throws 1 of 3, Fouls 11.

BOYS

Albany 17 34 50-67
 Valdosta 8 18 24-44
 AHS (67) — Belk 13, Nix 14, Wilson 2, Lester 13, Pope 8, Coleman 6, Croft 17, Dobbs 2, Kendrick 1, Holland 1, Wallace.
 Team Totals: Field Goals 29, Free Throws 9 of 19, Fouls 15.
 VHS (44) — Jones 6, Marable 4, Gains 2, Jordan 3, Thomerson 4, Coccoran 4, Heard 4, West, Artis Hinison 4, Allen, Robinson 3, Love 8.
 Team Totals: Field Goals 17, Free Throws 10 of 16, Fouls 17.

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Porter added 17 to the cause while Cindy Cooper and Melanie Nelson each chipped in with 10 points.

The Lady Indians' record dropped to 4-14 on the year. The Wildcats got behind the Indians early in the first quarter and never were able to overcome the Albany lead as the Indians improved its record to 11-7.

The Wildcats made only 17 field goals and had no player scoring in double figures. Dante Jones, one of the region's top scorers, played much of the game with four fouls and was held to just six points.

but committed only eight fouls in the game allowing Albany just three shots from the free throw line.

Beverly Wilson paced the Valdosta scoring attack with a game-high 22 points. Annie

66-28 lead going into the fourth quarter. Valdosta poured in 36 field goals as compared to just 19 for Albany. The Lady Wildcats used an aggressive attack throughout the game

to take a commanding

Head Coach Jo Ellis: "I was especially pleased with all of our seniors. We looked real fluid on the court and it was our most complete game of the season. To show you what a team effort it was, we had 31 assists in the game."

Valdosta jumped out to a 24-6 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. By the half, Valdosta had built its lead to 45-22. The Lady Wildcats never thought about letting Albany make a second-half rally as the Lady 'Cats outscored the Lady Indians, 21-6 in the third period to take a commanding

By Times Staff Writer
 ALBANY — The Valdosta Lady Wildcats captured a "complete" victory from Albany, 81-39, Friday night while the Wildcats suffered a total collapse in losing to the Indians, 67-44.

The Lady Wildcats improved their record to 12-4 on the season with the win while the Wildcats dropped to 8-9 on the year. Valdosta is scheduled to host Monroe of Albany Saturday night beginning at 7 p.m. in the Valdosta High School gym.

"We played a flawless game," said Lady Wildcat

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Valdosta Divides In Thomasville

By Times Staff Writer
 THOMASVILLE — The game is not over until the final second ticks away and any victory celebration should be delayed until that time. The Lady Bulldogs started their celebrating fifty-nine seconds too early and it was the Lady Wildcats who had the last hurrah. The Lady 'Cats pulling out a 54-49 win over Thomasville.

The Lady 'Cats were behind the Lady Bulldogs all night as Thomasville took command early in the second quarter and led all the way to the final minute of play. The Cats were able to remain within striking distance, however, due in large measure to the outside shooting of Armelua "Slick" Lewis and the fine play of sophomore Bridgett Harrell. Beverly Wilson was Valdosta's high rebounder for the night.

With one minute left in the game, Coach Jo Ellis and the Lady Cats could hear the Lady Bulldogs already celebrating in their huddle. That did not sit well with the Lady Cats and they were able to steal the ball twice by using a pressing defense to whittle the Lady Bulldogs' five-point lead down to one. The Lady 'Cats then hit the first shot of a one-and-one and the Lady Bulldogs' premature celebration came to a premature end. Valdosta went on to win it by five points to lift their record to 11-4.

The Wildcats fell prey to the might of Dwayne Putnam in the second game in spite of their concentrated efforts to stop the Bulldog ace. Putnam was held in check during the early going, but he scored 14 of his game-high 28 points in the last quarter to help put the game on ice for Thomasville. Valdosta was unable to come back against the Bulldogs and lost it by 16 points, 69-53.

The Wildcats and Lady Wildcats go to Albany Friday

night to play the Indians and Lady Indians.

GIRLS	
Thomasville	16 24 38-49
Valdosta	18 23 35-54
THS (49) — Walden 21, McIntyre 13, Grimsley 10, Graham 4, Cochran 1.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 20, Free Throws 9 of 18, Fouls 16.	
VHS (54) — Lewis 18, Wilson 14, Harrell 7, Porter 6, Melvin 5, Cooper 2, Irvin 2.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 22, Free Throws 10 of 18, Fouls 14.	

Valdosta Splits With Bainbridge

By Times Staff Writer
 It was a good night and a bad night for Valdosta High School last night as they journeyed to Bainbridge for a pair of basketball games.

In the girl's game, Beverly Wilson and Annie Porter led a scrappy Lady Wildcat attack as Valdosta whipped Bainbridge High School 51-38.

The boys were not so fortunate as a rocky third quarter spelled doom for them. The Wildcats lost to the Bearcats 66-54.

The Lady Wildcats played a strong game on the boards, far out-rebounding the Lady Bearcats and pretty well stayed 13 points out front all night to raise their season record to 9-2.

Coach Jo Ellis was pleased with the way her Lady Wildcats performed. She called it "the most complete ballgame we have played all season." She singled out Beverly Wilson, who scored 14 points and cleared the boards of 14 rebounds as having an outstanding performance. She was closely followed by Annie Porter with 12 points.

ahead to their Tuesday night clash with the Lowndes High Vikettes.

Things weren't quite that easy for Roger Rome and the Wildcats. The battle seesawed for the first two quarters with neither team able to put together any kind of sustained drive. They went in at the half with Bainbridge leading by two. When they returned, the roof caved in on the 'Cats. Bainbridge put together a barrage of twelve unanswered points during the third quarter and outscored the 'Cats 24-7 during that period to put the game out of reach. At the end of three, the Bearcats held a comfortable 51-36 lead and were able to coast on in from there.

"I must give a lot of credit to Bainbridge," Rome said,

BOYS	
BHS	13 27 51 66
VHS	8 29 36 54
BHS (66) — Dabis 16, Rogers 5, Choice 14, Bailey 2, Hansford 12, Jones, Gaines 3, Freeman 2, Buford 2, Watts 2.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 30, Free Throws 6 of 11, Fouls 11.	
VHS (54) — Jones 12, Marable 22, Allen 11, Thomson 4, Heard 5, Artis.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 25, Free Throws 4 of 12, Fouls 11.	

GIRLS	
BHS	6 18 26 38
VHS	16 32 40 51
BHS (38) — Pierce 18, Scarlett, Moore 6, Castill 6, Zorn 6, Flowers 2, Sanders, Cooper, Akens, Peterson.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 17, Free Throws 4 of 6, Fouls 14.	
VHS (51) — Wilson 14, Porter 12, Irvin 8, Cooper 7, Nelson 4, Lewis 4, Melvin 2, Harrell, Roberts, Swails, Peeler.	
Team Totals: Field Goals 22, Free Throws 7 of 19, Fouls 10.	

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play and their next game is scheduled Jan. 21 against Armstrong State in Savannah. A Saturday game against Clark College has been cancelled.

The Wildcats with a 6-7 mark are hoping to get back on the right track after losing to Bainbridge in their last game. The 'Cats have played good in spots in most of their games this season, but they have been plagued by lapses in concentration which has

taken Valdosta out of several games.

Coach Roger Rome said he expects his 'Cats to come around and begin to jell as a unit. They have had difficulty playing good basketball for four full quarters and Rome hopes that tonight they will play an all-out basketball game like he believes they are capable of playing.

Coach Terry Wilkes has had similar problems with his Vikings. The Vikings are still

having problems at the foul line and with crucial turnovers. In their victory over Westover, Wilkes pointed to the Vikes' improved performance at the foul line as the key to their victory. The Vikes go into tonight's game at 2-8 after losing to Colquitt 84-52 Saturday night.

Prior to tonight's game and Saturday night's clash with Colquitt, Cooper called Colquitt and Valdosta the two big tests of the season for his Vikettes. Lowndes was able to squeak past Colquitt and if the Vikettes can get past Valdosta tonight, Cooper feels his Vikettes will be back on schedule. The Lady Wildcats have already defeated the Vikettes once this season, winning by seven points to halt the Vikettes 122-game winning streak.

Lady 'Cats Think In Playoff Terms

By CLARENCE GOSIER
Times Staff Writer

There was a time when the Valdosta High School Lady Wildcats were capable of winning basketball championships only in the hearts and minds of their coach and players.

This year however, Coach Jo Ellis has changed all that. The Lady Wildcats are enjoying their finest season in many a year of very long seasons, and at this moment, find themselves sharing the top spot in their region with Colquitt County.

Valdosta is scheduled to host Colquitt Tuesday night.

The Lady 'Cats own a 10-2 record and have been impressive in each of their outings. Last Tuesday night the Lady Wildcats outlasted the defending state champion Lowndes High School Vikettes 36-35. No one can question any longer the fact that, this year, the Lady 'Cats are definitely for real.

Last year was Ellis' first as head coach of the Lady 'Cats and they responded by having their first winning season since 1976. They were 13-10 last season and all of that team's starters are on the current roster.

"Experience has really paid off for us," Ellis said. "We're winning the close ones that we lost last year and maturity and confidence are the reasons we're winning."

One of those exhibiting lots of maturity and confidence on the hardwood for the Lady 'Cats is center-forward Beverly Wilson. Wilson, 1 5-foot-11 senior has been averaging about 20 points per game and is the Lady 'Cats leading rebounder.

"Beverly has a beautiful soft touch," Ellis said. "She has recently added a hook

shot to her repertoire and is being highly recruited by college scouts."

Annie Porter, a senior and a good student to boot, is the team's leading rebounder. Porter is averaging around 16 points a game and scored a winning bucket Tuesday night against Lowndes.

Coach Ellis describes the 5-foot-11 senior as being "extremely quick and strong on the boards — just a very fine ballplayer."

The point guard is 5-foot-10 senior Cindy Cooper. "Cindy is the team's catalyst — the quarterback," says Ellis. "She runs the offense and picks up on things on her own. She has a great attitude and will make a fine college player."

Tracy Irvin is a 5-foot-5 senior who plays the wing position but is also capable of playing guard. Irvin is coming off of knee surgery and is just beginning to peak, according to Ellis. "She is our quiet leader and a very fine outside shooter."

Armelia "Slick" Lewis is a 5-foot-10 junior averaging 6 points a game and the coach says she should shoot more. "When she is hot — look out," Ellis says of Lewis. "She is a very quick and aggressive player and a fine college prospect."

Melody Nelson, a 5-foot-4 senior and Bridget Harrell, a 5-foot-4 sophomore, are the Lady Wildcats' super-subs. Harrell is described as a "good ballhandler and a great jumper" and Nelson is a good outside shooter who is real quick and who can be intimidating on defense.

Andrea Roberts, a 5-foot-11 sophomore and 5-foot-11 freshman, Veronica Melvin, round out a team which Coach Ellis is confident can go all the way this year.

"If we can stay healthy," Ellis said, "this is the team to do it."

Lady Wildcats Ease By Monroe

By CLARENCE GOSIER
Times Staff Writer

The 'Cats and Lady 'Cats jumped into the eye of the tornado Saturday night at the Valdosta High School gym and whereas the Lady 'Cats were able to stay in the eye of the storm where the winds are calm, the 'Cats got flung to the fringes and got battered around a bit.

The Lady 'Cats were able to hang on through a rough third quarter and eke out a 48-46 win over the Tornadoettes to lift their season record to 13-4. The Wildcats and Tornadoettes were close all the way until Monroe pulled ahead by 11 in the third quarter of the boys' game. The 'Cats were able to come back that time, but Monroe widened it to 11 again the fourth quarter, and the 'Cats were in the midst of their second big comeback of the night when time ran out on them. Result: the 'Cats dropped their third game of

the week 61-57.

The Lady 'Cats went into the third quarter of their game leading Monroe by three points but then went cold as ice, scoring only two points the entire quarter. Monroe wasn't exactly hot either but they did manage to throw in six points to pull ahead of the Lady 'Cats by three.

"We did everything to try and give it away tonight," Head Coach Jo Ellis said. "But we were lucky enough to come back and win it. Beverly (Wilson) and Cindy (Cooper) had a good game but Beverly had a terrible night at the free throw line." The Lady 'Cats won it in the closing minutes of the game when they pulled out 46-42 with a minute left to play. They made it 48-44 and time ran out on the Tornadoettes before they could come back. Beverly Wilson and Cindy Cooper led Valdosta in

scoring with 21 and 12 points respectively. Sheilla Foulter and Charlene Works led Monroe with 12 and 10 points.

Coach Roger Rome and the Wildcats faced an uphill battle all the way against the Tornadoettes, but they were never out of it an any time during the game.

The game was knotted throughout the first quarter

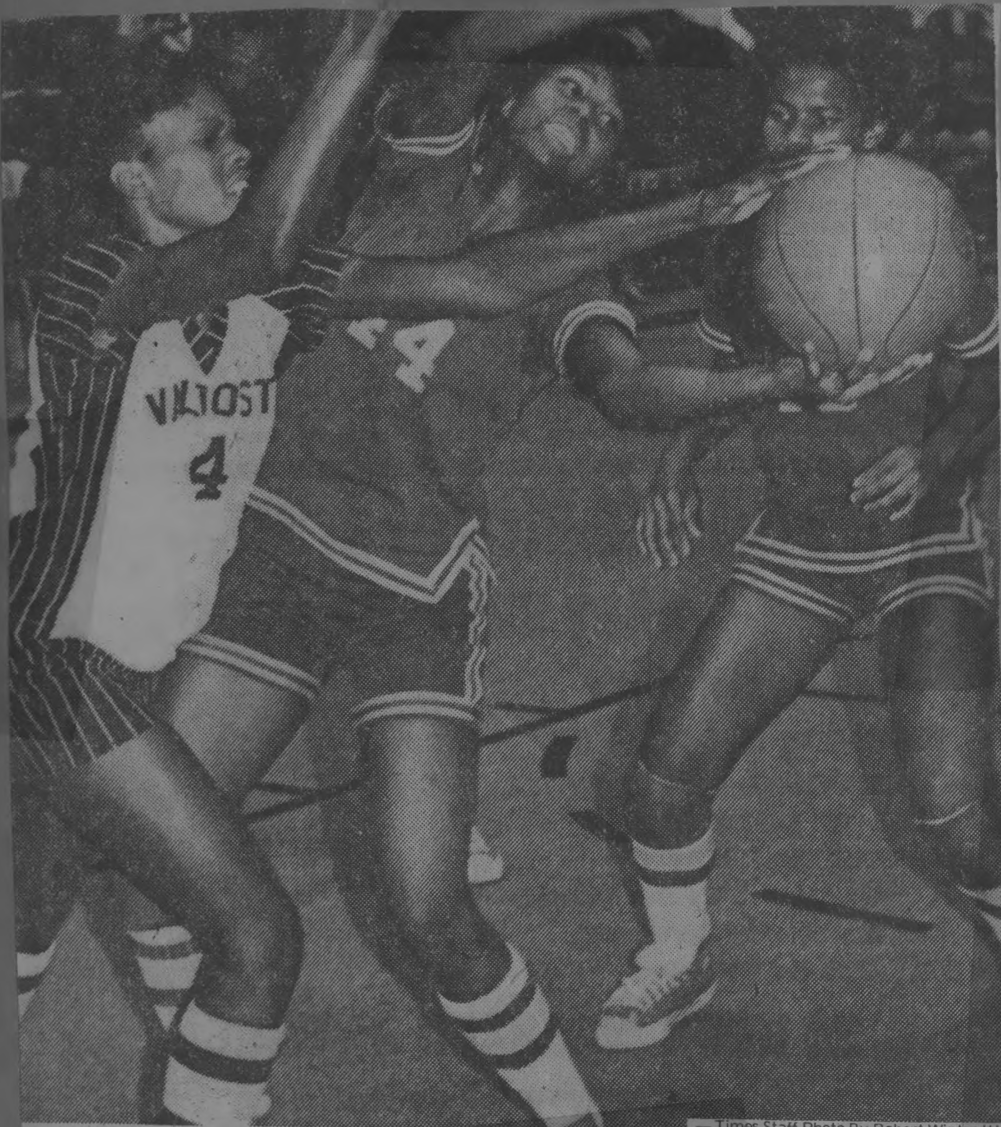
GIRLS
Monroe 16 28 34-46
Valdosta 19 31 33-48
MHS (46) — Frazier 6, Foulter 12, Works 10, Burks 8, Watkins 6, McIntyre 4, Richardson.
Team Totals: Field Goals 19, Free Throws 8 of 8, Fouls 15.
VHS (48) — Cindy Cooper 12, Melanie Nelson 7, Lewis Wilson 21, Porter 9, Harrell 2, Roberts 2, Irvin.
Team Totals: Field Goals 21, Free Throws 6 of 20, Fouls 10. (48 rebounds dominated-Porter had 16.)

BOYS
Monroe 13 29 43-61
Valdosta 15 22 38-57
MHS (61) — M. James 14, Celestin, Adams 13, Williams 17, Watson 10.
Team Totals: Field Goals 28, Free Throws 7 of 12, Fouls 7.
VHS (57) — Jones 24, Marable 16, Heard 6, Robinson, Thomson 4, Artis 7.
Team Totals: Field Goals 26, Free Throws 3 of 5, Fouls 10.

thanks largely to the 14 points of Dante Jones who hustled the entire game and would up as the high scorer for the night with 24 points. In the second quarter, Dexter Marable hit a bucket with 6:40 to play in the period to put the 'Cats up by two at 17-15. The 'Cats then scored another basket to take their biggest lead of the night when

they went ahead 19-15. It was an uphill battle from there on in as the Tornadoettes unbound and pulled ahead of the 'Cats by 11, but Valdosta fought back from this deficit twice and with only 26 seconds showing on the clock, the 'Cats trailed the Tornadoes 52-58.

Leading 'Cats scorer was Jones with 24 points.



Valdosta's Beverly Wilson Fights For A Rebound Against Monroe

— Times Staff Photo By Robert Winter III

'Cats In Tourney

By Times Staff Writer

The Valdosta High wrestling team will be one of the seven squads entered in the region 1-AAAA Wrestling Championships to be held Friday and Saturday in Moultrie at the Colquitt County Gym.

The six other teams who will wrestle in the tournament are Colquitt, Tift, Albany, Westover, Monroe, and Dougherty.

The quarter finals of the competition will get underway Friday at 8:30 a.m. and the semi-finals will begin on Saturday morning at 10:00

a.m. The Consolation matches will be held Saturday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. The finals of the competition will begin immediately following the consolation matches on Saturday night.

The Wildcats finished the regular season with a perfect 6-0 region mark, but the 'Cats overall record was blemished by a loss to Suwannee High of Florida in the last match of the season 27-24.

The top four wrestlers to emerge from each of the 14 weight classes in the tournament will advance to the state.

Lady 'Cats Romp In Finale

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By Times Staff Writer
ALBANY — The Valdosta High Wildcats and Lady Wildcats trekked to Westover to take on the Patriots Friday night and the Lady 'Cats fished and drummed the Lady Patriots 81-45 while the 'Cats fell prey to the chill again and lost 63-44.

The Lady Wildcats were hot from beginning to end in the game against the Lady Patriots and Head Coach Jo Ellis called it "a good warm-up for the upcoming tournament. A satisfying performance."

This was the last regular season game for the Lady 'Cats and they played an aggressive and intense ballgame. The Lady Patriots

were overwhelmed from the beginning as Valdosta played a strong inside game. The Lady 'Cats passed the 40-point mark before the end of the first half and Head Coach Jo Ellis was able to get everybody into the game before intermission.

The Lady Patriots were

simply outclassed as the Lady 'Cats continued to play the same intense brand of ball that they played in the first half. Beverly Wilson and Annie Porter continued their game of going inside on the Lady Patriots, and by the end of three quarters, Valdosta had built up a 34-point lead

with the score at 65-31. Coach Ellis again substituted freely, allowing all of the Lady Wildcats to get substantial playing time. The tone of the game did not change, however, as Valdosta went on to win their 17th game of the season against four defeats.

The Lady 'Cats were led in scoring by seniors Beverly Wilson and Annie Porter who scored 25 and 16 points respectively. Tongie Jones led Patriot scorers with 19 points. The next game for both teams will be in the subregion tournament to be held next week.

The Wildcats were about as cold as that winter in Valley Forge in their game against

the Patriots. The Patriots, on the other hand, shot over 60 percent from the field and threw in 11 of 19 from the free throw line. The second period was Valdosta's coldest of the game, if not of the entire season as they managed to score only five points the entire period.

"We had to struggle to get the ball in the hoop while they were wearing it out," Coach Roger Rome said. "We didn't have anyone to get hot in the game. Dexter Marable was our high scorer with just 10 points."

GIRLS
Westover 7 17 31-45
Valdosta 22 43 65-81
WHS (45) Jones 19, Glasser 9, Henderson 6, Brown 4, Moore 4, Armstrong 2, D. Moore 1.

Team Totals: Field Goals 18, Free Throws 9 of 22, Fouls 15.
WHS (81) Wilson 25, Porter 16, Melvin 8, Lewis 7, Harrell 6, Roberts 4, Swails 4, DeCarlo 4, Davenport 3, Irvin 2, Conaway 2, Cooper, Nelson.

Team Totals: Field Goals 35, Free Throws 11 of 24, Fouls 19.

BOYS
Westover 16 31 46-43
Valdosta 12 17 31-44

WHS (63) Brooks 2, Hudson 15, Whitaker 7, Williams 21, Lee 3, Proctor 4, Seay 2, Munde 2, Smith 7.

Team Totals: Field Goals 26, Free Throws 11 of 19, Fouls 16.

WHS (44) Jones 6, Marable 10, Gaines 6, Thomerson 4, Cothran 8, Heard 2, Artis 3, Jordan 2, Hudson 2, East 1, Allen, West, Lowe.

Team Totals: Field Goals 19, Free Throws 6 of 13, Fouls 16.

Rogers Chosen Again

Furey Is STAR At VHS

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By Times Staff Writer
John Stephen Furey, a senior at Valdosta High School, has been named 1981 STAR student for VHS.

Furey, son of Margit E. Furey of 1505 Fresno St. and Robert J. Furey of 2 Chattanooga St., is to compete with other STAR students in the 2nd Congressional District for the area title.

Furey named Mike Rogers, head of the math department at VHS, as his STAR teacher.

District level competition, like that in individual schools, is based on Scholastic Aptitude Test scores.

Furey, who plans to major in physics at Georgia Tech in the fall, said he was not surprised to be chosen STAR student for VHS since his score was 1570 — 30 points below the top score of 1600.

He said he doesn't know about his chances on the state level, however, since winners of that competition are chosen on the basis of an interview as well as their test scores.

Rogers said he was surprised at receiving the honor, even though it was his fourth time as STAR teacher for VHS.

"I'm always surprised," he said. "I don't think of myself as a special teacher. It's always an honor to any teacher."

Rogers described Furey as "a very fine young man and a very fine student," saying, "He is different from most students because he doesn't accept a problem at face value. He looks at it from different angles before he attempts to solve it. . . He's a very deep thinker."



MIKE ROGERS
Fourth Time Around



JOHN STEPHEN FUREY
High SAT Score

Sponsored at VHS by the Kiwanis Club of Valdosta, the Student Teacher Achievement Recognition Program is conducted statewide by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

All STAR students and teachers in the 2nd Congressional District are to be honored at a banquet March 9 in the Valdosta State College cafeteria.

The state STAR banquet is to be held in Atlanta April 16, when the state winner is to be announced.

All congressional district winners and first runners-up

are to be invited to make a week-long tour of Georgia as guests of Georgia Chamber of Commerce members.

The state STAR student and teacher are to receive overseas trips, \$1,000 cash scholarships and statuettes.

The state STAR first runner-up is to receive a \$500 scholarship, with a like amount awarded to his STAR teacher.

The 10 congressional district STAR students are to receive \$500 scholarships with silver trays being given to them and their STAR teachers.

By Times Staff Writer
The Vikings and Vikesettes of Lowndes will be at home Friday night to take on the Bearcats and Lady Bearcats of Bainbridge with the action to get underway at 7 p.m. at the Lowndes High gym. Also Friday night, Valdosta will travel to Albany to take on Westover.

This will be the last regular season game for Valdosta and Lowndes. Both teams will be playing in the sub-regional tournament which will begin next weekend. The schedule for the tournament is to be decided at a region meeting Monday morning.

The Lady 'Cats sporting a 7-2 record will take on the Lady Patriots who play in the north subregion, Friday night. The Lady 'Cats are led by forward Beverly Wilson who is second in the south subregion in scoring with 18.56 points a game. She will have a lot of help from senior Annie Porter who is seventh in the region in scoring with 12.93 points a game. Cindy Cooper and Arnelua Lewis who are both averaging over seven points a game are capable of carrying the load if they get hot.

Lowndes, Valdosta Play Season Finales

The Wildcats will be trying to better their 9-12 mark when they take on the 9-5 Bearcats. Valdosta is led by 6-foot-5 senior Dante Jones. Jones is averaging 15.59 points a game for the Wildcats.

Dexter Marable, the Cats' other big gun has thrown in an average of 14.56 points through 18 games.

At Lowndes, the Vikings are led by senior center Wayne Wright who leads the Vikes, in scoring with 12.33 points a game. Steve Player and Al Chandler will be there to lend strong support. Both Player and Chandler are throwing in more than 10 points a game. The Vikes are 2-17 but they have looked good in their last three outings and will be out to get in tune for the tournament next week.

The Vikesettes behind Faye Williams' leadership, will be out to topple Westover and better their 17-4 record in their last game of the season. Agatha Carter and Beverly Hart, both averaging around 10 points a game will give Williams plenty of relief in the scoring department. Coach Charles Cooper says that the Vikesettes are right where he expected them to be at this juncture. That means the Vikesettes are in good shape for the tournament.

Valdosta Clinches Trip To State Tournament

By CLARENCE GOSIER
Times Staff Writer

ALBANY — The "Big Triad," Beverly Wilson, Cindy Cooper and Annie Porter combined for 57 points as the Valdosta High Lady Wildcats stormed past the Monroe Tornadoettes 72-55 here Friday night. The Lady 'Cats will tangle with the Lady Packers of

Colquitt for the Region 1-A.A.A. Championship Saturday night at 7 p.m. at the Dougherty High gym.

The Lady 'Cats' speed and quickness catapulted Valdosta to a quick seven point lead when Cooper popped a 20 foot jumper with 3:15 left to play in the period putting Valdosta out front 11-

Cooper and Armelia Lewis were tyros on defense throughout the period and Cooper also led the offense in the first period with six points. Lewis scored four and Beverly Wilson hit for six as the first period ended with the Lady 'Cats leading by seven. Valdosta widened the gap in the second period with Wilson and Annie Porter

leading the offensive charge with six and five points respectively, and the Lady 'Cats' defense forcing frequent turnovers from an overwhelmed Tornado team. A bucket by Porter with 13 seconds on the clock gave Valdosta a comfortable 15 points lead at the half. In the last period, Monroe managed to close to within 10 points of Valdosta with 3:19 in the game but the Lady 'Cats quickly pulled away again, finally winning over Monroe by 17 points.

Wildcats, Vikings Open Tournament

By Times Staff Writer
MOULTRIE — The plans for the subregional tournament of the south subregion of Region 1-A.A.A. were drawn up Monday morning in Moultrie, and the show kicks off Tuesday night. Valdosta and Lowndes boys' teams face each other in the first evening matchups at 8:30 p.m. at Colquitt County High.

The brackets that were laid out were confusing because of a rule put into effect last year. That ruling states that the number one team in the subregion will get a shot at the final game, whatever the case. The number one team gets a bye all the way to the finals.

Both the girls and boys teams from Colquitt County

placed first this season, relieving them of any competition until the finals on Saturday night. The Colquitt teams go into the tournament with another advantage also, as the tournament is being played at their gym in Moultrie.

In the Lowndes-Valdosta Tuesday matchups, Valdosta has beaten the Vikings twice this season. But when it comes to those two teams playing, it is always a toss up. According to Lowndes coach Terry Wilkes, there is "no better school for my boys to play to get the kids up for the game."

Lowndes goes into the tournament with a 3-19 season record. Valdosta travels to Moultrie with a

record of 9-13.

"It has been a down season for us, but we have been playing a little better toward the end," said Wilkes. "We're hoping for a little luck."

"I'd probably rather play any other team than Lowndes," Rome said. "Anytime you play a team with a lot of football players on it, you can expect them to be better come tournament time. Lowndes has been getting better and better. It doesn't matter if we have beaten them this year. This is a whole new game and we expect they will be ready."

The winner of the Valdosta-Lowndes game is scheduled to play Central of Thomasville at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. The winner of that game meets the winner of the Thomasville-Bainbridge game in the semifinals Friday. The championship game is scheduled Saturday at 8:30 p.m. against Colquitt County.

The Valdosta and Lowndes girls do not see action until Thursday when the Lady Wildcats play at 4 p.m. against the winner of the Bainbridge-Central game Tuesday. Lowndes is scheduled to take on Thomasville at 7 p.m. If Lowndes and Valdosta should win their Thursday games, they would meet in the semifinals Friday at 7 p.m. with the winner playing Colquitt County Saturday at 7 p.m. for the championship.

Valdosta Ends Lowndes Season In South Subregion Tournament

By ELLIS POPE
Times Sports Editor.

MOULTRIE — Besides one team coming up a loser, the only sour note to Valdosta's 60-51 south subregion victory over Lowndes, was the fact that it was played on the road.

With less than 100 fans in attendance, the Wildcats and Vikings traveled to Moultrie to play one of the better games of the season.

Although Valdosta eventually won by nine points, it was anybody's ball game in the second half. The game was tied six times in the final period, the final time coming with just over four minutes to play in the game.

Gary Cothran gave the Wildcats the final lead of the game when he threw in the second of two straight bombs with 3:45 to play giving Valdosta a 53-51 advantage. Less than two minutes later, Danny Heard had scored two more baskets from underneath and the Wildcats

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had a six-point lead with 1:50 remaining in the game.

The Vikings had to foul to get the ball back in the closing minute and the Wildcats used this opportunity to gain its final points. J.D. Thomerson sank the front end of a pair of free throws, but when he missed his second attempt, Dante Jones was there to get the rebound and score the final points of the night with 14 seconds left in the game.

Fouls played a significant part in the game as key players for both sides saw much of the action from the bench. In the first half

Lowndes had three players with three fouls and Valdosta had two players with three personals. Jones, who finished the night with just six points, was charged with his fourth personal just two minutes into the second half.

But the biggest blow came when the Vikings' Steve Player fouled out of the game with 4:41 to play. Player had taken charge of the Viking offense and scored 20 points in the process. When he left the game, it was tied 49-49, but Lowndes got only one more bucket after the senior forward left the game.

"It was a gamble to leave

Steve in there," Lowndes Coach Terry Wilkes said, "but he was the only one scoring for us. When he got his fourth foul, I thought about pulling him out, but he was playing aggressive ball on both ends of the court, making steals and coming up with baskets. I just felt we would be better off leaving him in there."

"It was kind of tough on us coming down the stretch. We finished playing a freshman and two sophomores. And that inexperience killed us at times. There were times when they should have gone on and taken the shot they had, but they hesitated and it hurt us. But you could tell, all it was was just inexperience."

Valdosta Head Coach Roger Rome was glad to be advancing to the second round against Central of Thomasville Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

"Hey, anytime these two teams get together, anything

can happen," Rome said. "I was pretty well pleased with the way we played. It was probably our most consistent night scoring."

"But I got a little scared at the half. We were up by seven points and some of our players got a little cocky. I had to remind them that we still had another half to play."

A win over Central Thursday could push the Wildcats into the semifinal game Friday against the winner of the Thomasville-Bainbridge game. Valdosta split with Central during the season. The Wildcats won 58-43 at home but lost 63-60 in overtime on the road.

Lowndes	15	23	39-51
Valdosta	16	30	41-60

LHS (51) — Taylor 6, Allen, Wright 9, A. Chandler 8, D. Chandler, Player 20, Washington Inman, K. Chandler, Fason, Baker, Shroyer, Butler.

Team Totals: Field Goals 20, Free Throws 11 of 19.

VHS (60) — Jones 6, Marable 17, Artis 2, Thomerson 9, Allen 4, Gaines, Robinson, Heard 14, Cothran 8, Jordan, Hudson, East, Lowe, West, Siltzmon, Foster.

Team Totals: Field Goals 28, Free Throws 4 of 9.



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Armelia Lewis Swipes The Ball From Surprised Lady Packer

Lady 'Cats Dumped In Tourney Finale

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By CLARENCE GOSIER
Times Staff Writer

MOULTRIE — Valdosta's Lady Wildcats were off in their game against the talented Packerettes of Colquitt Friday night and fell to the top-seeded Packerettes 56-46 in the finals of the 1-AAAA (South) sub-regional tournament played at Colquitt.

The Lady 'Cats still have a chance to go all the way this season and they will continue their battle for the regional championship in Albany next Friday. Game times are to be decided later.

The first period saw just too much of Colquitt guard Sheila Lyles for the Lady 'Cats to handle. Lyles opened the game red hot while Valdosta was ice cold. The Lady 'Cats hit only three of eighteen from the field and on three occasions, Valdosta had three shots at the basket from underneath and did not connect on any attempt. Lyles threw in nine points alone as Colquitt built up an 11-point lead by the end of the period.

In the second stanza,

Valdosta's defense improved with Armelia Lewis leading the charge at both ends of the court. The junior guard scored six points in the period and blocked several Colquitt shots. Cindy Cooper, Valdosta's senior guard, was the Lady 'Cats other big threat in the period, scoring six points and grabbing several key rebounds.

With 5:15 left in the period, Lewis scored a bucket and the Lady Wildcats had narrowed the Colquitt lead to four points. Valdosta then started hurting themselves with turnovers and Colquitt's Lyles and Brelinda Copeland took advantage of most of the errors to boost the Packerette lead back up to 11 by the end of the half.

The third period continued in the same vein. The Lady Wildcats couldn't score consistently. Center Annie Porter missed two shots in close, but when Colquitt shot and missed, Cooper grabbed the rebound and raced downcourt and fed the ball to Beverly Wilson and Wilson

made the layup for one of her rare baskets in the game. Valdosta's leading scorer was held to only eight points for the night, a testimony to the strong defensive showing of the Packerettes.

Lewis and Cooper continued to be Valdosta's bright spots on both defense and offense. Lewis blocked two successive shots and following a basket from 25 feet by freshman Veronica Melvin, which cut the Packerette lead to seven points, Lewis was on the spot again for another steal. Valdosta failed to capitalize on it, however, and the Lady 'Cats still trailed by eight points when Cooper hit a twenty-footer on the last play of the period.

Colquitt	19	33	41-56
Valdosta	8	22	35-46

CCH (56) — Lyles 20, Weaver 10, Catrett 8, Bright 2, Copeland 14, Oliver 2, McGee.
Team Totals: Field Goals 24, Free Throws 8 of 11, Fouls 18.

VHS (46) — Cooper 11, Lewis 14, Wilson 8, Porter 3, Melvin 4, Roberts 4, Harrell 2.
Team Totals: Field Goals 17, Free Throws 12 of 19, Fouls 11.

Valdosta, Lowndes Begin Tourney Action

contest promises to be a hot one, as the two teams are quite evenly matched. Lowndes won the first game they played this season, 52-48, at home, then lost the second game 51-53 at Thomasville.

By MIKE TAYLOR
Times Staff Writer

MOULTRIE — The Valdosta and Lowndes girls basketball teams travel to Moultrie Thursday to begin their subregional play, the Lady Vikings taking on Thomasville and the Lady Wildcats taking on Central of Thomasville, who defeated Bainbridge 62-60 Tuesday.

The Lowndes-Thomasville

depending heavily on a tight defense and the fast break.

Coach Charles Cooper of Lowndes High says "I feel very optimistic about the tournament, Lowndes Head Coach Charles Cooper said. We have improved a great deal since the beginning of the season and we feel we have as good a chance as anyone to take this thing."

Lowndes finished the regular season with an 18-5

record, placing third in the subregion.

Cooper said that each of his five losses were decided by either a few free throws or a couple of goals, the biggest point spread being a seven-point loss.

"We know that we can play with anybody in the subregion," said Cooper. Valdosta will take on the winner of the Bainbridge-Central game. The Lady

Wildcats beat each of these teams twice during the regular season.

Valdosta completed the regular season with a 17-4 record and 8-2 in the subregion, placing second. Both Valdosta and Lowndes compete in the South subregion of region 1-AAAA.

According to Valdosta Head Coach Joe Ellis, "It's going to be a fight. We are going to have to play good,

solid basketball in order to come out of this thing on top."

Ellis went on to say that she believed that the winner of the South subregion will most likely go to the state tournament. "The South is definitely a much stronger area. Whoever takes this tournament will probably take the regionals and go on to the state," Ellis said.

Valdosta plays at 4 p.m. Thursday afternoon and the Lowndes-Thomasville game will be played later that same evening at 7 p.m.

Contingent Of VHS Wrestlers Embark

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By Times Staff Writer

The Valdosta High Wrestling team will take the largest contingent ever to the Georgia State Wrestling tournament to be held beginning Thursday at the Cobb Civic Center in Marietta.

The Wildcats had 13 out of a possible 14 wrestlers to qualify for the state tournament. According to Valdosta Wrestling Coach Jim Landrum the most wrestlers the Wildcats had taken to the state tournament previously was seven.

"Before we went into the region tournament," Landrum said, "I was hoping we could place about 12 wrestlers. I felt like we had a good chance. But Ty Davenport came through for us and won his class. Victory Waymon nearly got a chance

to go but missed a trip to the state by one point. I was extremely pleased with both of these wrestlers. They were wrestling in new weight classes this year (the weight divisions were increased from 12 to 14 classes) I just pulled them off of the football team.

"We really have our work cut out for us in the state tournament. The Atlanta teams have such an advantage on the rest of the state. Most of the teams around Atlanta belong to an amateur athletic federation. They go out and wrestle during the day and at night they can go to different gyms and wrestle. They'll have a coach supervising wrestlers from many different schools. It just exposes the kids to much more wrestling than we have here. A federation is

something that we will have to look into in south Georgia."

Valdosta captured the Region 1-AAAA tournament this past weekend racking up 237½ points to outdistance Colquitt County, 133½, and Tift County, 114 points, for the top three positions.

The Valdosta wrestlers that captured first place in the region meet and earned berths in the state tournament include: Greg Prine, Joe Sanders, David Harrison, David Levy, Horace Beaufort, Jimmy Kehoe and Davenport. Those finishing second and qualifying are: Terry Wortham, Greg Sanders and Anthony Battle.

Valdosta was scheduled to leave Wednesday for the three-day meet and return home Saturday night after the finals.



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ALFRED AGUERO



JOE SANDERS



HORACE BEAUFORT



TED WELCH



JIMMY KEHOE



TY DAVENPORT



GREG PRINE



DAVID LEVY

DE Conference

Eleven Valdosta High School students are to compete at the district conference of the Distributive Education Clubs of America Thursday.

Contestants and their areas of competition are Wendell Lewis, distributive education student of the year; Todd Meussling, business speech; Jill Sumner, business vocabulary; Cheri Greene, apparel and accessories; Suzanne Jackson, general merchandising; Angie Harris, finance and credit;

Faith Wilson, food service; Jeff Crawford, food marketing; Grant Nichols, automotive and petroleum; Mike Strobo, advertising services; and Lisa Bernstein, job interview.

Miss Harris is also running for the office of Georgia DECA vice president in charge of the 7th District.

Miss Greene, this year's district vice president, is to preside over the conference.

J. Norman Greene, DE coordinator at VHS, said the two district finalists from each contest are to advance to state competition March 27-29 in Atlanta.

What's What

Gwen Hall, world history teacher at Valdosta High School, was giving a final exam.

One of the questions for the sophomore class was "who invented the printing press?"

One student, perhaps unfamiliar with Gutenberg, wrote his or her answer:

"Tenney Griffin."

Griffin is publisher and general manager of the Times.

said.

Merit Finalist

John Stephen Furey, a senior at Valdosta High School, has been named a National Merit finalist, according to Virginia Wisenbaker, VHS counselor.

Furey, the son of Margit E. Furey of 1505 Fresno St. and Robert J. Furey of 2 Chattahoochee St., is the 1981 STAR student for VHS.

Being a National Merit finalist means Furey is in the top 1 percent of high school students in the country, Mrs. Wisenbaker said.

He is in the running with all other finalists throughout the country for college scholarships from about 500 different sponsors of the National Merit program, she said.

Lady 'Cats No Longer Black

The 1-AAAA South Subregional Basketball Tournament was just completed over the weekend at the beautiful new Gladys Espy Memorial Gym on the Colquitt High School campus and the only Valdosta-Lowndes team to make it to the finals — the Lady Wildcats — were downed by top-seeded Colquitt 56-46 for the subregional championship.

The Lady 'Cats' dream of winning a State Championship is still alive, however, since the two top teams from the north and south subregions get to face each other on Friday at the Dougherty High gym to determine who will represent the region in the state competition.

The Lady 'Cats' earned that right by mauling Central 82-59 and soundly whipping Thomasville's Lady Bulldogs 64-47 before being stymied by Colquitt's Packerettes in the finals.

That game against Colquitt really brought out the importance that fan support plays in a team's success. The partisan Colquitt crowd was big and boisterous and the noise and tumult had an unsettling effect on the usually poised Lady Wildcats.

Mental lapses and turnovers plagued the distracted Valdosta girls and on two occasions, the Lady 'Cats' grabbed the ball following a jump, whirled and drove in for a beautiful layup — at the wrong goal.

"We suffered some because of our lack of experience in the



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emotion-laden atmosphere of tournament play," Lady Wildcat Head Coach Jo Ellis said. "I wish a lot of people from here could go to Albany with us Friday night when we play Monroe. I know Monroe is going to have a lot of fans there on their side and that really means a lot in that kind of atmosphere."

"I really appreciated it when so many Lowndes fans came back to support us last week after Lowndes had been

Sheep Of Valdosta High

eliminated," Ellis said. "That showed a lot of class for them to do that."

Ellis ought to know a little something about class because she has shown a lot of it herself in the two years she has been at Valdosta High. She has taken a team that had not had a winning season in five years — that had hardly even had a serious thought of competing for the State Championship in 20 years — and carried them, at this moment, right to the very threshold of garnering both of those honors.

Ellis put a halt to the Lady Wildcats long tenure as the doormat of region 1-AAAA basketball in her very first year at Valdosta High. Last season, the Lady 'Cats' scratched their way to a respectable 13-10 season — just a tiny prescience of what the personable young coach had in mind for Valdosta fans.

This season, the Lady 'Cats' compiled a 17-4 record through the regular season and along with their post-season play, Valdosta is 19-5 overall. They have a very good chance to become the first Lady Wildcat team ever to win 20 games. If they don't win that many, Ellis will be very disappointed at this point.

"When I first came to Valdosta, girls' basketball had a losing

tradition here. I didn't want to be in that losing category. I believe that with hard work, pride in yourself and what you're doing, and with dedication — you can win. I wanted to instill this in the girls and we have come a long way in that direction. I want some of the great winning tradition of Valdosta High School in other sports to be a part of girl's basketball, too and I think we are making a good beginning."

Ironically, the University of Georgia graduate is a native of Moultrie, County seat of Colquitt County, and three of her four losses this season have come at the hands of Colquitt. More than likely, if Ellis is to realize her goal of competing for the State Championship this year, she and the Lady 'Cats' will have to outlast the Lady Packers in the regional finals in Albany Saturday night. First, however, Valdosta must get past Monroe. The Lady Tornados defeated Valdosta earlier in the season.

But Ellis feels that if she can get a good performance out of her big "Triad," Beverly Wilson, Annie Porter and Cindy Cooper, the Lady 'Cats' can take home a state championship this year. If the big three can get some help from Armelia Lewis and Veronica Melvin, the Lady Wildcats are in a very good position to go all the way. In any event, we doubt that Valdosta will be called anybody's doormat in basketball anytime soon.

Lady Wildcats Withstood Jeers

The Dougherty High gym, in general, was a very unfriendly place for Valdosta High's Lady Wildcats last weekend as they battled for the 1-AAAA Regional Championship.

The cozy Dougherty gym was overrun with partisan fans, very few of whom were partial to Valdosta. As a matter of fact, there were very few of them who were not downright hostile to Valdosta. Obviously these fans were not directing their fervor against our darling Lady 'Cats because this year is the first year a Valdosta girls basketball team has been able to raise themselves up high enough to be noticed by anyone in a very long time. No those fans from Albany, Dougherty, Colquitt, Monroe and Westover were directing their feelings at Valdosta in general and at the Valdosta High football team in particular for the many disappointments the 'Cats had handed to them over the years on the gridiron.

At times it seemed an overmatch. The Lady 'Cats' are an aggressive, never-say-die group of young ladies who play it all on heart and determination. But at first they seemed puzzled by all the negative cheering directed at them. The little Dougherty gym seats the fans so close to the floor that they can almost reach out and touch the players with a partially extended arm. And the place was jam-packed. A professional athlete might have been intimidated under those conditions. Jo Ellis' young girls were intimidated. When the opposition made a bucket, be it Monroe or Colquitt, the Lady 'Cats heard a deafening roar of approval. But when Cindy Cooper sank an impossible shot, or when Armelia Lewis stole another one, the fan reaction was something akin to what it would be if they were witnessing a burglar taking something that didn't belong to him. Hey, this is basketball. This is our game. Go back to football where Valdosta belongs. Basketball belongs to us the fans seemed to be saying.

A few fans from Valdosta were able to make the trip to Albany, however, and that little corner of the gym with the shouting and cheering and "Friendly" faces served as a resurrecting focal point for the harassed and battered spirits of the Lady 'Cats. Often you could catch a Valdosta player glancing in that direction for approval, or reassurance, or for a splotch of gold and black.

One of those fans who I'm sure had a little something to do with the Lady 'Cats' narrow, two-point win over Colquitt in the Championship game was Harlan Luke. Luke was one of the fans who made the trip to Colquitt to cheer Valdosta on in the sub-region playoffs and he says that he is going to be right there with his little contingent of homefolk when the Lady 'Cats play in Milledgeville later in the week as Valdosta continues its drive toward the State Championship.

Luke's slight form could be seen earlier in the season at every Lowndes High game, not just because he is related to one of the Lowndes players, or that he is Vice President of the Lowndes High School Tip-off Club. Luke is just a great basketball fan and anytime a Lowndes or Valdosta team is playing, more than likely you'll find him there supporting one of them, or both of them if they are not playing against each other.

In the hostile space of the Dougherty gym, Luke's voice could still be heard above the din, and his agile form was highly visible along the sideline with encouragement to a young team that was sometimes intimidated by it all.

VHS's Tarpley Steps Into Familiar Role

It is not often that a school can lose one of the most respected coaches in the game and not feel the sudden urgency to reach for the ejection switch. But such is the good fortune of Valdosta High School.

When Wildcat Assistant Coach Butch Brooks left for Washington-Wilkes High School last week to accept the head coach and athletic directorship, Valdosta did not have to go searching the want-ads for a replacement. It would have been like General Lee replacing Stonewall Jackson with J.E.B. Stuart. Riding fast was their name and winning battles was their game.

Now Valdosta is not ready to change its colors to red and gray and trade its Wildcat in for a mint julep, but Brooks' replacement has turned out to be fellow confederate Charles Tarpley. Brooks, who served as head baseball coach and offensive coordinator on the football team, was one of the most respected baseball coaches in the state. He was among those considered for the University of Georgia job last year. Tarpley, who was assistant baseball coach under Brooks, is stepping up to take the top diamond spot at Valdosta.

Wildcat Head Coach and Athletic Director Nick Hyder has moved assistant Jerry Don Baker into the offensive line coaching slot. Tarpley, who has been the assistant baseball coach for the Wildcats since he came to town six years ago, is taking over the head baseball job.

Although Brooks was well-known in dugouts around the state, Tarpley is no stranger to the 90-foot dash. Tarpley grew up in Augusta. Now when you think about getting wood on the ball in Augusta, it is usually off of the first tee at Augusta National. But this was one east Georgia boy that would rather

After Little League, Tarpley played for Richmond Academy, which owned the state championship trophy during the 1950's. Tarpley had a couple of offers to play professionally after high school but decided to play for Georgia Southern instead. Lou Gehrig might have been the Iron Man of the Yankees, but Tarpley had to be the Steel Stallion of Statesboro. From the time he opened up at first base for the Eagles his freshman year, Tarpley never missed a game in four years. And when you consider that Southern finished first, second and third in the nation in three out of those four years, playing every game is not like drawing a walk to first.

In 1962, Tarpley's sophomore year, Southern won the national championship of NAIA and the first baseman batted .390 for the season. He had more offers to play pro ball after the '62 season, but the money was not enough to entice him away from finishing college.

After proving his talents on the field, Tarpley took his game to West Rome High School where he served as head baseball coach for six years after assisting the first two of his eight-year stay. The last four years at West Rome, Tarpley's teams never lost more than three games and made it to the playoffs each year only to be beaten by the eventual state champion.

During Tarpley's tenure as assistant at Valdosta, the Wildcats have posted a 124-31 record including a state championship in 1978.

"Anytime you step up to a head coaching job in a winning situation it puts pressure on you," Tarpley said of the Valdosta job. "We've lost all of our pitchers from last year and the top five men in the batting order. But coaching is what I've always wanted to do and I wouldn't be happy doing anything else."



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haul around a sack of lumber than a bag of iron.

"I grew up playing baseball," Tarpley recalled. "I guess I've played a trillion games of baseball. Actually, I came along at a good time. I was eight years old when Little League was started in Georgia. So, I got an early start in baseball and I played it all through high school, college and semipro."

"I was fortunate in another way in that I had some good coaches from the time I started playing. It wasn't like it is today. Back then there were a lot of semipro teams and more minor league teams. We had a lot more coaches that had played the game than what you find today. There are a lot of dedicated people, and a lot of fathers, that coach kids today, but you don't find as many coaches who actually played a lot of baseball."

Valdosta Netters Open With Split

By Times Staff Writer
The Valdosta High School tennis team played its first match of the season Tuesday against Madison High with the boys' team, coached by Jim Borroughs, beating Madison 9-5 and Coach Mike Hjort's Lady Wildcats losing 5-4.

In singles matches, Valdosta High's Tim Pitts beat Darryl French 6-2, 6-0; Mark Swank beat Mike Browning 6-0, 6-0; Donald King beat Jim Stewart 6-0, 6-1; Stuart Young beat Ashley Bacat 6-0, 6-0; Tommy Young beat Ray Morse 6-4, 6-2.

In boys' doubles action, the team of Swank and Young beat Madison's Branch and Stuart 6-0, 6-1; Wetherington and Allen Young beat Morse

and Moffes 8-3, while Valdosta's King and T. Young beat Browning and Batot 6-1, 6-1.

Valdosta's Kim Gandy beat Laura Wilson 6-0, 6-0 in the first match. In other matches, Valdosta's Julie Spencer beat Kayla Moore 6-2, 6-3; Beth Pitts beat Mandy Maultsby 7-5, 6-3; Linda Anderson lost to Melanie Nelson 4-6, 6-2, 3-6; Madison's Heather Worden beat Joann Gore 6-3, 6-1; Madison's Kim Harmon beat Caroline Malik 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

In girls' doubles, the team of Debbie Ballard and Nelson lost to Madison's Wilson and Anderson 8-4; Valdosta's Spencer and Pitts beat Moore and Maultsby 8-5; Warden and Harmsen beat Valdosta's Gore and Malik 8-6.

GAE Fair Winners Here Announced

By Times Staff Writer

Five area teachers have been named first place winners in a district-wide instructional fair sponsored by the Georgia Association of Educators.

Frank Hjort, an English teacher at Valdosta High School, took first place in the secondary division, and Jane Bonner, a teacher at S.L. Mason Elementary School, won in the elementary division.

Both are members of the Valdosta Association of

Educators, the local GAE affiliate.

In the middle or junior high division, three Lowndes Middle School teachers took top honors.

They were Gwen Burgman, seventh grade teacher; Owen Clemons, eighth grade teacher, and Brenda Wetherington, art teacher.

The three are members of the Lowndes Association of Educators.

Winners of the district fair are to compete on the state level in Atlanta March 21.

Valdosta High Students Win In FBLA Competition

By Times Staff Writer
Four Valdosta High School students were winners at the Region 7 District Future Business Leaders of America Competition.

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as Ms. FBLA, and Dolores Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Carpenter, received fourth place as Clerk Typist II.

Other students from VHS who attended were Tonia Wakefield, Renee Turner and Michelle Taylor. The advisors who attended were Tina Strickland, Vocational Office Training coordinator, and Cindee Hiery, IOP coordinator.

Miss Summers and Miss Miller are to attend state competition in Atlanta in May.

Angela Summers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Summers received first place as Intensive Office Procedures Student of the Year. Shelley Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Miller, received second place as Clerk Typist I. Katrina Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Moore, received third place

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			
March 24	Tifton	There	7:30
March 28	Live Oak	There	3:00
March 30	Tifton	Home	3:00
March 31	Coffee Co.	Home	7:30
April 4	Live Oak	Home	4:00
April 7	Central of T'ville	There	3:00
April 10	Colquitt Co.	Home	4:00
April 14	Valdosta	Home	4:00
April 15	Thomasville	There	4:00
April 17	Bainbridge	There	4:00
April 18	Dougherty Co.	Home (DH)	4:30
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		

VHS Holds Banquet

By CLARENCE GOSIER
Times Staff Writer

The 1980-81 Valdosta High Basketball Banquet was held Friday night at the Gold Plate Restaurant.

Booster Club President Harrison Cooper presided over the ceremonies as trophies and awards were presented to members of the Wildcats and Lady Wildcats basketball teams. Coaches Robert Willis and Bob Bolton also handed out awards to the ninth grade boys and girls and Coach Jo Ellis did the honors for the B-team girls. Boys varsity Coach Roger Rome and Ellis presented the awards to the varsity squads.

The 1980-81 season was a very good one for the Lady Wildcats and second year

coach Ellis. Valdosta went all the way to the State Tournament at Milledgeville before their season was ended by the eventual State Champions, Northeast of Macon.

Senior forward Beverly Wilson, who averaged 19.48 points and 11 rebounds a game for the Lady Wildcats, was chosen the team's Most Valuable Player. Bridgett Harrell won the Wildcat Spirit award while the trophies for Most Improved Player and Most Rebounds went to senior center Annie Porter.

Senior Cindy Cooper had the Best Free Throw Percentage and she and Wilson shared the honor for Best Offensive Player.

Tenacious Armelua "Slick" Lewis copped the Best Defensive Player for the Lady Wildcats while Tracy Irvin picked up the award for Best Scholastic Average.

For the Wildcats varsity, David Allen and Freeman Jordan shared the Wildcat Spirit award, while Danny Heard and Gary Cochran received the honors for Most Improved players and ever-hustling J.D. Thomerson picked up the Best Defensive award.

Dante Jones, who is headed for Georgia Tech on a football scholarship, was lauded for Most Rebounds and Best Scholastic Average.

Dexter Marable had both hands full of trophies as he carried off the awards for

Best Free Throw Percentage, Best Offensive Player and the big one for Most Valuable Player for the season.

Other awards handed out at the banquet for Most Improved, Best Defensive and Best Offensive players, respectively, went to, for ninth grade boys: Andre Waddy, Anthony Bellamy and Tim Register; for B-team girls: Louise Davenport, Veronica Melvin and Shevon Peeler; for B-team boys: Todd Gamble, Mark Perry and William Collier.

Special awards were also given to Wildcat cheerleaders Audrey Ludlow, Dorothy Hand, Cheri Greene, Mellie Brantley, Synthia Sapp and Sandee Hall.



WENDELL LEWIS
Student of Year

VHS' Lewis Named Top DE Student

By Times Staff Writer
Wendell Lewis, a senior at Valdosta High School, has been selected Distributive Education Student of the Year by the VHS chapter of Distributive Education Clubs of America.

Lewis is state vice president for DECA and has traveled with the state club to the national DECA conference in Miami Beach, according to J. Norman Greene, VHS distributive education coordinator.

A second-year DE student, Lewis is also vice president of the VHS student council, feature editor of the yearbook, a member of the Jazzman Club, chairman of the Interclub Council and a company executive director in the Junior ROTC program.

The 17-year-old son of Louise B. Lewis, 250 Wisenbaker Lane, was chosen on the basis of his career objectives, DECA activities, leadership role, school and community involvement, scholastic average, awards and recognition, business conduct and personal appearance, he said.

Lewis is presently employed by Harvey's in Castle Park and would like to stay on his present job after graduation, he said. "I would like to enter the management training program and become manager of a Harvey's," he said.

VHS' Furey Named 2nd District STAR

By Times Staff Writer
John Stephen Furey, STAR student for Valdosta High School, was named STAR student for the 2nd Congressional District here Monday night.

Furey, a senior at VHS, chose James Michael Rogers, a math teacher at VHS, as his STAR teacher.

A senior at Colquitt County High School in Moultrie, Daniel Albert "Danny" Roberts, was chosen as first runner-up STAR student for the district.

Rena B. Hamby, a math instructor at C.A. Gray Middle School and Colquitt County Junior High School, is his STAR teacher.

Chosen solely on the basis of their scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test on the school and district level, district STAR students now go on to compete for state honors on the basis of SAT scores, interviews and other criteria.

Furey, the son of Margit E. Furey and Robert J. Furey, is a member of the Beta Club, Science Team and Math Team at VHS and is president of the Science Club.

He received first place honors in the 1979-80 Georgia High School Association Science Competition and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's Math Day.

Furey plans to attend Georgia Tech and major in physics, he said.

Rogers, a native of Columbus, received the STAR teacher award for the fourth time, and this is his second year as 2nd Congressional District STAR teacher.

Rogers attended Columbus College, Valdosta State College and Auburn University and has been teaching math at VHS since 1963.

Furey chose Rogers as his STAR teacher, he said, "because of his involvement with his students, his knowledge about his subject matter and the personal interest he has shown in me."

Rogers said although this year was his fourth win, "It's always a unique honor to be selected STAR teacher."

Roberts, who plans to become a math instructor like his STAR teacher, is to attend Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C.

He is active in drama at Colquitt County High and is a member of the Math Team, Science Club and Acappella



JOHN FUREY
Another Honor



DANNY ROBERTS
First Runner-up

Choir, and has participated in the Academic Bowl, the 2nd District Science Fair, and Social Science Fair and Governor's Honors Program.

He has received a Georgia Certificate of Merit for his score on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, and is listed in Who's Who in American High Schools.

Dr. Hugh Bailey, president of Valdosta State College where the district STAR student banquet was held, told the STAR students from 24 area school systems to "be thankful to God for the status you enjoy."

He said not only were the students genetically "put together well," but they had been nurtured and encouraged to learn by loving parents and lived in communities supportive of higher and secondary education.

Bailey urged the students not to squander their talents, but to develop the self-discipline, humanity and compassion necessary for success.

Sponsored by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Student Teacher Achievement Recognition Program is in its 23rd year.

Along with the title of District STAR student go awards of a \$500 scholarship, a certificate and a silver tray, with the District STAR teacher also receiving an engraved silver tray.

District winners and runners-up and their teachers are to be invited on a week-long educational tour of Georgia which is to include

visits to Georgia Tech, Lockheed Georgia, West Georgia College, the Hay House in Macon, the Cloister, several sites in Savannah, the Agrirama in Tifton, Andersonville and Columbus, according to Gerald Rainey, senior vice president of the C&S National Bank here and 2nd District STAR chairman.

The State student is to receive a \$1,000 scholarship and the STAR Statuette, with the State STAR teacher being awarded a \$1,000 cash scholarship and the STAR Teacher Statuette.

Both the State STAR student and teacher are to be the guests of the Savings and Loan Associations of Georgia for a tour of Europe.

State STAR winners are to be announced at the State STAR Banquet, set for April 16 in Atlanta.

Other STAR students and teachers from school systems in this area include:

— George Fellows Harris from Berrien County High School, who chose Elizabeth Suber as his STAR teacher;

— Richard Thomas Coffee from Brooks County High School, who chose John Crager as his STAR teacher;

— Bradley Clanton Greer from Cook County High School, who chose Nolan Bishop as his STAR teacher;

— Bobby Jack Hendley Jr., from Lanier County High School, who chose Geri Cain as his STAR teacher; and

— John Robert Turner from Lowndes High School, who chose Jack Eugene Webb as his STAR teacher.

VHS B Team Pelts Suwannee

By Times Staff Writer
Valdosta High's baseball B-team kept its record perfect with a 12-4 thrashing of the Suwannee County High B-team in baseball action at Bazemore Field Saturday.

Ben Reaves hit a two-run homer in the first, bringing in Ferrell Scruggs, to cap a six-run inning for the Wildcats.

Others to score for the 'Cats, now 4-0, were Greg and Craig Jenkins, Mark Perry, Marty Shiver and Steve Kebler.

For Suwannee, Bill Prange, Mike Martinez, Bill Blake and Jay Crane did the scoring honors for the boys from Live Oak, Fla.

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Wildcats Rap Trojans

By Times Staff Writer
Valdosta High School went to a scoring spree Saturday and swept a doubleheader against Region 1-AAAA foe Dougherty at Bazemore Field.

As if an 11-1 decision in the first contest wasn't high scoring enough, the Wildcats hammered out 13 runs in the first inning of the second game enroute to a 23-2 pasting of the Trojans.

The wins boost Valdosta's record 4-2 overall, though the Wildcats remain 1-0 in 1-AAAA (South).

A number of the 34 Wildcat runs came from walks.

VHS Coach Charles Tarpley said he practically cleared out his bench in the second game, in which 13 batters went to home plate before Dougherty made its first out of the first inning.

Pat Mayes belted a home run and a double in the first game. David Parker hit a homer and a double in the second.

Valdosta went ahead 5-0 in the first inning of game one, but Dougherty bounced back with eight runs in the second.

VHS tied it up 8-8 in the third and went on to score another run in the fifth and two in the sixth. The Trojans scored twice in the seventh to close but not overcome the gap.

In the second game, Valdosta's 13-run first inning

was followed by a three-run second, four in the third, one in the fourth and two in the sixth. Dougherty's score came in the first and last innings.

Mark Cox and Jeff Wiggins took the wins for Valdosta. Cox, 1-1, allowed only two hits and one run in five innings of the first game and struck out eight batters while Wiggins, 1-0, allowed only four hits and two runs in five and one-third innings.

Losing pitchers for Dougherty were Louis Faser and Don Norman.

Tuesday, the Wildcats host Colquitt County in a 1-AAAA (South) matchup. The game is to start at 4 p.m.

Wildcat Box

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Bwdr cf	2	2	1	1	Bross	5	0	0	0
Pry 2nd	3	1	0	0	Fract,lf	4	1	0	0
Sibgr ss	3	0	0	1	John 3b	4	1	2	4
Dvs c	3	1	2	2	Adam p,cf	4	1	1	0
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Brrns rf	2	0	0	0	Sal rr	4	0	1	0
Myn lf	1	2	0	0	Hugh 2b	4	1	1	0
Mys dh	3	2	3	4	Spil rf	1	1	1	0
West p	0	0	0	0	New c	2	0	1	0
Wsp p	3	1	0	0	Smi 1b	3	3	2	3
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VHS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
West	12.3	8	8	8	0	1
Wgns	51.3	4	2	2	2	1

DHS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Adams	1	4	5	5	4	0
Nrmm	5	3	6	4	7	2

Valdosta Takes Two

By Times Staff Writer
MOULTRIE — The Valdosta High tennis teams took two victories over Moultrie Thursday to give them both 3-1 records on the young season.

The VHS girls battled their way to a 5-1 victory, not counting three forfeits on Moultrie's part due to a lack of players.

The boys went to the wire and wound up 4-4 before Valdosta won by reason of a Moultrie forfeit of a doubles match.

VHS is at home Tuesday to

welcome the Thomasville squads at 3:30 p.m. The boys are to play at the VHS Courts and the girls at McKey Park.

GIRLS
Singles: Kim Gandy (V) def. Ann Whiddon, 6-1, 6-4; Julie Spencer (V) def. Stephanie Boyd, 6-4, 6-0; Beth Pitts (V) def. JoBeth Weaver, 6-2, 6-2; Kellie Pickens (M) def. Melanie Nelson, 6-3, 6-3.
Doubles: Pitts-Spencer (V) def. Boyd-Pickens, 7-5, 6-0; Gandy-Nelson (V) def. Whiddon-Weaver, 8-6.

BOYS
Singles: Patrick Gore (M) def. Tim Pitts, 6-4, 6-0; Carew Rowell (M) def. Mark Swank, 6-2, 6-1; Michael Thompson (M) def. Donald King, 6-0, 6-0; Stewart Young (V) def. Britt Roberts, 6-1, 6-0; Tommy Young (V) def. Craig Vines, 6-2, 6-2; Bruce Wetherington (V) def. Britt Roberts, 7-6, 6-4.
Doubles: Gore-Rowell (M) def. Pitts-Swank, 6-3, 7-6; S. Young-T. Young (V) def. Vines-Thompson, 7-5, 7-5.

Valdosta Beats Madison

By Times Staff Writer

The Valdosta High tennis teams came up on the winning side twice against Madison Tuesday.

The Valdosta boys won 9-0 overall while the girls won 5-4.

In boys' singles matches: Tim Pitts def. Darryl Branch 8-3; Mark Swank def. Jim Stewart 8-3; Donald King def. Ray Morse 8-2; Stewart Young def. Mike Browning 8-1; Tommy Young def. Ashley Bacot 8-0; Bruce Wetherington def. Tom Moffses 8-5.

In boys' doubles: Swank-Young def. Branch-Bacot 8-2; King-Powell def. Stewart-Morse 8-3; George-Young def. Brown-Moffses 8-0.

In girls' singles: Kim Gandy def. Kayla Moore 8-0; Julie Spencer def. Linda Anderson 8-3; Beth Pitts def. Laura Wilson 8-2; Melanie Nelson def. Mandy Maulsby 8-4; Joanne Gore lost to Heather Worden 8-5; Caroline Malik lost to Kim Harmsen 8-9-8 (tiebreaker)

In girls doubles: Spencer-Pitts lost to Maulsby-Anderson 9-7; Gandy-Nelson def. Moore and Wilson 8-2;

VHS Marchin' Cats Band Set For Two New Directors

By SUZANNE CARSWELL
Times Staff Writer

When school starts next fall, the Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats band is to be expected to be in the direction of the most respected band people in the state.

That's the impression of Ralph Brandon, superintendent of city schools, concerning the two men who have been hired to direct the band.

Joe David, as band director, and David Moorer, as assistant band director, are to come to VHS this summer from their current positions at Waycross High School, to replace Mike Chapman and Ronnie Lunsford.

Chapman resigned recently for "personal reasons, and Lunsford said his contract was not renewed to make room for Moorer.

"The new band director has the option of bringing in an assistant of his own and since I'm the newest assistant here, I have to go," Lunsford said.

Chapman and Lunsford both plan to stay in the teaching profession, but neither has a definite job lined up for the coming year, they said.

"There has been a rumor going around that I'm going into fund-raising, but that's not true. I love teaching an awful lot," Chapman said.

The two men who are replacing Chapman and Lunsford have known each other and the current band director for a number of years, Chapman said.

"I know him (David) very well," Chapman said, "and I think he is going to work real well here," going to work real well here.

VHS Splits Matches

By Times Staff Writer

TIFTON — The Valdosta tennis team split with Tift County Tuesday afternoon with the girls sweeping their

matches while the Wildcats managed just one win in singles and doubles play.

Valdosta is scheduled to play a B team match with

Brooks County today. The varsity netters are to travel to Moultrie Thursday.

The Lady Wildcats lost only one match during the day, but it was an exhibition and did not count against Valdosta.

Both the girls and boys teams are now 2-1.

GIRLS

Singles: Kim Gandy (V) def. Jackie Chung, 6-2, 6-0; Julie Spencer (V) def. Kappa Peddy, 6-1, 6-1; Beth Pitts, (V) def. Cheryl Grisham, 6-2, 6-2; Melony Nelson (V) def. Susie Moorman, 6-0, 6-3; Joanne Gore (V) def. Sonja Goodwin, 6-0, 6-4; Anna Peddy (T) def. Lou Davenport, 6-1, 6-2; Carolyn Mallek (V) def. Melissa Kirkpatrick, 7-5, 6-1.

Doubles: Spencer-Pitts (V) def. Chung-Grisham, 6-4, 6-3; Gandy-Nelson, (V) def. Peddy-Moorman, 6-3, 6-1; Gore-Davenport (V) def. Kirkpatrick-Goodwin, 6-3, 6-4.

BOYS

Singles: David Eastman (T) def. Tim Pitts, 6-0, 6-2; Kyle Cottle (T) def. Mark Swank, 6-3, 6-3; Don Smith (T) def. Donald King, 7-6, 6-1; Reggie Holman (T) def. Stuart Young, 6-2, 6-2; Jimmy Clemmons (T) def. Bruce Wetherington, 6-2, 6-3; William White (T) def. Tey Powell, 6-0, 6-2; Robby Wight (T) def. Frank George, 6-1, 6-2; Chad Barfield (T) def. Lorenza Matchett, 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles: Eastman-Cottell (T) def. Swank-Stuart, 6-1, 6-1; King-Pitts (V) def. Holden-Clemmons, 6-2, 6-4; Smith-White (T) def. Wetherington-Powell, 6-2, 6-4; Wight-Barfield (T) def. George-Matchett, 6-4, 6-2.

one of the most prestigious music schools in the country. He worked with bands at Cairo High School for eight years and Hardeeville (S.C.) before coming to Waycross a year ago.

He was named Teacher of the Year and STAR Teacher in 1979 and Outstanding Music Educator in 1978.

He is a member of the Georgia Music Educators' Association, Phi Mu Alpha (a

professional musicians' fraternity) and Phi Beta Mu (a national school band master's fraternity). Moorer, who received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Troy State University in Alabama, worked with bands at Cairo Junior High School and Pelham High School and coming to Waycross. He has been named STAR Teacher and Teacher of the Year and is a member of the GMEA and PMA.

Although this is the first year the men have worked closely together, they worked were in Cairo, David said. Bands with which the two have been associated have consistently earned superior ratings in competition, and David has high hopes for the Marchin' Cats future.

"They have the potential of being the best band in the nation," he said. "There is unlimited potential there."



The Last Hurrah

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Saxophone sheik Keith Harkins and Good-bye Girls Laura McRae, left, and Jennifer English were among about 30 Valdosta High School seniors who bid farewell to VHS football with crazy dress and antics. The event was the annual Has Been-Will Be game between graduating seniors and those who will return to play again. Graduating band

members, cheerleaders and football players were decked out in a wild assortment of costumes, from red longjohns to the 1930s dress of the Blues Brothers. The score? A 7-7 tie. The just-for-fun game was played Friday night at Cleveland Field. — Times Staff Photos by Joey Ivansco.

Wildcats Claw To Tie

By ELLIS POPE
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta High School kept it all in the family Friday night at their annual Has-Been-Will-Be football game.

The Has-Beens, comprised of last season's seniors, and the Will-Bes, made up of this coming season's players, battled to a 7-7 tie at Cleveland Field.

But the game was nothing like kissing your sister.

Both teams scored in the first quarter then maulled each other from 20 to 20 the rest of the night. The Will-Bes discovered why the Wildcats had the best defense in the region last year as they could mount but one, sustained drive against the Has-Beens.

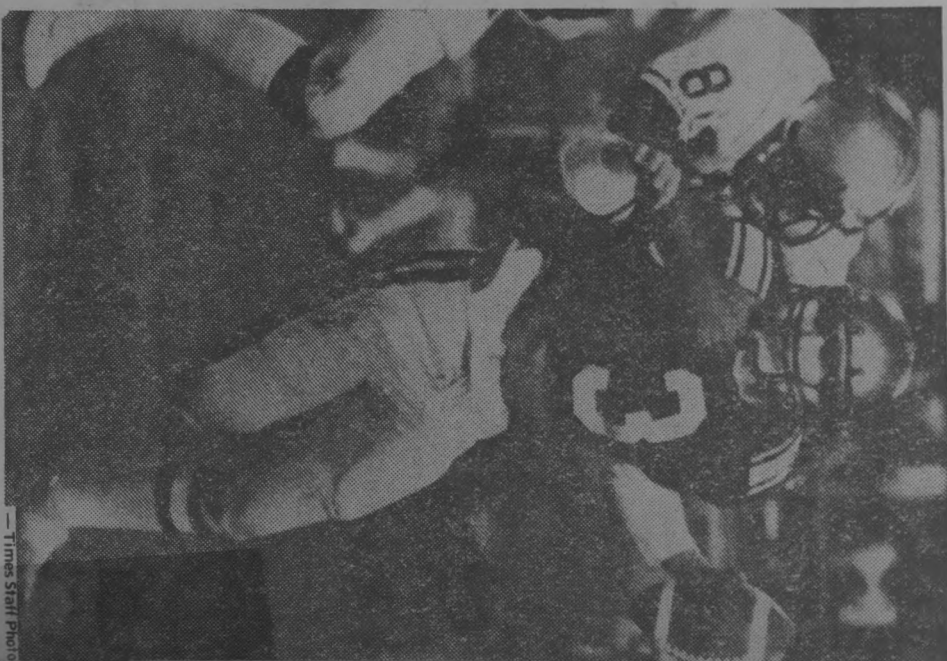
The Has-Beens used its defense to get its touchdown as Edgar Whitehead stepped in front of a David Parker pass and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown on the Will-Bes opening drive of the game.

The Will-Bes got on the board with the tying touchdown when they put together a drive late in the first period. The touchdown came on an 18-yard pass from Parker to tight end Edwin Robinson. However, the Will-Bes had to rely on a fourth down reception by Mark Perry inside the 20-yard line to keep the drive alive.

"The Has-Beens did exactly what we wanted them to do," said a pleased Head Coach Nick Hyder after the game. "They didn't come out and clown around and they gave us an awfully tough football game. I was very proud of the way they played."

"But that's the way they played last year. We would have not been 11-1 if they had not played with a lot of pride and character. I'll tell you. I don't think we will face a defense next year as tough as the one we played tonight."

"We don't have many seniors on this team and we



—Times Staff Photo

Ted West Can't Escape Carl Gaines

are working with an awful lot of young kids. We learned a lot about ourselves tonight. I thought everybody looked good and gave a good account of themselves.

"The only part of our game that I was disappointed in was our kicking game. But we have not had a lot of time to work on that this spring. We didn't field a single punt, and we've got the same punt return man back there as we had last year. And our punter, who has been kicking for us two years, had a punt that he never was able to get off. There is a lot of hidden yardage that can be found in

the kicking game, and that is a key part of your game. But with 105 players out this spring, it's hard to take a look at everybody and work on every aspect of your game like you should. We've also lost an hour's time of practice. We used to be able to start practice at 2:30 but since the new interpretation of the rules of advanced athletics during sixth period, we now have to wait until 3:30 to begin practice."

The Wildcats are scheduled to conclude their spring drills with a spring game against Waycross on the road March 27.

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Vikings, Wildcats Prepare For First Spring Ordeals

By CLARENCE GOSIER
Times Staff Writer

It's football weekend at Lowndes and Valdosta as both the Vikings and the Wildcats mark the midway point of spring practice by donning the pads and squaring off for "friendly" games at Martin Stadium and at Cleveland Field Friday night.

The Wildcats will play their annual Has Been Will Be game at 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field while the Vikings will split up for the Silver and Crimson game at 7:30 at Martin Stadium.

"This game is a very good thing to break the monotony of practice," Viking Head Coach Joe Wilson said. "We have some first-liners on each team and it should be a real entertaining game for the fans."

One of the great battles for position this year in the Viking camp is the fight for the quarterback position. Ray Parker and Philip Vickery are fighting it out there and they will be at the

helms for the Maroon and Silver teams Friday night.

Glen Reed and Lee Walker, are huddling against each other for a running-back slot. Walker, already an outstanding defensive player has been looking very good in practice at running back, according to Wilson.

The Viking coach has also been impressed with the defensive play of Hank Burns and Robert Byington. Ken Overman at defensive tackle and Britt Newton have also been impressive. Bernie Taylor and Henry Maxwell have come on strong at defensive end.

Offensively, Scott Taylor, Joel Giddens, Lynwood Davis, and Charlie Harris have looked real good on the offensive line.

In the defensive backfield, Kent Shiver, Kenny McDonald and Bill Mott have been outstanding in the secondary for the Vikes. Steve Newham and Milton Washington have also been impressive in the defensive backfield.

"We have a lot of younger players who the fans will get a look at Friday night and we have some good ones including Eddie Gosier, Billy Hancock, Gerald Mitchell, Bruce Davis, Robert George and some others."

"We have been quite pleased with our performance so far, Wilson said. We have had some pleasant surprises and when the defensive and offensive units come together we're going to look a lot better," Wilson said.

Valdosta Head Coach Nick Hyder has 105 boys out for practice and he has been very pleased with the way they are coming along. The Wildcats are in their second week of practice and the Has-Been-Will-Be game will be used by Hyder to assess how they react under pressure.

One interesting aspect of the game Friday night is that it will put two of the Parker brothers, Dale and David against each other at the quarterback position. Dale will pilot the Has Beens while David will lead the Will Bes.

"I'm looking forward to a very good game," said Roger Rome who will be coaching the Has Beens in the game. "I'm sure the older guys will have some little surprises planned for them in the game. They always do."

"Everybody has worked real hard in practice and the fans should be treated to a very good game," Hyder said. "The coaches have done a mighty fine job with the kids. Jerry Don Baker, our offensive line coach, Jack Rudolph our defensive coordinator along with Freddie Waters, who coaches the defensive line and Charles Tarpley with the defensive ends and linebackers. We are two coaches short right now but these guys have done a tremendous job of filling the gaps."

Admission to the Valdosta game is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Any Valdosta team member will have tickets, or they may be purchased at the gate.

Tickets for the Lowndes game are \$1.

STAR Banquet Slated

By Times Staff Writer
John Stephen Furey, STAR student for District 2 and a senior at Valdosta High School, is to compete for the state STAR Student title Thursday in Atlanta.

Furey is to be one of 11 students competing for the honor from Georgia's 10 Congressional districts. Two students from Augusta tied for the title in District 10 this year.

Greg Brezina, former Atlanta Falcon, is to be master of ceremonies for the STAR Banquet program held at the Hyatt Regency from 7-9 p.m., and U.S. Sen. Mack Mattingly is to speak.

Charles B. Presley, president of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the program, is to preside.

This is the second year in a row Furey has won the district STAR title, which is based on Scholastic Aptitude Test scores.

He selected Mike Rogers, a math teacher at VHS, as his STAR teacher.

State STAR winners are to receive \$1,000 scholarships, statuettes and tours of Europe.

The first runner-up STAR Student and Teacher are to receive \$500 scholarships.

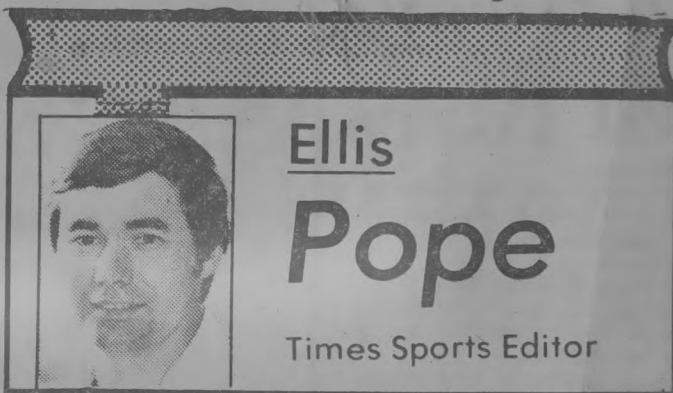
District STAR Students are also eligible to compete for a \$10,000 scholarship, the winner of which is to be announced at the banquet.

Good Time Had By All

The Valdosta Touchdown Club held its 36th annual football banquet this past week and honored the 1980 Wildcat football team. Before the night was over, the Touchdowners had not only handed out awards to the Valdosta gridders but had turned the reins of the club over to a new crew.

This new gang of officers didn't waste anytime in getting down to business. After the banquet, Henry Tart had the male contingent of the club over to his house for some of the best sausage and biscuits this side of Miss Piggy's Pork Parlor. Jack Edwards moved up to president, from vice president, with Jerry Norman stepping down after a successful year at the helm where the Wildcats finished 11-1. Keller Wilcox assumed the vice presidency, and swore that he would be heard from again. Billy Schroer, the former Valdosta and Georgia Tech great who does a little officiating on the side, took over as secretary-treasurer as Ray Chitty stepped aside from the post.

As I was saying, the new officers used the time at Tart's house to acquaint themselves with some of the needs of the 1981 football team. I'm sure Edwards will make a capable president, practically everyone there was grabbing an arm and bending an ear in his direction. But if you are looking for a



tour guide through Five Points, Jack is not your man.

Being a newcomer to town, Jack offered to show me the way to Tart's house. Jack said he had been living here for 10 years and I could just follow him. That sounded good to me except when I heard Edwards asking for directions to Georgia

Fun-Loving Wildcats

Avenue, I knew we were in for trouble. I don't know where Jack thought Georgia Avenue was, but when he stopped out on I-75 to ask which way to Athens, I felt we were traveling on thin ice. I guess it's a good thing we weren't looking for London Lane.

Edwards finally got headed in the right direction and we made it to the feast not a second too soon. I don't know what all went on before we got there, but when we arrived there was Schroer chasing this brown-colored dog across the yard with a yellow flag in his mouth. The dog had the flag not Schroer. And he was yelling something about a personal foul. The two nearly caused a catastrophe when they barely missed knocking down a ladder that was leaning on the side of Tart's house. Wilcox was rolling on a bright gold color to the side of Henry's house with the ticket prices to next year's games trimmed in black.

Luckily for us, some of that good food was still around when we got there. That was probably because John B. Lastinger and Ben Belue had not arrived. Lastinger and Belue graciously offered to take Georgia Tech Head Coach Bill Curry to the airport. Curry had been the speaker at the Banquet and was in the care of Dynamite Goodloe. They were able to get Curry

away from Goodloe when Lastinger told Goodloe that Jack Nicklaus was in town thinking about opening up a driving range. While Dynamite burst off to find Nicklaus, Lastinger and Belue whisked Curry away in a red and black van that played "Glory, Glory to Old Georgia" everytime they stopped at a red light. Being the gracious sort of fellow he is, Curry spoke not a word until they got to the airport. Curry said it was the first time he had ever seen a runway made out of peat moss and he never could figure out what that burning smell was.

But Henry Tart has to be the bravest soul around to invite that mob over to his house. I guess that is why he held the affair out in his "Hunting Lodge" in his backyard. Henry Tart is to the outdoorsman what Fred Sanford is to the junk dealer. Tart has enough hunting trophies and souvenirs to make Daniel Boone look like Tiny Tim. I was surprised Smokey the Bear wasn't tending the grill.

It was truly an honor to be invited to such a gathering. And from the vibrations coming out of that group, it's going to be sheer delight for Wildcat fans in 1981.

Believe it or not.

Waycross Stuns Valdosta

By ELLIS POPE
Times Sports Editor

WAYCROSS — No one really expected Valdosta to lose to Waycross in the Wildcat's annual spring football game.

	VHS	WHS
First Downs	6	11
Yards Rushing	112	82
Yards Passing	72	181
Passes	5-12	8-13
Passes Incl. By	2	2
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Punting	5-39	4-31
Penalties	5-55	9-45

But Friday night in Waycross, the Wildcats did lose to the Bulldogs, 29-17. The Wildcats could have won the game on the last play of the game, but a razzle-dazzle pass play backfired when the Bulldogs intercepted the pass that led to Waycross' final touchdown.

Valdosta should have learned its lesson last year about the Bulldogs. The Wildcats hosted the Bulldogs in the 1980 spring game and had to come from behind to win 20-13.

But the 1981 Wildcats are not the same team that went 11-1 during the 1980 season.

Waycross took advantage of Valdosta's youthful defense to turn two big plays into touchdowns and take a 13-0 lead over the surprised Wildcats, who only gained one first down the first half.

But keyed by Jeff Lee's

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interception early in the third quarter, Valdosta became of age as they drove for their first touchdown behind the running of Pernel Bee. Valdosta had to continually fight to stay alive in the second half, but even after falling behind, 21-7 in the fourth period, the Wildcats eventually closed the gap to 21-17 and had a chance to win in the final seconds.

"I was very proud that we did not quit," said Valdosta Head Coach Nick Hyder. "You can never be satisfied with a loss and I don't think you ever gain anything by losing. But we have a good football team."

"We have some inexperienced people in key positions and Waycross did a good job of taking advantage of it. Waycross is a well-coached team and they appear they have the right

personnel in the right places.

"You have to give Waycross credit. They dominated the first half. And that goes back to our inexperience. You have a tendency to play cautiously when you are inexperienced."

"But that's what spring practice is all about. You have to learn by your mistakes. I think Waycross really intimidated us early with those long plays for touchdowns."

"We made some adjustments at the half and we did a lot better job. And we had a chance to win on the last play. And we could have gone ahead earlier but we had three key penalties that really hurt us in the fourth quarter."

Valdosta had been charged with just one five-yard penalty through the first three periods. But the Wildcats were tagged with

four fouls for 50 yards in the final period, three of the penalties being 15 yarders.

The most crucial of the three came with 2:25 left in the game with Valdosta trailing 21-15. Quarterback David Parker had scrambled for a first down at the Waycross seven-yard line, but a clipping call moved the ball back to the 33-yard line. Valdosta ended up turning the ball over to the Bulldogs at the 24-yard line with 1:51 left in the game.

When the Valdosta defense held the Bulldogs, quarterback Todd Williams, who is the son of Waycross Coach Dale Williams, a former Wildcat, ran around in his backfield and out of the end zone giving Valdosta a safety.

The two points brought the Wildcats to within 21-17, but only 23 seconds remained on the clock. Bulldog punter Alonzo Miller shanked his free kick from the 20 and it appeared Valdosta had been given new life deep in Waycross territory. But another 15 yard penalty moved the ball back to midfield with only 15 seconds to play.

The Wildcats tried two desperation passes, the second which was picked off

by defensive end Leroy O'Hara. The junior linemen intercepted Dana Brinson's attempted throw back to Parker and had a clear field to the goal.

Waycross scored its first touchdown with 5:47 to go in the first quarter. Valdosta had backed the Bulldogs up inside their 10-yard line when Williams, with Wildcats hanging on to his jersey, passed to John Ivey on the left sideline at the 20. Ivey then outran the Wildcat defenders down the sideline for the score.

Two minutes later the Bulldogs had their second touchdown when converted defensive tackle James Medlock, who wears number 34, rammed over from the one. TD was set up when Bulldog defensive back Wendell Bacon stepped in front of a Parker pass and streaked 70 yards before being caught from behind.

When Lee made the first of his two interceptions, it breathed new life into the Wildcats in the second half. Valdosta drove the 41 yards with an inspiration that had not been evident in the first half. Bee closed the Bulldog gap with his five yard TD.

However, Waycross upped the lead to 21-7 when Otis Mooring scored from the two after Waycross had been given a second chance near midfield on a roughing-the-passer penalty on Valdosta on third down.

Valdosta came right back and put itself back in the game when Dana Brinson returned the kickoff to the Waycross 42-yard line. On the next play, tight end Edwin Robinson passed to Frederick Motes for a touchdown. When Parker ran the two points, the Bulldog lead had been cut to 21-15 with 5:16 to play in the game.

Score by Quarters:

	13	0	0	16	29
VHS	0	0	7	10	17
WHS	0	0	7	10	17

Scoring: WHS — Ivey 91 pass from Williams; (Williams kick).
WHS — Medlock 1 run (run failed).
VHS — Bee 5 run (Sampson kick).
WHS — Mooring 2 run (McElroy pass from Williams).
VHS — Motes 42 pass from Robinson (Parker run).
VHS — Safety, Williams run out of end zone. (Mooring run).
WHS — O'Hara 50 interception return.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing:
VHS — Parker 11-39, Bee 6-36, Motes 3-10, Reeves 5-4, Robinson 1-23.
WHS — Dukes 7-36, Medlock 11-34, Mooring 11-12, Herrin 5-12, Williams 4-minus 2.
Passing:
VHS — Parker 2-7-1-17, Robinson 1-1-0-42, Mayes 1-1-0, Reeves 1-0-0-0, Brinson 1-0-1-0.
WHS — Williams 8-12-1-181, Sani 1-0-1-0.
Pass Receiving:
VHS — Robinson 2-24, Motes 1-42, Mayes 1-5.
WHS — Mooring 6-73, Ivey 1-91, Herrin 1-17.
Kickoff Returns:
VHS — Brinson 3-80.
WHS — Mooring 3-54.

Gov. Honors Participants

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By Times Staff Writer

Four students from Valdosta High School have been chosen to participate in the 1981 Governor's Honors Program, with two alternates each from VHS and Lowndes High School.

Finalists in this year's GHP from VHS are to be Ronald Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Allen, 110 Sunnymeade Drive, who qualified in social science; Stephen Paine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Paine, 406 Mack Drive, social science; David Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Parker, 2603 Rolling Hill Drive, math; and Edwin King, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. King, 423 Eager Road, math.

Allen and Paine are to participate in the program at Valdosta State College, while Parker and King are to attend the program in Dahlonga.

The program was divided up for the first time last year

and expanded to 600 of the most gifted students in the state.

It was formerly limited to 400 gifted students and was held at Wesleyan College in Macon.

Students qualify for participation in the program through scholastic achievement and intelligence test results.

The four alternates from VHS and LHS, who are to attend the program if any of the 600 finalists drop out, are the following:

Laurel Camarano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Camarano, 1815 Woodcrest Drive, VHS, voice; Jeff Newbern, grandson of Maria Guerasimoff, 600 Howellbrook Drive, VHS, social science; Leo Saguiguit, LHS, music, and Roy Saguiguit, LHS, science, sons of Dr. and Dr. Gil Saguiguit of Moody Air Force Base.

Wildcats Conclude Training

By Times Staff Writer
Valdosta High has been faced with having to rebuild the top defense in Region 1-AAAA from last year's 11-1 team during the past four weeks of spring practice and it has not been easy.

But rebuilding defenses is not the only thing that has Wildcat Head Coach Nick Hyder concerned.

"We're battered, bruised and wounded in more ways than one," said Hyder. "We

have some players that have academic problems and that might keep them out of the spring game with Waycross tomorrow."

The Wildcats are scheduled to conclude their spring drills with a game against the Bulldogs in Waycross at 8 p.m. A "B" team game is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. in Waycross.

"We will find out today just how many players are in trouble with their academics.

Right now we have about 20 players that are on probation. I don't expect we will have near that many not to make the trip, but we have that many that are on the border line.

"I require all of the players to pass four subjects a quarter. That's my own rule and I stand by it. I believe you go to school to get an education first."

There are 103 players out for spring practice at

Valdosta this year. Hyder said approximately 50 will play in the "B" team game and the remaining 53, if all players are eligible to make the trip, will play in the varsity game.

This spring's workout has included 20 seniors, 32 juniors, 40 sophomores and 11 freshmen.

"We have put in a lot of hard work this spring," Hyder added. "As hard as any spring we've had. I'll have to give a lot of credit to our defensive coaches, Jack Rudolph, Freddy Waters and Charles Tarpley in trying to rebuild that unit. You don't replace a defense like we had last year that easily.

"We will know more about what sort of team we have after tomorrow night. Waycross has six starters returning on offense including their tight end, two

tackles, a guard, a running back and a wide receiver. They have also moved their safety to quarterback."

The Wildcats hosted Waycross in last year's spring game had to come from behind to beat the Bulldogs, 20-13. Waycross is coached by former Valdosta standout Dale Williams.

"Since we played the Has-Beens two weeks ago," Hyder said, "we have been boning up on our offense. We did not look particularly good that night on offense."

Hyder said that they have been impressed with the play of junior receiver Mark Perry and safety Jeff Spivey, who are lining up in new positions this spring.

Advance tickets to the game are on sale at the school and are \$1 for students and \$2 for adults. All tickets at the gate are to be \$3.

VHS Track Teams Sweep Brooks

From Staff, Wire Reports

Valdosta High's boys and girls track teams once again downed Brooks County High, the boys taking a 79-63 decision and the girls a 69-40 win.

Both teams stand at 2-0. The boys' next meet is at home against Lowndes High and Brooks Wednesday while the girls venture to Tift County.

GIRLS

Long Jump — Lisa Jones, V, 18-foot-6,
Phyllis Monds, B.
Discus — Allison Brooks, B, 102-foot-3,
Armelia Lewis, V.
Shot Put — Dottie Hollis, B, 28-foot-10,
Rose Reynolds, B.
High Jump — Glenda Hall, B, 4-10 inches,
Lewis, V.
440-yard relay — Valdosta, R. Jackson, D.
Williams, V. Melvin, L. Jones, 60.8,
Valdosta Number Two.
1-mile run — Darlene McCormick, V, 5:50,
Tina Smart, B.
440-yard dash — Monds, B, 64.9, Karen
Ingram, V.
100-yard dash — Melvin, V, 11.8, Jackson,
V.
110 low hurdles — L. Jones, V, 15.6,
Reynolds, B.
880-yard run — Joyce Hall, V, 2:41,
Glenda Hall, B.
220-yard dash — Melvin, V, 26.5, Denise
Williams, V.
2 mile run — McCormick, V, 13:11, Linda
Pitre, V.
1-mile relay — Valdosta, R. Jackson, K.

Ingram, V. Melvin, L. Jones, 4:22; Valdosta
Number two.

BOYS

Discus — Carl Gaines, V, 141.6.
Shot Put — Carl Gaines, V, 46.3.
Broad Jump — Keith Mitchell, 21 feet, 11
inches, 2, Chris Major, V.
Triple Jump — Keith Mitchell, 41-11 in-
ches, F. Thomas, B.
Pole Vault — Johnson, B, 9 feet, Sipplin,
B.
High Jump — Dante Jones, V, 6 foot-6, F.
Thomas, B.
440 yard relay — Valdosta, 45.1, Aundra
Irvin, Kenneth Holmes, Fred Motes,
Jimison Davis.
1-mile run — 4:51, Horne, B, C. Randolph,
B.
440-yard dash — Frederick Motes, V, 52.5,
Kenneth Holmes, V, Rufus Anderson, V.
100-yard dash — Jerome Jackson, B, 10.7,
M. Seay, B.
110 High Hurdles — Jones, V, 17.4, Marcus
Griffin, V.
880-yard run — Joe Henry, V, 2:14.8,
Freeman, B.
220-yard dash — Frederick Motes, V, 23.4,
Jimison Davis, V.
330 intermediate hurdles — Dante Jones,
V, 44.6, Marcus Griffin, V.
2-mile run — Horne, B, 10:52, Robinson, B.
1-mile relay — Valdosta, 3:36.5, Motes,
Henry Holmes, Anderson; Brooks, Ran-
dolph, Seay, Freeman, Green.

VHS Splits Meet

By Times Staff Writer
THOMASVILLE — The Valdosta High School girls track team remains undefeated but the boys dropped their first meet in track action here Monday.

The girls took a 78-34 decision over the Thomasville girls while the boys came up on the short end of a 78-64 count. They are now 3-1.

Pacing the girls to victory was Lisa Jones, winner of three separate events and a member of the winning VHS teams in the 440-yard and 1-mile relay.

VHS is home Thursday to take on Central of Thomasville.

GIRLS

440-yard Relay — Rosziner Jackson,
Denise Williams, Veronica Melvin, Lisa
Jones, 50.14, Valdosta Number One; Julie
Parris, Connie Weatherspoon, Lisa
Conaway, Karen Ingram, Valdosta Number
Two.
One Mile Run — Darlene McCormick, V,
5:37; O. Turner, T.
440-Yard Dash — Ingram, V, 1:04; T.
Spencer, T.
100-Yard Dash — Jones, V., 11.1; Melvin,
V.
110-Low Hurdles — Jones, V, 14.7; Tur-

ner, T.
880-Yard Run — Joyce Hall, V, 2:35;
Weatherspoon, V.
220-Yard Dash — Melvin, V., 25.9;
Williams, V.
2-Mile Run — McCormick, V, 13:08; V.
Cochran, T.
1-Mile Relay — Valdosta Number One,
Jackson, Ingram, Melvin, Jones, 4:14.5,
Valdosta Number Two, Weatherspoon,
Jenkins, Conaway, Hall.
High Jump — Armelia Lewis, V, 5' 0"; O.
Turner, T.
Long Jump — Jones, V, 17' 7"; Jackson,
V.
Shot Put — P. Walden, T, 34' 11/4".
Discus — Walden, T, 111' 9"; Lewis, V.

BOYS

High Jump — Dante Jones, V, 6-6; 3rd,
Joe Henry, V.
Long Jump — Keith Mitchell, V, 21-2; 3rd,
Clint East, V.
Triple Jump — Mitchell, V, 41.9
Discus — Carl Gaines, V, 125' 10"
Shot Put — Gaines, V, 41' 10 3/4"
440-Yard Relay — Valdosta Number One,
Andrew Irvin, East, Kenny Holmes, Fred
Motes, 44.23
440-Yard Dash — Motes, V, 51.01;
Holmes, V, 51.08, Rufus Anderson, V, 53.11
110-Yard Dash — 3rd Andre Irvin, V, 10.6
120 High Hurdles — 2nd, Jones, V, 15.9,
Marcus Griffin, V.
880-Yard Run — 2nd, Jones, V, 1:15.9,
Marcus Griffin, V.
880-Yard Run — 2nd, Joe Henry, 2:08
220-Yard Dash — Motes, V, 22.4; 3rd,
Holmes, V, 23.53.
330 Intermediate Hurdles — 2nd, Jones,
V, 43.5
2-Mile Run — 3rd Steve Connelly, V, 11:06.
1-Mile Relay — Valdosta, Henry, Holmes,
Anderson, Motes, 3:29; 3rd, Valdosta
Number Two, Mitchell, East, Griffin,
Gaines, 3:34.

'Cat Netters Divide

By Tennis Staff Writer
The Valdosta High tennis teams split in action against Thomasville here Monday, the girls taking a 9-2 decision and the boys falling 8-1.

The girls stand at 4-1 with the victory and the boys drop to 3-2.

VHS hosts Tift County High Wednesday, with the boys game at the school courts and the girls at McKey Park. Thursday, Colquitt County High comes to town for matches in the same locations. Both are to start at 3 p.m.

GIRLS

Singles: Dana Landstrom (T), def. Joann
Gore, 6-1, 6-1;
Julie Spencer (V), def. Dede Landstrom, 6-
1, 6-1;
Beth Pitts (V), def. Shannan McClelland,
6-1, 6-0;
Melanie Nelson (V), def. Lisa Davis, 6-2,
6-1;
Debra Smith (T), def. Caroline Malik, 3-6,
6-4, 6-4;
Cindy Cooper (V), def. Stephanie
McClelland, 6-3, 6-0;

Lou Davenport (V), def. Valerie Rome, 6-
3, 6-0;
Debbie Brollard (V), def. Laquan Smith,
6-7, 7-5, 6-2.

Doubles: Spencer-Pitts (V), def. D.
Landstrom-Sh. McClelland, 6-0, 6-2;
Cooper-Davenport (V), def. Davis-D.
Landstrom, 6-2, 6-4;
Nelson-Malik (V), def. St. McClelland-
Rome, 8-1.

BOYS

Singles: Tim Bennett (T), def. Tim Pitts,
6-2, 7-5;
John Everett (T), def. Mark Swank, 6-3, 6-
1;
Arthur Frugakis (T), def. Stewart Young,
4-6, 6-3, 6-2;
Robert Jefferson (T), def. Donald King, 6-
2, 6-1;
Scott McAnally (T), def. Tommy Young,
7-5, 4-6, 6-1;
Todd Ponder (T), def. Trey Powell, 6-0, 6-
1;
Morris Williams (T), def. Ricky
Rodriguez, 8-2;
Killings Haywood (T), def. Bruce
Wetherington, 8-3.

Doubles: Everett-Frugakis (T), def.
Swank S. Young, 6-2, 6-0;
Jefferson-Ponder (T), def. Powell King,
6-0, 7-6;
Pitts T. Young (V), def. Bennett-
McAnally, 8-1;
Williams Haywood, (T), def. Chip Riggs-
Allen Young, 8-6.

Wildcats Batter Packers

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By LEE FREEMAN
Times Staff Writer

Valdosta High Head Baseball Coach Charles Tarpley had a right to be a worried man early Tuesday.

Undefeated Colquitt County was coming to town determined to take an important Region 1-AAAA (South) win from the Wildcats.

The pitcher Tarpley intended to start against the Packers. Danny DeMerseman, called in sick with a stomach virus.

"Frankly, I thought that was the end of it," Tarpley said after the game. He was grinning when he said it, however, because the Wildcats had just recorded an impressive 14-4 thrashing of Colquitt.

Winning pitcher Mark Cox and relief pitcher Jeff Wiggins more than made up for DeMerseman's absence by allowing only five hits from 26 batters.

The real heroes were the Wildcat batters, as Valdosta hammered out six runs in the first and second innings to take a 12-1 lead at the top of the third.

The Wildcats had 11 hits off of Packer pitchers Keith Todd and Dennis Powell, who must have left Bazemore

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Field in an altered, aggravated state. Valdosta stands at 5-2 overall and 2-0 in the subregion with the sparsely attended victory.

Tarpley had high praise for the Wildcat batting prowess, something that has improved markedly since the 'Cats were beaten by the likes of Tifton and Berrien County.

"It seems like for the last three years we start off slow (in hitting)," Tarpley said. "We have this pretty weather and there is pretty weather and the guys just aren't mentally ready when the season starts."

In the last two games, however, the Wildcats have recorded a total of 37 runs, which Tarpley says is testimony the Wildcats finally have things mentally as well as physically under

third when the second baseman missed a throw from the pitcher.

Four of the next five batters scored, Rob Sullenberger, William Davis and Dale Parker coming in from third and Nolan Barnes from second.

Barnes highlighted the second inning with a home run over the left field fence, bringing home David Parker from third and Sullenberger from second in the process. The game was effectively over then, with the 'Cats enjoying a 10-1 lead.

David Parker and Sullenberger scored three times in all, Barnes, Bowdoin and Dale Parker twice and Davis and Ted Welch once.

For Colquitt, which now stands 4-1 overall, Dennis Powell hit a two-run homer in the fifth inning, bringing home Les Allegood from Mitch Connor in the first and Todd in the third.

Todd took the loss for Colquitt, allowing five runs without any outs in the first inning before being relieved by Powell.

Valdosta travels to Tifton today to try to avenge an earlier loss to the Tift County Blue Devils. The game is set to start at 6:30 p.m. Valdosta's next subregion game is at home Friday against Thomasville.



Times Staff Photo by Joey Ivansco
PACKER PILFERING — The Packers' Dave Clark steals second as throw comes to Wildcats' Ted Welch.

Another VHS TV Show On Cable Channel 12

By Times Staff Writer
Valdosta High School students are to present another television show called "Studio One" Monday and Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. on Cable Channel 12.

Ralph Guarino, audio-visual director at VHS, said the program is to open with the VHS clarinet choir playing two selections under the direction of Debbie Bradley.

School news is to be given by Lynne Pulliam and Donald Dilliplane, and Todd Meussling is to interview members of the U.S. Army

Golden Knights parachute team, Guarino said.

School sports are to be presented by Jim Gore and Jim Renshouse after an interview with track coach Dick Sturdevant by Vic Hartman.

School announcements are to be made by Dotty Joe Brown, and Hartman is to present a "flashback" of events which happened in 1942 and 1952.

The students producing the 30-minute program are in Lee Pulliam's television English class and have as their adviser Eloise Terry.

Valdosta Claims Meet

By Times Staff Writer

Lisa Jones broke three school records and paced the Valdosta High girls track team to a first place finish in the second annual Kitten Relays held at VHS today.

Valdosta tallied 89.5 points in the meet, followed by Atkinson County High with 55, Tift County with 40 and Colquitt County High with 12.5.

Jones set new school records in the long jump, 100 yard dash and 110 low hurdles and was part of the Valdosta Number One team that broke the school record for the 440-yard dash.

Jones jumped 17.10 in the long jump, ran the 100-yard dash in 11.3 seconds and the 110 low hurdles in 15.7 seconds. The old school records in those categories were 16.10, 11.5 and 15.7, respectively.

The 440-yard relay team, composed of Jones, Roseziner Jackson, Denise Williams and Veronica Melvin, topped the school record of 51.2 seconds with a time of 50.3 Saturday.

Coach Jerry Don Baker's undefeated team took nine of 13 events in the meet in all.

Shot Put — Henry (T), 28-11; Stewart (T), and Manning (V), tie.
Discus — Henry (T) 98-7; Lewis (V).
High Jump — Thomas (A) 5 feet; Lewis (V).
Long Jump — Jones (V) 17-10; Jackson (V).

440 Relay — Jackson, Williams, Melvin, Jones, Valdosta Number One 50:3; Atkinson Number One.
Mile Run — McCormick (V) 5:45; Freeman (A).
440 Dash — Ingram (V) 1:03; Walden (C).
100 Dash — Jones (V) 11.3; Jackson (V).
880 Run — Holmes (T) 2:41; Weather-spoon (V).
220 Dash — Melvin (V) 26.5; Johnson (A).
110 Low Hurdles — Jones (V) 15.1; Hughes (T).
2 Mile Run — McCormick (V) 12:59; Freeman (A).
Mile Relay — Jackson, Ingram, Melvin, Jones (Valdosta).
Number One, 4:18; Atkinson Number Two.

Valdosta Records Two Track Wins

The Valdosta High boys and girls track teams recorded victories in meets held at VHS Wednesday.

The boys scored 76 to top Central of Thomasville in second with 65.5 and Lowndes High with 32.5. They are 4-1 on the season.

The VHS girls, paced by Lisa Jones, glided past Central 88-18. Their record is a spotless 5-0.

Valdosta's next meet is set for Monday, when Thomasville High comes to VHS.

GIRLS

Long Jump — L. Jones, V, 178 3/4"; Li Conaway, V.
Shot Put — L. Brooks, C., 31'9"; G. Manning, V.
Discus — A. Lewis, V, 102' 11"; L. Brooks, C.
High Jump — A. Lewis, V, 5'; L. Cleveland, C.
440-Yard Relay — Valdosta Number One, R. Jackson, D. Williams, V. Melvin, L. Jones, 51.5; Valdosta Number Two.
1-Mile Run — D. McCormick, V, 5:54; M. Skiles, V.
440-Run — K. Ingram, V, 1:05; K. Jenkins, V.
100-Yard Dash — L. Jones, V, 11.6; V. Melvin, V.

100-Low Hurdles — L. Jones, V, 15.6; J. Hart, C.
880-Run — J. Hall, V, 2:40; C. Weatherspoon, V.
220-Yard Dash — V. Melvin, V, 27.3; D. Williams, V.
2-Mile Run — D. McCormick, V, 12:56.8; L. Pitre, V.
1-Mile Relay — Valdosta Number One, C. Weatherspoon, K. Ingram, V. Melvin, L. Jones, 4:29.

BOYS

Pole Vault — Bernard Mitchell, L, 8'; Clint East, V.
Shot Put — Hopkins, C, 428 2"; Carl Gaines, V.
Long Jump — Keith Mitchell, V, 20' 5three-fourth"; Powell, C.
High Jump — Dante Jones, V, 6' 6"; Powell, C.
Discus — Gaines, V, 133; 4"; Williams, C.
Triple Jump — Mitchell, V, 42' 4 1/2"; Powell, C.
440-yard Relay — Valdosta, Andre Irvon, Clint East, Kenny Holmes, Fred Motes, 45.7; Central of Thomasville.
1-Mile Run — Ingram, C, 4:58; Linton, C.
440-Yard Run — Motes, V, 42.5; Holmes, V.
100-Yard Dash — Blunt, C, 10.5; Richard Burns, L.
120-High Hurdles — Tommy Hampton, L, 15.8; Jones, V.
220-Yard Dash — Motes, V, 24.3; Mayes, C.
330-Intermediate Hurdles — Hampton, L, 43.17; Morrow, C.
2-Mile Run — Linton, C, 10:39.64; Robert Durham, V.
1-Mile Relay — Valdosta, Rufus Anderson, Joe Henry, Kenny Holmes, Fred Motes, 3:35.5; Valdosta, Anthony Moore, Keith Mitchell, Marcus Griffin, Carl Gaines, 3:43.



JUMPIN' JONES — Lisa Jones, Valdosta High's heralded track team member, dashes to a 15.6 second finish in the 110-yard low hurdles event.

Suwannee Surprises Valdosta

By Times Staff Writer
Suwannee County High's two-run eighth inning ended the game of catchup played for a regulation seven innings with the Valdosta High Wildcats on a 8-6 note in Suwannee's favor in baseball action here Saturday.

was broken in the extra inning by two runs for the visitors to Bazemore Field. Trailing 2-0, Suwannee put two on the board in the top of the second to tie Valdosta came back with one run in the bottom of the second to retake the lead. Suwannee scored once in the third and Valdosta in the fourth, and both scored twice in the fifth.

Suwannee made it 6-5 in the sixth but Valdosta tied it again in the bottom of the seventh. This time, Suwannee's two run inning went unanswered. Valdosta is 6-4 overall with the non-subregion defeat. Losing pitcher was Mark Cox, 2-2, who allowed four runs on as many hits and struck out one batter in three innings.

David Parker, if not one else, had a good day for the 'Cats, recording four runs including a homer and one RBI. Others to score for Valdosta were Rob Sullenberger and Dale Parker and both had a RBI. Scoring for Suwannee, which is 13-11, were Todd Lawrence and Phil Washington twice, Dewey

Christian once with a home run, and once each by Kenny Williams, Scott Barnes and Bill Bozeman. Washington took the win for Suwannee, pitching 3 and two-third innings and giving up only two hits. He struck out six batters. Valdosta committed four errors and left 14 men on base. Suwannee had two errors and eight left on base. The 'Cats host cross-town subregion rival Lowndes High at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Bazemore Field.

Wildcat Box

Suwannee	ab	r	h	bi	Valdosta	ab	r	h	bi
Rob cf	2	0	0	0	Park lf	3	4	2	1
Law lf	4	2	2	1	DeM 2b	5	0	1	2
Chr 3b	5	1	2	3	Sul ss	5	1	2	1
Bau 1p	5	0	2	1	Bar rf	3	0	3	1
Was ss	4	2	2	0	Belue 1b	4	0	1	0
Wil p	2	1	1	0	Maye dh	1	0	0	0
Bar c	4	0	1	0	Park 3b	4	1	1	0
Smi rf	4	1	0	0	Bow cf	3	0	0	0
Boz 2b	3	1	1	0	Wig p	2	0	0	0
Bur p	2	0	1	0	Nic c	0	0	0	0
					Gor 2b	2	0	2	0
Totals	35	8	12	5	We 3b	3	0	0	0
					Cox p	1	0	0	0

Totals 36 6 12 5
 SCHS 021 012 02-8
 VHS 210 110 10-6
 E L — Washington, L — Burnside, V — Sullenberger, V — Belue, V — Wiggins, V — Dale Parker, DP L — 1.. LOB V — 14, L — 8, 2 B L — Washington, V — David Parker, V — DeMersseman, V — Gordon, 3B — 0-0. HR V — Parker, David L — Christine, SB — L — Lawrence (2), L — Robbins, L — Christine, L — Washington, L — Bozeman, V — Barnes, SO-0. SF L — Robbins.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
LOHS						
Kenny Williams	2	5	3	3	2	2
Keith Burnside	2	1	3	5	2	4
Phil Wash. (W)	3	2	2	1	0	1
VHS						
Jeff Wig.	5	8	4	2	2	3
Mark Cox (L, 2-2)	3	4	4	3	1	1
HBP 0-0 WP V — Wiggins, BALK L — Washington, PB 0-0.						

Lady cats Win Subregion

By Times Staff Writer
THOMASVILLE
 Valdosta High ran away with the girls' south subregion track meet held Wednesday at Thomasville High. The Lady Wildcats produced 167 points to win the meet. Valdosta was followed by Thomasville, 112; Colquitt County, 82; Central of Thomasville, 30 and Bainbridge, 8.
 Valdosta set two new school records in the subregion meet. Armelua Lewis tossed the discus 105-4 to win that event and Darlene McCormick finished the mile run in 5:33 for a Valdosta record. The results of the meet are as follows:
 High Jump — Turner, THS, 4-11;
 Long Jump — Lisa Jones, V, 18-4 3/4;
 Discus — Armelua Lewis, V, 105-4;
 Shot Put — P. Hill, THS, 33-8;
 440-yard Relay 1, VHS No. 1, 49.93, Roseziner Jackson, Denise Williams, Veronica Melvin, Lisa Jones, 2. VHS No. 2, Juliet Purvis, Connie Weatherspoon, Lisa Conaway, Karen Ingram, 1 Mile Run — Darlene McCormick, V, 5:33;
 440 Dash — Karen Ingram, V, 1:03;
 100 Dash — Lisa Jones, V,

11.3;
 110 Hurdles — Lisa Jones, V, 14.7;
 880 Run — Joyce Hall, V, 2:31;
 2-Mile Run — Darlene McCormick, V, 12:52;
 220 Dash — Veronica Melvin, V, 25:7;
 Mile Relay — 1, VHS No. 1, Roseziner Jackson, Karen Ingram, Veronica Melvin, Lisa Jones, 2, VHS No. 2, Connie Weatherspoon, Kim Jenkins, Lisa Conaway, Joyce Hall.

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Viking Homers Skin Wildcats

By ELLIS POPE
Times Sports Editor

With all the drama that accompanies any Valdosta-Lowndes confrontation, the Vikings maintained their baseball mastery over the Wildcats with a 5-3 victory Tuesday at Bazemore field.

Valdosta, which had its 2-0 lead vanish into a 5-2 deficit on the strength of four Viking home runs, made a comeback in the seventh inning to score one run after loading the bases off of nemesis Keith Hagan.

Hagan, who needed relief help from Keith Evans in the seventh, got the win for the Vikings. It was the Southpaw's ninth win over Valdosta.

The Lowndes victory marked the ninth straight for the Vikings over the Wildcats over a three-year period. Valdosta last defeated Lowndes in 1978, the year the Wildcats captured the state championship.

The win raised Lowndes' record to 6-1 while the loss left the Wildcats with a 6-5 mark. Lowndes remained unbeaten in the subregion with the win. It was the first subregion loss for the Wildcats in four games.

While Hagan scattered five hits over 6 2-3rd innings, the Vikings were getting their ace southpaw the runs he needed by way of the home run.

The Viking home runs accounted for all five of the Lowndes runs. Ray Luke, Charlie Harrell and Scott Taylor all hit solo shots while Evans clubbed a two-run homer with Tony Bowden aboard.

"Yea, we like to hit in this park," said Lowndes Coach Noel George. "But I think the only one that would have been out of our park was the one Ray hit. I believe their centerfielder got a glove on the one Taylor hit. But they all went over."

"Hagan got a little shook in the last inning and that's the reason I went to Evans. I thought he might have been able to get Blake Belue since he is a left hander, but after he lost him and walked Gordon (Billy Jo), I thought it was best to go with Evans."

However, by the time George pulled Hagan in the seventh, the Wildcats had gotten only five hits off of the senior. And it was Hagan that committed an error in the second inning that paved the way for Valdosta to score its two runs.

"I thought we got a good pitching effort from our two pitchers," Valdosta Coach Charles Tarpley said. "But we just did not get the clutch hit."

"We left 11 runners on base. We had two innings

where we left the bases loaded. Our hitting has been very disappointing this year."

Danny DeMersseman took the hill for Valdosta and until Luke led off the fourth with a home run to right field, had pitched a two-hit shutout.

Harrell tied the game at two-all in the fifth inning when he hit a two-out solo home run to left field. DeMersseman led off the Wildcat fifth with a single and then stole second base, but was left there when the middle of the Valdosta lineup recorded three straight outs.

Lowndes chased DeMersseman from the mound in the sixth inning with three runs and a 5-2 lead. Bowden led off the inning by reaching base on an infield error. Evans followed with his shot to left field giving Lowndes the lead, 4-2, for the first time in the game.

After one out, Taylor hit a towering shot to deep center field. Valdosta's David Parker made a leaping stab at the ball with his back to the fence, but the ball was hit just hard enough to clear the park and give the Vikings a 5-2 lead.

Jeff Wiggins relieved DeMersseman to get the final two outs. Wiggins gave up just one walk in getting the last five outs, but his free pass to Harrell did not hurt him as Grant Nichols threw the Viking outfielder out trying to steal second.

William Davis and Billy Jo Gordon scored Valdosta's first two runs in the second inning after they reached base on a single and a walk. Gordon and Hagan played a waiting game with each other with Gordon calling time out five straight times before getting his base on balls.

There were two outs when Gordon drew the walk. Hagan had a chance to get out of the inning, but he dropped a pop-up by Dale Parker on the first-base side of the mound.

Davis hustled around third on the play and dove into home plate with the first run of the game. Ted Welch gave the Wildcats a 2-0 lead when he scored Gordon with a single to right.

In the seventh inning, Hagan committed a throwing error to first base that allowed Rob Sullenberger to reach base with one out. Hagan struckout Davis for the second out, but he walked Nolan Barnes and Belue to load the bases.

After Hagan walked Gordon to force in Sullenberger with the third run, Evans got the call from George. Evans ended the game by striking out Dale Parker.

Lowndes is scheduled to host Thomasville today at 4

p.m. and travel to Bainbridge Friday before returning home Saturday.

Valdosta is to be on the road the rest of the week playing Central of Thomasville Friday at 4 p.m.

Box Score

LHS	ab	r	h	bi	VHS	ab	r	h	bi
Harrell, lf	3	1	1	1	Parker, cf	2	0	0	0
Parker, 2b	4	0	1	0	DeMrsn, p	4	0	1	0
Luke, ss	4	1	1	1	Sulbgr, ss	3	1	0	0
Bowden, c	3	1	0	0	Barnes, rf	3	0	0	0
Evans, dh	3	1	2	2	Davis, dh	4	1	1	0
McConl, 3b	3	0	1	0	Belue, 1b	2	0	0	0
Taylor, rf	3	1	1	1	Gordon, lf	2	1	2	1
Wiley, cf	2	0	0	0	Parker, 3b	4	0	0	0
McDnld, 1b	3	0	1	0	Welch, 2b	1	0	1	1
Hogan, p	0	0	0	0	Nichols, c	0	0	0	0
White, pr	0	0	0	0	Wiggins, p	1	0	0	0
					Bowdn, pr	0	0	0	0
					Maves, pr	0	0	0	0

TOTALS 28 5 8 5

TOTALS 26 3 5 2

LHS 000 113 0-5
VHS 020 000 1-3

E L—Hagan, V—Welch; DP V—0, L—1; LOB V—11, L—4; 2B L—Parker; 3B 0-0; HR L—Harrell, L—Luke, L—Evans, L—Taylor; SB L—Bowden, L—Evans, L—McConnell, L—McDonald; V—Welch, V—DeMersseman; S O O; SF O O.

IP H R ER BB SO

LHS

Keith Hagan 6 2 3 5 3 0 8 6

Keith Evans 1 3 0 0 0 0 1

VHS

DeMersseman 5 1 3 8 5 4 1 3

Wiggins 1 2 3 0 0 0 1 1

HBP V—David Parker; BALK 0-0; WP—Hagan; PB—Bowden.

VHS Girls, Boys Top Thomasville

By Times Staff Writer

The Wildcats eased and the Lady Wildcats breezed as Valdosta swept Thomasville in a high school track meet Monday at VHS.

The Wildcats, leading by one point before the final point event of the meet, ended the meet on a winning note to edge the Bulldogs 71-65. The Lady Wildcats, who ran without the services of an ailing Lisa Jones, dominated the Lady Bulldogs 69-39.

It was the last regular season track meet of the season before the subregion meet to be held in Thomasville. The Lady Wildcats are to run in the subregion meet Wednesday beginning at 10 a.m. The Wildcats are slated to run

next Wednesday in their subregion meet.

The Lady Wildcats finished the season with a 7-0 record while the Wildcats ended the regular season with a 5-1 mark.

The Lady Wildcats had things pretty much their way against the Lady Bulldogs winning 10 of the 13 events held.

The Wildcats held a 66-65 lead over Thomasville going into the mile-relay and the Valdosta victory in the event assured VHS the win.

There was one new school record set when Dante Jones leaped 6-7 1/4 in the high jump. The results of the meet are as follows:

High jump — O. Turner 5-1 THS, — A. GIBLS

Lewis VHS.

Shot put — P. Hill 33.9 THS, G. Manning VHS.

Discus — Armelula Lewis 101.3 VHS, B. Parnell THS.

Long jump — Roseziner Jackson 17.3 VHS, K. Lunda THS.

440 Relay — 50.6 — VHS No. 1, Roseziner Jackson, Denise Williams, Karen Ingram, Veronica Melvin.

Mile Run — Darlene McCormick 5:38 VHS, O. Turner THS.

440 Dash — Karen Ingram VHS 1:05, Kim Jenkins VHS.

100 Dash — Roseziner Jackson VHS 11.3, Veronica Melvin VHS.

110 Low Hurdles — O. Turner THS, 16.2, D. Jones THS.

880 Run — Joyce Hall VHS, 2:37, L. Frederick THS.

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880 Run — Joyce Hall VHS, 2:37, L. Frederick THS.

Austin THS.

Broad Jump — 1, Keith Mitchell — 21.2, VHS, 2, Revels — THS, 3, Chris Major — VHS.

Discus — 1, Carl Gaines — 114.6, VHS, 2, Robinson, THS, 3, Charles Arnold — VHS.

Triple Jump — 1, Keith Mitchell — 44 feet, VHS, 2, Howard Lundy, THS.

440 — Relay — 44.8, VHS, 1, Aundra Irvin, Clint East, Kenny Holmes, Fred Motes.

Mile Run — 1, Kenny Newsome — 4:58, THS, 2, John Mixon — THS, 3, Robert Durham — VHS.

200 Dash — 1, Fred Motes — 51.6 — VHS, 2, Kenny Holmes — VHS.

100 Dash — 1, Willie Williams — 10.3, THS, 2, Aundra Irvin — VHS.

120 Hurdles — 1, Howard Lundy — 16.1, THS, 2, Dante Jones — VHS.

880 Run — 1, Anthony Thompson — 2:08, THS, 2, Joe Henry — VHS.

Lewis VHS.

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Valdosta High DE Banquet Slated May 14

By Times Staff Writer
The Valdosta High School Distributive Education Club's annual Employer-Employee Banquet is to be held May 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the VHS lunchroom.

Club Coordinator Norman Greene said the annual event is held to express appreciation to employers and other individuals for their support of DE throughout the school year.

Awards to students and supporters are given out at the banquet. Distributive Education is a sales and marketing vocational education course in which students attend school half a day and work the other half. They receive classroom credit for holding jobs.



Valdosta's William "Dipper" Davis slid across home plate safely to score a run in the bottom of the second inning of the Wildcats game with Lowndes in Valdosta yesterday. Lowndes catcher Tony Bowden attempted the

tag. Davis scored from second base after Lowndes pitcher Keith Hagan dropped a two-out pop fly near the first base line. Valdosta scored twice in the second, but Lowndes won the game 5-3.

— KEN KLANICKI/Staff

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Times Staff Photo by Joey Ivansco

DROPPED POP — Lowndes' Keith Hagan drops a pop in the second inning that eventually led to Valdosta's first run of the game as William Davis slides head first into home plate and Viking catcher Tony Bowden.

Area Playoff Action Begins

From Staff, Wire Reports
High School baseball playoffs get underway this week with a heavy slate of area action scheduled.

Lowndes, the top team of 1-A AAAA (South) ventures to Albany Thursday to take on number two 1-A AAAA (North) power Albany High.

Valdosta, meanwhile, is at home to welcome the Tift County Blue Devils. That game is to start at 4 p.m. Thursday.

The Wildcats are to go to Tifton Friday for the scheduled doubleheader with the Blue Devils. The first game is to start at 2 p.m. and the second, if necessary, at 4 p.m.

Lowndes is to bring it home Saturday for the scheduled doubleheader with Albany, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Lowndes' playoff is also two-of-three elimination, so only two games may be necessary.

In other area playoff action, the Cook County Hornets host the first round of the 1-A AAA (west) playoffs in Adel Thursday, welcoming Ware County at 4:30 p.m. for a single-elimination bout.

Berrien High of Nashville, Ga., was to start its 2-AA playoff today against Southeast Bulloch of Statesboro in Nashville. Berrien is to travel to Statesboro for the doubleheader Thursday in the two-of-three elimination.

Lanier High needs a win today over Nicholls in Lanier to advance directly to the 2-A playoffs. Should Lanier lose, a playoff with Nicholls would be necessary.

Alvarado and David Griffith advanced to the doubles finals but lost to a Southwood team.

Carter, Alvarado and Griffith were nominated to compete in the state meet May 18 in LaGrange, Ga.

GIRLS

Singles:
Helen Hobby (V) def. Janie Kennedy (S), 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 (1st round);
Nina Inman (A) def. Helen Hobby, 6-1, 6-2 (semifinals).

Doubles:
Linda Giles — Laure Ware (V) def. Alicia Howard-Betty Hansen, 6-4, 6-0 (1st round);
Sirman-Fesperman (S) def. Giles-Ware, 6-1, 6-2 (semifinals);
Denise Fields-Alden Dowling (V) def. Bernet-Jones, (S), 6-3, 7-6 (1st round);
McClelland-Guinn (S) def. Fields-Dowling, 6-1, 6-0 (semifinals).

BOYS

Singles:
Joe Carter (V) def. Henry Bishop (S), 6-1, 6-0 (semifinals);
Cater def. Randall Oglesby (S), 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (finals).

Doubles:
Allen Alvarado-David Griffith (V) def. Miller-Coleman (T), 6-3, 6-3 (1st round);
Alvarado-Griffith def. Bridges-Smith (S), 6-1, 7-5 (semifinals);
Fred Ware — Jimmy Godbee (v) def. Fulford-Kavari (T), 6-1, 6-0 (1st round);
Morton-Dowda (S) def. Ware-Godbee, 6-1, 6-1 (semifinals);
Morton-Dowda def. Alvarado-Griffith, 6-1, 6-0 (finals).

Musicians' Reception

Valdosta High School Band Boosters gave a reception for the new music directors who are to come to Valdosta High School, said Carol Busch, boosters publicity chairman.

Honored at the April 16 affair at VHS were Joe David and David Moorer of Waycross. David is to be head director and Moorer assistant director.

With them here were their wives and children. The refreshment table featured a cake with the VHS band logo on it and an arrangement of yellow roses.

Stars At 'Dosta High

If Valdosta High School keeps up the present pace, the cry will go up to break up the STARS. We've heard that cry for years about the football Wildcats, but now academics is rearing its public head at the school.

This is the third year in a row that the STAR student of Valdosta High has been the STAR student for the 2nd District. What this means is that for the third year running a Valdosta High student has had the highest score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test of all high school seniors in the far-ranging 2nd District.

This year's STAR student is John Furey. He is the son of John and Margit Furey. Young Furey chose math teacher Mike Rogers as his STAR teacher. Being a STAR teacher is nothing new for Rogers. This is his third time.

Last year's VHS and district STAR student was Tim Farley. The year before it was Rusty Overby.

We join all the others in congratulating John Furey for continuing the VHS tradition for a third year. Congratulations are in order for the school, too.

Augustine.

VHS Girls Track Team Named 1-A AAAA Champ

By Times Staff Writer
THOMASVILLE — The Valdosta High School girls track team took their third consecutive Region 1-A AAAA Championship by easily outscoring all opponents in the region meet held here Wednesday.

Valdosta recorded 141 points, almost double of that of their nearest competitor, to take the region crown.

A number of the Valdosta girls are to advance to the state meet in Atlanta May 7-9 to defend the state title they earned last year.

Valdosta had one of the best meets in its history in the region tourney, with two new school records set in the 880-yard and two-mile run events.

Also, VHS' 440-relay team copped its usual win, which marked the 35th straight for the team.

Lagging far behind in second in the meet was Tift County High School with 77 points, followed in third by homestanding Thomasville with 60.

The placing order for the rest was Colquitt County, Westover, Monroe, Dougherty, Central of Thomasville, Bainbridge and Albany.

Record breakers this time around for VHS were Joyce Hall with a 2:28 finish in the 880-yard run and Darlene McCormick, finishing the two-mile run in 12:29.

Lisa Jones performed at her usual intensity, winning three individual events and helping the 440-relay and mile-relay teams to victory.

In all, VHS took nine of the sixteen events.

Advancing to state competition are Hall, McCormick, Jones, Roseziner, Jackson, Denise Williams, Veronica Melvin, Connie Weatherspoon, Lisa Conaway, Kim Jenkins, and Karen Ingram.

440 Relay — VHS Number One, R. Jackson, D. Williams, V. Melvin, L. Jones, 49.8; TCHS Number One.
1 Mile Run — D. McCormick, VHS, 5:35; S. Wylie, WHS.
440 Dash — C. Perry, DHS, 1:00; T. Jones, WHS.
100 Dash — L. Jones, VHS, 11.0; R. Jackson, VHS, 11.3.
110 Low Hurdles — L. Jones, VHS, 14.6; D. Jones, THS.
880 Run — J. Hall, VHS, 2:28; R. Gibson, CCHS.
220 Dash — V. Melvin, VHS, 25.6; R. Jackson, VHS.
2 Mile Run — D. McCormick, VHS, 12:29; S. Wylie, WHS.
1 Mile Relay — VHS Number One, R. Jackson, K. Ingram, V. Melvin, L. Jones, 4:09; VHS Number Two, C. Weatherspoon, L. Conaway, K. Jenkins, J. Hall.
High Jump — O. Turner, THS, 5-1; D. Griffin, TCHS.
Long Jump — L. Jones, VHS, 18-1; R. Jackson, VHS.
Shot Put — B. Copeland, CCHS, 34-7/2; P. Hill, THS.
Discus — J. Henry, TCHS, 94-6; B. Tillman, THS.

Wins Piano Competition

Kim Gandy of Valdosta won first place in the piano concerto competition May 2 sponsored by the Georgia Music Teacher's Association at Wesleyan College in Macon.

She played the Concerto No. 1 in E-flat by Franz Liszt, said her music teacher, Dorothy Lewis Griffith of Valdosta.

As a result of the competition, Miss Gandy is to perform the same concerto Nov. 6 with the Columbus College Orchestra at the Georgia Music Teacher's Association Convention at Valdosta State College.

Miss Gandy, 16-year-old Valdosta High School junior, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ed Gandy of Valdosta.



DANTE JONES
Class President



JOSEPH SANDERS
Wrestling Team



JOANNE GORE
Sings In Choirs



NANCY BETH CURTIS
In Top 10



JANICE BRANAN
Newspaper Editor



KIM MARKHAM
On Student Council

DAR Gives Its Good Citizen Honors

By Times Staff Writer
Three students from Valdosta High School and three from Lowndes High School have been presented Good Citizenship medals by the Gen. James Jackson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

They are Dante Jones, Joseph Sanders and Joanne Curtis, Janice Branan and Kim Markham of LHS, said spokesman Pamela Sirmans.

The six winners were chosen from 815 candidates by the 114 members of the Valdosta High School faculty and their Lowndes County equivalents.

They were chosen on the basis of moral and physical courage, leadership, honor (moral strength and stability), service reflecting credit on home and community and American patriotism.

Jones, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jones of Valdosta, has been president of his class all four years and

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Gore of Valdosta, sings in her choir at school and at First Presbyterian Church where she is a member of the youth group.

She is a bat girl, mat girl, member of the tennis team, Foreign Language Club, Beta Club, does baseball statistics and is involved in Girl Scouts and gymnastics and is home room president.

Miss Gore received the National Award for High School Excellence and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American High Schools.

She expects to major in physical education in college. Miss Curtis, 17-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John H. Curtis of Valdosta, is a member of the Thespian

Club, Spanish Club, Beta Club and First United Methodist Church choir.

She attended Girl's State in 1980 and also received a University of Georgia certificate of Merit for being in the top 10 of the junior class.

Miss Curtis was her school's government intern last summer and, like the other two, LHS medal winners, she is a member of the debating team.

Miss Branan, 18, was an early graduate of LHS. While in school she was editor of the school newspaper The Saga and second vice president of Georgia Scholastic Press Association.

She was also a member of the selection committee of the literary magazine, Vagabond creative writing

club and Quill and Scroll Honor Society of High School Journalists.

Miss Branan was selected as one of four government honor students last summer.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Branan.

Miss Markham, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dobbs, is a member of the Beta Club, Senior Class Cabinet, Senior Tri-Hi-Y, Student Council, varsity tennis team and is a varsity bat girl.

The winners were honored at the DAR luncheon April 15 at the Holiday Inn. Professor Jane Shelton of Valdosta State College was the speaker.

Certificates are to be given to the winners at each school's honors day in May.

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Marcia McRae, Editor

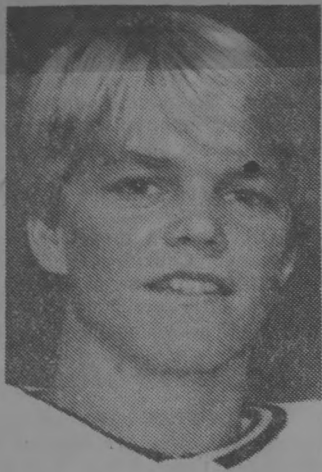
is past president of the Industrial Arts Club. He is Student Council treasurer and a member of Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Pam's Club. He was named to Who's Who Among Students in American High Schools.

An All-American in football, he won a scholarship to Georgia Tech. He also plays basketball and is the region high jump champion in track and co-holder of the school record with a six-foot seven-inch jump.

Sanders, 18, is also active in sports. He is captain of the wrestling team, won fifth place in state wrestling, was

voted Most Outstanding at Dr. John's wrestling camp and won Best Hustler in wrestling for 1979-80. He is a member of the cross country team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Key Club and youth choir of Lee Street Baptist Church. He was named to Who's Who Among Students in American High Schools.

Sanders is employed by Harvey's Supermarkets here. He plans to attend college and is considering a career in criminal justice. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sanders of Valdosta. Miss Gore, 17-year-old



DAVID PARKER
Gets Two RBI's

'Cats Spank Central

By Times Staff Writer
THOMASVILLE — The Valdosta High Wildcats remained in the thick of the south subregion baseball race Friday with a 10-3 pasting of Central of Thomasville.

The win gives the Wildcats a 4-1 subregion mark and lifts their overall record to 7-5.

Central is winless in subregion play. Bainbridge has won one subregion game while Thomasville and Colquitt battled each other Friday to break a 2-2 tie in subregion action. Lowndes is

out front in league action with a 5-0 record.

Valdosta is scheduled to travel to Live Oak, Fla. today to take on Suwannee County at 7:30 p.m.

The Valdosta bats, which had fallen asleep in recent games, woke up Friday as the Wildcats pounded out 10 hits including four home runs.

"We hit the ball better than we have all year," said Valdosta Coach Charles Tarpley. "I don't remember hitting any balls in the infield. They were all line shots."

Danny DeMersseman led the homer attack with two blasts. Rob Sullenberger and William Davis got the other two home runs.

Jeff Wiggins earned the win for Valdosta on the mound pitching the full seven innings. Wiggins gave up three runs on seven hits and he walked three and struck out three.

Central's Mike Mitchell suffered the loss. Mitchell pitched the first five innings, was relieved in the sixth and came back to pitch the final inning.

Valdosta took a 2-0 lead in the second inning when Davis ripped his home run after Nolan Barnes had singled.

Central tied the game in the bottom of the inning with a couple of runs, but the Wildcats bounced back with two more runs in the third to take a 4-2 lead they never relinquished.

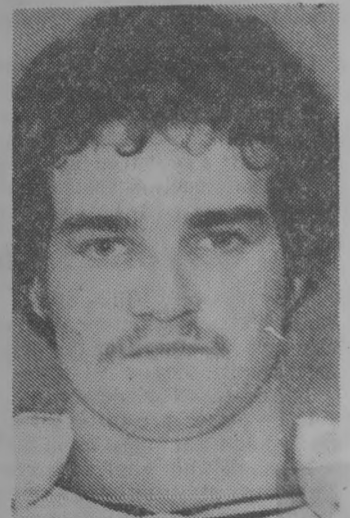
David Parker scored the go-ahead run after he singled, when DeMersseman hit the first of his two homers.

DeMersseman came right back with a solo homer in the fifth inning and the Wildcats got another run when Sullenberger doubled, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on Barnes' sacrifice fly.

The Wildcats put the game out of reach in the seventh inning when Valdosta scored three runs to take a 9-2 lead.

David Parker knocked in two runs when he tripled after Blake Belue and Chris Mayne drew walks. Parker then scored on a wild pitch.

Sullenberger got the final



WILLIAM DAVIS
Knocks In Two

Wildcat run when he led off the seventh inning with a home run.

Wildcat Box

Valdosta	ab	r	h	bi	Central	ab	r	h	bi
Dv Pkr cf	4	2	2	2	Hurt do ss	4	0	2	0
DeMersmn 2b	4	2	2	3	Greek rf	4	1	1	0
Sullen ss	3	2	2	1	VnZnt 3b	1	0	0	0
Barnes rf	3	1	2	1	Streets dh	4	0	1	0
Gordon lf	3	0	0	0	Taylor lf	4	1	1	0
Davis c	4	1	2	2	Binion 1b	2	1	1	1
Belue 1b	2	1	0	0	Dnlsn cf	2	0	0	0
DI Pkr 3b	3	0	0	0	Rdnbsry c	1	0	1	1
Mayes dh	3	0	0	0	Mtchel p	2	0	0	0
Wiggins p	0	0	0	0	Weavr 2b	0	0	0	0
Mayne ph	0	1	0	0					
TOTALS	29	10	10	9	TOTALS	26	3	7	2

2B—VHS—Sullenberger, CT—Taylor, Binion; HR—VHS—DeMersseman (2), Sullenberger, Davis; Left—VHS—4; CT—8; 3B—VHS—Dv. Parker; CB—CT—Greek; SF—VHS—Barnes.

VHS IP H R ER BB SO
Wiggins 7 7 3 3 3 3
CT: Mitchell 6 9 7 7 2 4
Streets 1 1 3 3 2 1
WP—CT—Mitchell 2; Streets 3; HBP—CT, Van Zant, Binion, Rodenberry; PB—CT—1.

'Cats Struck Down By Bearcats, 3-2

By ELLIS POPE

Times Sports Editor

Valdosta had everything it takes to win a baseball game Tuesday afternoon at overcast Bazemore Field.

The Wildcats got solid pitching from Jeff Wiggins and one of the longest home runs of the season from Blake Belue.

But what the Wildcats did not get was enough runs as Valdosta suffered a key subregion loss, 3-2, to Bainbridge.

The defeat to the Bearcats left the Wildcats with a 4-2 subregion record and a 7-7 mark overall. Valdosta is scheduled to play another subregion game Friday in Moultrie against Colquitt County.

Valdosta and Bainbridge matched each other run for run until the two teams got to the seventh and deciding inning when the Bearcats scored the winning run on a wild pitch.

Valdosta tied the game in the second inning and again in the sixth inning after Bainbridge had taken the lead in the top of the two innings. Belue led off the Valdosta seventh with a walk but the Wildcats were unable to come up with the tying or winning run.

Belue tied the game at 1-1 in the second inning when he pulled the switch on a shot that looked like it was second cousin to the space shuttle. Belue's home run cleared not only the center field fence, but also the 20-foot high "Green Monster" wall that

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stands behind the fence.

Belue's blast tied the score after the Bearcats had scored the first run of the game on a pair of walks and a single.

The game remained 1-1 until the sixth inning when Bainbridge pitcher Ell Willis reached base on an error, moved to second on a single by right fielder Bobby Walden scored on another single by left fielder Terry Heard.

The Wildcats again came right back to tie the score in their half of the sixth as Danny DeMersseman singled and Rob Sullenberger singled. DeMersseman was thrown out at third trying to stretch an extra base on Sullenberger's hit.

But designated hitter William Davis brought Sullenberger home when he singled to tie the game 2-2.

Bainbridge shortstop Mark Loeffler led off the seventh inning with a walk and scored the winning run when a fielder's choice and bunt moved him to third base. He then scored the winning run on Wiggins' wild pitch.

It was an otherwise ex-

cellent pitching performance by Wiggins. He limited Bainbridge to just five hits and recorded five strike outs.

Bainbridge's Willis gave up seven hits to the Wildcats and struck out four.

Valdosta had a chance to score in the third inning when Grant Nichols doubled and David Parker singled. But Nicholson was cut down at the plate on a ball hit by DeMersseman and the Bearcats escaped the inning untouched.

Wildcat Box

Vld.	ab	r	h	bi	Bnbdg.	ab	r	h	bi
Pkr cf	3	0	1	0	Lttr ss	3	1	1	0
Dmrsmn 2b	3	0	1	0	Wis 1b	4	0	1	0
Sinbrgr ss	3	1	2	0	Inlow 3b	3	0	0	0
Brsn rf	3	0	0	0	Wis p	4	1	0	0
Dvs dh	3	0	1	1	Wldn rf	2	1	1	0
Grdn lf	2	0	0	0	Gdwn c	2	0	0	0
Blu 1b	2	1	1	1	Hrd 1f	3	0	1	1
Pkr 3b	3	0	0	0	Pkr 2b	2	0	1	1
Ncls c	3	0	1	0	Brwn cf	3	0	0	0
Wgns p	0	0	0	0					
Mys ph	1	0	0	0	TOTALS	26	3	5	2
Bwdn pr	0	0	0	0					

TOTALS 26 2 7 2

R H E
BHS 010 001 1-3 5 0
VHS 010 001 0-2 7 1

E—DI. Parker, LOB—BHS 7, VHS 4, 2B—Nichols, HR—Belue, SB—Sullenberger.

VHS IP H R ER NN SO
Wgns (L) 7 5 3 2 4 5

BHS E. Wis (W) 7 7 2 2 1 4
WP—Wiggins.

VHS Splits Opener

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By ELLIS POPE
Times Sports Editor

It looked more like the beginning of spring training than the opening game of the 1981 baseball season for Valdosta as the Wildcats used 23 players in splitting a double header with Berrien Saturday at Bazemore Field.

It was the first game of the season for both schools and after Valdosta won the first contest 7-2 and Berrien took the second game 7-3, it left both teams with 1-1 records. Valdosta is not scheduled to play until they take on Tift County Saturday. Berrien is to play Brantley Tuesday and Tift County Wednesday.

"I would have to say I was pleased with our first outing," said Valdosta Coach Charles Tarpley, who is starting his first season as Wildcat coach.

"We had planned to play a lot of people today. We had three more pinch hitters ready in that first game, if we would have batted again and that would have given us 26 players playing. But it was good experience for all of us to get these first games out of the way. I hope we learned some things as far as how

good we are and what we need to work on. We didn't hit the ball anywhere near like we should have. But we did find us another pitcher.

"We were counting on Danny DeMersseman and he pitched a good game in the first one. But Ted West was a pleasant surprise when he came on in the second game. He shut the door on them and I was glad to see that."

"I was extremely pleased with our first outing," said Berrien Coach Bart Shuman. "I was proud of the way we hung in there in that first game."

Valdosta jumped on Berrien for four runs in the first inning and after two innings had taken a 6-1 lead. But the Rebels battled back to where they trailed 6-2 in the seventh and had the bases loaded with just one out. Jeff Wiggins, who had relieved DeMersseman after the fourth, got out of the jam when he struck out Chris Cornelius and got David Connell to bounce out to end the game. Connell had homered off of Wiggins in the sixth and Cornelius had homered off of DeMersseman in the second to provide the Rebel runs.

Rob Sullenberger belted a two-run homer for Valdosta while Sidney Bowdoin and Dipper Davis each doubled.

Berrien exploded for five runs in the third inning of the second game to break a 1-1 tie and even the series at one game apiece. West relieved starter Mark Cox and the freshman impressed Tarpley by giving up just two hits in four innings of work. West struck out two and walked only one.

Cornelius and Connell continued their hitting attack in the second game each smacking doubles.

Davis rapped two hits for the Wildcats including a home run while Ted Welch doubled and singled. Blake Belue also doubled and West got the only other Wildcat hit of the second game as he singled.

GAME ONE									
Vld.	ab	r	h	rbi	Brr.				
Bwcin. cf	4	2	3	0	Cnr. ss	4	0	3	0
DeMrrm. p	2	1	0	0	Crnls. p	4	0	0	0
Sinbr. ss	3	2	1	2	Cnl. c	4	1	1	1
Davis. c	2	0	1	1	Corn. b	3	1	1	1
Wayne lf	1	1	0	1	Wrn. 9b	2	0	0	0
Barnes lf	2	1	0	0	Rwld. 3b	3	0	1	0
Pry. 2b	2	0	0	0	Bnl. rf	3	0	0	0
Prkr. 3b	3	0	1	0	Lloyd lf	3	0	2	0
Ncls. c	2	0	0	0	Nix cf	2	0	1	0
Wms. p	1	0	0	0	Bar. pr	1	0	0	0
West ph	1	0	0	0	Totals	28	2	9	2
Scnl. ph	1	0	0	0					
Kblr. ss	0	0	0	0					
Bgs. lf	0	0	0	0					
Jnkns. 5b	0	0	0	0					
Scgs. rf	0	0	0	0					

Totals		24 7 6 4			
Berrien	010	001	0		
Valdosta	420	100	x		
2B VHS, Bowdoin, Davis. HR — VHS, Sullenberger, BCH — R. Cornelius, Connell.					
VHS		ip h r er bb so			
DeMerss.	4	3	1	1	4
Wiggins	3	6	1	2	3
BCH					
Cornelius	7	6	7	5	0
HBP — V — Davis.					

GAME TWO									
Vld.	ab	r	h	rbi	Brr.				
Welch 2B	3	1	2	0	Cnr. ss	4	0	2	1
Prkr RF	2	0	0	0	Crnls 2B	5	1	1	0
Sinbr. ss	4	0	0	0	Cnl. 1B	4	1	2	0
Dvs. c	4	1	2	2	Crnls. DH	4	1	3	1
Belue 3b	3	0	1	0	Wrn. 3B	2	1	1	0
Reaves cf	1	0	0	0	Lloyd 1F	3	1	1	3
Mys. lf	0	0	0	0	Nix CF	3	0	0	0
Cox p	1	0	0	0	Cube RF	3	1	1	0
Wms. 3b	1	0	0	0	Rctr. C	4	1	1	2
Wayne p, lf	1	0	0	0	Brr. P	0	0	0	0
West p	2	0	1	0	Grne. PR	0	0	0	0
Prkr 3b	2	1	0	0	Bnl. PR	0	0	0	0
DeMrrm 2b	1	1	0	0					
Bwcin cf	0	0	0	0	TOTALS	32	7	12	7
Brrs ph	1	0	0	0					

TOTALS		26 4 6 2	
Berrien	105	100	0
Valdosta	100	012	0
2B — B.R. Cornelius, Connell. VHS — Belue, Welch. HR — VHS — Davis.			
IP		H R ER BB SO	

BCHS					
Rob Barron	7	6	4	2	6
VHS					
Mark Cox	2	2	3	6	3
Chris Mayne	1	3	4	1	2
Ted West	4	2	0	0	1
HBP — V — Belue. WP — Cox 2, Barrow 1. PB — Rector 1, Davis 1.					

Valdosta Crowns Champs

By Times Staff Writer

TIFTON — Valdosta High crowned three region champs Monday in the finals of the region 1-AAAA tennis tournament held at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Kim Gandy captured the girls' singles title and the duo of Julie Spencer and Beth Pitts claimed the doubles championship.

Gandy defeated Ann Whiddon of Colquitt County, 6-0, 6-2; for her title. She defeated Kathy Powell of Westover, 6-0, 6-0, in the semifinals.

The team of Spencer-Pitts defeated Jo Lingle and Tammy Glaser of Westover, 6-4, 7-5 for the region title.

In the semifinals, Spencer-Pitts beat Jackie Chung-Sheryl Grishen of Tift County, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Valdosta's Melanie Nelson won two matches before losing to Whiddon, in the semifinals.

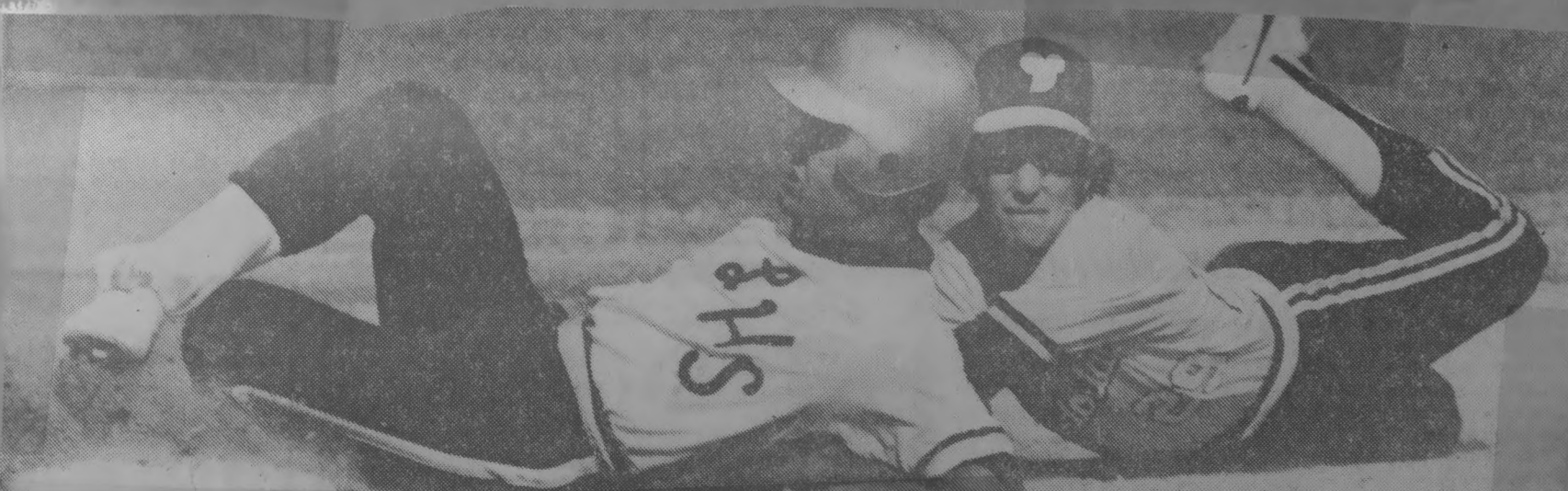
Valdosta's Tim Pitts advanced to the semifinals in boys' action before losing to eventual region champ Patrick Gore of Colquitt, 6-4, 6-2.

Two Wildcat doubles teams advanced to the quarterfinals before losing. They were Stewart Young-Mark Swank and Donald King-Trey Powell.

Lowndes had several players to advance to the quarterfinals also. Luc Sanguiguit was beaten in the quarters in girls' singles and Kim Cherry and Caitlin Hosmer lost in doubles.

David Ward defeated Michael Cameron, 6-2, 6-0, in the first round but then lost to Don Smith of Tift, 6-3, 6-4.

Gandy and the Spencer-Pitts team are to advance to the South State Regionals scheduled May 8 at ABAC.



FUN IN THE SUN — Lowndes' Tony Bowden and Valdosta's Ted Welch may appear to be just taking in some rays, but they're actually engaged in

the serious business of Viking versus Wildcat baseball, as Bowden slid safely to second.

Times Staff Photo

Valdosta Honors 1980-81 Wrestlers

By Times Staff Writer
The Valdosta High wrestling team was honored Thursday night at the Bavarian Inn with its first-ever banquet.

In the past, the wrestlers had been part of the Spring Sports banquet at the high school, but with the success of the program in recent years, held their own awards presentation this year.

Senior Joe Sanders received three individual awards in addition to being among the 38 junior varsity and varsity lettermen.

Sanders received the top award of the night, the Most Valuable, and also received the Pride Award and the Most Pins trophy.

Valdosta Wrestling Coach Jim Landrum said this was the first year the Pride Award was given. Sanders received the award because

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he had never been pinned in his high school career including AAU summer matches.

Sanders, who wrestled at 134 pounds, had a record of 23-3 this year with a first place in the Cook County tournament and a third place finish in the Southwest tournament in Macon. Sanders finished fifth in the state championships in Marietta. He was also region champ.

The Wildcat wrestlers that received trophies and awards at the banquet included:

Most Outstanding Ninth Grade, Jack Priest.

Most Outstanding Junior Varsity, Trey Powell.

Best Hustler, Greg Sanders, sophomore.

Most Improved, Horace Beaufort, junior, Alfred Agüero, senior.

Most Dedicated, Ted Welch, junior; David Levy, junior.

Spirit of Wildcat, David Harrison, senior.

Quickest Pin, David

Harrison, senior.

Most Pins, Greg Prine, sophomore; Joe Sanders, senior.

Pride Award, Joe Sanders, senior.

Most Valuable, Joe Sanders, senior.

In addition to the awards and letters presented, the Mat Girls received plaques. They included: Joann Gore, captain; Patricia Baldwin; Dawn Courson; Odette Griffin; Joann McCrae; Laura McCrae; Melony Nelson; Karen Renfro; Tammy Parker; Juliet Purvis and Sherri Wortham.

Junior varsity wrestlers that received letters and certificates were: Frank Abney, Mike Bajalia, Blake Belue, Baren Connell, Kerry Gilbert, Greg Jenkins, Craig Jenkins, Steve Kaiser, Rich McDonnell, Bill New, Clay Powell, Trey Powell, Jack Priest, Scott Richardson, Ricky Rodriguez, John Scabb, Marty Shiver, David Steinberg, Scot Wells.

Varsity lettermen included: Alfred Agüero, Anthony Battle, Horace Beaufort, Eric Burch, Jimmy Cullipher, Ty Davenport, David Harrison, Jimmy Kehoe, Danny Levy, David Levy, Mark Levy, Danny McLeod, David Parker, Greg Prine, Greg Sanders, Joe Sanders, Victor Waymon, Ted Welch, Terry Wortham.



JOHN FUREY
First Place

VHS Team Wins Math Competition

By Times Staff Writer

A team of students from Valdosta High School took top honors recently in the 7th annual math contest sponsored by the Coastal Plains Cooperative Education Services Agency here.

The team, consisting of John Furey, Cynthia Trautmann, David Parker, David Carlson, Jim Rensenhouse, Ken Morneault, David Meadows, Joel Weaver, Doug Frank, Michele Murff and Kim Gandy, had the highest score of the teams participating in four categories.

Participants from Valdosta Junior High, Laura Fausson and David Addington, contributed to the winning effort.

Furey and Miss Trautmann took first and second places, respectively, in the comprehensive category, and Miss Fausson won third place in Algebra I.

Mike Rogers, head of the math department at VHS, accompanied the students as math team sponsor.

The competition is held each year for 8-12th graders in district 17, with winners going on to state competition sponsored by the Georgia Math Council in May.

Other area winners were Cindy Kemp of Cook County High School, first place in Algebra II; Theresa Eddy of Berrien County High School, third place in Algebra II; Penny Shaw of Lowndes High School, first place in geometry; and David Ensley of Cook County High School, second place in geometry.

Sam McGaw is CESA math consultant and coordinator of the event.

VHS Splits Match

From Times Staff Reports

The Valdosta High tennis teams split with Colquitt County in matches here Thursday.

The girls squeezed past Colquitt by a 4-3 count and the boys let Colquitt squeak by 4-3.

The girls are 6-1 on the season, following this match and a 7-0 decision over Tift County Wednesday. The boys lost to Tift 8-1 and stand at 3-4.

Valdosta is to travel to Waycross Saturday for a three-way match with Ware County and Frederica Academy of St. Simons Island, beginning at noon.

GIRLS

Singles:
Kim Gandy (V) def. Ann Whiddon, 6-0, 6-0;
Julie Spencer (V) def. Stephanie Boyd, 6-1, 6-1;
Kelly Pickens (C) def. Beth Pitts, 7-5, 0-6, 6-4;
Melanie Nelson (V) def. JoBeth Weaver, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3;
Kim Cornelius (C) def. Caroline Malik, 6-3, 6-4;
Doubles:
Spencer-Pitts (V) def. Boyd-Pickens, 6-3, 6-1;
Weaver-Cornelius (C) def. Cindy Cooper-Lou Davenport, 6-7, 7-6, 7-6.

BOYS

Singles:
Partick Gore (C) def. Tim Pitts, 6-0, 3-6, 6-3;
Rowell Carew (C) def. Mark Swant, 6-2, 7-5;
Stewart Young (V) def. Britt Roberts, 6-2, 6-3;
Issac Edmonds (C) def. Donald King, 7-5, 6-0;
Tommy Young (V) def. Craig Vines, 6-1, 6-0;
Doubles:
Gore Carew (C) def. Pitts-T. Young, 6-2, 6-2;
S. Young-Swant (V) def. Vines-Edmonds, 6-0, 6-0.

real impressed with his jumping ability and his smooth movement on the court," Wilkes said.

"Reno's very quiet but he's got a lot of talent. I'm sure Scotty will get it out of him."

Wilkes said Foster, 6-7, will probably start as a forward at the junior college, though he played center in his single year of high school basketball.

"He hadn't played that much, but I started him at center and by the end of the year he was probably the most improved" on the Viking squad, Wilkes said.

"I sure wish I had him last year," Wilkes added.

Foster is to be on the South Georgia Junior College basketball team beginning next season.

Wildcat Hitters Erupt To Defeat Thomasville

By Times Staff Writer
THOMASVILLE — Valdosta exploded for five runs in the fourth inning to spark a 10-4 pasting of Thomasville Tuesday in a subregion baseball encounter.

The win gave the Wildcats a 6-2 record in the subregion and a 9-7 mark overall.

The Wildcats led 1-0 after three innings of play but the five-run spot in the fourth gave Valdosta an insurmountable lead.

The Wildcats kept up their barrage in the fifth inning scoring three more runs to build a 9-1 lead.

After the Wildcats scored their final run in the seventh, inning, the Bulldogs rallied for three runs in the bottom half of the inning before Valdosta starter Jeff Wiggins squelched the outburst and recorded the win.

Wiggins went the distance in his "quadruple" outing. Wiggins gave up four runs on

four hits walking four and striking out four.

Valdosta ripped two Thomasville pitchers for 14 hits with second baseman Danny DeMersseman rapping three including a double.

Rob Sullenberger and Nolan Barnes had two hits with each getting a double.

David Parker, Dale Parker and Chris Mayne had only one hit but each collected two runs batted in.

There were three home runs in the game, all solo shots. Valdosta got two of the homers when William Davis, designated hitter, scored the

first run with a homer in the second inning. Mark Cox ended the Valdosta scoring with a homer in the seventh inning.

Valdosta has two games remaining on the schedule, both subregion games. The Wildcats are to meet Lowndes Friday at 4 p.m. at Lowndes. The Wildcats close out the regular season hosting Central of Thomasville Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Bazemore Field.

Valdosta is in second place in the South subregion of 1-A AAA behind Lowndes, who has not lost a league game.

Wildcat Box

Valdosta	ab	r	h	rbi	T'ville	ab	r	h	rbi
Parker, cf	4	0	1	2	York, 2b	4	0	2	0
Demrsn, 2b	4	0	3	0	Francs, ss	4	0	0	0
Sinbrgr, ss	4	1	2	0	Laster, p	2	0	0	0
Barns, rf	4	2	2	0	Modly, cf	2	1	1	1
Davis, ph	4	2	1	1	Cox, c	2	1	0	0
Belue, 1b	3	1	1	0	Stone, 1b	1	0	0	0
Mayne, lf	2	2	1	2	Moore, 3b	3	1	1	2
Parker, 3b	3	1	1	2	Coxwl, lf	3	0	0	0
Nichols, c	3	0	1	1	Pouls, rf	1	0	0	0
Wigns, p	0	0	0	0	Fletcher, 3b	1	0	0	0
Cox, 1b	1	1	1	1					
Gordn, lf	1	0	1	0	TOTALS	23	4	4	2
Wilmsn, 3b	1	0	0	0					
Welch, ph	1	0	0	0					
Bowdn, cf	0	0	0	0					

TOTALS 35 10 14 1

R H E
VHS 010 530 1-10 14 1
THS 000 100 3-4 4 2
LOB—VHS—5, T—4, 2B—Sullenbrger, Barnes, Mayne, Demersseman. 3B—Nichols. HR—T—Modley; VHS—Davis, Cox. SB—Sullenbrger, Moore. S-o. SF—Stone.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
VHS						
Wiggins (W)	7	4	4	3	4	4
THS						
Lassefer (L)	5	11	9	6	1	3
Moore	2	3	1	1	1	0
WP—Lassefer						



BLUE BELUE — Valdosta's Blake Belue is out at plate after Viking's Tony Bowden makes tag in sixth inning.

Vikings Capture Subregion

By ELLIS POPE
Times Sports Editor

To the Lowndes High Vikings, one Keith is just as effective as the next Keith. It was Keith Evans, not Keith Hagan, on the mound to face Valdosta Friday afternoon at Lowndes Field with the Vikings winning a 4-1 decision to claim the south subregion title.

The win gave Lowndes a 9-0 record in the subregion with one home game against Bainbridge Tuesday remaining on the schedule. Lowndes' overall record is 14-2.

Valdosta, 9-8, remained in the important second spot in the subregion with a 6-3 record. If the Wildcats defeat Central of Thomasville Tuesday at Bazemore Field, Valdosta would play the number one team in the north subregion Thursday

Lowndes is to play the number two team.

Keith Hagan owned an 8-0 record against Valdosta over his three-year career, but in the subregion clinching game, Evans got the start and went the distance earning the win.

"We wanted to take some pressure off of Hagan," said Lowndes Coach Noel George, "And, actually it was Evans' turn in the rotation. He pitched real good after he settled down. He was pretty nervous at the beginning."

Valdosta took advantage of Evans' nervousness in the first inning to bat six Wildcats and score their only run.

Valdosta's David Parker led off the game by drawing a walk, he then stole second base and got a gift from Evans. The Viking pitcher threw the ball into the outfield in an attempt to pick

Parker off base allowing the Valdosta centerfielder to score.

After Evans got out of the second inning with the help of Wes McDonald's stabbing out of a Billy Joe Gordon line drive, the right hander settled down to record 11 strikeouts and walk only four.

Valdosta's Danny DeMersseman drew the praise of both Wildcat Coach Charles Tarpley and George for his performance. DeMersseman pitched good enough to win most games as he allowed just four hits, striking out three and walking but two.

Viking catcher Tony Bowden, who doubled and was hit by DeMersseman twice, scored three of the four Viking runs. Bowden scored the first two runs after he was hit by a pitch.

The Viking senior tied the

game at 1-1 in the second inning when he stole home then gave Lowndes the lead in the fourth when he scored on Joey McDonnell's triple after he had stole two bases.

Ray Luke and Bowden scored the final two runs in the sixth inning on a single by Evans. Luke reached base when his shot to second took a bad bounce and caught Valdosta second baseman Ted Welch flush in the face. Although Welch was taken from the field, Tarpley said he received no serious injury.

Valdosta had a chance to take the lead in the sixth inning when the Wildcats had runners at second and third with nobody out. But both William Davis and Blake Belue were cut down at the plate.

"We've been working on running the bases all year"

Tarpley said. "Then Davis goes and gets caught off third base. I was yelling that Evans had a good pickoff move and to watch him."

Viking Box

VHS	ab	r	h	bi	LHS	ab	r	h	bi
Parkr, cf	3	1	0	0	Harell lf	3	0	0	0
Dersmnp	4	0	1	0	Parker 2b	3	0	0	0
Sinbrgr ss	4	0	1	0	Lukes	3	1	1	0
Barnes rf	3	0	0	0	Bowden c	1	3	1	0
Davis c	2	0	2	0	Evans p	3	0	1	2
Belue lb	2	0	0	0	Mcnel 3b	2	0	1	1
Grdon lf	2	0	0	0	Taylor rf	3	0	0	0
Nchls dh	1	0	0	0	Wiley cf	1	0	0	0
Welch 2b	2	0	1	0	McDnlld lb	2	0	0	0
Pakr, Dale 3b	0	0	0	0					
Mayne lf	1	0	0	0	TOTALS	21	4	4	3
Wilms 2b	0	0	0	0					
Cox ph	1	0	0	0					

TOTALS 24 1 5 0

R H E
VHS 100 000 0-1-5-1
LHS 010 102 4-4-2
E—Evans, Davis, Gordon; DP—VHS;
LOB—VHS 6, LHS 3; 2B—DeMersseman;
3B—McConnell; SB—Bowden 3,
McDonnell, Barnes 2, Davis, Dv. Parker;
LHS IP H R ER BB SO
Evans (W) 7 5 1 0 4 11
VHS
Dmesan (L) 7 4 4 3 2 3
HBP—Bowden (2) By DeMersseman,
Belue by Evans; WP—DeMersseman,
Evans; BB—Davis

Tift County's Hobby Saddles Wildcat Bats

By ELLIS POPE
Times Sports Editor

What started out as a gate-busting horse race, actually turned into a ride on a "Hobby" horse Saturday afternoon at Bazemore Field.

After giving up three runs in the first inning on a Rob Sullenberger home run, Tift County's Ken Hobby closed the door on the Wildcat hitting attack as the Blue Devils defeated Valdosta, 6-3.

Valdosta jumped on Tift in the first inning when centerfielder Sidney Bowdoin drew a lead off walk from Hobby and Danny Demersseman cracked a double to left sending Bowdoin to third.

Sullenberger then stepped to the plate and belted his three-run homer that gave the Wildcats a 3-0 lead after an inning of play.

However, Valdosta was to get only one more hit the rest of the game as Hobby mowed down 10 Wildcats in a row at one point in the game.

"I was very disappointed in our hitting," said Valdosta coach Charles Tarpley. "I thought hitting was going to be our strong point this year, but you couldn't tell it by the way we swung at the ball

today.

"Hobby was throwing good, but we swung at bad pitches all afternoon. We had too many people trying to go for the fences instead of trying to get a hit and get on base.

"I thought we got another good game out of Demersseman on the mound. I had planned to pitch Danny about four or five innings and then bring in Ted West, but Danny was getting them out and we had a chance to tie it in the sixth inning."

The Blue Devils scored two runs in the second inning and then took the lead with two more runs in the third inning, but the Wildcats got the opportunity to tie the game in the sixth when Valdosta got its first base runner since the second inning.

After Ted Welch singled with one out in the second inning, Hobby retired 10 Wildcats in a row before Demersseman led off the sixth with a walk.

Sullenberger followed with a walk, then Dipper Davis laid down a bunt down the first base line sending Demersseman to third and Sullenberger to second with just one out.

Nolan Barnes then hit a fly ball to right field that first appeared to be deep enough to score Demersseman from third. But the ball only carried partially into right field and the Blue Devil's Tim Brewster threw a strike to catcher Phil Salter, who was waiting with the ball at the plate.

Demersseman tried to avoid the tag at the plate but ran out of the base path for the third out of the inning.

"I really thought that Nolan's ball was going to carry further than it did," said Tarpley. "But at the time, there was nothing else to do but send Danny. We hadn't had a hit since the second inning and who knows when we would have gotten another one. It was our best opportunity to tie the game."

Hobby came back in the seventh inning to record his ninth and 10th strikeouts and end the game on a bounce out to short. The senior hurler walked only three as he fanned 10.

Demersseman scattered 11 hits striking out three and walking just three.

Valdosta went into the seventh and final inning

trailing just 4-3, but Hobby smacked a one-out home run and Herndon followed with a double and scored on a double by Allen Hasty to give the Blue Devils a three-run cushion.

The Valdosta "B" team salvaged a win out of the afternoon when they defeated Tift County 5-4. Ted West pitched four innings and got the win for the Wildcats. Rick Rupp and Steve Kebler finished the game on the mound for Valdosta.

Greg Jenkins was the leading hitter for Valdosta getting two hits in three trips to the plate.

Tift Co.	ab	r	h	rbi	Valdosta	ab	r	h	rbi
Tnrr ss	4	1	1	0	Bwdn cf	2	1	0	0
Jhsh 3b	3	1	1	0	Dmsm p	2	1	1	0
Blsn dh	3	0	0	0	Sibgr ss	2	1	1	3
Hbby p	3	2	3	3	Davis 1b	2	0	0	0
Hrdn lf	3	2	3	0	Brns rf	3	0	0	0
Sitr c	4	0	1	1	Prkr 3b	3	0	0	0
Hsty 2b	3	0	1	1	Myne lf	3	0	0	0
Bwsr lf	4	0	1	0	Sich 2b	3	0	1	0
Blak 1b	2	0	0	0	Nchl c	1	0	0	0
Crml cf	0	0	0	0	Grdn ph	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	29	6	11	5	TOTALS	22	3	3	3

THS 022 000-2
VHS 300 000-0
LOB VHS-2 THS-8. 2B T-Turner, Herndon, Hasty, V-Demersseman, HR T-Hnhv V, Sullenberger, SB T-Hobby, Herndon 2, Salter.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
THS						
Hobby (WP)	7	3	3	3	3	10
VHS						
Demersseman (LP)	7	11	6	5	3	3
BALK T-Hobby.						

Valdosta Divides Tennis Tourney

By Times Staff Writer

The Valdosta High boys tennis team recorded two victories and the girls were 1-1 in the tennis tournament held at Waycross High School Saturday.

The boys defeated Frederica Academy 6-3 in the 1 p.m. tourney opener and handed Waycross High a 6-3 loss in the 3 p.m. tilt. The girls lost to Frederica 6-3 and beat Waycross 6-3.

The number two and three doubles matches for both squads were called because of darkness.

The girls dropped to 7-2 with the loss, their first since the season opener. The boys are now 5-4.

Valdosta plays its last match of the regular season Wednesday against homestanding Thomasville High. Region playoffs are to begin April 27.

GIRLS

Singles:
Kim Gandy (V) def. Liz Smith, 6-0, 6-0;
Tammy Payne (F) def. Julie Spencer, 6-2, 6-3;
Beth Pitts (V) def. Libba Smith, 8-6;
Leigh Smith (F) def. Melanie Nelson, 8-6;
Daphne Behrens (F) def. Caroline Malik, 8-2;
Dianne Douglass (F) def. Debbie Brollard, 8-6.
Doubles:
Liz Smith-Libba Smith (F) def. Spencer-Pitts, 8-7.

Gandy-Nelson (V) def. Payne-Leigh Smith, 8-1;
Wendy Stanford-Behrens (F) def. Brollard-Cooper, 8-3.

BOYS

Singles:
Neal Cavallon (F) def. Tim Pitts, 6-1, 6-2;
Mark Swank (V) def. Jim Bebefield, 6-3, 6-2;
Stewart Young (V) def. Norman Reu, 8-7;
Donald King (V) def. Tony Ream, 8-2;
Truett Awten (F) def. Tommy Young, 8-3;
Trey Powell (V) def. Bruce Fendig, 8-6.
Doubles:
Cavallon-Reu (F) def. Pitts-T. Young, 8-4;
S. Young-Swank (V) def. Bebefield-Ream, 8-5;
Frank George-Bruce Wetherington (V) def. Sterling Hulfto-Dickey Zell, 8-4.

GIRLS

Singles:
Kim Gandy (V) def. Lisa Paller, 6-0, 6-0;
Shauna Joyce (W) def. Beth Pitts, 6-1, 6-2;
Kara Williams (W) def. Melanie Nelson, 8-3;
Ginger Johnson (W) def. Caroline Malik, 8-3;
Cindy Cooper (V) def. Susan Cooper, 8-3;
Debbie Brollard (V) def. Lee Ellen Fields, 8-4.
Doubles:
Julie Spencer-Pitts (V) def. Williams-Johnson, 8-1;
Gandy-Cooper (V) def. Joyce-Paller, 5-4;
Nelson-Brollard (V) def. Cooper-Dillard, 6-2.

BOYS

Singles:
Mike Cuneo (W) def. Tim Pitts, 6-4, 6-4;
Mark Swank (V) def. David Wellens, 6-1, 6-7, 6-2;
Stewart Young (V) def. Phillip Saussy, 8-5;
Donald King (V) def. Woody Johnson, 8-1;
Mike Boggs (W) def. Tommy Young, 8-7;
Trey Powell (V) def. Steve Raulerson, 8-2.
Doubles:
Cuneo-Saussy (W) def. Pitts-Swank, 8-4;
S. Young-T. Young (V) def. Johnson-Raulerson, 6-3;
Frank George-Bruce Wetherington (V) def. David Collins-James Wellens, 6-3.

Wildcats Capture Blue Devil Meet

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By Times Staff Writer

TIFTON — The Valdosta Wildcats captured the Blue Devil Invitational track meet Saturday running past a field of 16 other teams.

Valdosta won the first place trophy with 61 points followed by Crisp County, 54; Worth County, 53; Brooks County, 52 and Fitzgerald 50 points.

It took a first place finish in the final event of the day to win the meet for the Wildcats as Valdosta entered the mile relay trailing Crisp.

The Wildcat relay team, consisting of Joe Henry, Rufus Anderson, Kenny Holmes and Frederic Motes earned 10 points with a winning time of 3:26.6. Valdosta picked up an additional point with its number two team of

Anthony Moore, Marcus Griffin, Keith Mitchell and Carl Gaines finishing sixth with a time of 3:34.44.

"Our kids showed a lot of poise and character in winning that last event," said Track Coach Freddy Waters. "There were 10 events that we did not place in and get any points. It would have been easy for us to choke in our last events.

"Robert Durham really gave us a spark in the two-mile run. It was the next to the last event and he finished third. If we had not gotten those third place points, we wouldn't have been in position to win the meet."

Durham's third place finish of 10:10 was good enough to break the Valdosta school record set by Kenny Gallaher of 10:18.

Motes also broke a school record when he won the 440-dash with a time of 48.7. Motes eclipsed Stan Rome's mark of 49.2. Holmes finished second to Motes running a 50.3.

Valdosta captured two other first places with Dante Jones winning the high jump with a leap of 6-7 and Keith Mitchell winning the long jump with an effort of 21-3/2.

Charles Arnold was the only other Wildcat to place as he came in third in the triple jump at 41-6 3/4.

Valdosta is scheduled to participate in the south subregion meet Wednesday in Thomasville. The top three finishers in each event advance to the region meet also scheduled for Thomasville the following week.



Times Staff Photo by Joey Ivansco

OUT OF BOUNDS — Valdosta's Danny DeMersseman tries to avoid tag of Tift catcher at home plate in sixth inning.

Valdosta Loses To Suwannee In 9 Innings

LIVE OAK, Fla. — Valdosta High lost an extra inning baseball game to Suwannee High Saturday night when Suwannee came up with a run in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Suwannee scored the winning run when Donny Allen singled down the right field line with the bases loaded with two out. Suwannee had loaded the bases on a double and two walks.

The loss left Valdosta with a 7-6 record.

The Wildcats are scheduled to play Bainbridge at Bazemore Field Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Valdosta took a 2-0 lead after three innings of play and increased it to 3-0 when William Davis hit an inside-the-park homer in the fourth inning.

But Suwannee scored four runs in the bottom of the inning to take their first lead of the night.

However, the Wildcats came right back with two more runs in the fifth only to have Suwannee tie the game with a run in the seventh inning.

Mark Cox started on the mound for Valdosta but had to be relieved in the fourth inning. Danny DeMersseman came on to pitch the last six innings and suffered the loss.

Wildcat Box

VHS	ab	r	h	bi	SC	ab	r	h	bi	
Pkr cf	5	1	2	0		Bns cf	3	0	1	0
DeWMe 3b	4	1	2	2		Win p	5	1	2	1
Sol ss	4	1	1	1		Jone lf	4	0	3	1
Bne rf	4	0	0	0		Blk lb	5	0	0	0
Cdn lf	3	0	0	0		Chr 3b	2	1	2	0
Dav lb	4	1	1	1		All rf	4	0	1	1
May dh	4	0	1	0		Burn ss	4	0	0	0
Nich c	3	0	1	0		Bne c	4	1	1	1
Wch 7b	0	0	0	0		Boz 2b	3	0	0	1
Cox p	0	0	0	0		Plu lf	3	2	2	1
Pkr 3b	0	0	0	0		Wil ph	1	1	1	0
Bdn lf	1	0	0	0						
Bell b	2	0	0	0						
TOTALS	36	5	8	4		TOTALS	38	6	13	6

VHS	LOB	VHS	5	SC	000	120	000	5	50
SCH	000	400	101	6	130				
LOB	VHS	5	SC	000	7	2B	Barnes,		
Williams,	Washington,	Aveys,	Parker,						
Sullenberger,	HR	Devils,	SB	Parker,					
Robins,	Christen,								

VHS	IP	H	R	E	R	BB	SO
Cox	3.2	7	4	4	0	0	0
DeWMe (L)	6	6	2	2	1	5	5
SC							
Wash (W)	9	8	5	4	0	13	13

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Hagan, Demersseman

LHS, VHS Pitchers Also Lead Batters

pitching key to Valdosta's 9-8 season, pitching 52.3 innings and allowing only 20 earned runs, for an ERA of 2.68. Jeff Wiggins, who has pitched 38.7 innings, has the lowest ERA at 2.17, however, giving up only 12 earned runs. He is 3-1.

VHS STATISTICS

AB	Rns.	Hts.	Avg.	
Barnes	45	9	14	.311
Belue	40	7	10	.250
Bowden	21	7	6	.286
Cox	6	1	2	.333
Davis	48	13	18	.375
Demersseman	47	13	19	.404
Gordon	26	3	6	.231
Waynes	17	4	6	.353
Mayne	15	6	2	.133
Nichols	18	8	4	.222
Parker	40	17	10	.250
Saltenberger	46	19	15	.376
Welch	55	19	21	.382
Wiggins	22	8	8	.364
Williams	9	2	1	.111
	10	3	0	.000

Hagan holds a 1.26 ERA with 122 strikeouts to his credit. Of 207 batters to face Hagan, only 30 have walked and 11 have earned runs.

In 47 innings of pitching, Evans has struck out 57, walked 26, and given up only eight earned runs. His ERA is 1.34.

Demersseman has been the

David Parker is batting .326 with 15 hits and 17 runs.

In pitching, Lowndes' Evans and Valdosta's Demersseman are again heading the pack, but Evans shares his spotlight with Keith Hagan.

Hagan, 8-0, and Evans have combined for all the wins in the Vikes' 14-2 season.

Lowndes are catcher Tony Bowden, .423 with 23 runs, shortstop Ray Luke, at .364 with 19 runs, and center fielder Jimmy Miley, .346, with nine runs.

For Valdosta, catcher Williams Davis holds a .375 average with 18 hits and 13 runs. Rob Sullenberger is .382 with 21 hits and 19 runs, and

to pace the Vikes. He has had 24 hits at 53 times at bat, translating into 15 runs, six homers.

Valdosta hurler Danny Demersseman, 4-5, has the best hitting average on his team at .404. He has recorded 19 hits and 13 runs on 48 times at bat.

Other batting leaders for

By Times Staff Writer

It's not too common that the pitching squad provides the leading batters on any baseball team, but Lowndes and Valdosta high schools are the perfect exceptions this season.

Lowndes' Keith Evans, 6-0 in the pitching category, holds a .453 batting average

Valdosta Finishes Fourth In Region Track Meet

By Times Staff Writer

ALBANY — Valdosta High, with one of its strongest teams in recent years, finished fourth in the Region 1-AAAA track meet held Thursday at Hugh Mills Stadium.

Lowndes High finished eighth in the 11-team field with 31 points.

Valdosta earned 64 points, just one point shy of Tifton in third place with 63 points. Central of Thomasville won the title with 78 points with Westover finishing second with 76 points.

"I thought we had a good shot at winning the whole title this year going into the meet," said Valdosta Track Coach Freddy Waters. "This is one of the strongest teams we've had since I've been here."

"Overall, everyone performed real well, but we had a couple of events that we should have won that we fell way down in. Keith Mitchell hasn't lost a triple jump all year and he finished fourth. Carl Gaines finished fifth in the shot put and I thought he would have done better."

"But I'm not down on them for where they finished, because everyone worked real hard."

The meet was scheduled to be held at Thomasville High School, but was moved to the all-weather track at Mills Stadium after rain postponed Wednesday's scheduled meet in Thomasville.

Valdosta qualified five athletes for the state meet to be held in Jefferson May 14-16 while Lowndes qualified one runner in two events. The top



DANTE JONES
Breaks Own Record

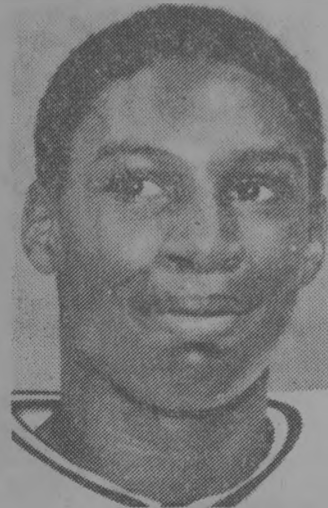
two finishers in each event qualify for the state meet.

Valdosta claimed first place in four events while Lowndes captured one first place.

The Wildcats' Dante Jones broke his own school record in the high jump as he took first place in the region meet with a leap of 6-8.

Although Mitchell finished fourth in the triple jump, the senior Wildcat claimed first place in the long jump with an effort of 21-10 1/4.

Mitchell also ran a leg on Valdosta's mile relay team that took first place with a time of 3:24.74. The Wildcats' mile relay team, consisting of Rufus Gunderson, Mitchell, Kenny Holmes and Frederick Motes, is unbeaten this year.



KEITH MITCHELL
Leaps To First

Motes and Holmes gave the Wildcats a one-two finish in the 440-yard dash with Motes winning the event in a time of 49.74. Holmes was second at 50.34.

Tommy Hampton gave Lowndes its lone first place as he won the triple jump with a leap of 44-1 1/4. Hampton also qualified for the state meet in the 120-yard high hurdles behind Central's Edward Mays, who won the event in 14.90.

Other performers for Valdosta and Lowndes who earned points but did not qualify for the state in the field events included Gaines' fifth place finish in the shot and Mitch Bennett of Lowndes, sixth in the pole vault.

LHS STATISTICS

AB	Hts.	Avg.	Rns.	
Evans	53	24	453	15
Bowden	52	22	423	23
Luke	55	20	364	19
Miley	52	18	366	9
McCormell	51	16	314	12
Thompson	50	14	280	14
Parker	55	15	273	13
Harrell	41	10	176	27
McDonald	7	1	500	0
Hagan	2	1	333	2
Malham	3	1	250	4
White	12	3	250	0
Evans	4	1	250	0
Harrell	8	2	250	3
Layton	8	2	167	3
Vickery	8	2	167	3
Barger	6	0	.000	0
Scarborough	4	0	.000	0

W	L	IP	ER	ERA
Hagan	8	0	61	1.26
Evans	6	0	47	1.34
Miley	0	1	5.3	1.32
Vickery	0	0	10	2.10
Taylor	0	1	4.3	1.63
Layton	0	0	0	0.00

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Assured Playoff Berth

'Cats Whip Central

By Times Staff Writer

The slate has been wiped clean and Valdosta High School has a new set of worries in front of it now.

William Davis slammed a three-run homer in the sixth and David Parker and Rob Sullenberger contributed two more homers as Valdosta rolled over Central of Thomasville 11-3 here Tuesday and assured itself a Region 1-AAAA playoff berth.

The Wildcats finished regular season play with the win at Bazemore Field at 10-8 overall and 7-3 in 1-AAAA (South), good enough for second place in the subregion and the right to meet Tift County in the first round playoffs.

Tift, the top 1-AAAA (North) power, comes to Bazemore field Thursday for a 4 p.m. bout. The 'Cats travel to Tifton Friday for a scheduled doubleheader, though only one game may be necessary in the two-of-three elimination. The first game starts at 2:30 p.m.

Winner of the series advances to play the victor of the series between Lowndes High and Albany High being held Thursday in Albany and Saturday at Lowndes.

"As of this point, it's nothing to nothing," said VHS Head Coach Charles Tarpley, dismissing the fact that both the Tift Blue Devils and the Vikings beat Valdosta twice in the regular season.

"We've come close to winning every game we lost, where a hit in the clutch would have done it," Tarpley said. "If our pitchers keep going like they have been lately and we get the clutch hit, we can take the region."

There was no need for a clutch hit against Central, however, as the 'Cats jumped to a 4-1 lead at the top of the second and were never seriously threatened by the Yellow Jackets, holders of the worst record in the region.

Parker turned the first hit of the bottom of the first into a Wildcat homer over left center field, and Sullenberger encored with a two-run blast, bringing in Danny Demersseman from second. Nolan Barnes, next batter up, singled, made third on a single by William Davis and came home on a Blake Belue out at first.

Catcher Davis was the

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batting hero, going 4-4 on the afternoon and scoring twice, including the three-run blast over left field in the sixth that brought in Sullenberger and Barnes.

Others to score for the 'Cats were designated hitter Billy Joe Gordon and first baseman Blake Belue on wild pitches and left fielder Chris Mayne on a sacrifice fly by Parker.

Winning pitcher Jeff Wiggins, 3-1, went the distance giving up six hits and two earned runs, walking none and striking out three.

Loser David Streets made up somewhat for his 12-hit, six walk pitching by blasting

a two-run homer over left centerfield in the fourth to bring the score to 6-3 Valdosta, the closest Central got to a threat.

Streets knocked in his brother, Tim, who pitched in relief in the seventh. Scoring first for the Jackets was Keith Hurtado, who took second on an error by Mayne and was batted in from third by third baseman Tim Van Zant.

Tarpley says he will start Demersseman, who played second base Tuesday, on the mound in the Thursday bout with Tift County. Wiggins is to start the first game of the doubleheader Friday.

"From there, we'll just play it by ear," Tarpley said, grinning.

"I think us and Tifton are equal, but we've had no breaks," he added. "Against Tifton we'll need that hit in the clutch."

Wildcat Box

CTHS	ab	r	h	rbi	VHS	ab	r	h	rbi
Hrtdo.2b	4	1	1	0	Prkr.cf	3	1	1	2
Greek.rf	4	0	1	0	DMrsmn.2b	4	1	1	0
Vnzt.3b	3	0	1	1	Slnbgr.ss	3	2	2	2
Strts.dh	3	1	1	0	Bnrs.rf	4	2	2	0
Hnly.ss	3	0	0	0	Dvs.c	4	2	4	3
Strts.p	3	1	1	2	Belue.lb	4	1	1	1
Bnon.lb	3	0	1	0	Myne.lf	1	1	0	0
Wvr.c	2	0	0	0	Prkr.3b	3	0	0	0
Dnlsh.cf	2	0	0	0	Grdn.dh	3	1	2	1
Tylr.lf	0	0	0	0	Wgns.p	0	0	0	0
King.pr	0	0	0	0	Jnkns.pr	0	0	0	0
Tylr.lf	0	0	0	0	Jnkns.pr	0	0	0	0
Rdnbry.ph	1	0	0	0	Mys.ph	0	0	0	0
Michl.ph	1	0	0	0	Welch.4	0	0	0	0
					Wlms.5	0	0	0	0

TOTALS 29 3 6 3

TOTALS 29 11 13 9

CTHS 100 200 0-3

VHS 411 014 x-11

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WP - D. Streets-3, T. Streets-2.

'Cats Thump Packers, 5-2

By Times Staff Writer
MOULTRIE — Danny Demersseman did everything he could in keeping Valdosta in second place in the south subregion as he pitched the Wildcats to a 5-2 win over Colquitt County and drove in two of the runs in the process.

DeMersseman went all the way on the mound for the Wildcats against two Packer pitchers scattering nine hits. DeMersseman struck out 11 packers and walked only three.

After Colquitt took a 1-0 lead in the first inning, Valdosta moved ahead 2-1 in the third inning when David Parker doubled and DeMersseman followed with a home run.

The Wildcats added a run in the fourth and fifth innings before Colquitt scored its only other run in the sixth inning.

Blake Belue scored a run for the Wildcats in the fourth inning when he walked and moved to second and third on an out and single by Ted Welch. Parker then singled scoring Belue with Valdosta's third run of the game.

DeMersseman scored his second run when he led off the fifth inning with a walk. The Valdosta pitcher scored on a wild pitch after he had moved to third on a hit by Nolan Barnes.

After Central had cut the lead to 4-2 after six innings, Valdosta scored its final run in the seventh inning.

Colquitt reliever Dennis Powell struck out the first two Valdosta batters in the seventh, but William Davis then drew a walk and moved to second on a wild pitch. The Wildcats' designated hitter then scored on an error at third on Billy Joe Gordon's grounder.

The win lifted Valdosta's overall record to 8-7 and 5-2 in the subregion. Colquitt dropped a game back with a 4-3 record.

The Wildcats are scheduled to travel to Thomasville Tuesday, play Lowndes Friday and host Central of Thomasville the following Tuesday. All of the remaining games are subregion contests.

Wildcat Box

VHS	ab	r	h	rbi	CCH	ab	r	h	rbi
Pkr.cf	4	1	3	1	Cnr.ss	3	1	3	0
DeMer.p	2	1	1	2	Algd.cf	4	0	1	0
Sul.ss	3	0	0	0	Bell.p	4	0	1	0
Bnrf	3	0	2	0	Ctn.dh	4	0	1	0
Daw.dh	3	1	0	0	Gisi.c	4	1	1	0
Gdn.lf	2	0	0	0	Todd.3b	3	0	0	0
Bel.lb	3	1	0	0	Clk.lf	3	0	2	1
Nich.c	3	0	0	0	Whdn.rf	2	0	0	0
Wch.2b	2	0	1	0	Thm.3b	0	0	0	0
Wms.3b	0	0	0	0	Cly.2b	0	0	0	0
Mne.rf	1	0	0	0	Pwl.p	2	0	0	0
Jkn.pr	0	0	0	0					

TOTALS 25 5 7 3

TOTALS 29 2 9 1

VHS 002 110 1-5-7-0

CCH 100 001 0-2-9-3

E - Gisi, Bell, Todd. LOB - VHS 8, CCH 9. 2B - Barker, Barnes, Conner, Gisi. HR - DeMersseman. SB - Barnes, Nichols, Conner (2), Allegood. S - Welch. SF - Sullenberger.

IP H R ER BB SO

CCH

Bell 3-2 3 5 3 3 2 4

Powell 3-1 3 2 2 0 3 7

VHS

DeMersseman 7 9 2 2 3 11

WP - Powell 2.

VHS Track Girls Head For State

With all the fuss over Lowndes and Valdosta being in the Region 1-AAAA baseball playoffs, it's probably pretty easy to forget we have a local team defending its state championship in Atlanta today.

It's a team of nine, but it ain't baseball.

Nine members of the Valdosta High girls track team start running, jumping and throwing their way toward a second state crown in as many years tonight in Atlanta. The competition gets underway at 6 p.m. at Lakewood Stadium.

Meanwhile, in Thomasville, the boys track squads of Valdosta and Lowndes take a shot at Region 1-AAAA glory. Only three qualified from Lowndes so the Vikings can't take the overall championship, short of a miracle, but Valdosta again came through with nine qualifiers.

The VHS girls have already taken Region 1-AAAA, literally breezing through with a 9-0 meet record. In the last three years they have won 26 meets and lost only one.

Not bad, considering the team's only been around for four years. The original freshmen members are now seniors.

One of them is Lisa Jones, a name anyone who follows track around here knows. They know about and want her in places like Old Dominion, UGA, Florida State and Tennessee State, too.

Jones is Georgia's number one college recruit prospect. Briefly, she holds region records in long jump (19-11 1/2), 100-yard dash (10.8), 220-yard dash (25.4) and the 110-yard low hurdles (14.4).

Poor Roseziner Jackson. Except for Jones, she's probably the best member of the VHS team, but because of Jones she holds no region records.

Then again, there is Darlene McCormick, holder of the

That doesn't mean he hasn't got some talented girls returning. There's freshman Veronica Melvin, who runs close to the school record in the 220-dash and is crucial to the relay team's success. The 440-relay team of which she is a member hasn't been defeated in 35 consecutive events.

Of course, Melvin gets considerable help from team members Jones, Jackson, and Williams.

Melvin, who Baker describes as "of Lisa Jones' mold," is joined by sophomore McCormick, Lisa Conaway, Connie Weatherspoon and Kim Jenkins in returning next year. Maybe it won't be such a rebuilding year after all.

Baker says the state tournament this year won't be the foregone conclusion some may expect, despite VHS' talent load. He says its going to be pretty close, with Valdosta seriously challenged by girls from Douglas and Peachtree of Atlanta, Kendrick High of Columbus and Northeast Macon.

"But if we don't make any foolish mistakes like dropping the baton, we have a good chance of winning it again," he said. "I think we can score 68 points again, and that might not seem like a lot but when you consider how many schools have entries, that's quite a bit."

VHS is entered in nine of the 13 events, or eight of the nine track events and one of the four field events.

Field events — discuss, shot put, etc. — are not Valdosta's strong points. Baker's girls are quick, but not too strong. Lucky for the other teams.

The girls' state competition ends Saturday, while the boys' state meet is to be May 14-16 in Jefferson, Ga.

The boys, if any, that Valdosta or Lowndes place at state will have it doubly rough following the girls.

Oh, well. There's always football and baseball.



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Freeman

Times Sports Writer

region record in the mile and 2-mile runs with times of 5:29 and 12:29, and Joyce Hall, region leader in the 880-yard run with a time of 2:28. Who can say who is number two?

Head Coach Jerry Don Baker no doubt enjoys having that sort of dilemma. He better enjoy it while it's there, because next year he's losing Jones, Jackson, Hall and Denise Williams, another talented senior.

If ever a "rebuilding year" applied, it'll apply to VHS girls track next season.

Last year, for example, VHS scored 68 points in the state meet to nab the championship. Jones scored 30 of those points on her own. Jackson nabbed 22.

Baker is digging down deep, even penetrating the elementary schools, to prepare for the future.



Miss VHS 1981

Laura McRae shows her happy surprise at being named Miss Valdosta High School Saturday night. Other winners were Dawn Courson, first runner-up; Kathryn DeLoach, second runner-up; Susan McLeod, third runner-up; and Kellie Strickland, fourth runner-up. — Times Staff Photo by Robert Winter III.

Blue Devils Back Up 'Cats

By ELLIS POPE
Times Sports Editor

The Valdosta Wildcats backed themselves into a corner Friday afternoon at Bazemore Field by losing the first game of a best-of-three series in the region 1-AAAA playoffs.

Valdosta, runnerup in the south subregion, lost 4-3 to Tift County, winners of the north subregion, as the Blue Devils came from behind with two home runs in the fifth inning to snatch the game from Valdosta.

The Wildcats and Blue Devils were scheduled to play the first game of a possible double-header today at 12:30 p.m. in Tifton. If the Blue Devils win the first game, Tift would face the winner of the Lowndes-Albany series. If the Wildcats win the first game, a second game would be needed to decide the playoff winner.

After Valdosta got behind 1-0 in the second inning, the Wildcats fought back to score three runs in the third inning and take a 3-1 lead that held up until the Blue Devils scored three runs in the fifth inning to grab a one-run lead.

Danny DeMersseman suffered the loss on the mound for the Wildcats and

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except for the fifth inning, kept the Blue Devils in check. DeMersseman gave up eight hits, but three of those were infield hits.

Tift County scored the first run of the game in the second inning after third baseman Rick Blalock reached base on an error.

But the Blue Devils batted around in the fifth as DeMersseman gave up four hits in the inning.

Center fielder Tim Brewster, the number nine hitter in the Blue Devil batting order, led off the fifth with his second straight hit. Shortstop Mike Turner then tied the game at 3-3 when he lifted a home run just over the left field fence.

One out later, pitcher Ken Hobby gave Tift the winning run when he slammed a homer over the center field fence.

After Hobby's homer, Tift loaded the bases on an error, single and a walk, but DeMersseman got out of the inning without further damage when he snagged a line drive back to the mound for the second out, then struck out Eddie Moore for the third out.

Ken Hobby went all the way for the Blue Devils and was credited with the win. The left hander struck out 10 Wildcats the first five innings, but Valdosta had the senior on the ropes in the third inning and tagged him for three runs.

David Parker led off the third inning with a walk and DeMersseman followed with a single to center. Rob Sullenberger then loaded the bases when Hobby mishandled the Wildcat short-stop's roller down the first base line.

After Hobby walked Nolan Barnes to force in the first Valdosta run, catcher William Davis delivered a sharp single to left field scoring DeMersseman and Sullenberger and giving Valdosta a 3-1 lead with just one out.

But Hobby came back to strike out Billy Joe Gordon and got Grant Nichols to fly out to left field to end the inning.

After Ted Welch singled in the fourth inning, Hobby retired nine of the next 10 batters before DeMersseman singled to left field with one out in the ninth inning.

But Rob Sullenberger forced DeMersseman at second with the second out and Nolan Barnes flew out to deep center to end the game.

"It's been the same old story all year long," said Valdosta Coach Charles Tarpley. "We can't win the close ones.

"We had Hobby going there in the third inning with three runs already in and only one out, but we didn't put him away. And again in the fourth inning, we had runners at second and third and what do we do? Two of our top three hitters strike out.

"You can't fault DeMer-

sseman on the home run he gave up to Hobby. DeMersseman made a good pitch. It was down low where it should be. But Hobby is just a big old strong kid and reached down and jerked it out."

Valdosta's Davis had his hitting streak stopped in his first at-bat against Tift County. The Wildcat catcher had collected six straight hits in his last two games, but bounced out to short his first time up Friday. However Davis snapped back in the third inning driving in two runs with his single to left.

Wildcat Box

Tift Co.	ab	r	hr	rbi	Valdosta	ab	r	hr	rbi
Turner, ss	4	1	2	2	Parker, cf	3	1	0	0
Hasty, 2b	3	0	0	0	DeWrsn, p	3	1	2	0
Hobby, p	3	1	1	1	Sulbgr, ss	4	1	1	0
Herndon, lf	4	0	1	0	Barnes, rf	3	0	1	0
Blalock, 3b	4	1	1	0	Davis, c	3	0	1	2
Salter, c	1	0	1	1	Gordon, lf	2	0	0	0
Bilson, dh	3	0	0	0	Nichols, dh	2	0	0	0
Moore, rf	2	0	0	0	Belue, 1b	2	0	0	0
Brewster, cf	3	1	2	0	Welch, 2b	3	0	1	0
Asmsen, 1b	0	0	0	0	Parker, 3b	0	0	0	0
					Mayne, lf	1	0	0	0
					West, ph	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	27	4	8	4	TOTALS	27	3	5	3

TCHS	010	030	0-4	8	1	
VHS	003	000	0-3	5	2	
E	Dale Parker, Hobby, Sullenberger.					
DP	V-1, T-0. LOB V-7, T-8. 2B-					
Salter	HR - Hobby, Turner. SB - Welch, DeMersseman, Turner. S - Hasty, Bilson.					
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
TCHS						
K. Hobby (W)	7	5	3	2	4	10
VHS						
D. DeMsmn (L)	7	8	4	3	3	4
WP	DeMersseman.					



Fenced Out

Valdosta High's Billy Joe Gordon found himself on the wrong side of the fence on a home run by Tift County's Mike Turner in the fifth inning that tied the game 3-3.

Gordon lost his balance as the ball just cleared the left field fence. — Times Staff Photo By Joey Ivansco.

Jones Signs Track Grant

By Times Staff Writer
Lisa Jones, the franchise of girls' track at Valdosta High School, has signed an athletic scholarship with Tennessee State University.

Jones, who holds four school and region 1-AAAA records, said she chose Tennessee State because of its track heritage.

In the past 25 years, 21 Olympic athletes have come out of the Tennessee State program. She said her goal is to compete in the Olympics.

Besides her school and region records, Jones holds two state records and was the driving force behind Valdosta High capturing the girls' state championship for the past two years.

She holds the state record in the long jump with an effort of 19-11. She also holds the state record in the 110 low hurdles with a time of 14.04.

She has set school and region records in the 100, 10.8, and the 220, 25.4. Jones was also a member of the record-setting 440-relay team, 48.2 and the state-breaking mile-relay team, 3:56.53.

She was chosen female athlete of the year in the state of Georgia last year and was named All-

America by the National High School Coaches Association.

"There were at least 40 schools that were interested in Lisa," said Valdosta Girls' Track Coach Jerry Baker. "She had schools from Southern Cal, to Texas, to Nebraska, to all over the country wanting her.

"But she chose Tennessee State because she felt they put more emphasis on track and also the number of Olympians that have come out of there.

"I think her future is in the long jump or the hurdles. But they put a lot of emphasis on running and relays at Tennessee State. So, there is really no telling what she'll be doing."

"I can't begin to say what she meant to our program. She was voted MVP three straight years. She has always had a lot of natural talent. When she was in the fifth and sixth grades, she won the state championship in the 100 and 220 in the Parks and Recreation meets."

In addition to her track prowess, Jones has been selected as a senior superlative at Valdosta and is also a member of the Beta Club. She was also a football cheerleader.

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Lady Wildcats Holding First

By Times Staff Writer
JEFFERSON — The Valdosta Lady Wildcats are well on their way to defending their state track title.

The Lady Wildcats, behind the jumping of Lisa Jones and running of Darlene McCormick, lead the state meet with 24 points going into the running events tonight.

Jones broke her own state record in the long jump with an effort of 19-9. It was the second best long jump in the nation this

year. Carol Lewis of New York has jumped 20-8. Roseziner Jackson finished third in the long jump with a leap of 18-1 giving VHS 16 points in the event.

McCormick, who finished third in the mile run Thursday, finished fifth in the two mile breaking her school record by nearly a minute with a time of 11:32 behind the winning time of 11:03.

Walden is in second place with 20 points followed by Northeast of Macon with 12 points.



Sliding into the playoffs

Valdosta High School's Billy Joe Gordon (17) used a fade-away slide to score from third on a wild pitch during Valdosta's 11-3 win over Central of Thomasville yesterday. Making the late tag was Central's David Street. The Wildcats earned a spot in the 1-AA A playoffs tomorrow with the win. More prep baseball, Page 2.

— KEN KLANICKI/Staff

VHS Salutes Its Marchin' Cats

5-28-81

By Times Staff Writer
Cynthia Trautmann, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Trautmann, was named bandsman of the year recently at the annual banquet of the Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats Band.

Miss Trautmann also received the Women Band Boosters Association Award for All Star Band and the Semper Fidelis Award presented by the U.S. Marine Corps Youth division for outstanding band students.

Television star Sonny Shroyer, a Valdosta native who plays "Enos" in the

series by the same name, was a surprise guest at the banquet and handed out special appreciation awards.

Those went to Lowndes Sheriff G. Robert Carter; Police Chief Loyce Arnold; deputy Carl Smith and patrolman Billy Green; Bill Evans, manager of the Valdosta Coca-Cola Bottling Works Inc.; and Gundi Heller, agent for the Greyhound Bus Lines.

Also, Drew McPheters, Julie Beck and Mara Shaw, Valdosta State College students who have helped with the band; Petty Officer

Sam Wright with the VHS ROTC program; Don Allison, assistant principal at VHS; and all members of the executive board of the VHS Band Boosters.

Amy Wilson, was named senior of the year; and David Lynch received the Tex Mullis Loyalty Award.

Laurel Camarano received the Lucy Stewart Memorial Award, and Michele Ingram won the Spirit of the Marchin' Cats award.

Sanford Campbell was Rookie of the Year, and Stacey Broomberg and Hugh Warren were voted Most

Improved.

Dudley Johnson, Alan Carter, Cherie Southwell, Harding Smith and Sam Roberson received Directors Awards.

Earl Wetherington, outgoing president of the VHS Band Boosters, was presented a plaque by Curtis Kelley, the club's new president.

Mike Chapman, who is in his last quarter as band director of VHS, received a gift certificate at the ceremony and was awarded a special cake with all the

seniors' name cards on it at the Senior Banquet preceding the awards program.

Chapman and assistant band directors Rick Kimmel, Debbie Bradley and Ronnie Lunsford were given checks from the band boosters.

All trophies won by the Marchin' Cats were on display and a video tape of contest shows was shown during the evening.

Officers of the band boosters who were honored included Kelley; Vaughn Irby, vice president; Gail Irby, secretary; and Barbara Conant, treasurer.

Members of the band boosters' executive board are Nellie Wilson, Fann Kelley, Barbara Hagan, Christine Stewart, Jewel Cooper, Mary Warren, Margie McDonald, Carol Busch, Jim Ingram, Joan Brooks, Ken Coombs and Carl Smith.

A total of 42 seniors attending the ceremonies were presented with the senior plaque.

Wolinski Honored At VAE Banquet

By Times Staff Writer
Southern emphasis on the basics of education helps give students from the south a better grasp of the skills needed to advance professionally than students from other areas have.

So said a congressional aide for U.S. Rep. Charles Hatcher to the Valdosta Association of Educators members at annual VAE banquet Monday night.

Ed Lightsey, himself a graduate of Valdosta schools, told the educators David Brinkley once said southern journalists seem to have a better grasp of language, politics and other subjects.

"In the south, there has always been a tremendous emphasis on the basics — reading, writing and mathematics," Lightsey said.

A good grasp on these basics make young men and women educated in the south able to get ahead faster at many jobs than their counterparts from other areas of the country, he said.

"Education basically is the art of communication," Lightsey said, adding sometimes the communication process can

break down.

At least one member of the Reagan administration, however, is working to see the English language is not misused by government officials, he said.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, who has rodeo riding as his hobby, has outlawed the use of words such as "prioritize, finalize, viable, orient, parameter and ongoing," Lightsey said.

Although Lightsey admitted sometimes bureaucrats can be the worst culprits at causing communication breakdown, he urged the educators not to let communications lag between themselves and Hatcher.

"Take any and every opportunity to let him know how you feel," Lightsey said.

After Lightsey's remarks, the group honored Mabel Wolinski, an English teacher at Valdosta High School, as Teacher of the Year.

Other finalists in the competition were Beatrice Taylor of Lomax Pinevale Elementary School; Albertine Barnes, Sallas-Mahone; Jill Shaw, S.L. Mason; Guyla Hendricks, W.G. Nunn; Edward Lazaroff, West Gordon;

Deborah Dugger, Southeast; Evelyn Isom, Leila Ellis; and Sue Lawson, Valdosta Junior High School.

Also honored at the banquet were 10 retiring educators with more than 342 years of collective service to the Valdosta Board of Education.

They were Virgil Beck, director of federal programs; Pat Bowers and Marjorie G. Johnson of S.L. Mason; Lois Cunningham of Sallas-Mahone; C.C. Hall of Southeast; Callie I. Hill and Carrie M. Lissimore of Leila Ellis; Sarah B. Jones of VHS; and Frances Stafford and Beatrice Taylor of Lomax-Pinevale.

Receiving certificates for participating in the VAE Instructional Fair were Jane Bonner, third place winner on the state level; Howard Johnson, and Mrs. Dugger, third place winners in the district; Frank Hjort, first place winner in the district; and Denise Wetherington, Katherine Mayer, Brenda Smith, James Mullis, Evelyn Rosser and Eloise Terry, local winners.

Pamela Bryant, a student at VHS, received the VAE Scholarship to help her achieve her goal of becoming a teacher.

VAE faculty represen-



MABEL WOLINSKI
Teacher Of The Year



PAMELA BRYANT
VAE Scholarship

tatives and officers for 1980-81 received certificates of appreciation at the dinner.

So honored were Rosalind Folsom from the central office; Connie Snipes, Leila Ellis; Marsha Smith and Johnson, Lomax-Pinevale; Mary Hedderman and Benita Brandon, Sallas-Mahone; Liz Grant, S.L. Mason; Pauline Brown, Southeast; Rick English, West Gordon; Anne Burns and Gail Gallagher, W.G. Nunn; A.R. Hall, Joanna Jones and Jeanne Eanes, VJHS; and Bob Field, Eloise Terry, Lilla Hart and Gwen Hall, VHS.

Officers for 1980-81 receiving certificates were Ulysses Mims, president; Sue

Lawson, first vice president; Mrs. Dugger, second vice president; Brenda Smith, recording secretary; Nancy Clark, corresponding secretary; Becky Garver, treasurer; and Ross Hudson, parliamentarian.

New officers for 1981-82 were also installed at the banquet.

They are Mims, president; Mrs. Dugger, president-elect; Blondie Manning, first vice president; Johnson, second vice president; Brenda Smith, recording secretary; Winona Walker, corresponding secretary; Cammie Traylor, treasurer; and Charles Ward, parliamentarian.

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HONOREES — Wilcox, left, Miss Greene, Miss Morneault and Bradwell admire awards handed out at banquet.

Times Staff Photo

VHS DECA Chapter Hands Out Awards

By Times Staff Writer

Lloyd Mims, and Joe Bradwell received life memberships in the Valdosta chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America Thursday night.

Mims, principal of Valdosta High School, and Bradwell, retired advertising manager of The Valdosta Daily Times, were honored for their years of work with the club and presented with framed certificates.

Keller Wilcox accepted the Outstanding Service Award which was presented to Wilcox Outdoor Advertising Co. by the 'Dosta DECA.

In an award which had already been announced, Wendell Lewis was honored as DE Student of the Year.

Lewis is also state vice president of DECA.

Those attending the 33rd annual Employer-Employee Banquet at which the awards were presented heard Tenney S. Griffin, publisher and general manager of The Valdosta Daily Times, say they should tell the truth and have fun.

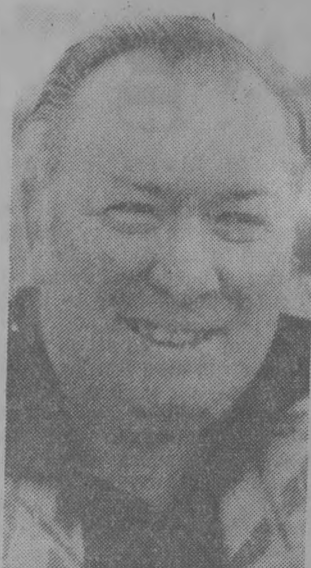
"No matter what you do, tell the truth," he said. "It's easier and you have far less to remember."

By having fun at whatever you do, you can do it better and easier, he said.

"If you are having fun, it is easier to sell yourself and therefore it's easier to sell your project," Griffin told the audience.

Selling is the most important thing that happens in everyday life, he said.

"That's the only thing that keeps the wheels of commerce turning," Griffin said.



LLOYD MIMS
Life Membership

Griffin also praised VHS as being a good school which prepares its students for whatever they choose to do in life.

"A year from now, or two years from now, when you're out in 'real life', you will find out what a good background you had (at VHS)," he said.

Other honors awarded at the banquet went to Faith Wilson, who received the Coordinator's Award, given to the student who improves the most from their junior to their senior year.

Todd Meussling received the Rookie of the Year award, presented to the first-year DE student who has been most outstanding.

Melissa Tedders received the Most Dependable Award,



WENDELL LEWIS
Student Of Year

and Janet Morneault, this year's president of 'Dosta DECA, received the W.E. "Bill" Glenn Award.

That honor is named for the DE coordinator from 1955-1968 who led the chapter to national prominence.

Cheri Greene, District 7 vice president for 1980-81, received the Warren Horton Award, named for a DECA president who was killed in an automobile accident in 1954.

Life members who were present at the banquet included Ben Stanaland Jr., Katie Weeks, Norman Greene, W.J. Wetherington, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark and Charlie Barnes.

Greene is the current DE coordinator at VHS.

Essay Prizes Awarded

Six students at Valdosta and Lowndes high schools have received prizes in the annual Alice Bingle Essay Contest sponsored by the Wymodausis Women's Club.

Winners from LHS were Pam Wasson, first place; Kathy Leggett, second; and Janet Scarborough, third.

Winners from VHS were Lynne Pulliam, first place; Suzanne Roush, second; and Trey Powell, third.

The contest is offered each year to juniors and seniors at the two high schools for the purpose of promoting creative writing, according to Beulah Henny, chairman of the Wymodausis education department.

Students are to give an idea of what they propose to do after graduation and what they feel college has to offer them, Mrs. Henny said.

Selection of the winners is based on content, composition skills and the correct use of grammar, she said.

First prize is \$25, second is \$15 and third is \$10, Mrs. Henny said.

Show This Weekend

Lady 'Cats Defend Title

By Times Staff Writer
JEFFERSON — The Valdosta Lady Wildcats have defended their state track title with ease.

The Lady Wildcats made it two state championships in a row Saturday night as Valdosta totaled 82 points to run away with this year's meet. Walden of Atlanta was second with 56 points and expected challenger Northeast of Macon was third with 48 points. Kendrick of Columbus was fourth with 24 points.

The Lady Wildcats captured the 1980 title with 67 points.

"It was nip-and-tuck until we got to the 220-yard dash," said a jubilant Valdosta Coach Jerry Baker. "Going into the 220, we had 56 points and Walden had 52. We knew if we didn't choke we could win the meet because Walden did not have anyone in the 220."

Northeast's Brenda Cliatt won the 220 with a time of 25.4, but Valdosta managed to pick up 14 points when Roseziner Jackson finished second in 25.72 and Veronica Melvin finished third in 25.76. Jackson and Melvin

teamed with Lisa Jones and Karen Ingram to set a state record in the mile relay at a blistering pace of 3:56.53. Douglass of Atlanta broke Valdosta's record last year with a run of 3:56.88.

The only other record to fall belonged to Joyce Hall who finished fifth in the 880 with a time of 2:24 to break her own school record.

In the 100-yard dash, it came down to the two fastest runners in the meet, Cliatt and Jones. Cliatt won the event in 11.13 with Jones a flash behind in 11.23. Jackson finished fourth in 11.5.

"Depth was the key to us winning this track meet and winning the title for a second straight year," said Baker. "We could not have done it if we had not been able to pick up points with our third fourth and fifth places.

"When you get to the state meet, you run into some pretty good competition. And these girls gave a super effort to win this thing two years in a row, especially the way they did it.

"It's really hard to describe it. You had to be here to see it."



CHAMPIONSHIP FORM — Veronica Melvin hands off to Lisa Jones as the two Lady Wildcats make up half of Valdosta's record-breaking mile-relay team. Times Staff Photo

Valdosta's Season Ends With 5-4 Loss To Tift

By Times Staff Writer
TIFTON — It's over for the Valdosta High Wildcats.

True to character, the 'Cats battled to the end, forcing an extra inning of play before the Tift County Blue Devils scored one more unearned run to nip Valdosta 5-4 in the first round of Region 1-AAAA playoffs here Saturday.

All of Tift's runs were unearned, but it was plenty to advance them to the region championship. They are to play Lowndes High, the number one 1-AAAA (South) power, which earned a championship berth after trouncing Albany in their best-of-three series.

Tift's Scott Johnson scored the winning run in the bottom of the eighth on a passed ball by Valdosta catcher William Davis, after he had singled, taken second on a sacrifice bunt and third on a ground out.

The Wildcats finished their season at an even 10-10. Friday, Tift had taken the

'Cats 4-3 at Bazemore Field.

Tift had a chance to wrap it up in the seventh with one out and bases loaded. However, center fielder Ken Hobby was put out trying to steal home and designated hitter Paul Bilson flew out, giving the 'Cats a bit of breathing space.

The space diminished rapidly as the Blue Devils took full advantage of crucial Wildcat mistakes, which was the thrust of the entire game.

Tift took a 4-1 lead going into the fifth with two of the runs coming in on a well-placed bunt by Martin Herndon. The other two were partially the result of errors on the part of pitcher Jeff Wiggins and first baseman Blake Belue.

Wiggins went the distance allowing five hits, one walk and striking out two. His final mound record is 4-2.

Winning pitcher Hobby relieved Lon Asmussen in the fifth and allowed only one hit after the 'Cats were

threatening a comeback.

Valdosta scored two runs early in the fifth when Rob Sullenberger tripled to right field, bringing in David Parker from second and Danny DeMersseman from first.

The 'Cats had scored in the first and added another in the sixth when Mayes came in on an error from second, for the only unearned VHS run, tying the game at 6-6.

Wildcat Box

TCHS	ab	r	h	rbi	VHS	ab	r	h	rbi
Trnr ss	4	2	2	1	Prkr cf	4	1	0	0
Hasty 2b	2	1	1	0	Dmrsmn 2b	4	1	0	0
Hobby cf	3	0	1	0	Sinbrg ss	4	1	2	2
Hrndn 1f	3	0	2	2	Barnes rf	4	0	1	1
Bialock 1b	2	0	1	0	Davis c	4	0	0	0
Salter c	2	0	0	0	Mayes lf	4	1	1	0
Blsn dh	4	0	0	0	Belue 1b	1	0	0	0
Jhnsn 3b	4	2	3	0	West dh	2	0	0	0
Brewstr rf	1	0	0	0	Wgns p	1	0	0	0
Amsn p	0	0	0	0	Wims 3b	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	25	5	10	3	Welch ph	1	0	0	0
					Parker 3b	1	0	1	0
					Mayne ph	1	0	0	0
					Bwdn ph	1	0	0	0
					Cox 1b	0	0	0	0
					TOTALS	29	4	5	3

VHS 100 021 00-4 5 2
TCHS 200 200 01-5 10 1
E — Wiggins, Belue, Bialock, LOB —
VHS-6, TCHS-10, 2B — Mayes, 3B —
Sullenberger, SB — Sullenberger 2, Turner,
S — Brewster 3, Salter, Bialock, Hasty, SF
— Hobby.

VHS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wgns (L) (4-2)	8	10	5	0	1	2
TCHS						
Amsn	5-2	4	4	3	4	5
Hobby (W)	2-1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP — DeMersseman.

356 Graduate At VHS

By Times Staff Writer
Dr. R.B. Quattlebaum and Claydon Barron, members of the Valdosta Board of Education, handed out diplomas to 356 seniors during graduation exercises at Cleveland Field Tuesday night.

There were a total of 390 students in the graduating class, but some received their diplomas early.

Honor graduates were Debra L. Crawley, Dawn Adele Watson, Mary Ellen Farley, Kerry Eugene Beaver, Kara Dawn Courson, Laura Sue Dille, John Stephen Furey, Bruce M. Judd, Carol Suzanne Nash, Sue I. Oliver, Laura Lynne Pulliam, Toni Elaine Purcell, Julie Patrick Spencer, Cynthia Ann Trautman and Mary Amanda Wilson.

Others receiving diplomas were:

Alfred Ernest Aguero, David Andrew Allen, Ronda Rene Allen, Leslie Susan Anderson, Steven Demetris Armstrong, Vanessa Elizabeth Armstrong, Patricia Ann Baldwin, Steffond Barron, Thomas Scott Barton, Jay Michael Bass.
John Sims Bassford, William Oliver Bassford Jr., Gregory S. Battles, Jaye Frances Bauer, Willie Elijah Beaty, Jerry M. Becton, Lisa Ann Bernstein, Jacqueline Berrian, Selena Berrian, Alan Ferrell Blanton.
Richard Lee Blue, Darrell Kem Bonner, Suzanne Borden, Sidney Linton Bowdoin, Deanna Boyd, Patricia Ann Bradley, Nellie Mae Brantley, Linda Gail Brinson, Clay Broadie, Tammy Louvine Brooklin.
Tanya Renee Brooks, Kelvin C. Brown, Shirley Ann Brown, William Marcus Brown, Nina Louise Bryant, Pamela Denise Bryant, Howard Eric Burch, Donna Nell Butler, Lisa Renee Butler, Mark Aaron Cain.
George Anthony Capers, Lisa Sue Carmichael, Lilibeth Carnes, John Carolton Carroll, Angela Elaine Carter, Columbus Carter Jr., Joseph Isaac Carter, Rosetta Carter, Nathaniel Jerome Chachere, Corinne Yvonne Chandler.
Elaine Marie Chinonis, Elaine Chitty, Cletis M. Clark, Melissa Pendleton Claypool, Ralph Carroll Cook, Cynthia Lynn Cooper, Gary Allen Coltran, Mark Allen Cox, Jeffrey Crawford, Alexander Maxwell Culbreth III.
Lori Ellen Cutchens, Diana Lynn Daher, Johnnie Mae Dailey, Cathy Joe Dale, Charles A. Dame, John Darling, Darlene Davis, Mariorie Davis, William Davis, Denise Lynn Day.
Linda Faye DeCarlo, Sammy Webb Dees, Danny W. DeMersseman, Jamey Ricardo Dotson, Debra Ann Dubose, Janice Jeanette Duncan, Candace Marie Dunn, Renee Ann Durham, Bryan Keith Dye, Michael Edwin Enfinger.
Jennifer Anne English, John Charles Federico, Barbel Flowers, Edward W. Flowers, Jr., Frantino Flucas, Dona R. Folsom, Kenneth L. Folsom, Henry Foster, Pamela J. Foster, Rufus Sylvester Foster Jr.
Herryn Paige Frassrand, Gary Lee Frazier, Jerry Lee Frazier, Welton L. Frazier, Sabina Marie Fredrick, Greg

Fulginiti, Vicki Garrett, Timothy Eugene Gaskin, Roy Anthony Gaskins, Linda Gay.
Frank Larry George, Wanda Jeannie Gibbs, Kyle Gilbert, Climatine Gillard, Henry J. Gilmore III, Sherry Gleason, Anna Godbee, Belinda F. Gordon, Billy Joe Gordon, Joann Lea Gore.
Cheri Elaine Greene, Woodbridge Greene Jr., Suzanne Elizabeth Greiner, Charles Derek Griffin, Natalie Alma Griffin, William Moore Griffin, Sheila Ann Guess, Sonya LaQuida Guess, Joyce Hall, Pamela Joy Hall.
Susan Claire Hall, Zan Rutledge Hall, Maurice Kent Hamilton, Keith Alan Harkins, Dean Harris, Julie Harris, Timothy George Harris, Velma P. Harris, David Earl Harrison, Roy B. Hart.
Candace Hatcher, James Derron Henderson, Leon Bernard Henderson, Mark L. Hendrix, Joy V. Herrin, William Edward Holland, Joseph J. Howe, Willie Huggie Jr., Marie Hundley, Jeffery Hunter.
Tracy Lynette Irvin, John Louis Ivansco, Barbara Suzanne Jackson, Dorothy R. Jackson, Roseziner Jackson, Alma Kay James, Phillip James Jr., Sherry Yvette James, Andrew Lee Jaramillo, Deloris Ann Jenkins.
Lisa Jenkins, Charlene Johnson, Donna Marie Johnson, Dudley Johnson, James Monroe Johnson, Jeffery R. Johnson, Jennifer Miranda Johnson, Kadriye Diane Johnson, Mary Virginia Johnson, Sonya Elaine Johnson.
Cynthia Diane Jones, Juan Dante Jones, Lisa Adell Jones, Michelle Jones, Freeman Maurice Jordan, James Cooper Kehoe, Alphonso Juan O'Sullivan Kelly, Samuel Bernard King, Gregory Jon Knobel, Richard Leroy Lathrop Jr.
Daniel Scott Levy, Deborah S. Lewis, Nadine Lewis, Samuel Wendell Lewis, Jennifer S. Lineberger, Linda G. Long, Jerome Loving, Alfred J. Lynch Jr., Tangula Alexis Mabry, Georgia Ann Manning.
Dexter Bernard Marable, Anton Philip Martin, Carrie Elizabeth Martin, Katherine Mary Martin, Elizabeth Constance Mathis, Dale McBurrough, Jerome McBurrough, Amos A. McCall Jr., Ted Fountain McCray, Bruce Alan McDaniel.
John Monroe McElwain, Lola McGill, Robyn McGovern, Ceila McHellen, Peggy L. McKinney, Dawn C. McPherson, Laura Louise McRae, Virginia E. Metcalf, Todd T. Meussling, David D. Miller.
Salyna Maria Miller, Elinor Mitcham, Keith W. Mitchell, Andrea Deniese Moore, Anthony DeWayne Moore, Betty Ann Moore, Jerry Jerome Moran, John Clifton Morgan, Karen La-Vette Morgan, Janet Kay Morneault.
Antine Irene Morrell, Rembrant P. Moses, Robert William Murff II, Doris C. Neilly, Yvonne Neloms, Alice Patricia Nelson, Melanie Rose Nelson, Deverett Adrean Netter, Sherry D. Newton, William Grant Nichols.
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Kim Leonard Plummer, Annie Porter, Cador Crawford Powell Jr., Ty Ray Powell, Sylvia Burnnette Priester, Yvonne Priester, Regina Procopio, Sherry Kaye Pulliam, Lee W. Redish Jr., Etta Mae Reid.
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ders.
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Karen Lee Thompson, Edgar Cornelius Tooley.
Jerrri Lynn Townsend, Kelvin DeUndra Lavan Tucker, Keith Alan Tumlin, James G. Tunison Jr., Renee Angell Turner, Arthur Roy Uddyback, Tamila Sue Vickers, Rudolph Fredrick Karl Wagner, Tonia Sue Wakefield, Barbara Jo Walters.
Gordon Ferrell Warren Jr., Valencia D. Warran, Brenda Gail Weaver, Bruce Wetherington, Charles Anderson Wetherington, Lori L. Wetherington, David Murray Whitehurst, Janice Lynn Wilder, Clara Diane Williams, Joseph Thomas Williams.
Marlena Williams, Phyllis Maria Williams, Sharon Williams, Shirley Denise Williams, Terry Vincent Williams, Vanessa Williams, Yvonne Willis, Beverly Wilson, Richard Earl Wilson, Donna Olivia Wrice, Kim Goyette Wright, Stewart Cameron Young.

