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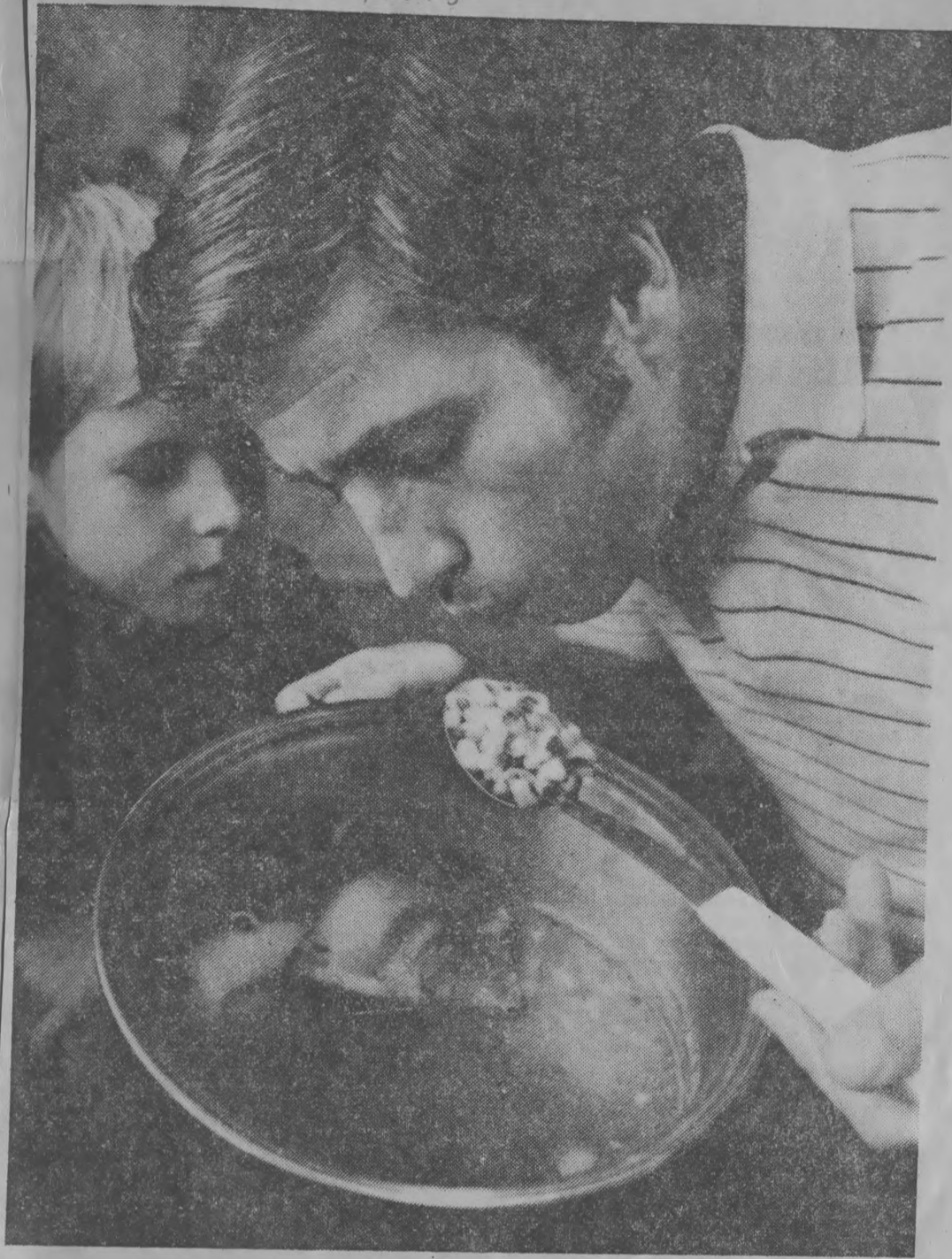
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### Hog Jowl And Peas

Jack Rudolph checks the flavor of piping hot black-eyed peas while his son, Coleman, 7, who doesn't like black-eyed peas, wonders if this year's crop will be any better. For

Rudolph, his chore has been to prepare the traditional New Year's Day dish. — Times Staff Photo by Robert Winter III.

## Attendance Down As Schools Reopen <sup>1-2-78</sup>

By Times Staff Writer  
Attendance was down drastically in Lowndes County schools today, their first day back in session since the Christmas holidays. But city schools held their own as compared to other holiday seasons.

A spot check at county schools showed attendance at most was down much more than usual, even after other holidays.

Most principals attributed it to the holiday government employees and some businesses were taking today.

Jack Wade, Clyattville Elementary School principal, attributed the higher-than-usual absenteeism to confusion since many parents were having a holiday.

Carlton Adams, Lowndes High School principal, said his absentee rate was "quite a bit" higher than usual although he didn't know of any one particular reason for it.

"I understand," he said, "there's been a bit of cold type sickness but I don't know what to attribute it (the absentee rate) to. I hope it improves by tomorrow."

Ralph Brandon, city school superintendent, said absenteeism in city schools was about par for the first day back after any holiday.

"As far as I know," he said, "it's going real well. We have a little bit more absenteeism for a Monday than normal. But we've had a good bit of sickness, measles and strep throat, going around."

"And I'm sure the Bowl games have something to do with it. Since it's a state and federal holiday that has some effect too, I'm sure."

## State School Boss Goes After Funds <sup>Vald Times Jan 21 1978</sup>

ATLANTA (AP) — State school Superintendent Charles McDaniel says he doesn't have a game plan for talking the General Assembly into giving Georgia schools \$19.5 million of the \$133 million surplus from the 1977-78 budget.

McDaniel will be competing with the state's top

officials, most of whom have quite a bit more experience than he in prying money out of the state legislature. McDaniel was appointed to his post last fall by Gov. George Busbee when Jack Nix retired.

The former Clarke County superintendent said he has no special plans to convince legislators that his department needs one-sixth of the available cash.

"I'll simply do the best job I can," he said. "There won't be much to judge me on, except some intangible things like the way I deliver a speech or my lack of hair."

McDaniel said \$18.2 million of the surplus funds he is requesting would be used to pay off general obligation bonds; \$1 million to help local school districts buy buses; and \$300,000 to buy equipment for educational television and make studies about expansion of vocational education, electric power demands and other subjects.

During his brief tenure at the helm of the state's public schools, McDaniel has won a

reputation as a tough, hard-working, well-informed administrator as well as, according to Macon County Superintendent Jack Fokes, the confidence of most people he knows.

He has pushed hard for an 8 percent pay raise for teachers, teacher aides in the first and second grades, and state money for a full kindergarten program. McDaniel also has urged the state to pay health insurance costs for educators in some poor school districts.

# Vikettes, Valdosta Were Among Top Area Winners Of Last Year

For Valdosta's Wildcats, it was an almost year. For Lowndes' Vikettes, it was the year basketball heaven in '77 became a reality. The Wildcats and the Vikettes were the big winners on the local high school sports scene in 1977, a year in which names like Buck Belue and Marcia Player became as common as Ken Stabler and Pete Maravich.

The Lowndes High School girls' basketball team didn't lose a single game during the year, finishing up last season with a 30-0 record and the Class AAA title and opening up this season with an 11-0 record.

Player, now in her senior season, had a lot to do with that along with teammates Rhonda Rowell, Faye Hart, Karen Parker and Rosalyn Williams. That starting lineup and an able corps of substitutes gained for the Vikettes the tag as the number one high school girls' basketball team in the nation.

Relying on the pitching of Belue and Wayne Fugett and the big bat of David White, Valdosta's Wildcats reached the semifinals of the state Class AAA baseball tournament in the spring.

In the deciding matchup for the Region 1-AAA championship, the Wildcats staged the most thrilling and near unbelievable comeback of the year when they rallied from a 10-2 deficit to beat Westover (Albany).

Westover hit four consecutive home runs, including a grand slam, in the game... and lost.

Belue was also a key figure in the Valdosta football team's rise to prosperity this fall. The Wildcats won the region title for the second time in Belue's four-year career. And for the first time since 1971, the 'Cats advanced to the state championship game.

Clarke Central grabbed a 16-14 decision in that title contest. A week after the state championship, Belue signed with the University of Georgia on a football scholarship.

Lowndes had its second straight winning season on the football field, rolling up seven wins against three losses. The Vikings beat Valdosta for the first time ever in a 7-2 thriller at Martin Stadium.

In another football-related happening, VHS Athletic Director and former head coach Wright Bazemore announced this was to be his last year in the school system.

On the basketball court, the Wildcats also wound up one of their finest campaigns in recent history with an 18-3 record. Central of Thomasville ended any state tournament hopes for the 'Cats with a shocking upset in the subregion tourney semifinals.

Valdosta is 3-6 on the hardwood this year and has left the spotlight open for Lowndes' 8-3 Vikings. Terry Wilkes took over the controls of the Lowndes' boys' basketball team last spring after the Lowndes County Board of Education relieved Charles Cooper of that duty.

Cooper has maintained his position as head coach of the Lowndes' girls' team, which has reeled off 41 consecutive victories under his tutelage.

The Vikettes won their second straight Lowndes Invitational Christmas tournament title last week in the 26th running of the oldest holiday classic in the state. Berrien's red-hot Rebels from Nashville, Ga., bumped Thomasville for the boys' title.

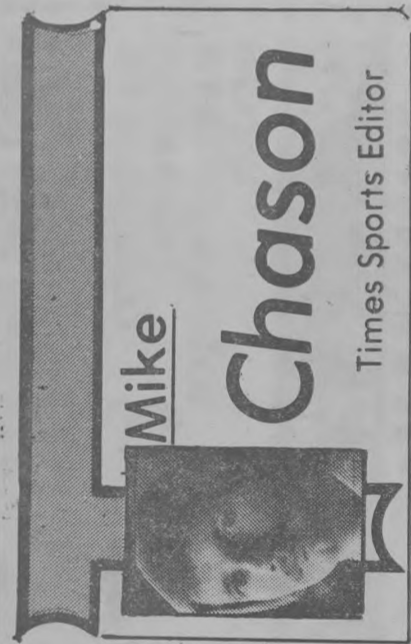
Berrien's boys have been the number one team in the area so far this season with a 9-1 record.

In the spring, Lanier County's Bulldogs from Lakeland, Ga., had that distinction with a 25-3 record and a quarterfinal berth in the state Class B tournament.

The Lanier girls also earned a spot in the state tournament for the first time in seven years.

The Brooks County (Quitman) and Clinch County (Homerville) girls' teams maintained their solid reputations in other state tournament action in March.

Brooks won its second straight state title and its first under



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Times Sports Editor

Coach Lucy Tedder. Clinch battled all the way to the semifinal round. Two months later, Clinch Coach Danny Boatright announced he was returning to his alma mater at Bacon County (Alma) to coach. Henry Moyilan stepped in for Boatright.

After guiding Georgia Christian School to back-to-back berths in the SEAIS state basketball tournament, Garth Pleasant also announced he was leaving to go back to his native state of Michigan.

Mike Roller took over both GCS teams and the Generals have continued their winning ways, losing only two games in 10 starts this season.

Berrien's Rebelettes are also re-living their power-packed past reputation with an 8-2 record under new head coach Ken Weeks.

Last spring, Ashley Deloach stepped down at Echols County and was replaced by Bob Connell and Danny Young to coach the basketball teams at the Statesville school.

Tennis may be considered a minor sport by some, but when Allison Reddick and Lisa Feix won the State Class AA doubles title in May, it was the number one sport in their lives.

The state title was the first in any sport for Valdosta since the 'Cats took the football championship in 1971.

Valwood's Robin Carter closed out her high school career with a second place finish in the state SEAIS state tournament in girls' singles' competition.

In track, Lowndes tied with Dougherty (Albany) for the region crown after winning the title outright in 1976. Westbrook (Dixie) finished second in the state SEAIS track meet, and Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.) finished third in the Class AA meet.

Valdosta took a fifth spot in the Class AAA state golf tournament, catapulting the Wildcats into the top spot for the Region 1-AAA All-Sports trophy for the second straight year.

In the top local golf tournament of the year, Ansel Clark won the Jack Oliver Invitational on the rain-soaked Valdosta Country Club course. VCC opened 18 new holes in late August. The Valdosta Open was cancelled this year.

On the college scene, Valdosta State featured what was probably the winningest sports program of any school in the state.

The Blazers wound up a 23-6 campaign in the NCAA Division II South Regional. The Lady Blazers went 26-6 and gained a berth in the AIAW South Regional, as well as a place in the prestigious National Women's Invitational Tournament.

Sue Ann Christie, a four-year starter for the VSC women, was named to the NWIT All-America team.

State's baseball team rolled up 47 wins against 16 losses and finished fourth in the national tournament. No VSC baseball team has ever won more games.

This season, the basketball Blazers have rocketed to an 8-1 start, and the Lady Blazers are 9-1.

The Valdosta State College cross country team won the South Atlantic Conference title for the third year in a row this fall. The Blazers finished in the top 10 in the national meet for the second year in a row.

Dave Waples was named coach of the year in the SAC after his runners wrapped up the title.

But every team didn't win in 1977. Despite the enthusiasm exhibited by new coach Tom Dominey, Valwood's Valiants stumbled to a 9-16 record. Valwood is 1-6 so far this season.

After losing all 10 of its games last season, Madison (Fla.) found the winner's circle only one time on the high school football field this year.

Cook (Adel) had even worse luck. The Hornets finished 0-10 for the second year in a row.

Only June Hyder's fortuneteller and Jimmy the Greek know what lies ahead in 1978 but here are a few long shot predictions to go along with your black-eyed peas and hog jowls.

— Lowndes' Vikettes will come close and maybe even win the Class AAA state title again.

— Valdosta and Lowndes will not play on the football field against each other in a spring game.

— At least one football coach in the area won't be with us in the fall.

— Valdosta State will win the SAC baseball title if Tommy Thomas gets any pitching.

— Valdosta's boys' basketball team will surprise some folks in the subregion and maybe region tournament.

— Valdosta and Lowndes will both make the four-team football playoff.

— VSC's women's basketball team will advance further than ever before in the AIAW tournament.

— Hamilton County's football team will make the playoffs.

— Valdosta's baseball team will make a strong bid for and maybe even win the Class AAA state title.

— Berrien's girls' basketball team will finish either first or second in the region tournament.

— Berrien's boys' basketball team will peak before the season ends.

— Echols County's boys' basketball team will pull off an upset in post-season tournament action.

— At least one basketball coach in the area won't be with us next October.

And finally, this area will again be jam-packed with winners in every sport in every classification. Happy New Year.

Photos By Times Staff



*VHS Coach Nick Hyder Congratulates LHS's Charles Burgman*



*Kendrick Runner Is Out But VHS Catcher Bob White Seems To Have Misinterpreted The Umpire's Decision*

# VHS Hosts Waycross

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens will be trying to boost their high school basketball records back toward the break-even mark here Tuesday against Waycross.

After losing their first five games, the Wildcats have won three of their last four

### AREA HOOPS SLATE

- Tiffin at VSC  
Tonight College
- Waycross at Valdosta  
Berrien at Atkinson  
Doerun at Lanier  
Westbrook at Southwood  
Irwin at Clinch  
Cairo at Brooks
- Tuesday  
Prep
- Wednesday  
College
- Ga. Southwestern at VSC  
NFJC at FJC Tourney
- Thursday  
College
- Memphis St. at VSC Women  
NFJC at FJC Tourney
- Prep
- Dixie at Hamilton Girls

with the help of the VHS football players, who missed the opening games because of the grid playoffs.

Valdosta, now 3-6, narrowly missed a berth in the finals of the Lowndes Invitational Christmas Tournament, falling to top-seeded Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) 61-59 in the semifinal round.

It was the first time since 1970 the Valdosta boys haven't been in the finals of the 26-year-old tournament.

"I'm disappointed to lose but I can see a better day ahead," VHS Coach Norman

Sainz said after the Berrien game.

The Kittens, coached by Jerry Baker, have lost five straight games after winning their first three contests.

The losing streak began when the Valdosta girls almost came away with an upset of cross-county rival Lowndes. The Vikettes finally escaped with a 43-36 victory.

After Tuesday's contests, which begin at 7 p.m. at the VHS gym with the girls' game, Valdosta meets Bainbridge here Friday.

In the only area basketball action tonight, Valdosta State hosts Tiffin (Ohio) University.

In other prep contests Tuesday, Berrien travels to Pearson to meet Atkinson County, Lanier hosts Doerun in Lakeland, Ga., Valwood leaves Valdosta for a bout with Southwood in Waycross, and Clinch County entertains Irwin County (Ocilla) in Homerville.

Also, Westbrook (Dixie) meets Westwood in Camilla, and Brooks County hosts Cairo in Quitman.

In Wednesday's games, VSC battles Georgia Southwestern here and North Florida Junior College (Madison, Fla.) is scheduled to begin opening round action in the Florida Junior College tournament in Jacksonville, Fla.

# 'Cats Strengthen Hold On Top Spot

By The Associated Press  
The No. 1 spot in college football may be in question, but there's no doubt about who's on top in college basketball.

The University of Kentucky, 8-0 after Saturday's 73-68 victory over highly-regarded Notre Dame, received all 32 first-place votes and a total of 640 points to retain first place in the weekly basketball balloting announced Monday.

North Carolina, which raised its record to 10-1 with three victories last week, retained second place with 549 points in the weekly poll of a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Arkansas, 10-0, winner of both its games last week, held third place with 491 points.

Defending national champion Marquette, which also won twice last week to boost its record to 7-1,

climbed one notch to fourth place with 421 points while Notre Dame, 7-2 after its loss to Kentucky, slipped from fourth to fifth with 356 points.

Indiana State, 8-0, remained in sixth with 321 points and UCLA, 9-1, moved up from eighth to seventh with 308 points. Each won its only game last week.

Syracuse, Nevada-Las Vegas and Louisville completed the Top Ten. Syracuse, 10-1 after a pair of victories last week, rose from 10th place to eighth with 205 points; Nevada-Las Vegas, 13-0 after also winning two games last week, remained in ninth with 198 points, and Louisville, 7-2 after splitting its two games, dropped three places to 10th with 147 points.

All records are through games of Sunday, Jan. 1. Monday night's games were not considered for this poll.

The Second Ten consisted

of Indiana, Cincinnati, Virginia, Kansas, Maryland, Holy Cross, Providence, Michigan State, San Francisco and Georgetown, D.C.

There were two newcomers to the Top Twenty this week, Michigan State and Georgetown, replacing Florida State and Detroit.

The AP Top Twenty  
By The Associated Press  
The Top Twenty teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, season records through Sunday's games and total points. Points based on 20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1:

1. Kentucky (32)	8-0	640
2. North Carolina	10-1	549
3. Arkansas	10-0	491
4. Marquette	7-1	421
5. Notre Dame	7-2	356
6. Indiana State	8-0	321
7. UCLA	9-1	308
8. Syracuse	10-1	205
9. Nevada-Las Vegas	13-0	198
10. Louisville	7-2	147
11. Indiana	8-1	143
12. Cincinnati	7-1	138
13. Virginia	7-0	95
14. Kansas	9-2	74
15. Maryland	9-1	68
16. Holy Cross	7-1	35
17. Providence	8-1	33
18. Michigan State	8-1	21
19. San Francisco	8-3	18
20. Georgetown, D.C.	8-2	14

## BIBLE VERSE

"By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life." Proverbs 22:4

## School Salaries And Taxes...

A school official in Georgia these days can't talk about public education without talking about two things: higher teacher salaries and the property tax for financing local school budgets.

Georgia's new school superintendent, Charles McDaniel, was here this week and true to form he talked about salaries and taxes. Teacher salaries need to be upgraded and ways must be found to finance the local schools' share of the budget other than through the property tax.

Increasing teacher salaries is an age-old theme. It is first and foremost on the list of everyone in public education, whether at the top level or a teacher group. There is evidence, too, that too many would-be excellent teachers are finding their way into other professions because of the money involved.

Dr. McDaniel said the goal for teacher salaries should be to put Georgia at the top of the list in the Southeast. Well, that's a suitable goal. It ought to be coupled with performance goals, demanding greater performance from public school teachers in return for higher levels of pay. Too many times it is a one-way street: higher salaries but no demands for higher performance.

The question of property taxes for local

school support is a burning issue with school people. As the tax rates continue to rise, it is the local school board and superintendent who bear the brunt of the taxpayers' ire. They don't like it. They want to change the system.

Dr. McDaniel said new formulas for local school support must be devised. One reason, of course, is the obvious public relations problem with irate taxpayers. The other is the wide difference in ability to pay because of huge differences in tax values from one county or community to another.

The school people want a sales tax increase to help finance public education so the property tax rates can be reduced. There is such a move underway in the legislature.

Details thus far are fuzzy. If Georgia, however, is going to increase its sales tax for schools, then it must decrease its property tax by a corresponding amount.

We've had experience here in our city and county where we thought the local option sales tax would bring on a property tax decrease. It did in the city, but not in the county. The next result was that both got themselves a nice overall tax increase. We must make sure that any sales tax increase for the schools doesn't wind up costing us more in taxes.

## VHS 9th Grade Beats Moultrie

By Times Staff Writer  
Beverly Wilson and Dante Jones led Valdosta past Moultrie in a pair of ninth grade basketball games played Wednesday.

Wilson threw in 12 points as the Valdosta girls dumped the Packerettes, 43-27. Miriam Edmonds was the top Moultrie scorer, with 14 points.

Jones swished the cords for 18 points and Gary Cothran added 10, sending the Valdosta boys to a 51-48 win.

Eddie Stevens led Moultrie with 14 points, and Charlie Yates bumped in 12.

# Valdosta Chalks Up Win Over Waycross

Wed., Jan 4, 1978

Fla. Times Union

By LAWRENCE DENNIS  
Times-Union Sports Writer

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Valdosta basketball Coach Norman Saintz always says that he has two basketball teams — one without his football players and then a new one when the gridders get back from the playoffs.

Sainz had two basketball teams on the same floor at Wildcat Gym here Friday night or it seems in his inter-region game with Waycross.

The first team played the first half and had to struggle to tie the underdog the class AA Bulldogs at intermission.

But a different team took the floor in the second half, outscored the Bulldogs 14-8 in the third period for a 53-47 lead going into the final stanza and wound up with a 72-63 final victory margin.

In the girl's game, Valdosta rallied from a five point deficit at the beginning of the fourth quarter and came back to beat Waycross 67-60.

"We made up our mind that we had been standing around in the first half with our hands at our side, Sainz said. "We didn't believe that they (Waycross) could shoot as well as they could and they came out there and shot the eyes out of it."

The Bulldogs did shoot the eyes out of it in the first half, but the second half belonged to the Val. defense. Particularly the late third and early fourth quarter when the Wild. were building their lead.

## Box Score

WAYCROSS (63): Taylor 23, Bailey 2, Williams 6, Carter 10, Junior 6, Plowden 2, Swinson 2, Hill 8, Young 4.  
VALDOSTA (72): Lastinger 9, Daniels 19, Worthy 21, Stroud 7, Hartman 8, Gordon 2, Dame 2, Faix 2, Bond 2.  
Halftime: 32-32.

Val used two steals by Spencer Faix and one each by Allen Worthy and David New to convert layups and then used a pair of fast breaks by

John Lastdinger and John Vaughn for two more buckets. That made it 65-47 Valdosta, with just over five minutes in the game, and for all intense and purposes the game was over then.

The 'Cats are now 4-6, 4-1 since the football players returned and Waycross slipped to 2-3. Lisa Feix was the high scorer for the Kittens with 24, but Renee Whitehead, a 5-foot-10 junior center supplied most of the points that allowed the Wildcats to go ahead for good midway in the fourth quarter. Whitehead was deadly on baseline layups during that span and finished the night with 13 points.

Vanessa Bennett led Waycross with 15 points, followed by Kathy Meeks' 13, and Barbara Standley's 12.

Valdosta hosts Bainbridge in a region 1-AAA (south) game Friday night.

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# VHS Eyes Revenge Against Lowndes

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens have revenge in mind when they meet their crosstown rivals, Lowndes' Vikings and Vikettes, in high school basketball games here Tuesday.

Lowndes swept both ends of the twin-bill when the two

## AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight  
Prep  
Newberry at Hamilton girls  
College  
Florida Southern at VSC  
Tuesday  
Prep

Valdosta at Lowndes  
Clinch at Berrien  
Atkinson at Lanier  
Brooks at Cook  
Echols at St. George  
Ravenwood at Westbrook  
Jefferson at Madison boys  
Hamilton boys at Santa Fe  
P.K. Yonge at Hamilton girls  
College

Gulf Coast at NFJC  
Thursday  
Savannah St. at VSC Women  
Friday  
Prep

Crisp at Valdosta  
Tift at Lowndes  
Berrien at Jeff Davis  
Norman Park at Lanier  
Brookwood at GCS  
Echols at Cook  
Valwood at Tift area  
Pineland at Westbrook  
Clinch at Brntley  
Mitchell at Brooks  
Santa Fe at Madison boys  
College

NFJC at Chopola  
Saturday  
Prep  
Valdosta at Waycross  
Lanier at Clinch  
Cook boys at Fitzgerald  
Cook girls at Worth  
Broxton at Echols  
Madison at Hamilton  
College  
VSC at Florida Southern

Region 1-AAA schools met at VHS before Christmas.

Coach Jerry Baker's Kittens, 4-6 on the year and losers of six of their last seven games, have their work cut out for them against the talented Vikettes of coach Charles Cooper.

The Lowndes girls, defending state class AAA champions, have racked up 42 consecutive wins, including 12 this season.

The Vikettes have made the most of the inside play of a

## The Valdosta Daily Times SPORTS

towering front line, including Rhonda Rowell, Marcia Player and Pam Johnson, in rolling past their foes this season.

Cooper said he felt his team has improved since defeating Valdosta earlier in the year.

"We're playing better basketball now than we were at that time," he said. "We were kind of in a slump then. I think it'll be a pretty good ballgame."

The aggressive Kittens have suffered lately from a lack of height and from inconsistency in their shooting game.

Baker said after their most recent loss, to Bainbridge, that his team would have to work on its shooting, and on competing inside.

Baker wasn't saying what his strategy would be, but Cooper said he expected the Kittens to slow the ball down and upset the high-powered Vikettes' attack.

"The last three times we've played them," he said, "they've tried to slow the ball down. I look for them to do the same thing again."

The boys' game matches the tough inside play of coach Terry Wilkes' Vikes against coach Norman Sainz's revamped VHS team.

When the two schools met before the holidays, many Valdosta players were still out with the football program.

Neither team fared well

over the weekend. The Vikes fell 74-63 before Westover, while the Wildcats were dumped 71-55 by league-leading Bainbridge.

Wilkes cited a need for fewer turnovers for his 8-4 team, while Sainz was generally displeased with the poor shooting percentage his 4-7 'Cats experienced against Bainbridge.

The Lowndes-Valdosta doubleheader is part of a full slate of area hardwood action.

Tonight, Hamilton County's girls host Newberry in Jasper, Fla., and in a college game, Valdosta State plays host to Florida Southern.

In other Tuesday action, Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) entertains Atkinson County (Pearson) and Echols County (Statenville) visits St. George in Region 2-B games.

Clinch County (Homer-ville) goes to Nashville to battle Berrien in Region 2-A (South) contests, and Cook (Adel) hosts Brooks County (Quitman) in Region 1-AA (West) encounters.

Ravenwood (Meigs) is at Westbrook (Dixie) in a Southeastern Association of Independent Schools twin-bill.

In games involving Florida Schools, Madison's boys play host to Jefferson County (Monticello), Hamilton's boys travel to Alachua to meet Santa Fe, and Hamilton's girls play in Jasper against P.K. Yonge (Gainesville).

## VHS Wins Contest

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta High School had a sweet taste of victory over Clarke Central High School of Athens, which defeated the VHS Wildcats for the state football championship.

The VHS math team took first place among 29 teams in the VHS Math Contest, held Saturday at the school.

And Richard Clayton of VHS took first place in the individual awards.

According to Mike Rogers, math department head, this is the first math contest held at VHS. It was sponsored by the school Math Club.

The were 135 students from 13 area schools competing in individual and team exams.

Trophies were awarded the top two teams and awards were given the top 10 individual winners.

Macon Central high School was second place team and Clarke Central was third.

On the VHS team were Clayton, Rusty Overby, John Branan and Karl Chiang.

Individual winners in addition to Clayton were: Michael Coolidge, second, of Lowndes High School; John Payne, third, of Westover High School in Albany; Fred Holtz, fourth, of Clarke Central; Chiang, fifth;

Also: Keith McGregor, sixth, of Macon Central; Overby, seventh; Markie Senn, eighth, of Coffee County High School; and tying for ninth were Steve Hauss of Clarke Central and Steve Hammond of Macon Central.



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*VHS Coach Nick Hyder Congratulates LHS's Charles Burgman*

## 'Cats Win, Tie Matches

By Times Staff Writer  
**FITZGERALD** — Valdosta High School salvaged a win and a tie in wrestling matches with Southwest of Macon and Perry here Saturday.

Valdosta tied the Macon school 30-30 and defeated Perry 39-15 to raise its season record to 2-0-1.

"I feel like we did a pretty good job, considering our wrestlers who play football have only practiced five days," VHS Coach Jim Landrum said. "We should be back at full strength in about two weeks."

David Clifton, a 140-pounder who's one of four VHS wrestlers still undefeated, received a trophy from the Fitzgerald Boosters for the quickest pin of the day. Clifton pinned one opponent in 46 seconds.

Other unbeaten Wildcats include Greg Godwin in the 107-pound class, Arthur Albritton in the 121-pound class and Steve Hall in the 157-pound class.

Valdosta meets Tift County (Tifton) in front of the VHS student body Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

1-2-78

### Backward Glance

(From The Valdosta Daily Times, Jan. 2, 1953.)

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

But New Year's Day brought a band of husky, white-shirted athletes from West Springfield Mass., to do battle with Valdosta in the Peanut Bowl here. And in 24 action-bulging minutes, the

Wildcats and the Northerners provided 800 Valdosta spectators and hundreds more listening on the radio at home, with a whole season's worth of thrills, excitement and freezing suspense.

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

### VHS Freshmen Defeat VJHS

1-3-78

By Times Staff Writer

The Valdosta High School ninth grade basketball teams grabbed a pair of victories over Valdosta Junior High School here Monday.

Savoil King flipped in 16 points, and Dante Jones added 14 more to power the VHS ninth grade boys to a 44-41 decision. Clinton East hit for 16 points for VJHS, and Keith Sampson chipped in 13 more.

Tracy Irvin's nine points topped the VHS ninth grade girls in their 24-17 win. Kim Gandy stuck in seven points for VJHS.

### Four 'Cats Unbeaten

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## VHS Wrestlers Rip Tift

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta proved to be a rude host, sweeping to a 53-9 rout of Tift County in a high

school wrestling match held here Thursday.

The Wildcats started things off right when Greg Godwin

pinned Wesley Mims in 18 seconds in the 100-pound class, and kept the pressure on as the VHS student body looked on.

Godwin, Arthur Allbritton in the 114-pound class, David Clifton in the 128-pound class, and Steve Hall in the 157-pound division, all remained undefeated for Valdosta.

Wildcat coach Jim Landrum said he was "real proud of every one of my wrestlers."

"Each of them has set a goal for this year," he said, "and they are wrestling together as a team, to achieve that goal."

Individual results follow:  
100-lb. class — Greg Godwin (V) pinned Wesley Mims; 107-lb. class — Andy Jaramillo (V) decisioned Joe Davenport, 15-4; 114-lb. class — Arthur Allbritton (V) pinned Wilfred Nichols; 121-lb. class — Danny Jaramillo (V) decisioned John Tibbetts, 7-6; 128-lb. class — David Clifton (V) pinned James Tyree; 134-lb. class — John Jubert (V) pinned Greg Hall; 140-lb. class — Ricky Beeford (T) decisioned William Gaskins, 4-1; 147-lb. class — Melvin Hunter (V) pinned Robert Jones; 157-lb. class — Steve Hall (V) pinned Danny Morris; 167-lb. class — Billy Redfield (V) pinned John Hillman; 187-lb. class — Curtis Wright (V) decisioned Nate Taylor, 8-2; heavyweight class — Joe Brooks (T) pinned Hammer Harden.

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## Once-Beaten Bainbridge Meets VHS Here Friday

By Times Staff Writer

Catching a previously unbeaten team just off its first loss of the season usually means disaster for that team's next opponent.

Norman Sainz is in the market for some disaster insurance.

Sainz coaches the Valdosta High School boys' basketball team which has the unenviable task of taking on Bainbridge's Bearcats here Friday night in the second half of a prep basketball twin-bill.

In the 7 p.m. opener, Valdosta's 4-5 Kittens take on the 9-2 Bainbridge girls.

Bainbridge's boys' team carried a 10-0 record into Albany Wednesday night and came away with an 84-79 defeat at the hands of the once-beaten Dougherty Trojans. The Bearcats trimmed the Trojans 64-62 in the finals of the Albany Invitational Christmas

### Area Scoreboard

<b>Tonight</b> Memphis State at VSC Women NFJC in FJC Tourney <b>Prep</b> Dixie at Hamilton girls <b>Friday</b> NFJC at Lake City Tourney <b>Prep</b> Bainbridge at Valdosta Lowndes at Westover Berrien at Irwin Broxton at Lanier Riverview at GCS Cook at Cairo	Fitzgerald at Brooks boys Doerun at Echols Dixie at Hamilton boys Westbrook at Tiffarea Clinch at Atkinson Madison at Suwannee	<b>Saturday</b> College VSC at Augusta NFJC at Lake City Tourney VSC Women at Albany State <b>Prep</b> Clinch at Blackshear Valwood at Westwood Suwannee at Hamilton
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Tournament earlier in the season.

"To be able to play with them, we've got to stay with them on the boards" Sainz said of his 4-6 Wildcats. "They've got big, physical personnel."

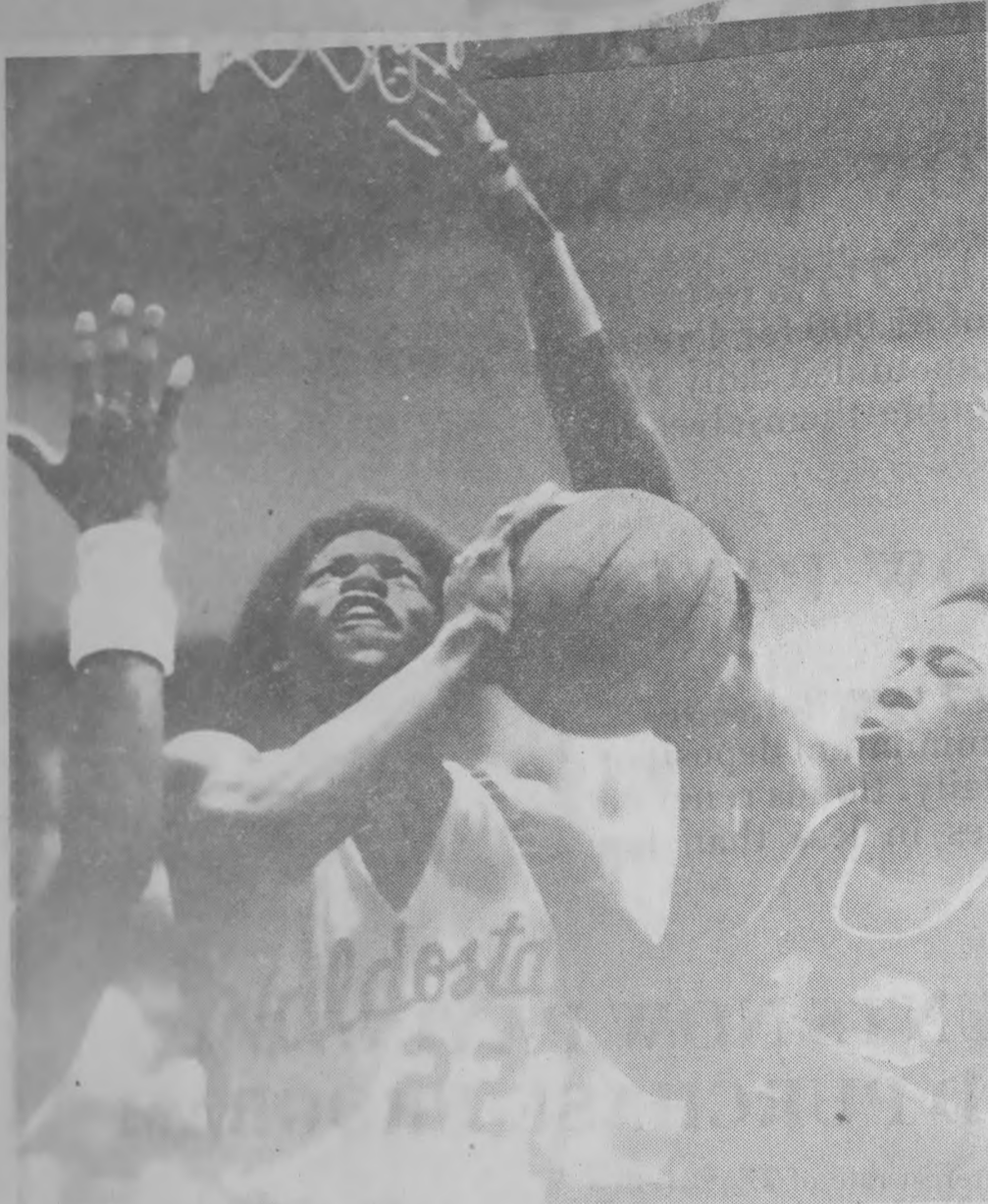
"We've got the people to do it. It's just a matter of them coming through for us."

Valdosta's front line features 6-6 senior Jim Hartman, 6-4 senior Cedric Stroud and 6-3 senior Allen Worthy. The guards are 6-1

senior Chandler Daniels and 6-2 junior John Lastinger.

Bainbridge blasted Valdosta 71-54 earlier in the season but Hartman, Worthy and Lastinger were still involved in the state football playoffs. The 'Cats lost their first five games without the football players.

"The football players are still not in the groove yet," Sainz said. "They're getting that way but they're not all the way back yet."



—Times Staff Photos By Ken Klanicki

Wildcats' Allen Worthy Has 2-Point Look In His Eyes While Vanessa Bennett Shoots Over Renee Whitehead

# Windex Clean

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## Wildcats, Kittens Wipe Out Waycross

By MIKE CHASON

Valdosta reached for the Windex in the second half and wiped out Waycross' Bulldogs 72-63 in a high school basketball game here Tuesday night.

In the opening half of the twin-bill, Lisa Feix threw in 24 points to spark the Valdosta girls to a 67-60 victory over the Bulldogettes.

After trailing almost all the way in the opening two quarters, the hometown Wildcats cleaned the glass at both ends of the floor in the third period.

Valdosta's long-armed front line of 6-3 senior Allen Worthy, 6-4 senior Cedric Stroud and 6-6 senior Jim Hartman ripped off the rebounds to trigger VHS's free-wheeling fast break offense.

Backcourtmen Chandler Daniels and John Lastinger did the rest. Daniels out-quickened every Bulldog on the floor for 19 points. Lastinger had nine points and several key assists.

After Waycross ate a late supper off Valdosta's man-to-man defense in the first half, Wildcat Coach Norman Sainz switched to a zone for the final two quarters and silenced the Bulldogs' inside game.

"We had a lot of people just standing around in the man-to-man," Sainz said. "I just didn't think they could continue to shoot as well from the outside the second half against the zone."

And they didn't. After whipping the ball inside for easy layups in the

first half, Waycross had to depend on outside shooting against the zone. And the long range cannons just weren't there.

"I think Waycross is a whale of a fine ballclub," Sainz said. "If they played everybody as good as they played us tonight, they could stay with anybody around."

"I thought Chandler Daniels and Allen Worthy both did good jobs for us. We did some things at times tonight we were supposed to be doing all along."

Worthy stuck in 21 points for the 'Cats, who raised their record to 4-6. Valdosta lost its first five games of the season when it was without its football-playing regulars.

"Our shot selection is still poor, and we did stand around some, but we're getting better," Sainz said.

At times, the Valdosta fast break clicked like the Boston Celtic teams of old with Daniels on the receiving end of most of the passes. The 6-1 senior, who possesses hornet-like quickness, hit shots at the buzzer to close both the first and second quarters.

Enroute to a 65-47 advantage with 4:56 to play, Stroud streaked downcourt for a smashing slam dunk of the Darryl Dawkins variety.

Through the shooting of Keith Taylor, who had 23 points, and Steve Carter, who had 10, Waycross tried to get back into the game in the final minutes.

But Lastinger and Daniels dribbled right through the Bulldogs' fullcourt press.

Valdosta's Kittens pressed

the entire game to subdue the more physical Bulldogettes, who got most of their points within eight feet of the basket.

The VHS girls, now 4-5, cracked a five-game losing streak with a fourth-quarter string of points, highlighted by the long-range gunning of Feix and the inside baskets of Renee Whitehead.

Whitehead had 13 points on the night.

"I didn't start Renee tonight but she came off the bench to play about as good as she's played all year," VHS Coach Jerry Baker said. "Maggie Powell really helped us on the press. She made a lot of interceptions for us."

On two straight trips down the floor in the final period, the scoring combination was Powell-to-Feix-to-Whitehead. Powell had 10 points.

Waycross pulled ahead 50-45 with 5:36 to play in the game on a Barbara Stanley basket. Soon after, Stanley's two partners under the boards, Kathy Meeks and Vanessa Bennett, retired to the bench with five fouls.

Bennett had 15 points, Meeks added 13, and Stanley chipped in 12.

"That was a big factor when the big girl (Bennett) fouled out," Baker said. "We ran with the ball well after that."

With only seconds left in the game, VHS forward Vera

Crawford had to be helped from the floor. Baker said she had a knee injury.

Valdosta hosts Bainbridge Friday.

In an afternoon contest, the VHS B-team took its first victory of the season in a 45-32 win over the Waycross B-team. Bernard Gamble had eight points for Valdosta, now 1-5. Cecil Brown had six to lead Waycross.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	15 33 43 47
Waycross	12 23 44 40
VALDOSTA (67) — Powell 10, Crawford 6, Whitehead 13, Feix 24, Berrian 3, Evans 7, Cooper 2, Baker.	
Team totals: field goals 24, free throws 19 of 25, fouls 20.	
WAYCROSS (40) — Stanley 12, Meeks 13, Bennett 15, Lott 9, Price 2, White 9, Smith.	
Team totals: field goals 22, free throws 16 of 25, fouls 19.	

BOYS	
Valdosta	17 29 53 72
Waycross	22 39 47 43
VALDOSTA (72) — Lastinger 9, Chandler Daniels 19, Worthy 21, Stroud 7, Hartman 8, Chris Daniels, Cesar, New, Gordon 2, Darne 2, Feix 2, Bond 2, Powell.	
Team totals: field goals 32, free throws 8 of 20, fouls 18.	
WAYCROSS (63) — Taylor 23, Bailey 2, Williams 6, Carter 10, Junior 6, Plowden 2, Swinson 2, Smith, Hill 8, Young 4.	
Team totals: field goals 28, free throws 7 of 18, fouls 18.	



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# '77 Highlights

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## Educators Recall The Good Things

By MARCIA McRAE

What makes a year memorable for educators? As 1978 arrives, what are the things they are looking back on as highlights of 1977?

"Making it through the year," said A. B. "Sonny" Martin, Lowndes County School superintendent.

"That's probably the truest one," he said after listing the Lowndes High School basketball girls winning the Triple A championship and LHS beating Valdosta High School in football.

"As for accomplishments, there have been greater years. This has just been a relatively normal year. Maybe that's an achievement," he said.

"Personally, the greatest thing this year was getting a piano for Christmas," Martin said.

Carlton Adams, LHS principal, claimed Martin's sports highlights as red letters on his 1977 calendar too.

But it's the accomplishments of the students that really count, he said.

"I'm just pleased every day with the good students we have and the accomplishments they have. Really that's what the school is for. When we see them succeed, that's a highlight for us."

VHS Principal Lloyd Mims counts the school's sports program, especially the state football playoff as a highlight.

"And the balance we've achieved academically with the implementation of the college prep and advance placement program I'm proud of.

"My only disappointment is we can't get enough students and parents interested in them.

"But the overall smoothness of a school our size and the cooperation of our town have made it a real good year in education," he said.

Mims counts those as personal highlights too, since he doesn't have a lot of time to himself to catch the biggest bass ever.

"In fact, not catching that bass is one of the biggest disappointments of the year," he said, adding he's planning to one day.

Planning ahead is listed among highlights by Joella Blackburn, city school board chairman.

"The fact we are beginning to make long-range plans for our school system is a highlight," said Mrs. Blackburn.

"For years we have waited until the last moment for many plans but now we are looking ahead to future school needs and use of our facilities," she said.

"Several things come to mind as I look back over the year. I think first of Mr. (J. Foster) Goolsby who served us so long and so well," she said of the system's former superintendent who retired in June.

"I also think of the fact we had so many court suits and of all the time we had to spend on legal problems that could be settled in some other way.

"And I'm proud of our children's records set on testing," she said.

Turning to her personal highlights, she talked about her children.

"For me personally, I'm very proud of the fact in my almost 14 years on the board I've been able to see two of my three children graduate from high school here.

"I'm very proud they've gotten a good education in Valdosta public schools and I'll see one more graduate in this term on the board."

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**VHS Wrestlers**

### Host Lincoln

By Times Staff Writer

Valdosta High School's wrestling team pits its 3-0-1 record against Lincoln (Tallahassee, Fla.) here tonight.

Coach Jim Landrum's Valdosta team is fresh off a 53-9 pasting of Tift County (Tifton) in a match held Thursday before the VHS student body.

The Valdosta-Lincoln matchup is slated to begin at 7 p.m., at the VHS gymnasium.



Barbara Barnes is the Valdosta High School cheerleader sponsor, but she gets just as involved in the game as her cheering squad — sometimes even more so — as this sequence



of photos shows. The Bainbridge Bearcats, one of the top-ranked prep basketball teams in the state, came to the VHS gym Friday night to battle the Improving Wildcats and Kiltens.



and Ms. Barnes was primed for an upset. But alas, her cheers during the early minutes of the contest turned to fist-pounding, teeth-gritting, head-holding frustration as the Bainbridge



teams recorded two wins. Details of the games are on page 6.—Times Staff Photos by Ken Klanicki.

## Frustration

# Bainbridge Storms Past Wildcats, Kittens

By MARTIN REGISTER  
Bainbridge's Bearcats and Bearkittens gave Valdosta a hint as to why both are among Region 1-AAA frontrunners in high school basketball action here Friday night.

The 10-2 Bearkittens stormed away in the fourth quarter to rout the Valdosta girls 64-39 in the night's opening contest.

Then, in the nightcap, the Bearcats grabbed an early lead and kept it enroute to a 71-55 win over the Valdosta boys, improving their record to 11-1.

The Bainbridge boys used pinpoint shooting by Donald Barber, Greg Bess and Curtis Henry in the first period to swipe a 20-10 lead over coach Norman Sainz's Wildcats.

The two teams played on nearly even terms after that, as the Bearcat lead ranged from seven to 15 points.

It was never really close, but the improving 4-7 Valdosta team wouldn't give the Bearcats any breathing room.

Sainz admitted his team, which hit only 34 percent of its shots from the field, "could have played better."

"Fouls gave us trouble," he said. "They (Bainbridge) have an excellent

free throw shooting team. And we had a bad shooting night.

"On defense, they cut off our passes, and made us get out of our offense. And we didn't run the ball sometimes when we should have."

Bainbridge made only three more field goals than Valdosta, but capitalized at the free throw line, where it canned 23 of 33 attempts.

Barber, the 6-7 Bainbridge center, finished with 22 points, while Bess added 14 and Henry put in 14. Dale Mock contributed 11 more.

The inside game of Jimmy Hartman and Cedric Stroud clicked at times for Valdosta.

Hartman threw in 11 points and Stroud hit for 10.

Fouls also got Coach Jerry Baker's Kittens, now 4-6, in trouble against the high-powered Bearkittens.

Valdosta stayed within striking distance of the

Bainbridge team through the early part of the fourth quarter, when Maggie Powell left the game via the five fouls route.

Minus Powell and Vera Crawford, the starting Kitten center, out with a leg injury, the shorter Kittens couldn't compete on the boards.

Valdosta's Lisa Feix connected on a jumper late in the third period to narrow the Bainbridge advantage to 41-35, but after that the Kitten side of the scoreboard fell silent.

Lee Ann Harrell and Terralynn Edwards rolled

under the bucket for jumpers and layups, and Cheryl Strickland and Sheila Williams bombed in

set shots from outside as the Bearkittens pulled farther and farther out of sight.

It was five minutes and 16 Bainbridge points later before Valdosta could score again, on a jump shot

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by Shirley Berrian.

Baker agreed that rebounding was the key.

"With Vera (Crawford) and Maggie (Powell) out, that killed us on the boards," he said.

"But Bainbridge is a fine ballclub. They ran real well, and they deserved to win it."

Strickland dumped in 16 points to pace Bainbridge, while Harrell hit for 13, Edwards chipped in 12 and Williams sacked 10.

Powell and Berrian chalked up 11 points each for Valdosta, and Feix wound up with 10.

Valdosta travels across town Tuesday for bouts with cross-county rival Lowndes.

**GIRLS**  
Bainbridge 15 29 43 64  
Valdosta 11 26 35 39  
BAINBRIDGE (64) — Strickland 16, Harrell 13, Edwards 12, Williams 10, T. Gadsen 8, C. Gadsen 2, Brown 2, Jenkins 1, Coyle, Moore.  
Team totals: field goals 27, free throws 10 of 24, fouls 11.  
VALDOSTA (39) — Powell 11, Berrian 11, Feix 10, Whitehead 7, Evans, Cooper, Baker.  
Team totals: field goals 17, free throws 5 of 9, fouls 21.

**BOYS**  
Bainbridge 20 35 47 71  
Valdosta 10 25 39 55  
BAINBRIDGE (71) — D. Barber 22, Bess 16, Henry 14, Mock 11, R. Barber 5, Shealy 3, Taylor, Boggles.  
Team totals: field goals 24, free throws 23 of 33, fouls 25.  
VALDOSTA (55) — Hartman 11, Stroud 10, Lashinger 8, Daniels 8, Worthing 6, Caesar 6, New 2, Beue 2, Gordon, Bond.  
Team totals: field goals 21, free throws 13 of 24, fouls 25.



Bainbridge's Kenneth Biggles (14), Cheryl Strickland (52) Plow Inside For Buckets —Times Staff Photos. By Ken Klamicki

# Valdosta, Lowndes Set 1978 Grid Slates

By MIKE CHASON  
Valdosta's Wildcats open up with Central of Thomasville, and Lowndes Vikings kick off with Albany, according to the 1978 Region 1-AAA high school football schedule set up Monday.

The coaches of the 12 member schools of the region met in Moultrie Monday to vote on the 10-game schedule, which is to be in effect for two years.

All the 1-AAA schools are scheduled to open on the weekend of Sept. 1 and end regular season action on Nov.

3. On Nov. 10, the top team record-wise in the north subregion is to host the number two team record-wise in the south subregion. On the same night, the team with the best record in the south subregion is to host the team with the second-best record from the north subregion.

On Nov. 17, the winners of the two games are scheduled to meet for the region championship. The region winner advances to the state playoffs.

After opening with Central on Sept. 1 here, Valdosta travels to Crisp County (Cordele) on Sept. 8 before returning home for a Sept. 15 bout with Thomasville. The Wildcats are also at home on Sept. 22 against Albany. On Sept. 29, Valdosta hits the road to Moultrie, followed by another road trip to Tifton on Oct. 6 to play Tift County. The Wildcats host Lowndes on Oct. 13.

Valdosta travels to Albany on either Oct. 20 or 21 to meet Monroe. VHS Coach Nick Hyder said the date had not

been confirmed. Bainbridge comes to Valdosta on Oct. 27, and the 'Cats close out their regular season schedule Nov. 3 in Albany against Dougherty.

"We've got four of our five subregion games on the road but you can't have everything," Hyder said. "That does mean that in 1979 we'll have those four subregion games at home."

Valdosta campaigns in the north subregion with Dougherty, Monroe, Albany, Tift County and Crisp County. Lowndes is included in the

south subregion with Thomasville, Central of Thomasville, Moultrie, Bainbridge and Westover (Albany).

Hyder pointed out that his team opens with a non-subregion opponent, Central, and closes the season with what was Valdosta's toughest subregion opponent, Dougherty, last year.

Lowndes is also scheduled to open with a non-subregion opponent when the Vikings meet Albany on the road on either Sept. 1 or Sept. 2. LHS Coach Joe Wilson said the

date has not been confirmed yet.

On Sept. 8, Lowndes meets Moultrie on the road before returning to Martin Stadium for its home opener on Sept. 15. On Sept. 22, Lowndes takes on Central in Thomasville.

The Vikings host Dougherty Sept. 29 and Westover on Oct. 6. LHS travels across the county to battle Valdosta on Oct. 13.

On Oct. 20, Lowndes hosts Bainbridge, followed by a trip to Crisp County on Oct. 27. Thomasville comes here for

the season finale against the Vikings on Nov. 3.

The way the schedule is now set up, Lowndes and Valdosta both have home games on Sept. 15. Wilson said he has tentatively agreed to switch his team's game to Sept. 16.

In return, Hyder said his team had tentatively agreed to switch its second game of the season in 1979 to Saturday night. Lowndes would host Moultrie the same night Valdosta hosted Crisp in 1979 without the switch.

"That's the way it's tentatively set up," Wilson said. "But we're looking at other possibilities. We're going to do what's right for the fans though. We'll work it out." The schedules follow:

**VALDOSTA**  
Sept. 1, Central, home; Sept. 8, Crisp, away; Sept. 15, Thomasville, home; Sept. 22, Albany, home; Sept. 29, Moultrie, away; Oct. 6, Tift, away; Oct. 13, Lowndes, home; Oct. 20 or 21, Monroe, away; Oct. 27, Bainbridge, home; Nov. 3, Dougherty, away.

**LOWNDES**  
Sept. 1 or 2, Albany, away; Sept. 8, Moultrie, away; Sept. 15, Tift, home; Sept. 22, Central, away; Sept. 29, Dougherty, home; Oct. 6, Westover, home; Oct. 13, Valdosta, away; Oct. 20, Bainbridge, home; Oct. 27, Crisp, away; Nov. 3, Thomasville, home.

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# LHS Boys Hold Off 'Cats, Vikettes Race Past Kittens

By MIKE CHASON

They came early, and they stayed late. In between, they got their money's worth.

A standing room only crowd of 2,400 hot-blooded basketball fans vented their emotions at the Lowndes High School gym here Tuesday night when cross-county rivals Lowndes and Valdosta squared up for the second time this season.

When the seemingly endless screams and screeches from both sides of the huge complex had finally faded into the freezing temperatures of the mid-winter night, nothing had really changed.

Lowndes still owned the bragging rights as the top basketball school in the county this season.

In the opener, the LHS girls charged to their 13th win in a row this year and 43rd straight over a period of two years in a 80-39 rout of the VHS Kittens.

The Lowndes' boys had some problems following suit but claimed an 82-75 win in a game which left both howling sections of fans with fluttering hearts and raw throats.

It was billed as a revenge game for the visiting Valdostans. When the Wildcats lost an 81-58 decision to the Vikings in December, they were without their football players, who were involved in the state playoffs.

Those players were back Tuesday night but to Donnie Carter and Woodrow Clemons, it really didn't make any difference.

Carter, a 6-5 junior, electrified the silver and maroon Viking followers with 27 points and one two-handed dunk shot from a standing start directly under the hoop. Clemons, a 6-3 senior workhorse, muscled in 24 points and broke the Wildcat press time and again by simply out-quicking his man down the floor.

But Carter was the difference.

"Donnie Carter's tough," VHS Coach Norman Sainz

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said with a look of helplessness after the emotion-packed contest. "He was the difference in the ballgame.

"I thought we were going to come back, but they shot the ball real well and handled our press when we tried to put pressure on them."

Viking Coach Terry Wilkes, who admitted he had worried long and hard about the game, also laid some words on the Carter-Clemons combination.

"Carter and Clemons just played super," Wilkes said. "Donnie was a lot more aggressive tonight. He took the challenge."

Wilkes said his team knew it had something to prove after whipping the 'Cats in their own gym without their football players.

"I think that was in the back of their minds," Wilkes said. "In fact, right before the opening tip, one of them mentioned that nobody thought we could beat them with their football players."

"I thought Norman's team played real well. They are going to get a lot better." After losing their last two games, Wilkes was looking for his now 9-4 Vikings to crack out of their shell and turn in a solid performance.

Behind the efforts of Carter and Clemons in addition to 13 points by Chuck Jones and 11 by Reggie Holloway, they did. Holloway sat out the last quarter with a cramp in his thigh.

Valdosta was also without one of its front-liners most of the final period when 6-4 senior Allen Worthy fouled out with 5:27 to play. Worthy, usually a double digit scorer, had nine points.

Jim Hartman led the now 4-

8 Wildcats with 18 points. Six-foot-four-inch Cedric Stroud added 14 with 12 coming in the second half.

VHS backcourtmen Chandler Daniels and John Lastinger flipped in 12 each.

Lowndes led every minute of the game except for 18 seconds in the first quarter when Stroud came flying downcourt for a monstrous dunk shot to put the 'Cats up 8-6.

Carter retaliated with his jet-propelled two-hand stuff, and the Vikings never trailed again.

With 3:36 left to play, Valdosta was behind 73-66 and still had a chance. But four free throws, a Carter basket and a running dunk by Clemons, which would have even made the good Doctor blink, sewed it up for the Vikes.

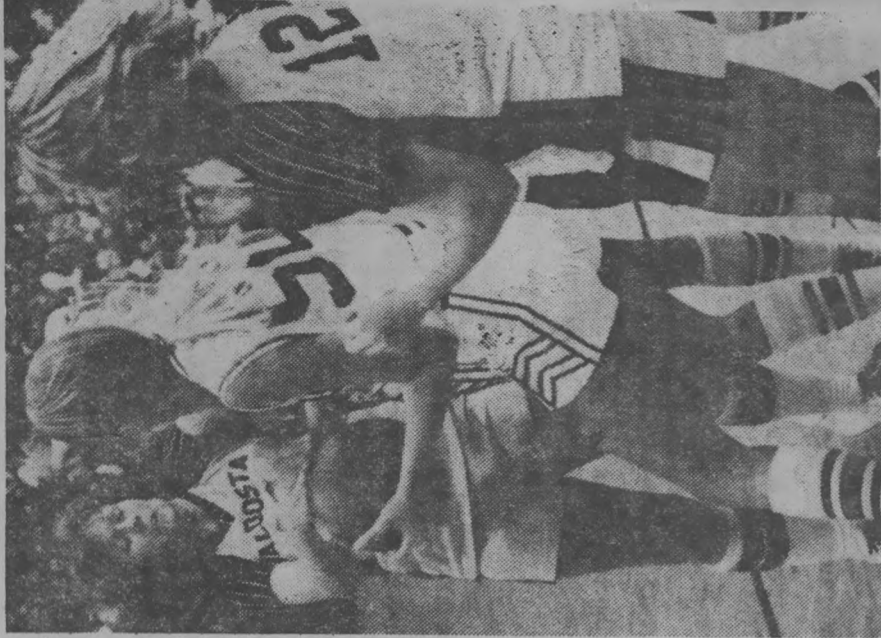
Valdosta hit shots at the buzzer at the end of each of the four quarters including a 32-footer by Buck Belue to close out the third stanza.

Belue played in his second game for the 'Cats after sitting out the first half of the season with a tender knee.

Although both sides cheered their team's baskets throughout the girls' game, the real war of words began afterwards.

"I know because he's got the national ranking, he's trying to score a lot, but one day it's going to catch up to him," VHS Coach Jerry Baker said, referring to LHS Coach Charles Cooper and the number one ranking his Vikettes attained last season.

"Don't take anything away from him. He's got a fine somebody like that... he left (Marcia) Player in there the whole ballgame.



—Times Staff Photo.

### VHS's Lisa Feix, Left, Grabs For Ball

"But every dog has his day. One day, it's going to catch up to him."

Baker was upset over the fact Cooper left Player, the Vikettes' senior forward, in the game until only 37 seconds remained. The final score was set when she went to the bench.

"She (Player) sat out almost the whole first half," Cooper said, referring to the fact Player picked up her third foul with 3:17 to play in the first quarter and did not return to the game the first half.

"At this time of the season, you don't want one of your starters to sit on the bench the whole game. She really only played a little over half the ballgame.

"Then too, he kept pressing the whole game. I've got to have somebody in there to control it with my substitutes."

Baker was only too willing to admit 6-4 sophomore Pam Johnson was the real

Berrien. Lisa Feix led the now 4-7 VHS girls with 14 points. Maggie Powell chipped in 11 more.

In a boys' B-team game, Lowndes took a 43-38 win behind 14 points by Reggie Miller. Bernard Gamble scored 15 points for Valdosta.

Valdosta hosts Crisp County (Cordele) Friday, while Lowndes entertains Tift County (Tifton).

#### GIRLS

Lowndes 18 43 64 80  
Valdosta 10 19 31 39  
LOWNDES (80) — Johnson 25, Rowell 15, Player 12, Berrien 12, Parker 4, Vickers 4, Smith 2, O'Neal 2, Griffin 4, Southerland, Brown, Montgomery, Laifu, Williams.  
Team totals: field goals 36, free throws 4 of 12, fouls 20.  
VALDOSTA (39) — Feix 14, Powell 11, Baker, Evans, Strider 7, Crawford, Cooper, Whitfield 7, Berrian 7, field goals 11, free throws 17 of 22, fouls 14.

#### BOYS

Lowndes 22 44 63 82  
Valdosta 17 35 54 75  
LOWNDES (82) — Carter 27, Clemons 24, Jones 13, Holloway 11, McEady 4, Burks 2, McCann 1.  
Team totals: field goals 35, free throws 12 of 22, fouls 22.  
VALDOSTA (75) — Hartman 18, Stroud 14, Lastinger 12, Daniels 12, Worthy 9, Belue 8, Feix 2, Casar, Dame, Bond.  
Team totals: field goals 30, free throws 15 of 25, fouls 19.



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### Allen Worthy (22) Gets Finger

Allen Worthy (22) Gets Finger

### Even At Ping-Pong

Dosta Hosts Crisp

Lowndes Entertains Tift County

By Times Staff Writer Lowndes and Valdosta entertain Region 1-AAA rivals among a full slate of area high school basketball games on tap tonight.

Lowndes plays host to Tift County (Tifton), while Valdosta takes on the challenge of Crisp County (Cordele).

season game, but with a performance which left Wilkes less than pleased.

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens will be trying to reverse a recent string of bad luck in their games with Crisp County.

Coach Jerry Baker's Kittens, 4-7, and the 4-8 Wildcats of Coach Norman Sainz, have dropped their last two games to region powers Bainbridge and Lowndes.

The VHS girls face a tall order in the 12-2 Cougarettes, leaders of Region 1-AAA's northern division.

The boys from Cordele bring a 7-3 record into their game with the Wildcats, who are still putting their game together after the fairly recent return of team

members who participated on the school's football team.

In other games on Friday's agenda, Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) hits the road to Hazlehurst to face Jeff Davis, and Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) entertains Norman Park.

Georgia Christian School plays host to Brookwood (Thomasville), Echols County (Statenville) is at Cook (Adel), and Valwood (Valdosta) is at Chula to meet Tiftarea.

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- Tonight Prep Crisp at Valdosta Tift at Lowndes Berrien at Jeff Davis Norman Park at Lanier Brookwood at GCS Echols at Cook Valwood at Tiftarea Pineland at Westbrook Clinch at Brantley Mitchell at Brooks Santa Fe at Madison boys College NFJC at Chipola Saturday Prep Valdosta at Waycross Lanier at Clinch Broxton at Echols Madison at Hamilton Cook boys at Fitzgerald Cook girls at Worth VSC at Florida Southern

Valdosta Wrestlers Trample Ware Co.

Jan 12, 1978

By Times Staff Writer Valdosta High School's wrestling team remained unbeaten here Wednesday by swiping a 45-15 decision from Ware County.

VHS coach Jim Landrum said his team was "a little slow in a lot of our moves," due to hard practices earlier in the week.

"Overall, I feel that we wrestled a pretty good match," he said.

Valdosta's Billy Redfield had the quickest pin of the

day, overcoming Ware's Jamie Thrift in 22 seconds in the 167-pound division.

Three unbeaten Wildcat wrestlers won matches; Greg Godwin in the 100-pound class, Melvin Hunter in the 147-pound class, and Steve Hall, in the 157-pound class.

A fourth unbeaten Valdosta wrestler, Arthur Allbritton, in the 114-pound class, did not compete against the team from Waycross.

The 5-0-1 Valdosta team is to host Camden County (St. Marys) Wednesday at 6 p.m., at the VHS gymnasium.

Individual results: 100-pound class - Greg Godwin (V) pinned Ronnie Miles; 107-pound class - Andy Jaramillo (V) decided Terry Thompson, 8-4; 114-pound class - Wade Faucher (W) decided Alan Blanton, 10-5; 121-pound class - Danny Jaramillo (V) pinned Jimmy Martin; 128-pound class - Mike Tatum (W) pinned David Harrison; 134-pound class - John Jubert (V) won by forfeit; 140-pound class - William Gaskins (V) pinned Orre McCree; 147-pound class - Melvin Hunter (V) decided Roy Beverly; 149-pound class - Steve Hall (V) pinned Brian Davis; 169-pound class - Billy Redfield (V) pinned Jamie Thrift; 187-pound class - Curtis Wright (V) decided Steve Stalvey, 6-2; heavyweight class - Gene Thomas (W) pinned Bobby Johnson.



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VHS's Maggie Powell Blocked From Behind

Times Staff Photo

# Waycross, VHS Split

By Times Staff Writer  
**WAYCROSS** — Senior guard Chandler Daniels fought off the pain of a sprained ankle and gunned in 16 points here Saturday night to ignite Valdosta's Wildcats to a 59-41 high school basketball win over Waycross.

The Valdosta Kittens got 14 points from Lisa Feix and 12 more from Shirley Berrian but dropped a 46-35 decision to the Waycross girls.

Daniels sprained his ankle in a Wildcat victory over Crisp County (Cordele) in Valdosta Friday night. VHS Coach Norman Sainz termed the lightning quick back-courtman "very doubtful" for Saturday night's game at that time.

"I don't see how he played," Sainz said. "He was noticeably hurting but he played a ballgame for us. We got good play out of (Jimmy) Hartman and (Allen) Worthy on the defensive boards too."

"We got some good inside play and some good outside shooting at times. We ran with the ball pretty good in spots."

Valdosta, now 6-8, led only 30-25 at halftime but surged to a 16-point edge when Waycross scored only two points in the third quarter.

Worthy added 14 points and Hartman had 13 for the Wildcats. Keith Taylor led Waycross with 16.

Both girls' teams had trouble finding the range in what VHS Coach Jerry Baker termed a "flat" performance by his Kittens.

Feix scored 10 of her points in the second half but couldn't keep Valdosta from falling to its ninth loss in 13 games.

Baker pointed to foul problems by Renee Whitehead and Maggie Powell as the turning point in the game.

"Maggie fouled out with about 30 seconds gone in the fourth quarter, and Renee played the whole last half with four fouls," Baker said. "Whenever you play two ballgames back to back like that, you tend to come in a little flat."

Vanessa Bennett scored 15 points for the Waycross girls.

Valdosta travels to Moultrie Tuesday.

GIRLS				
Valdosta	8	14	23	35
Waycross	10	22	33	46
VALDOSTA (35) — Powell 4, Crawford, Whitehead 3, Berrian 12, Feix 14, Cooper 1, Irvin 1, Stewart, Baker, Evans.				
Team totals: field goals 14, free throws 7 of 13, fouls 18.				
WAYCROSS (46) — Meeks 9, Stanley, Bennett 15, Loft 4, Price 1, Wilkes 5, Hargrove 5, Brown.				
Team totals: field goals 17, free throws 12 of 23, fouls 19.				
BOYS				
Valdosta	17	30	43	59
Waycross	8	25	27	41
VALDOSTA (59) — Daniels 16, Worthy 14, Hartman 13, Stroud 7, Dame 4, Feix 5, Laslinger, Powell, Bond, Burch.				
Team totals: field goals 26, free throws 7 of 12, fouls 12.				
WAYCROSS (41) — Taylor 16, Bradley 6, Williams 8, Junior 2, Swinson 4, Young 5, Edwards, Solomon, Plowden, Carter.				
Team totals: field goals 19, free throws 3 of 6, fouls 13.				

## By Schools

# Paddling Stand Welcomed Here

By MARCIA McRAE

City and county school superintendents are "happy" over a Lowndes County grand jury's stand on paddling.

In a presentment returned by the Grand Jury it was recommended the school systems "follow the laws of the State of Georgia in effecting adequate discipline on the school property even to the administering of paddling with the restrictions of the Georgia State Law if necessary."

Ralph Brandon, city schools superintendent, and A. B. "Sonny" Martin, county superintendent, said their respective systems use paddling as a last resort.

They said it is used in accordance with the state law, which requires a teacher to paddle in the presence of another professional educator.

"In other words," said Martin, "they are saying keep up the good work."

"I am happy," Brandon said, "the Grand Jury does recognize the fact that in today's society so much of the responsibility has been placed on the schools which used to be in the home."

"I'd say in the last six months," said Martin, "we've had four complaints about corporal punishment and I dare say that's more than we've ever had since I've been in the system. And most of the time it's been nitpicking."

He said the school system represents the will of the people. If the general public disapproved of paddling, the system would adopt policies reflecting that philosophy.

"To me this Grand Jury presentment means that the Grand Jury, which is representative of the people, desires that we continue corporal punishment in the schools," Martin said.

"And they are backing us in our continuing effort to maintain discipline."

"The only thing I hope," Brandon said, "is that it (the presentment) does make the general public and parents recognize they have a major responsibility in their child's conduct."

"The schools have been left many times with the primary responsibility (for discipline) but it must be a joint venture," he said.

Brandon said he thinks the pendulum is swinging back to support of schools and to demand stronger discipline and better behavior from students.

"I don't feel like we've had any deterioration of discipline in the schools," Brandon said. "I feel like it's better now than in the past."

"Although you'll always have discipline problems when you have 7,000 students in the schools."

"And there are usually more discipline problems in certain ages, for example in junior high," he said.

"There is a tendency to more of the aggravating petty discipline problems in junior high than with elementary and high school students."

"They're just going through that phase of life, I've got one of my own," Brandon said.

## VHS Girls Fall

# Wildcats Fry Crisp Co.

By MIKE CHASON

At first glance, it might be called a "Home Job" by the guys in the striped shirts.

But it wasn't.

In a high school basketball game against Crisp County's Cougars here Friday night, Valdosta's Wildcats stepped to the free throw line 41 times and came away with 25 points.

The Cordele team had only six chances and connected on four.

To say free throws made the difference in Valdosta's 57-46 victory would be an understatement of classic proportions.

One charity toss also decided the girls' game when the visiting Cougarettes held off Valdosta in a wild finish to take a 57-56 win.

Down 56-48 with 1:16 left in the game, Valdosta seemed to have a chance to tie.

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defense for the entire 32 minutes. While Valdosta sat back in its 1-3-1 zone and committed only 11 fouls, Crisp swarmed to the ball all over the floor and was tagged with 27 fouls.

Very few were questionable.

"They've got a whale of a defensive ballclub," VHS Coach Norman Sainz said. "That's as good as man-to-man defense as I've ever

floor, Sainz abandoned the man-to-man defense Lowndes shot an 82-point hole in Tuesday night and stuck with the 1-3-1 all the way.

John Wooden couldn't have called it better.

"We tightened up our 1-3-1 a lot," Sainz said. "We've been doing a lot of gambling. Tonight, we just fell back and denied the inside shot."

Crisp couldn't buy a bucket from the outside, and that's

horn sounded.

Turton wound up with 35 points for the now 13-1 Crisp girls, who are unbeaten in Region 1-AAA action. Emma Mumhrey added 13 points.

For the Kittens, Renee Whitehead scored 17 points, and Maggie Powell had 10.

"That number 44 (Turton), she's in the top five players I've seen," VHS Coach Jerry Baker said. "She can play."

The Kittens got only limited service from forward Vera Crawford, who's got ripped cartilage in her knee. Baker doesn't believe she'll return to peak form until tournament time.

"Without Vera, it's hard for us to compete on the boards," Baker said. "I thought our press kept us in the ballgame."

"Renee and Maggie both played a good ballgame. And Feix showed some senior

## Milk Jug Is Smart Sugar C

Dear Friends:  
 The French and Italians but sometimes this can be a blessing. Dover sole usually combination of beef and prunes, chopped leeks and piece of chicken, some or ale. Serves 8.

### Heloise Hints



# New 'Cracklings' Edition Published

Vald. Daily Times - Jan 17, 1978

By Times Staff Writer  
While "Cracklings" sounds like a yummy natural bread, it's really a magazine flavored with yesteryear.

The magazine, produced by Valdosta High School students, is published semi-annually.

The latest edition is out and costs \$2.

"Just enough to cover cost, and perhaps help a little toward upkeep of equipment," said Duane Pitts, Cracklings advisor.

It is available at VHS, The Bookstore at Brookwood Palza and Forrest Park Bookstore at Forrest Park Shopping Center.

Articles in the January-March issue include a story on the murder of a Valdosta night watchman; an interview with F.O. Banks of Meigs, one of the first movie Tarzans; and articles on the Lee family of the Okefenokee, south Georgia speech and Valdosta's early Jewish community, 1860-1904.

As in all issues, there is a two-page spread called "Yesterlore." It is a pictorial view of bygone days.

And there are always two pages called "Did You Know?" with tidbits from state and local history.

The magazine, in its sixth year, is printed by CSA Printers in north Georgia. There is no advertising, Pitts said. But there are patrons who pay \$5 annually for a subscription. Issues are mailed to patrons.

Cracklings was begun by

Pitts and Emily Carey, who now teaches at Adel.

"We started it for many reasons," Pitts said. "One was to get a different type English course to help get the students interested in their community and interested in writing."

"Because it was going to be published, we figured they were more apt to be more interested and do a better job of their writing."

"Also we wanted to help preserve the folklore and history that would be forgotten when some of these old-timers die," he said.

Students armed with tape recorders interview long-time residents of south Georgia. They learn about them by word of mouth and digging into court files and old newspapers.

Cracklings class is offered each fall and spring quarter and the students produce a magazine. There are usually 15-20 students contributing stories.

"The kids who take the class like it very well," Pitts said. "Once they learn people are not going to bite their heads off, they like to get out in the community to interview these people."

"They find old people are not different from young people except in age and that they are fun to be around. And it gives them a better appreciation of their own community and about people."

The class is about to finish a two-year undertaking of

listing all the people buried at Sunset Hill Cemetery.

"The city," Pitts said, "doesn't know who's buried or where they are before 1950. We're finishing the cemetery listings of everyone who is buried out there."

"The business department is putting all the names on computer cards so we can have printouts in one hour."

Pitts said Cracklings students have made two slides sets, one on Doc Holliday and one on The Crescent, which are available for civic organizations to use.

## Brandon Awaits Report

By Times Staff Writer  
Ralph Brandon is still waiting for a report he expected two months ago from the Office of Civil Rights.

And that delayed report is holding up Valdosta Board of Education action on a proposal to give certificates of attendance instead of diplomas to students who do not meet certain academic requirements.

"I have not heard a word from them," said Brandon city schools superintendent. "And the certificates of attendance issue is dependent on the sex discrimination report."

Brandon expected the report in November from the OCR about its findings from visiting Valdosta City Schools during October.

The visitation was prompted by a sex discrimination complaint filed against the city schools by the American Friends Service Committee in the spring of 1977.

OCR representatives made on-site visitations four days at city schools. They visited Valdosta High School, Valdosta Junior High School, W.G. Nunn Elementary School and Magnolia School.

They were looking for evidence of equal employment, equal facilities and equal programs with particular emphasis on elective courses and athletic teams.

Until the report is received the city board of education is taking a "wait and see" attitude on certificates of attendance, according to Bill Eanes, board member and chairman of the board's student instructional committee.

"We delayed action on any areas until we get the outcome of the findings of these people who came here," Eanes said.

"Apparently they were satisfied with some of what they found and unhappy about other areas."

"And we want to find out the areas they are happy with before we make any changes," he said, referring to the board's stand on certificates of attendance.

Eanes' committee studied the idea of certificates of attendance and in September unanimously voted in opposition of them.

## Five VHS Coeds Arrested

Five Valdosta High School coeds were arrested on disorderly conduct charges Monday when they fought over a letter, police report.

Gloria Jean McKinney, 18, and her sister Wanda McKinney, 17, of 612 Old Hudson St.; Kaye Allen, 18, and Cynthia Sirmans, 18 of Forrest Manor Apartment addresses; and Angela Lester, 17, were each arrested at the school on North Forrest Street, reports said.

According to reports, a sixth girl was also fighting, but she was released. State law prohibits the publication of the names of juvenile offenders under 17 years of age.

VHS Principal Lloyd Mims said he called police about 8:45 a.m. when the girls refused to stop fighting.

## VHS Wrestlers Featured

The Valdosta High School wrestling team is to be featured on "Inside VHS" which is to air tonight at 8:30 p.m. on channel 9 on Clearview of Georgia Cable TV.

The wrestling match commentary is to be by Coach Jim Landrum. Jimmy Taw, VHS history teacher, is to be the host.

**Kittens Fall**

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**'Cats Gun Down Moultrie**

By Times Staff Writer  
MOULTRIE — Valdosta followed the shooting of sophomore David New to a 69-56 high school basketball win over Moultrie here Tuesday night.

Moultrie gained a split of the Region 1-AAA twin-bill when it outdistanced Valdosta, 55-47, in the girls' game.

New, who had his previous top scoring performance in a Friday night win over Crisp County (Cordele), fired in 21 points as coach Norman Sainz's 7-8 Wildcats won their third game in a row.

Jim Hartman threw in 14 points and Spencer Feix totalled 11 for the 'Cats, who took an early lead and never

gave it up. Coach Jerry Baker's Valdosta Kittens fell behind in the early going and saw a second half rally fall short of the mark.

Sharon Edwards hit for 18 points and Nancy Anderson struck for 15 for the Packerettes.

Lisa Feix swished the cords for 17 points for Valdosta, and Maggie Powell added 11.

It was the fifth consecutive loss for the 4-10 Kittens, and their 10th defeat in their last 11 games.

Valdosta is idle until Tuesday, when it hosts Thomasville in another

region doubleheader.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	10 19 38 47
Moultrie	13 30 43 55
VALDOSTA (47) — Feix 17, Powell 11, Whitehead 8, Cooper 5, Berrien 4, J. Evans 2, Baker, Irvin.	
Team totals: field goals 17, free throws 13 of 26, fouls 21.	
MOULTRIE (55) — Edwards 18, Anderson 15, Brown 6, Davis 6, Tillman 4, Seay 4, Carter 2.	
Team totals: field goals 23, free throws 9 of 32, fouls 23.	
BOYS	
Valdosta	14 30 58 69
Moultrie	8 23 42 56
VALDOSTA (69) — Lastinger 6, New 21, Hartman 14, Feix 11, Worthy 8, Daniels 4, Stroud 3, Dame 2, Burch, Powell, Ceasar.	
Team totals: field goals 24, free throws 21 of 36, fouls 18.	
MOULTRIE (56) — Jones 12, Williford 11, Neal 10, Webb 9, D. Daniel 8, R. Hall 6, W. Beasey, M. Aldridge, Mock.	
Team totals: field goals 22, free throws 12 of 19, fouls 26.	

**'Cats To Meet Warner Robins**

*Vald Daily Times Jan 19, 1978*

By Times Staff Writer

The last time Valdosta and Warner Robins tangled on the high school football field, the Class AAA South Georgia championship was on the line. When they meet again on March 24, the game will have much less significance.

Valdosta High School football coach Nick Hyder announced Wednesday that his Wildcats are to take on the Warner Robins team here March 24 in both teams' spring game.

Valdosta defeated Warner Robins 27-8 in December to snap the Demons' 28-game winning streak and vault the 'Cats into the state championship game against Clarke Central. The Athens team won that game, 16-14.

"We were trying to get a good football team, and they're up there with the best," Hyder said of the Demons, who won the Class AAA title in 1976.

For the past two years, Valdosta has met cross-county rival Lowndes in the spring. That matchup isn't going to take place this year because Hyder feels it is in the best interests of his team not to play an opponent the Wildcats have on their regular season schedule.

"We just don't want to play a team we have to play again in the fall," Hyder said. "Warner Robins was in kind of the same situation. They've been playing Northside in the spring, and they play them during the regular season."

Lowndes' Coach Joe Wilson said Monday his Vikings are to play Tift County (Tifton) here March 23, the night before Valdosta and Warner Robins meet.

Hyder said VHS's four-week spring practice is to begin Feb. 27. The annual Has Been-Will Be game is scheduled for March 10 at Cleveland Field.

Hyder said Valdosta is not obligated to meet Warner Robins on the Demons' home field next year. The agreement is for one year only.

Game time is 8 p.m.

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**Noteworthy**

**VHS Senior Is Selected For All-Student Band**

A Valdosta student was among 168 high school and college students selected to the All Student Marching Band-U.S.A.

George Randolph Jeffery, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Jeffery, is to travel with the band on their 1978 European tour.

Randy, a Valdosta High School student, is to begin rehearsals with the band on June 26 at Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music in Winchester, Va.

After nine days of rehearsals the band is to fly to London, England, to present a corps style marching exhibition. Other exhibitions are to be given in Holland, Switzerland, Monaco, Austria, France and Italy.

George Naff, director of the nationally acclaimed Marching Pirates of East Carolina University, is to head the band staff. Bob Buchner and Bill Schutters of Sylva, N.C. are to assist.

Approximately 15,000 band students are invited to apply to the group. Applicants are selected on the basis of musical ability, marching ability, and character references.

The 1978 tour is to be the 15th annual tour of the group which received a United States Congressional Resolution of Commendation for their work with young people.

The Valdosta Daily Times, Fri., Jan. 20, 1978-6-

**Changes Are**

By MARCIA McRAE

The Valdosta Board of Education is planning a lot of changes.

It is considering changing the manner of selecting architects for school building projects, changing a high school licensing program, and changing its special education plans.

The board, predicting a run-off election for three board posts, also plans to change the proposed Feb. 20 date for electing its officers.

The board decided at a work session Thursday to postpone the election of its

officers until March. That way newly-elected members could be a part of the voting. The election is slated for Feb. 14.

Incumbent Dr. Robert Quattlebaum is running unopposed for Post 4 and Claydon Barron is running unopposed for incumbent Bill Eanes' Post 5 seat.

Incumbent Dr. Glenn Herrin has two challengers, David Waller and Joe Brown, for Post 6.

An addition and renovation to the cafeteria at Lomax-Pinevale Elementary School is being considered by the

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**Satsuma Trees**

THE 247-2225 GREENERY BEMISS RD. at NORTHSIDE

By The Associated Press Today is Friday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 1978. There are 345 days left in the year.

**Today In Hi**

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In 1887, the Senate proved the leasing of Harbor in Hawaii as a base.

In 1936, King George Britain died. The Prin Wales succeeded to throne as Edward VIII.

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# They Say Schools In Tune

By MARCIA McRAE  
 There's no need for a back-to-basics movement in schools here, according to the two superintendents.  
 "We never have gotten away from the basics," said both Ralph Brandon, city school superintendent, and A.B. "Sonny" Martin, county school superintendent.

Lower national test scores and reports of illiteracy among high school graduates have spurred the back-to-basics movement, according to the 1977 Gallup Poll of the public's attitudes on public schools.

"We feel like we have never gotten away from the basics to any degree," Brandon said.

"And we are in the process of revitalizing our instruction in grades one, two and three."

Ruth Council, city curriculum director, and Walter Altman, city director of instruction and personnel, are developing a new elementary school curriculum guide based on specific skills goals.

The guide, Brandon said, is to specify what skills are to be taught and mastered in each grade.

"This way," he said, "we'll be sure the skills that should be taught and learned in each grade are covered in every class in every elementary school in the city."

Similar curriculum guides and objectives for every high school course were developed in 1971-72 when Valdosta High School went to the

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# Wrestlers Are Second

By Times Staff Writer  
 TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Valdosta (Ga.) High School's Wildcats rode the efforts of four first-place winners to a second place finish in the Lincoln Invitational wrestling tournament here Saturday.

VHS finished with 138½ points, behind Southwest Macon, which had 157 points. Bay (Panama City) was third, at 108.

Greg Godwin, in the 100-pound class, Arthur Allbritton, in the 114-pound class, John Jubert, in the 134-pound class, and Billy Redfield, in the 167-pound division, all copped first places for VHS.

Andy Jaramillo, in the 107-pound division, Melvin Hunter, in the 147-pound class, and Curtis Wright, in the 187-pound classification, wound up second.

David Clifton, in the 128-pound class, and 157-pounder Steve Hall finished third for Valdosta.

"This was the first time we really got together as a team," VHS coach Jim Landrum said. "They really did a heck of a job. If a few breaks had gone the other way, we could have won the meet."

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# They Say Schools In Tune

curriculum first and teachers second when asked what is particularly good in their own community's schools.

The polls showed every group in the population overwhelmingly approves of the back-to-basics movement, while holding different ideas of what it means.

Many polled described it in terms of student behavior, better discipline and structured classrooms.

The Gallup report said, however, the public mainly thinks of the movement as teaching reading, writing and arithmetic.

Other subjects, social sciences, science, music, art and physical education, were listed, but infrequently.

Even though the basics requirements have been increased so have the total number of units needed to graduate.

Martin said the definition of vocational courses has been expanded by the county system to be more comprehensive and realistic.

Vocational studies include art, for example. And home economics courses have been expanded from just how to be a mother and cook for a family, to how to prepare foods for restaurants.

The Gallup Poll showed U.S. adults think the quality of education has dropped during the last year. They ranked "poor curriculum" fifth on the list of the 10 major problems confronting public schools. "Lack of discipline" was first.

And yet those polled also listed the

quarter system.

"We implemented IPI (Individual Programmed Instruction) in 1970," Martin said. "It is strictly a basics program to even strengthen the historically strong basics program we already had."

"Three years ago we required one additional math course in high school and two years ago we required economics as an additional social studies requirement," Martin said.

"So I cannot, of course, speak for other school systems but this system has never retreated away from the basics."

Martin said what is sometimes called "frills" courses, such as languages, art, music and speech and drama, are still offered and supported.

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# LHS, VHS To Meet Thomasville Teams

By Times Staff Writer  
 Two schools from Valdosta meet two Thomasville schools in different locations Tuesday night for a pair of Region 1-AAA high school basketball doubleheaders. Valdosta High School will host Thomasville, while Lowndes High will hit the

- AREA HOOP SLATE  
 Tuesday  
 Thomasville at Valdosta  
 Lowndes at Central  
 Bacon at Berrien  
 Brooks at Lanier  
 Westbrook at GCS  
 Norman Park at Cook  
 Southwood at Valwood  
 Jeff Davis at Clinch  
 Madison at Jefferson  
 Hamilton girls at Taylor

road to take on Central of Thomasville.

In a previous encounter between Valdosta and Thomasville, Coach Norman Sainz's Wildcats made Thomasville their first victim after having played five games without the services of the team's football players.

Coach Jerry Baker's Kittens were not so lucky the last time they faced the Bulldogettes, as they lost a 59-57 decision to Thomasville.

Lowndes' Vikings lay their 12-4 record on the line when they take on the Yellow

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Jackets for the second time this season. Coach Terry Wilkes' team defeated Central 54-50 the last time the two teams met.

Coach Charles Cooper's Vikettes defeated the Lady Yellow Jackets soundly in their first meeting 62-30. The Vikettes are now riding a 46-game winning streak.

In other high school basketball action Tuesday night, Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) is scheduled to host Bacon (Alma), Lanier (Lakeland, Ga.) entertains Brooks (Quitman), Georgia Christian of Dasher plays host to Westbrook (Dixie), Norman Park travels to Adel to take on Cook, Valwood (Valdosta) is scheduled to host Southwood (Waycross), and Clinch is to battle Jeff

Davis (Hazelhurst) in Homerville.

In games involving Florida schools, Madison travels to Monticello to play Jefferson, and Taylor (Perry) entertains the Hamilton girls from Jasper.

# Boards Remain Unclear On Transfer Agreement

By Times Staff Writer  
Five months ago the Valdosta Board of Education decided it wanted to get with the Lowndes County Board of Education to clarify two recurring problems involved in student transfers between the systems.

So far neither system has made a move.  
In September the city board agreed its members needed to meet with the county board to establish guidelines for approving transfers of students and setting a cut-off date for transfer applications.

"It was my understanding," said A.B. Martin, county school superintendent, "that there were maybe one or two members of each board that were not well acquainted with the transfer agreement."

"And since we heard no more about it we simply assumed that now they understand it."

City School Superintendent Ralph Brandon said he hopes the boards can meet before summer to iron out the primary difficulties.

The systems have signed a 25-year transfer agreement contract outlining the circumstances under which children may be moved.

Apparently, however, it has not solved the problem that most annoys Brandon.

There is an annual "rush" of transfer requests at the beginning of school, he said.

"I'm going to attempt," Brandon said, "early in the summer to send out notification that if any person desires a change from the school system, they must make that known to the superintendent."

"Perhaps that way we can have them all handled prior



**RALPH BRANDON**

**Early Requests**  
"In the past we've had a rash of people waiting until after school begins, causing our decisions to be made without sufficient time to investigate and make a really valid decision," Brandon said.  
The city board of

**A.B. MARTIN**

**'Can't School Shop'**  
education, he said, has had a transfer committee. But it was abolished this year to make appeals fairer.  
Now Brandon decides on the request. If the persons are dissatisfied with his decision, they may appeal at a special hearing by the board.  
Brandon said under the old

committee system, board members were deciding on appeals cases in which they had made the original decision.

Transfer requests in the county are handled by Martin.

If the case falls within contract guidelines, he said, it is automatically granted. If, however, it is questionable it is sent to the board.

Basically the contract says children shall attend the school within the system where they reside and that's considered wherever their parents or guardians reside.

The only excuse for transfers are hardship cases.

"You can't just school shop," Martin said.

Hardships include having a parent working in the other system or that system offering a program the other does not, a program filling a special academic or emotional need.

"We have to consider the children while being as consistent as possible and yet as fair to each individual child," he said.

# School Library No. 1 Priority For City Board

By Times Staff Writer  
The Valdosta Board of Education has a promise to keep if it wants to keep its accreditation.

Seven years ago when West Gordon Street Elementary School was built, the board promised the school accrediting committee that if it were to grant the school system accreditation, a library would be built at the school.

There is no library building. The makeshift library is in the lunchroom. City schools are to be inspected for accreditation in the fall.

The board's building committee listed the library as the number one priority for the city system.

It also listed improvements needed at all city schools and presented the list to the board Monday night.

Architect Art Smith, architect of record at West Gordon, presented plans for the library.

The board approved the plans and they should have approval within a week from the School Building Authority in Atlanta.

Then, Smith said, bids can be requested by March. Work should be able to be underway in the spring, with an eye to completion of the 4,280 square foot building by December.

The school won't lose accreditation if the building is underway when the committee inspects the system.

The library is expected to cost \$106,000 and is designed 10 percent larger than

necessary to allow for school growth.

Smith said it is designed for the maximum capacity of the present school. If additional classrooms are built, the six-sided structure can easily be enlarged.

Board chairman Joella Blackburn was concerned about cost and the larger size. "We are not interested in building monuments," she told Smith. "We want a good, functional building to serve our children."

Lamar Newbern, building committee chairman, read the list of other recommendations. He urged the board to act as quickly as possible on all of them.

Ralph Brandon, city school superintendent, said the system has the money to undertake all the projects.

Other problems for which the committee made recommendations included:

— Drainage at W.G. Nunn, Lomax-Pinevale, West Gordon, and Sallas-Mahone elementary school campuses.

— Continued leaking of Valdosta High School roof, problems with the gymnasium floor and carpeting in the cafeteria.

— Completing wiring for air conditioning at S.L. Mason and improving its library facilities.

— Completing fencing Leila Ellis Elementary School campus.

— Repairing cracks in Sallas-Mahone exterior.

— Partitioning classrooms at West Gordon, and replacing carpeting.

Weather

Showers and a few thundershowers becoming likely tonight and Wednesday. Temperatures are to be warmer with a low tonight in the 50s and a high Wednesday in the mid-60s.

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Valdosta Board of Education Meet Black Demands

By MARCIA McRAE

Because of sound fiscal management, the Valdosta Board of Education is able to meet demands made by a standing room only crowd of blacks who attended the Monday night board meeting.

But most of the demands would have been met had no one attended.

The group, led by John Morris, Lomax-Pinevale Elementary School principal, stressed the need for cafeteria and library improvements and for making the school environment more pleasant.

But the board was a step ahead. At its work session last week it had decided an architect should be chosen for the

school in order to begin work renovating the cafeteria.

Before Morris and his group were heard, the board building committee submitted its recommendations for all city schools.

The cafeteria and library at Lomax-Pinevale were at the top of the list.

The goal was to have the cafeteria and library ready by the opening of school next year.

Lomax-Pinevale students use the old South Street School cafeteria, which is more than 100 yards away. In rainy and cold weather, the partially covered walkways are inadequate, according to Ralph Brandon, city school superintendent.

tax billings have provided the city with a sound financial standing to take on the projects, he said.

Morris' contention was parents, teachers and citizens interested in the school should have input into the board before any decisions are made.

At the suggestion of board chairman Joella Blackburn, the school Parent-Teacher Organization is to select six persons to meet with her and the building committee.

After they clarify the school's needs and priorities, the building committee is to select an architect for the school.

In November Brandon met with a similar group of teachers and parents from Lomax-Pinevale. From that

meeting came the suggestions which were made by the building committee Monday.

In addition to the lunchroom and library, the school bathrooms need to be renovated and scaled down for elementary school children, according to the Rev. W.H. Ross. The building was designed as a high school.

And the "scenery is inappropriate for the occasion," said Ross, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church who represented black ministers at the meeting.

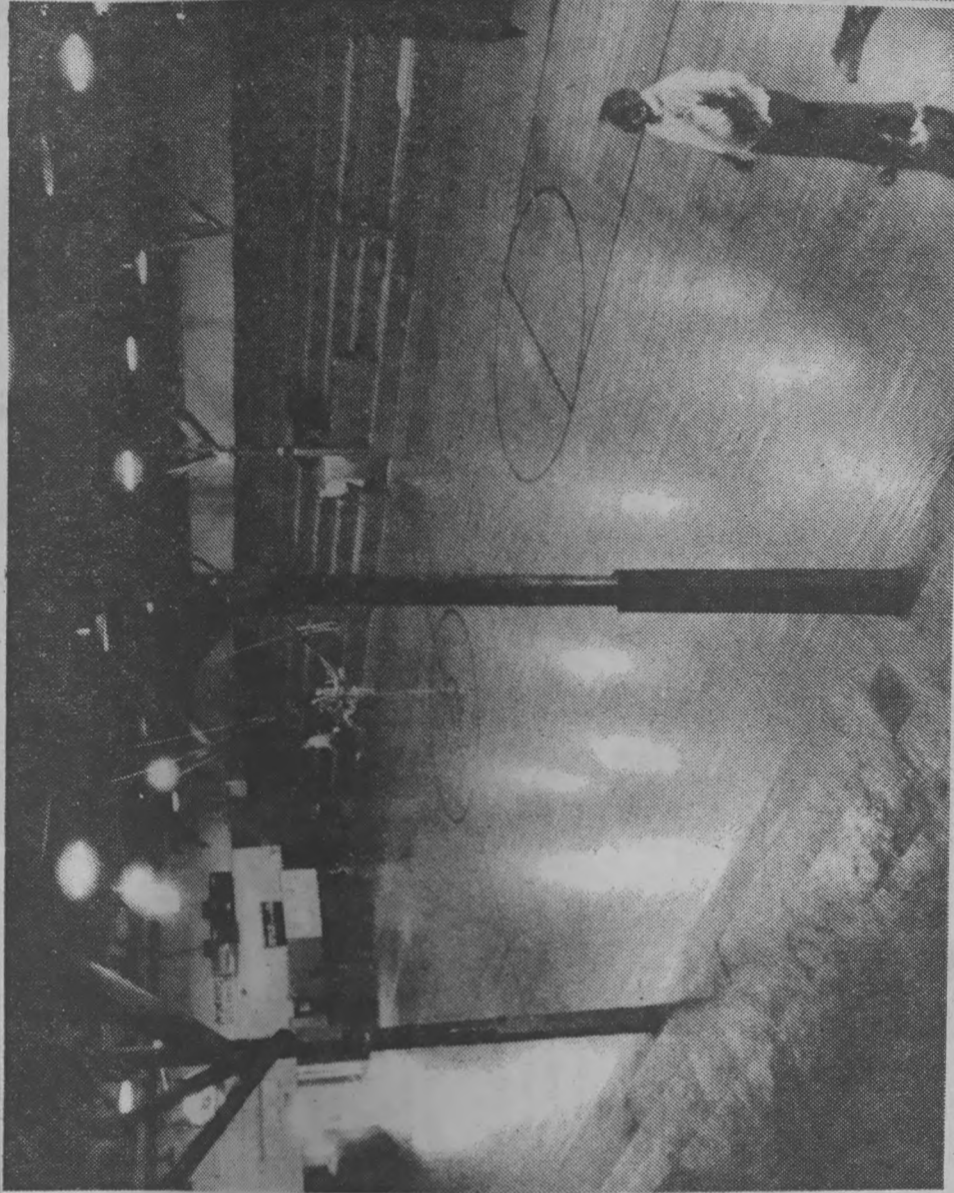
He said it is difficult to "get minds more elevated" when children leave "an inadequate home" to attend an equally inadequate and unattractive school.

"The child learns nothing but down," he said, drawing "amens" from the audience.

But, he said, it is not all the board's responsibility. Parents must be interested and active in their children's schools.

"Ask and it shall be given to you. If we don't ask, we can't say the board is doing nothing. But once we ask, if nothing is done, then we have a right to complain," Ross said.

"I have the feeling," said Hulyn Smith, easing the tension in the small room, "that this group came here thinking they would run into a hostile board. We're not hostile."



*Clinch Gym Has Been "Death Valley" For More Than One Team With Players Like Malcolm Meriweather*

# High School Basketball

## Only A Few Claim Ultimate Goal - A State Title

By MIKE CHASON

Everybody does it. To have lived in south Georgia and never to have aimed a well worn basketball at a once orange rim, now bent and slightly chipped, is like living in Alaska and never having thrown a snowball.

There are no concrete playgrounds in this part of Georgia so basketball does not have its local roots on the steamy, asphalt courts as it does in the big cities.

In this area, basketball came from a back yard where you couldn't play when it rained because the court turned to mud. The net never lasted long because you could never touch the rim, so you did the next best thing... hang on the net.

There were always the rocks to cope with. The little pebbles felt like boulders when you were imitating Earl "the Pearl" and his famous spin dribble, and the ball bounced wildly out of bounds.

There were the long afternoons of playing "horse" and "Around the world." You fell back on "21" when some guy used his left hand in "horse" and wiped out everybody. There always had to be somebody who could shoot with his opposite hand.

Area basketball has changed some in the past 10 years. Echols County has a new gym, Lanier County's talking about getting one and even Clinch County is about ready to leave its once-condemned old fieldhouse for a modern place to play.

The Hahira Invitational Christmas Tournament isn't

played in Hahira anymore. In 1967, it switched to the new Lowndes High School. For the teams involved and for most of the fans, the change was a relief, but there'll never be anything like playing at Hahira where the out-of-bounds line runs a foot from the seats.

When it was packed, as was often the case for the oldest Christmas tournament in the state, the players felt the hot breath of the spectators on his neck as he took the ball out of bounds. The tension was as tight as the old rivalries. And it was good for basketball.

To go back even further, maybe area basketball really began in Clyattville with the Pinholster boys or at Pine Grove with a hot-shooting little forward named W.B. Chason.

But surely it goes back even further than that. Basketball has always been here. But it has changed.

It's not played on the high school level at Clyattville, Pine Grove or Hahira anymore. It is played in Lowndes High School's 2,000-seat gymnasium and Valdosta High School's ultra-modern facility of approximately the same seating capacity.

When the two schools met earlier this season, both sides were jam-packed at the LHS gym. It was a vocal crowd and a little of the old electricity charged the air.

It was like a Lanier-Berrien game or an Echols-Clinch game where the players used to have to push their way on the court through wall-to-wall people. The cigarette smoke hung like a blanket over the arena until they turned on the exhaust fans on even the coldest of nights to allow

everyone to catch a whiff of what real air smelled like.

At the end of the season, there is always that special atmosphere of tournament time. In basketball, every team always has a chance to redeem itself, no matter what happened during the regular season.

Upsets are commonplace. And that's one of the real dream-like qualities of basketball. In no other major sport, does every team start off again equal at the end of the long season.

For coaches, it's both a heartache and a mind-blower. Winning coaches don't have to remind their teams that "anything can happen in a tournament."

Losers follow the oldest cliché about "throwing the record book out the window."

Beyond the subregion and region tournaments lies that Disneyland-world of the state tournament. Places like the Macon Coliseum and Georgia Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum just don't seem to fit into the real basketball world of the backyard, bent hoop player.

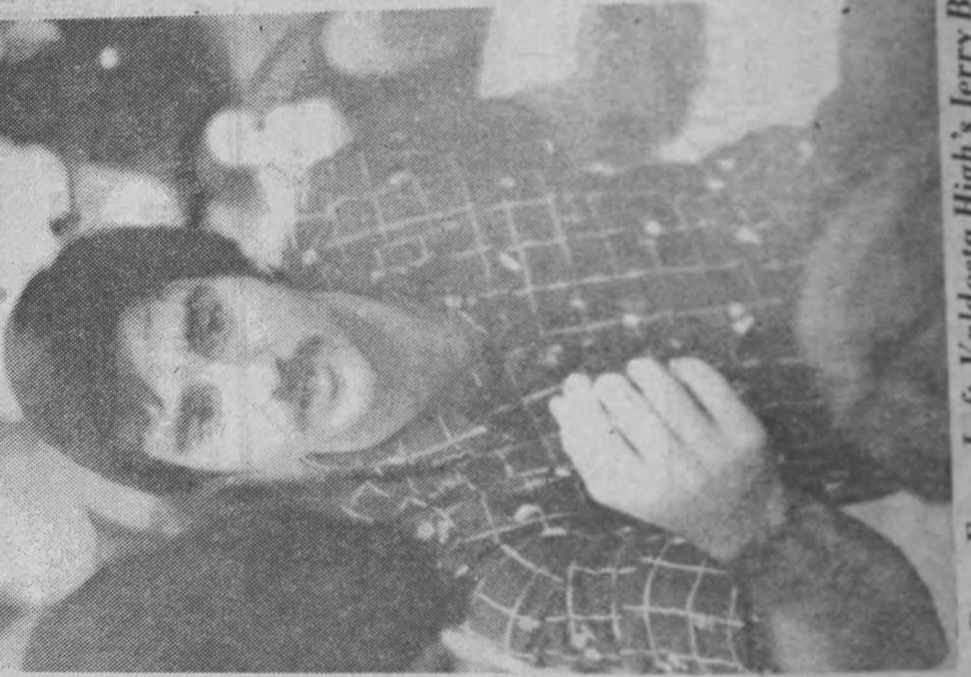
For some, there is the ultimate prize... the state championship.

To even reach the finals of the sudden death, play-every-day state tournament is a miracle just short of walking on the water. To win a state title compares with the parting of the Red Sea.

But it can be done. And for those teams that leap that final hurdle, all those long afternoons of worn-out balls torn nets and bent rims must seem well worth the effort.

*VHS's Lisa Feix Grabs For Basketball*

### Times Staff Photos



It's An Emotional Game For Coaches: Top Row, From Left, Valdosta High's Jerry Baker, Norman Sainz, LHS Girls' Coach Charles Cooper, LHS Boys' Coach Terry Wilkes  
Bottom Row, Berrien Girls' Coach Ken Weeks, Lanier Girls' Coach Gavin Vickers, Clinch Boys' Coach Austin Deloach And Clinch Girls' Coach Henry Moydan



Martin

# Register

Times Sports Writer

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## Improving 'Cats May Pose Threat

Nobody ever accused Valdosta High School boys' basketball coach Norman Sainz of being overconfident.

The Wildcat boss has, like most coaches, a periodic need of the crying towel. However, even Sainz seemed almost impressed with Valdosta's performance in a 76-67 loss to Albany here last Friday.

These days, it has become almost trite to speak of "moral victories" in narrow losses, and Sainz would be one of the last to claim such a victory.

However, the 'Cats play against the 14-5 Tribe, considered by many as the best team in Region 1-AAA, left him, if not harping about a moral victory, at least not reaching for the crying towel.

The Valdosta boys have come back after a 0-5 start to post a 7-10 record, still far back in the Region 1-AAA (South) pack. At first glance, the team might seem to be just another also-ran. But don't let that first glance fool you.

### Better Than Record

Valdosta is almost certainly one of the best 7-10 teams in the state. Albany, Lowndes, or any of the other teams considered the region's top flight can attest to that. The Wildcats have not been beaten badly since early in the year, when half of the team was still involved in the state football playoffs.

With strong front line play, guards with an eye for the basket, and Sainz's trademark of substitutes undaunted by pressure, the 'Cats rate as one of the most rapidly improving teams in the league.

Valdosta played the talented Albany team on even terms for three quarters last Friday, and could have won the game except for a cold spell early in the fourth quarter.

"I thought we played with them," said Sainz, in a noticeably better mood than he showed after losses earlier in the year. But he certainly wasn't satisfied with the loss.

"Once again," he said, "we had poor shot selection at times, and we shot poorly from the foul line."

The 'Cats' 7-5 mark since the football players joined the team has made it seem like VHS has had two seasons crammed into one. If the Wildcats had their way, they'd like to make it three.

So far, the Valdosta boys haven't improved to the point where they have knocked off any of the region leaders.

VHS fell to Lowndes, 14-4 on the year, 82-75 in the last meeting between the two schools, in addition to the nine point loss to Albany.

### Third Season

VHS' third season would be a step up to the league's elite, and competitive play in the upcoming postseason tournament.

It'll be a tough road for the Wildcats. Southern division leaders Bainbridge and Lowndes are almost certain to grab the top two spots in the subregion seedings, with Valdosta, Thomasville, Moultrie, and Central of Thomasville battling it out for the lower four seeds.

If the 'Cats manage to make it past those toughies, Northern division powerhouses Albany, Dougherty (Albany) or Westover (Albany), or scrappy teams from Crisp County (Cordele) and Monroe (Albany) still stand between Valdosta and a berth in the state tournament.

Tift County (Tifton) is the remaining Northern division school, and though it has been generally unimpressive in the regular season, it, too, cannot be counted out when tournament time rolls around.

Right now, the 'Cats still have the remainder of the regular season to worry about. But with a little more improvement, they could pose a challenge to anyone in post-season play.

Last season's Valdosta team rolled past regular season opponents, and appeared a shoo-in for a spot in the state tourney.

But that team appeared to peak too soon, and dropped a first-round decision to Central of Thomasville in the subregion tournament. The Wildcats will be looking to reverse last season's events when the division tournament begins in two weeks.

## Three 'Dosta Wrestlers Reach Tournament Semis

By Times Staff Writer  
MACON — Valdosta sent three wrestlers into the semifinals of the Southwest

Invitational tournament here today, but not before some major disappointments.

Ten of Valdosta's 12 wrestlers won first round matches, but seven suffered losses in the quarterfinal round. Five of those defeats were in the final 20 seconds, according to VHS coach Jim Landrum.

The second round losses dropped the Wildcats from a tie for first place to fifth place in the 15-team tournament.

Greg Godwin, the the 100-pound class, John Jubert, in the 134-pound class, and Steve Hall, in the 157-pound class were still in the running for Valdosta.

Baldwin (Milledgeville) is in first place, Macon Southwest in second, and Macon Central is third.

Semifinal and final round matches were to be held today.

## VHS Wrestlers Beat Baldwin

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta defeated Baldwin County (Milledgeville) 38-30 in a high school wrestling meet here Saturday.

With the win, Valdosta raised its overall record to 6-0-1.

During the meet, four of Valdosta's wrestlers kept their undefeated records intact. Greg Godwin, Arthur Albritton, Steve Hall, and Curtis Wright each walked away with wins in the meet.

In a B-team match held earlier, Valdosta defeated Baldwin 37-12.

Valdosta's next scheduled match is Wednesday against Tift County in Tifton.

Individual results follow:  
100-pound class: Greg Godwin (V) won by forfeit; 107-pound class: Ben Huff (B) pinned Andy Jaramillo; 114-pound class: Arthur Albritton (V) pinned Bart Huff; 121-pound class: Walter Freeman (B) pinned Danny Jaramillo; 128-pound class: David Clifton (V) decisioned Joe Justice 10-2; 134-pound class: John Jubert (V) decisioned Thomas Cleveland 11-2; 140-pound class: Chester Smith (B) won by forfeit; 147-pound class: Charles Allen (B) pinned Melvin Hunter; 157-pound class: Steve Hall (V) pinned Tommy Spikes; 167-pound class: Frank Manson (B) pinned Ken Evans; 187-pound class: Curtis Wright (V) pinned Tom Frazier; heavyweight class: Bobby Johnson (V) pinned Carey Waldrip.

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## Scholarship Awards Are Offered

By Times Staff Writer  
High school seniors interested in a professional career in commercial art, interior design, photography, or fashion illustration, may compete for one of eight tuition scholarships, totaling \$38,880, to the Art Institute of Atlanta.

According to an announcement, the Institute and its division, the Fashion Institute of America, are offering four full tuition scholarships and four half tuition scholarships.

The competitive scholarship program is based on ability and a commitment to a professional career in one of the four art fields.

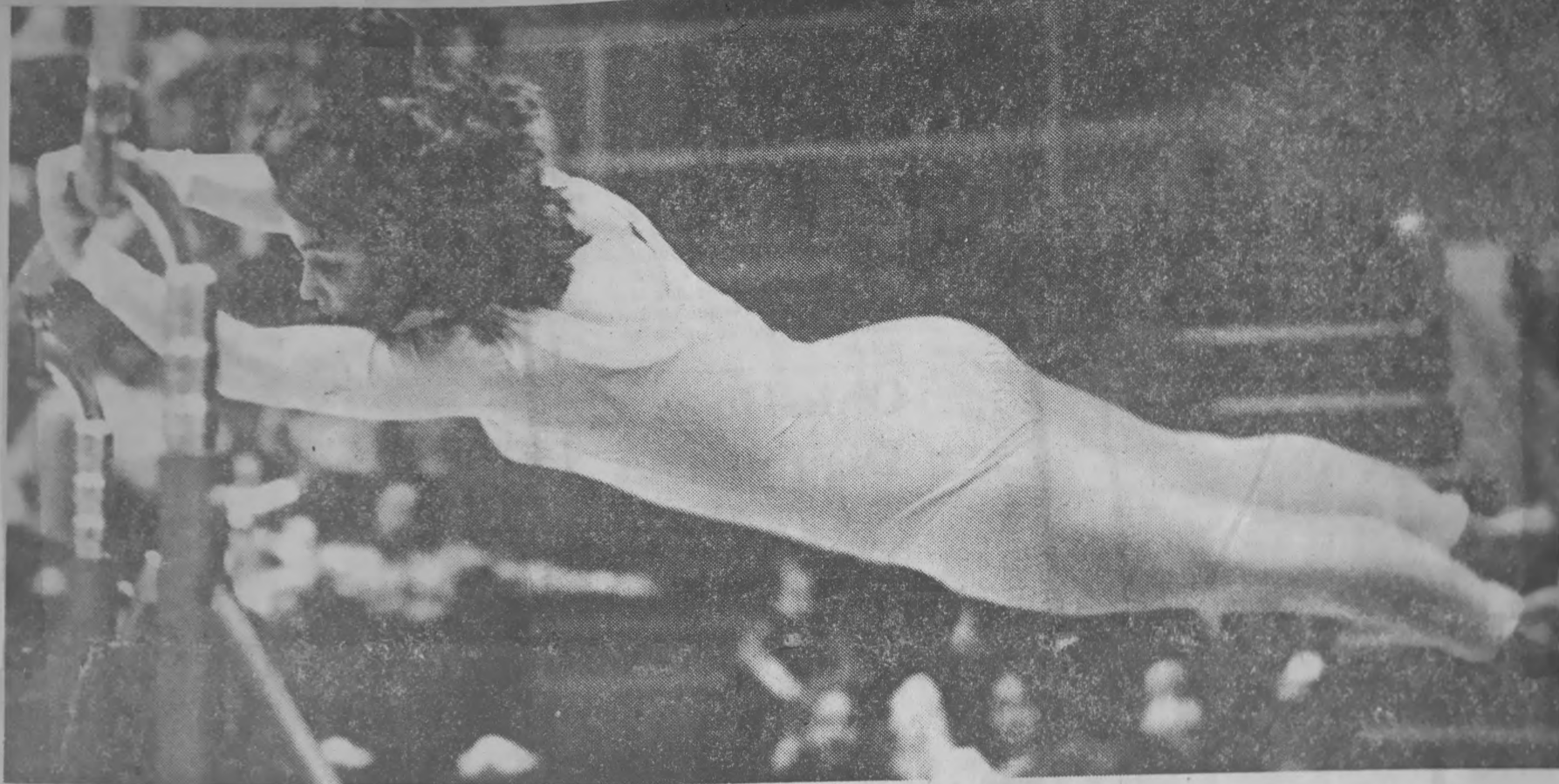
Entries in art and design areas are to be judged on craftsmanship, drawing, ability, creativity and overall presentation.

Entries in photography are to be judged on quality, creativity, visual impact and overall presentation.

Any high school senior interested in applying for one of the scholarships may write for complete information to: Scholarship Committee, Art Institute of Atlanta, 3376 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta, Ga., 30326.

The Art Institute is affiliated with the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale and the Colorado Institute of Art.

It offers two-year programs in commercial art, fashion illustration, photography, fashion design, interior design, visual merchandising and an 18-month program in fashion merchandising.



## Flying High

Laura George, a member of the Valdosta High School gymnastics team is literally footloose and fancy free as she goes through her routine on the uneven parallel bars. Her coach, Jerry Don Baker, said the 16-year-old gymnast made up

the routine herself. She and other members of the team performed at halftime Friday night during the VHS-Albany High School basketball game. — Times Staff Photo by Robert Winter III.

## People Poll

What one improvement in Valdosta is needed most?

Wayne Ellison, Valdosta High School student: "I'd like to see a shopping mall, like in Jacksonville. Valdosta needs more specialty stores, etc."



W.D. Williams, Valdosta, retired mechanic: "The biggest thing I think we need is an overpass for the railroad tracks."

Mrs. Melvin Johnson, Nashville, Ga., teacher-housewife: "I'd like to have more family-type recreation, more eating places, parks, etc."



Beverly Mays, Valdosta, homemaker: "We need a covered mall... a controlled atmosphere so that when it's raining you don't have to run all over town to shop."

Greg Garrett, Valdosta High School student: "I think Valdosta needs a skateboard park. There's no public place in Valdosta to ride without being told to leave."



Miss Barbara Barnes, Valdosta, teacher: "I think Valdosta needs more cultural activities, like an art museum. I like the things the Lowndes County Art Commission is doing. We need more of that."

# VHS Art Works To Be Exhibited

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta High School art works have been taken to Atlanta not for the rotating exhibits in the State Department of Education but for a permanent exhibit in Stone Mountain State Park.

The exhibit at Stone Mountain, said an education department spokesman in Atlanta, is for the Georgia Bicentennial Commission.

The state's Heritage Train, which traveled throughout Georgia in 1976, is parked at Stone Mountain State Park.

Various state agencies, the spokesman said, are putting permanent exhibits in the train.

The State Department of Education is to present an overview of education in Georgia for its display which is sponsored by the State Board of Education.

Steve Harvey, information specialist for the education department, was in Valdosta Wednesday to pick up the 17 pieces of art by eight VHS students.

Because the works are for a permanent display, the State Department of Education paid \$350 for the work, according to Jerry Pilcher, VHS art department head.

For three years, said the education department

spokesman, the State Board of Education has borrowed Georgia student art to be displayed in the board room and superintendent's office on a quarterly rotating basis.

Students whose works were bought for the permanent display are Jay Bartholomew, Linda Hall, Oscar Agüero, Robin Miller, Sandra Morrison, Bobby Mayer, Jamie Tootle and Tina Nijem.

The works include paintings, prints, macrame and ceramics.

The final display may not include all the works, the spokesman said.

Elaine Pierce, education department artist, is to make the final selections and arrange the display.

It is hoped, the spokesman said, the display will be completed in June.

The project has been underway since October when Miss Pierce and other state education department representatives visited Valdosta High School art department.

Pilcher said he was told the VHS art program was selected because it has a reputation of representing the best in student art work in Georgia.

# Nick Hyder To Become VHS's AD

By Times Staff Writer

Valdosta High School has transferred Nick Hyder out of the world of square roots and logarithms into an environment of push-ups and sweaty t-shirts.

VHS Principal Lloyd Mims announced Wednesday that Hyder is to become the athletic director of the high school beginning with the new school term next fall.

Hyder is to retain his duties as head football coach, a job he has held for the past four years. But he won't be teaching the four math classes which have also been his responsibility since he moved here from West Rome in 1974.

Hyder is to replace former Wildcat football coach Wright Bazemore, who has announced his retirement at the end of this school year. Bazemore was named citywide athletic director in 1972 after his final year as football coach.

"Coach Hyder will have basically the same responsibilities as Coach Bazemore," Mims said. "He will be teaching some physical education classes instead of the math classes he is now teaching."

"This will become effective when Coach Bazemore retires. Until then, Coach Bazemore will remain our athletic director."

"I think it just strengthens our program," Hyder said. "Your head football coach ought to be your athletic director. That hasn't been the case here but there's no way to measure the value of Coach Bazemore to our program."

"Nick Hyder could not have survived without his help. I guess I'd be swimming down in the Gulf somewhere if it wasn't for him."

"I think we can continue to be competitive in all the sports. Coach Bazemore has done a fantastic job, and we're very definitely proud of our overall program."

"The Golden Goose is football. But the Golden Goose lays the golden eggs which finance all these other sports. We're going to have these other programs because football pays the bills."

Hyder has long emphasized participation in more than one sport by VHS athletes. He plans to continue that crusade as athletic director.

"That's one of the reasons why I became so interested in Valdosta, because of the two-sport athletes they had like Stan Rome and Frank Deming," Hyder said. "Some athletes participate in three sports, and that's good too."

"I think Valdosta is the finest sports town I know of, and I guess that means the finest sports town in America."

# VHS Baseball Coach Not Expecting Embarrassment

By MARTIN REGISTER

ATLANTA — Valdosta High School baseball Coach Butch Brooks doesn't think he'll "be embarrassed" when he'll "be embarrassed" when his Wildcats take on Peachtree here this weekend in the Class AAA state championship series.

The 26-1 Wildcats, winners of 25 consecutive games before losing one game of a series with Kendrick (Columbus) last week, have turned in good practice sessions lately, he said.

"We've been having some real good practices. We had a lot of batting practice the last couple of days, and worked on our fundamentals Saturday."

"We've been working on our plays, and Thursday, we'll have an all-round Thursday practice, just like football teams do."

That Thursday practice will be in preparation for Friday's 6 p.m. opening game at DeKalb Central Stadium.

Wayne Fugett, the 'Cats' fireballing junior right-hander, is to start on the

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ground. He brings an 11-0 record and an earned run average of 1.16, lowest on the team, into the series.

Brooks said that Buck Belue was to handle the pitching chores for Valdosta in Saturday's 1 p.m. game here.

A third game, if necessary, is to immediately follow.

Fugett won the first game of last week's series with Kendrick, then stepped in for Belue hours later after Valdosta had fallen behind in the second contest.

But the Wildcats stayed behind enroute to their only loss of the season. Fugett

then came back the next day to hurl a one-hit 7-0 triumph and send his team to the state finals.

Belue, now 9-1, gave up only three hits in the 6-4 loss, but one of those was a grand slam homer.

"Buck didn't have but one bad inning," Brooks said. "That's the most walks I've seen Buck give up in a long time."

Belue had led the team in batting, with a .613 average, entering the Kendrick series, but that mark plummeted to .500 after the versatile senior managed just one hit in 11

trips to bat in those three games.

John Lastinger, the team's first baseman, now has the top batting average, .507.

A combination of strong hitting and quality pitching sent the Wildcats soaring to the championship of Region 1-AAA (South) during the regular season.

Since then, Valdosta has gunned down Tift County (Tifton), Windsor Forest (Savannah), and Kendrick in playoff series.

Brooks said he felt his team had paid its dues.

"I believe as hard as the kids have worked, they deserve to be here," he said. "I'm not bragging, but we know a lot of baseball."

"If we can just put that knowledge into action, we'll be all right."

"I don't think we'll get embarrassed, unless we fall flat on our faces. We're going to go up there with the attitude that we want to win."

"We want to bring the state championship to south



BUTCH BROOKS Deserving Team

Georgia again, and we're gonna flat give it a shot."

Peachtree, 24-3, may have something to say about that.

Brooks said he "didn't really know a lot about" the Atlanta team.

"I know they're a good ballclub," he said. "It's going to be a tough series."

"From what I hear, they're sound at the plate. They have one good fireballing pitcher, and they have an adequate staff from him on down. They've got a big first baseman who hits the ball real well."

*Soph. Catcher*

# Ruff Key Figure In 'Cats Lineup

By Times Staff Writer  
COLUMBUS — On a team with three genuine professional baseball prospects, a sophomore catcher with no experience would usually be overlooked.

But Valdosta High School's Mike Ruff isn't just any sophomore catcher. And he certainly hasn't been overlooked.

"Ruff has made this ballclub what it is," VHS Coach Butch Brooks said as his Wildcats prepared to take on Kendrick here today in the Class AAA South Georgia Championship series.

"People don't realize that the catcher is the one who runs the whole ballclub," the super-successful Valdosta coach continued. "I tell him things to do, and he gets it done. He's kind of like a general on the field."

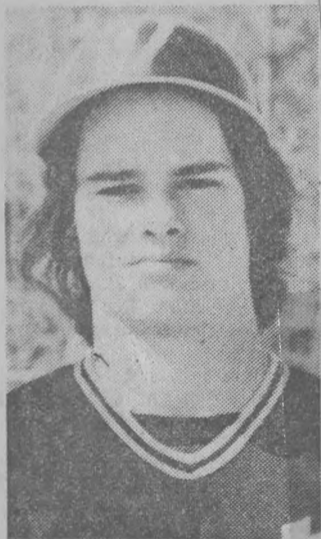
"Ruff has been one of the best surprises we've had all year."

Ruff stepped in for veteran catcher Robert White, who was graduated from VHS last season and now plays for the University of Georgia. Filling White's shoes appeared to be a tough order.

But Ruff has met the challenge. "He's done a good job with the bat," Brooks said. "He blocks the ball, he throws the ball well, and he's willing to learn. He's one of the finest young men I've ever coached. We have to help him out calling the pitches sometimes but he calls most of them."

Although the pro scouts are already zeroing in on VHS's Buck Belue, David White and Wayne Fugett, Ruff has caught some early attention.

"I've had some of them mention his name to me," Brooks said. "They think he looks good. But since he's a sophomore, he's just a suspect now."



**MIKE RUFF**  
Not Overlooked

Ruff batted .415 during the regular season with eight home runs.

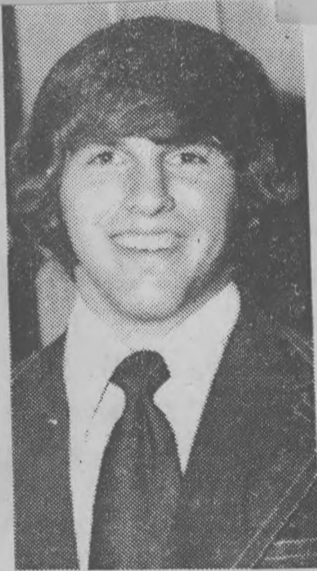
Valdosta is scheduled to match its 24-0 record against the 18-7 defending state champion Kendrick team at 5:30 p.m. today at Golden Park here.

The second game in the best-of-three series is to follow. If a third game is necessary, it is to be played Thursday, probably at 3 p.m.

Fugett, a junior righthander who's 9-0, is to start the first game, and Belue, a senior righthander who's also 9-0, is to start the second.

Kendrick features a three-man mound staff of Greg Valentine, 8-2, Eddie Jamieson, 5-1, and Brian Ammons, 5-1.

Valdosta radio station WVLD is to broadcast both of today's games, according to a station spokesman. If a third game is held, it is also to be broadcast.



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## DE Awards Told

By MARCIA McRAE  
Florists know to be prepared for all occasions. But there was no way for Ben Stanaland Jr., of Valdosta Greenhouses, to expect the surprise he received at the Valdosta High School distributive education awards banquet Tuesday.

Stanaland was open mouthed and speechless when he was named honorary life member of the VHS chapter of Distributive Education Clubs of America.

"I just thought I was going to get a certificate," Stanaland said from the stage of the VHS little theatre, during awards presentations. "I'm speechless but indeed honored."

"I hope I can live up to this for these kids."

The life membership recipient, usually one per

year, is selected by Norman Greene, DE coordinator.

Greene said Stanaland was selected because of his constant invaluable support of the VHS DE program.

"Mr. Stanaland has really helped out our club over the years," said Greene. "He's certainly done an outstanding job with us."

"He's always used several DE students each year," Greene said.

"This is the first year he hasn't. But he has one or two alumni who've stayed with him so there's no slot open."

"Mr. Stanaland has just been real good to us. He's always been there when we need him. He's helped with club projects, been there as an adviser and has given good advice and has given financial help," he said.

The honorary life mem-

bership, Greene said, is the highest award a DECA chapter can give.

Rex Taylor, DE Club president, presented the award.

The life membership was the first award presented after a banquet for 150 employers and DE employees put on by DE club members in the school cafeteria.

Beth Toth, DECA Division vice president, was recipient of the W.E. Glenn Award, for the most valuable DE student.

Alec Greene, Division 3 vice president, received the Warren Horton Memorial Award for the most outstanding DE student in overall activities.

Wesley Wetherington,  
(See Awards on Page 2)

# Buck Up

## Belue May Bypass 'Dogs Offer, Play Baseball

By The Associated Press

Buck Belue, the Valdosta High School football and baseball phenomenon, has a choice to make within the next few weeks but the Georgia Bulldogs are hoping he waits four years instead.

Belue, a 6-foot-2, 185-pounder, and one of the most highly sought quarterbacks in the country, recently signed a grant-in-aid with Georgia.

He also plays baseball rather well, creating a dilemma for the 18-year-old youngster who started at quarterback for four seasons and guided the Wildcats to a 12-2 record and into the Class AAA football championship last season.

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### -Awards

DECA treasurer, received the Coordinator's Award, for the most improved second year DE Student.

Zoe Exum was named Rookie of the Year, the outstanding first year student.

Also recognized were Taylor and Elisabeth Reddick, DE Boy and Girl Student of the Year. They were named in January in order to compete in district and state competition.

Miss Reddick won district competition for girl of the year, later taking second in state. Taylor won second in district boy of the year competition.

Instead of the usual guest speaker, the DE club asked three persons to speak briefly on their views of the DE program.

Ralph Brandon, Valdosta City School System superintendent, talked about the educational value of DE; Miss Reddick gave a student's views and Del Wiggins, assistant manager of Sears, Roebuck and Co., gave the employer's view.

Wiggins gave DE students three challenges, to be dependable, have a positive cheerful attitude and to be honest.

Honesty, he said, includes more than just not stealing. It includes, he said, not misusing work time by such habits as extending breaks and lunch hours.

Wiggins challenged DE employers in three areas, to properly train DE students before throwing them on their own.



## Playing In The Rain

Valdosta High School Concert and Stage bands with the Swing Choir persevered through drizzling rain Friday to perform on the steps of the nation's Capitol. The 100-plus member group performed its non-traditional

concert, for Washingtonians on a performance and sight-seeing tour of Virginia and Washington, D.C. Their performance at the Capitol was arranged through Rep. Dawson Mathis' office. — Special Photo.

### VHS Bees Roll

By Times Staff Writer  
BAINBRIDGE — Valdosta romped past Bainbridge in a pair of high school B-team baseball games here Saturday.

David New allowed just three hits as the Wildcats swept to a 16-5 triumph in the first game.

Then, Ashley Deloach gave up two hits to the Bearcats,

leading his team to a 12-1 romp in the second contest.

Darrell Swindle and Deloach rapped out four hits apiece during the two games to lead Valdosta in hitting.



## High Class Art

Randy Watford, Valdosta High School junior, has been offered \$500 by a Bellville, Fla., man for this painting he did of the Bellville Bridge. But Watford has not accepted the offer yet. This was one of many art works shown by VHS students at the 11th Annual VHS Spring Art Show Sunday at the school. Robin Miller, VHS junior, had her small acrylic painting of a fence and dandelions selected by Principal Lloyd Mims for the Principal's Purchase Award. She also had a landscape selected for the Superintendent's Purchase

Award. Bobby Mayer, a senior, had a painting of an old barn selected for a second Superintendent's Purchase Award and won second place in the show for a pen and ink drawing. Linda Hall, a junior, won first place for her batik, and Timna Nijem, a senior, won third for a ceramic punchbowl. First, second and third place winners received gift certificates presented by various Valdosta merchants. — Times Staff Photo.

## STARS Are

Outstanding Young Educator, Outstanding Secondary Educator, and Outstanding Young Men in America. He was on the Governor's Honors faculty.

He was graduated from Georgia Southern College and received a master's degree from Valdosta State College.

He is married to the former Jacqueline Harvey and they have one son, Justin, 4.

"I feel like most of the honor is Ellen's," said Booth, eight years a VHS

history instructor and girls tennis coach.

"I'm proud she chose me but she's a good student. When she came to me, she was a finished product."

After graduation this year, Miss Eanes plans to attend Mercer University and major in pharmacy.

She attended Governor's Honors and has won VHS algebra and language awards.

She is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and the Society of Distinguished High School

Students.

She is a member of the Beta Club and former member of the Distributive Education Club.

It was through a DE career project she decided to study pharmacy.

She is employed at Barne's Drug Store and the best days, she said, are those she gets to work in the pharmacy section.

She is also interested in tennis, bicycling and ceramics. She is a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

# Valdosta Gains Split

By DAVE RONNINGEN  
Times-Union Staff Writer

COLUMBUS, Ga. — The Valdosta High baseball machine sputtered Wednesday night, but the Wildcats are still alive and in a position to capture the Class AAA South Georgia baseball championship.

The Wildcats suffered their first loss of the season in the second game of a doubleheader, bowing 6-4 to Columbus Kendrick. Valdosta won the opener 3-0 behind the

pitching of Wayne Fugett.

The two teams meet in the final game of the best-of-three series here today at 5:30 p.m.

The second game loss snapped Valdosta's winning streak at 25. The split left Kendrick, the defending South Georgia champion, 19-6.

Fugett, a junior righthander, tossed a near flawless three-hitter to win the opener.



John Lastinger (far left) is Tagged Out in Rundown Between Third and Home

—Times-Union Photo by Ken Klanicki

The 3-0 triumph for Valdosta was the first time in two years that the Cherokees had been shut out on their home field.

Fugett, tirelessly zinging his fast ball for the distance, struck out 11 batters and walked four in the game. Kendrick's ace Greg Valentini was less fortunate, allowing 10 hits, though he fanned 7.

Valdosta pushed across the only run it needed in the third inning when senior third baseman David White singled to centerfield with the bases loaded, ushering in Andy Chapman from third.

John Lastinger belted a solo homer with two out in the sixth to make the count 2-0. In the seventh, Wildcat Andy Weldon cracked a sharp base hit to left to open the inning.

Chapman was struck by a pitch and catcher Mike Ruff singled to load the bases. Senior centerfielder Buck Belue then singled to bring Weldon home with Valdosta's final tally.

Lastinger got two hits in three times at bat and sophomore Ruff added three hits in four trips to lead the Wildcat hitters.

In the second game, Kendrick managed only three hits, but two of them were home runs — including a third-inning grand slam by Eddie Jamieson off Valdosta's Belue. John Metasavage's fifth-inning homer in the fifth knocked out Belue and Fugett came in to finish up.

Valdosta scored two runs in both the second and third innings.

Lastinger singled in a run and Time Dame double in a run in the second. In the third, Chris Daniels cracked a two-run single. During the inning, Mark Powell was out at home p'late when he tried to score on a wild pitch.

Lastinger had two of Valdosta's six hits, giving him four for the day.

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**First Game**  
Valdosta 001 001 1—3 6 0  
Kendrick 000 000 0—0 2 2  
Fugett and Ruff; Valentini and Morris.  
WP: Fugett. LP: Valentini.  
HR: Lastinger (V).

**Second Game**  
Valdosta 022 000 0—4 6 1  
Kendrick 104 010 x—6 3 1  
Belue, Fugett (5) and Ruff; Ammons and Morris.  
WP: Ammons (6-2). LP: Belue (9-1).  
2BH: Dome (V), Belue (V), Lastinger (V). HR: Jamieson (K), Metasavage (K).  
Records: Valdosta 25-1, Kendrick 19-6.

## Belue Undecided on His Future

Times-Union News Services

Buck Belue has a problem.

Should he play college football or professional baseball?

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Belue was a four-year starter at quarterback for Valdosta's powerful football team. Last fall he guided the Wildcats to a 12-2 record and a spot in the state Class AAA football championship game.

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runs and 47 runs batted in as Valdosta swept to a 24-0 regular season record. In addition, the right-hander is 9-1 on the mound with the Wildcats meeting Columbus Kendrick today in Columbus for the South Georgia title championship series.

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Mike Cavan, the Georgia assistant coach who recruited Belue, thinks the Valdosta athlete will enroll at Georgia.

"From all of my talks with him, he wants to play football at the University of Georgia," says Cavan. "He has the potential to make a lot of money in football. He's simply a super player."

"I don't think a \$50,000 bonus to play baseball will influence him."

### Season Tickets Not To Be Honored

Valdosta High School Coach Butch Brooks has announced that VHS season tickets can not be honored at the Region 1-AAA high school baseball playoff game here Tuesday with Tift County.

The season tickets are for regular season games only. Admission prices are 50 cents for students and \$1 for adults.

## Local Briefs

### DE Students At State Meet

From Times Staff Reports

Valdosta and Lowndes high school students are competing at the 34th annual Career Development Conference of the Georgia Association of Distributive Education Clubs of America.

According to an announcement, the conference is to be today through Sunday in Atlanta.

Completing from VHS are: Rex Taylor, anti-shoplifting campaign and DE Boy Student of the Year; Elisabeth Reddick, free enterprise project and DE Girl Student of the Year; Mike Thompson, free enterprise project; Zoe Exum, Reporter of the Year; Beth Toth, general merchandising and state secretary; Jimmy Pitts, Chapter of the Year; and Pamela Hiers, food service.

These VHS Students are eligible for silver awards for merit awards projects: David Nobel, Charles Spurlock, Libby Stephenson, Pam Bennett and Salena Duboes.

Competing from LHS are Joy Grice in food service; Vance Fourakers, DE Boy Student of the Year; Earl Burkett, petroleum marketing; Stewart Williams, food marketing; and Tony Sherman, advertising.

Voting delegates from Lowndes High are Rhonda Tomlinson and Carl Roberts.



—Times Staff Photo

The Smarts: Mother-Son STAR's

## STAR's At VHS 'All In Family'

By Times Staff Writer

When George Smart was notified he was Valdosta High School's STAR student the 17-year-old senior knew he'd have no problem selecting his STAR teacher.

"The teacher," Smart of 2304 Oakridge Drive explained after being recognized at Friday's Kiwanis Club luncheon, "had to be the one who had made the greatest contribution to my education.

"That couldn't be anyone but my mother."

His mother is Martha Smart, widow of Allan Smart "who would be very proud of his son's hard work," she said.

Mrs. Smart taught her son in a 10-th grade biology class at VHS. A graduate of Valdosta State College, the

former medical technologist has been teaching at the Valdosta High for seven years.

"I'm so very proud," she said.

Indeed. The STAR student is the senior who scored the highest on last fall's Scholastic Aptitude Test, and Smart's undisclosed score is one of the highest at VHS in years, according to VHS guidance counselor Virginia Wisenbaker.

He'll next enter district competition sponsored by Kiwanis in Albany March 16.

STAR is Student, Teacher Achievement Recognition begun about 20 years ago by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. The student received a pin and the teacher a charm Friday.

"I'll probably study mechanical engineering," Smart said. "Maybe at Rice University" where his older brother John is a senior majoring in engineering.

### VHS Cadets Tour Naval Center

PANAMA CITY, Fla. — Valdosta High School students visited the Naval Coastal Systems Center here recently.

According to an announcement, 25 cadets from the VHS Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps learned about the center's mission.

They also were given helicopter rides and tours of the Ocean Simulation Facility and the amphibious assault landing crafts.

The students were accompanied by Lt. Cmdr. W.E. Sharp, their instructor.

### Sports In Brief

## Valdosta, Tift Try Again Today

From Staff And Wire Reports

If the weather permits, Valdosta and Tift County are to try again today to get in the first game of the Region 1-AAA high school baseball playoffs.

The opening game in the best-of-three series was scheduled to be held Tuesday but wet grounds forced its postponement until 4 p.m. today.

The second and third game if necessary are still set to begin at 2 p.m. Thursday in Tifton. Valdosta carries a 20-0 record into today's game with the 13-7 Blue Devils.

VHS Coach Butch Brooks said Wayne Fugett, 7-0, is still scheduled for opening game mound duty.

"He needs to pitch every five or six days," Brooks said of the hard-throwing junior righthander. "But I've been trying to throw him some every day so he can stay in the groove.

"If he gets himself right mentally, he'll still be all right."

Fugett last pitched eight days ago against Central of Thomasville. He tied the school record he set earlier in the year against the same team with 19 strikeouts.

Fugett allowed only one hit.

The winner of the region playoff advances to the first round of state competition.

## DAR Names History Winners

Four high school juniors were honored recently at a meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution held at the Woman's Building.

Leigh Touchton was given the DAR history award for Lowndes High School and Robbie Spinney was named runner-up.

The history award for Valdosta High School went to Karl Chiang. Rusty Overby was selected as runner-up.

According to a member, the students were chosen by teachers who averaged their sophomore history grades and their current junior grades.

At the meeting each student gave a brief description of his or her favorite person in American history.

Guest speakers for the meeting were Chief Bill Newburn and Chief Larry Williams of the U.S. Navy. They compared the Russian navy with the U.S. Navy.

Hostesses were Mrs. James C. Jones, Mrs. John Langdale, Mrs. Hoke Smith, Mrs. C.W. Barnes III and Mrs. Beatrice Parramore.

The room was decorated with arrangements of red camellias and greenery.



**KARL CHIANG**  
VHS DAR Award



**RUSTY OVERBY**  
VHS Runner-up



—Times-Union Photo by KEN KLANICKI

## A Dry Spot

While the rains fell in South Georgia Thursday, this newspaper vendor set up a dry spot to sell his papers. Complete with umbrella tied to a chair, Otto Leonard sat

on a street corner in the Five Points section of Valdosta. See weather story on Page A-1.

## Staph Infection Contained

By DAVE RONNINGEN  
Times-Union Staff Writer

THOMASVILLE, Ga. — Archbold Memorial Hospital officials apparently have managed to prevent the spreading of a staphylococcal infection that has killed two babies and hospitalized a third in the last week and a half.

A fourth baby released after being born at the hospital was returned with an apparent staphylococcal infection, but was released several days later.

Still hospitalized in Columbus Medical Center in pediatrics intensive care is a baby girl who was brought back to the hospital shortly after she was born last month.

Mrs. Emily Jerger, hospital public relations director, said officials still are waiting for results from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta and precautions against the spread of the infection still are being taken.

Archbold staff members took cultures from various areas in the hospital and sent them to the disease center for examination. Meanwhile, separate nurses have been assigned to the babies in the nursery.

About 102 babies were born during a 10-day to two-week period in April when the disease is believed to have been contracted by the four babies.

Two baby boys were the first victims of the disease and the only ones to have a fatal reaction to it, according to hospital officials. The boys' infections were centered in the umbilical area, Mrs. Jerger said.

Staphylococcus is a tiny organism that contains toxins. It may be passed to the infant from other persons, including hospital staff or parents.

# Streak Comes To End; VHS Eyes Berth In AAA Finals

By MIKE CHASON  
COLUMBUS, Ga. — The streak is over but the season continues.

At a few minutes before the hour of 10 o'clock Wednesday night, the longest winning streak in Valdosta High School baseball history ended.

The end came at the hands of a Kendrick team which is aiming to repeat the class AAA state championship it won last season.

It came to the tune of two home runs, one a grand slam. It came only 2½ hours after Valdosta had extended the streak to 25 games with a 3-0 series-opening victory over the Cherokees at Golden Park here.

But in the end, it did come. The streak-busting score was Kendrick 6, Valdosta 4.

"I've been seeing it coming since that first ball game of the season," Valdosta Coach Butch Brooks said. "Sure, we wanted to go undefeated but I'm proud of these kids."

"Everybody's heard of us from Missouri on over."

Now Brooks is ready to begin a new streak. His 25-1 Wildcats were to get that chance in the deciding game of the best of three series for the south Georgia championship at 2 p.m. here today.

The winner advances to the state championship round.

"It's one and one," Brooks said. "Just because we lost this game, we're not going to roll over. We'll get out here tomorrow, and the team that does the best job will win."

"But if there's one thing I can't stand, it's to give a game away. And I think we gave one away. When you make mistakes like your pitcher walking people and your team making errors you aren't going to win."

"I thought we stunk for about five innings. I don't want to take anything away from Kendrick but we just didn't execute."

Valdosta picked up its win in the first game behind the two-hit pitching of junior right-hander Wayne Fugett and the home-run of John Lastinger.

Fugett, now 10-0, allowed only a single to Eddie

Jamieson in the third and a single to Johnny Lester in the sixth. He struck out 11 and walked four.

Existing on a diet of almost strictly curve balls, Greg Valentini, 8-3, absorbed the hill loss for the Cherokees. He gave up six hits, struck out seven and walked three.

The visiting Wildcats pushed across one run in the third inning on two Valentini walks and an error by Lester, the Cherokees' third-sacker.

David White then drilled a clutch two-out single into centerfield to score Andy Chapman for VHS' first hit and first run.

Lastinger slapped his fourth home run of the season 390 feet over the right-centerfield wall in the sixth inning to give Fugett a little more of a cushion.

Lastinger had four hits in four official trips to the plate in the doubleheader.

"I guess I just had a good eye today," Lastinger said. "I just hope I keep it tomorrow (today)."

Andy Weldon opened the seventh inning with a pinch-hit single and later scored on Buck Belue's fielder's choice for the final run.

It was the first time in two years the now 19-6 Cherokees had been shut out.

The second game opened in semi-darkness at the park of the Columbus Astros, a class AA minor league team here.

Kendrick came out hungry, drawing first-inning blood off Belue, who started the nightcap on the mound. John Metasavage walked, stole second and scored on Chris Daniels' error at second base.

In the second inning, Lastinger singled in David White and Tim Dame doubled in Lastinger to account for two VHS runs.

The 'Cats stretched their lead to 4-1 in the third inning when Belue and White scored on an error by Kendrick first baseman Stan Mayfield.

Belue had doubled and White had walked.

But from the fourth inning on, Brian Ammons' fast ball did a number on the black and gold-clad visitors.

"If I had known he was going to throw like that, I

probably would have started him the first game," Kendrick Coach John Mallory said. "He hadn't pitched in two weeks because of a hurt elbow."

Ammons provided perfect contrast to Valentini's junk ball repertoire with his constant heat, which left a smacking sound in Tex Morris' catcher's mitt every time the ball hit.

Twice striking out the side, Ammons wound up with 12 whiffs. He allowed six hits and walked three.

But if it wasn't for one swing of the bat by Jamieson, Ammons would now be 5-3 instead of 6-2.

Kendrick loaded the bases in the third when Belue gave up a single, walked a batter and hit another. Jamieson came up and crunched a three ball, one strike Belue fastball 365 feet over the Piggly Wiggly sign in left field for a grand slam home run.

"He hit it pretty good," Belue, now 9-1, said. "I knew I was in trouble. I sorta lost my rhythm. But still, it's usually pretty good when you only give up three hits. Two of them were just home runs."

Metasavage touched Belue for the other homer in the fifth with the sacks empty. Belue crossed his arms in apparent resignation as Metasavage watched the ball glide over the Shakey's Pizza sign in right field.

Fugett returned to the mound and shut down the Cherokees the rest of the way.

"I felt strong," Fugett said. "I hope I can start tomorrow (meaning today)."



VHS' John Lastinger (11) Slides Safely



—AP Laserphoto

## Wildcat Boxes

FIRST GAME				SECOND GAME					
VHS	abr	h	r	bi	KHS	abr	h	r	bi
Ruff c	4	0	2	0	Alex cf	2	0	0	0
Pwells	3	0	0	0	Met ss	3	0	0	0
Blue cf	3	0	0	1	Jam lf	3	0	1	0
White 3b	4	0	1	1	Mor c	1	0	0	0
Dan 2b	3	0	0	0	Ammp 1b	3	0	0	0
Las 1b	2	1	2	1	Lest 3b	3	0	1	0
Fug p	3	0	0	0	Gordy dh	3	0	0	0
Dame rf	2	0	0	0	Kind rf	3	0	0	0
Welf r	1	1	0	0	Bova 2b	2	0	0	0
Chap dh	1	1	0	0	Val p	0	0	0	0
Mert lf	0	0	0	0	Totals	23	0	2	0
Valdosta	001 .001 .1—3-6-0				Valdosta	022 .000 .0—4-6-1			
Kendrick	000 .000 .0—0-2-2				Kendrick	104 .010 .x—6-3-1			
E — Lester, Valentini; LOB — VHS 7, KHS 6.					E — Daniels, Mayfield; DP — VHS 1; 2B — Dame, Belue, Lastinger; HR — Jamieson, Metasavage; SB — Metasavage, Lastinger, White; S — Daniels.				
HR — Lastinger; SB — Alexander, Lastinger, Belue; S — Powell.					Belue (L, 9-1)	ip .h. r. er. bb. so			
Fugett (W, 10-0)	7 2 0 0 4 11				Fugett	41-33 6 5 3 1			
Valentini (L, 8-3)	7 6 3 2 3 7				Ammons (W, 6-2)	12-30 0 0 1 4			
HBP — Chapman by Valentini; — WP — Fugett; PB — Morris.					HBP — Ruff by Ammons, Metasavage by Belue; WP — Ammons 2, Fugett.				

## Defeat Places Valdosta In Unfamiliar Position

By Times Staff Writer

COLUMBUS, Ga. — For the first time all season, Valdosta High School's Wildcats find themselves in the uncomfortable position of having to bounce back from a loss.

What kind of effect will Wednesday's 6-4 loss to Kendrick have on a team which had won 25 straight games?

"It had to end sometime," VHS pitcher-centerfielder Buck Belue said. "There's not another team that's 25-1."

"It was tough to lose but I don't think this team is going to let something like one loss get it down. I think we're too good a team for that. I'm not trying to sound cocky but we're confident we can come back."

Today's deciding game in the best of three series for the class AAA south Georgia high school baseball championship was set for 2 p.m.

"I think they just lulled along and lulled along until they just lulled themselves to sleep," VHS Coach Butch Brooks said of his team.

"We have not played as well as we're capable of playing in the last Windsor Forest game and this second game. I think we played pretty good in the first game (a 3-0 Valdosta win)."

"We made some mistakes today but my

shortstop is one guy who I'm really pleased in."

No doubt Mark Powell is a solid performer at shortstop for the Wildcats but Brooks' problem today was in who to start on the pitcher's mound.

"As of right now, I'm going to start David (White, 2-0)," Brooks said Wednesday night.

The Valdosta coach ruled out bringing back Belue, who took the second game loss, despite giving up only three hits. Two were home runs, one a grand slam.

"When Buck pitches, he's pitched and that's it as far as the next day is concerned," Brooks said.

Valdosta ace Wayne Fugett has come back on successive days in the past, and Brooks may have considered such a move today. Fugett pitched 8 2-3 innings Wednesday.

"I don't want to hurt the boy's arm," Brooks said. "We won't do that. I can't count on him not being sore. He's got too good a future to mess up his arm now."

Fugett said after Wednesday night's game he felt like he could pitch today. However, Brooks has the final say.

Another Valdosta possibility for mound duty is Tim Dame, 4-0.

Kendrick Coach John Mallory was to throw Eddie Jamieson 5-1, today.

# Belue, Baldwin

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Feb 7, 1978

## Among Winners

By Times Staff Writer  
Belue, Baldwin and Robert Baker took home the top trophies but Coach Hyder drove away with the biggest prize of all from the Valdosta Touchdown Club's football awards banquet here Monday night.

Belue, the senior quarterback who started 47 straight games for Valdosta High's Wildcats, was named the most outstanding player on the team.

Baldwin, a senior linebacker and placekicker, captured the most valuable player award.

Hyder, the VHS coach, carried his team farther than any Wildcat squad has advanced in the state playoffs since 1971. Valdosta racked up a 12-2 record, losing only to cross-county rival Lowndes and in the Class AAA state championship game to Clarke Central.

The 1,100 member Touchdown Club rewarded Hyder

for his effort with a 1976 gold Ford Thunderbird automobile.

University of Mississippi Coach Steve Sloan was the featured speaker at the banquet. Straying from the usual banquet circuit speech, Sloan related several funny stories about his coaching career, which has included stints at Alabama, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Vanderbilt and Texas Tech.

Other award winners included the Howard Bridges Senior Scholastic award, Jimmy Hartman; Super Skinner, John Bond; Mark Stevens Memorial Sportsmanship award, Lynn Roberts; Spirit of Wildcats, John Lastinger and Allen Worthy; and best offensive lineman, Gary Guthrie.

Also, best defensive lineman, Curtis Wright; best offensive back, Frank Council; best defensive back, Troy Thomas; most improved, Rodney Gordon; and

most valuable Russ Scruggs. The seniors on the team also received individual plaques. The cheerleaders were presented small gifts by their sponsor, Barbara Barnes.

Wright, Baldwin, Worthy, Guthrie, and Belue were recognized for making the Florida Times-Union's All-South Georgia team.

VHS team doctor Jose Campa, Valdosta principal Lloyd Mims and Miss Barnes were also presented gifts.

All the assistant varsity coaches and the junior high and ninth grade head coaches received checks from the club.

Jack O. Howell was named the new president of the club. Other new officers included vice-president, Paul Cribbs; secretary, Bill Sineath; and treasurer, Ray Chitty.

Outgoing president Bill Evans was given a plaque with a gavel on it.

### Area Roundup

## Wildcats Host Central Tonight

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta's Wildcats try to get back on the winning track here tonight when they host Central of Thomasville in a Region 1-AAA (South) high school basketball game.

Coach Norman Sainz's 'Cats, 7-11 on the year and losers of their last three games, take on the Yellow Jackets in the second game of a doubleheader.

In the first game, Coach Jerry Baker's Kittens try to improve their 5-12 record against the invading Lady Jackets.

The Valdosta boys suffered two defeats in the past week, to 1-AAA northern division powers Albany and Dougherty, but hope to reverse their fortunes against

Area Scoreboard	
<b>Tonight</b>	Cook at Ware
Central at Valdosta	Echols at Charlton
Lowndes at Berrien	Pineland at Valwood
Lanier at Echols	Clinch at Broxton
GCS at Valwood	Waycross at Brooks
Atkinson at Clinch	<b>College</b>
Brooks at Coffee	VSC Women at Tennessee Tech
Baker at Madison	NFJC at Pensacola
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Columbus at VSC	Lanier at Berrien
<b>Thursday</b>	Maclay at Madison
Santa Fe at Hamilton girls	Jacksonville Episcopal at Hamilton
<b>Friday</b>	<b>College</b>
Lowndes at Bainbridge	VSC Men at West Georgia
Westover at Valdosta	VSC Women at Belmont
GCS at Brookwood	NFJC at Okaloosa-Walton

the Jackets, whom they have already defeated once this season.

VHS handed Central a 68-53 defeat in the first meeting between the two schools, at Thomasville before Christmas.

Baker's Kittens won their

first three games of the season, but have lost 12 of 14 games since then, including a 71-62 overtime loss to Dougherty Friday night.

In other games slated for tonight, Lowndes makes a perilous trip to Nashville,

Ga., to oppose Berrien's Rebels and Rebelettes, and Region 2-B (West) rivals Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) and Echols County clash at Statenville.

Georgia Christian School (Dasher) tangles with cross-county rival Valwood here, and Clinch County (Homerville) plays host to traditional foe Atkinson County (Pearson).

Brooks County (Quitman) journeys to Douglas to oppose Coffee County in Region 1-AA frays, and Madison (Fla.) plays at home against Baker County (Macclenny, Fla.).

Wednesday, Valdosta State College's Blazers play host to Columbus College in a key South Atlantic Conference matchup.

### Police Roundup

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## Truck Taken At School

By Times Staff Writer  
The theft of a pickup truck from the grounds of Valdosta High School was reported Friday, according to police.

Donald L. Allison of Lakeland, Ga., told officers he was on bus duty Friday shortly after 3 p.m. when he saw a man driving away in the pickup Allison owned.

The truck had been parked in a garage where the transportation instructor had his class repair the truck so Allison could sell it.

The instructor told police that a man said he was there to get the truck because he had bought it from Allison.

# VHS Boys, Central Girls Swipe Wins

Valdosta Daily Times: 2-8-78

By CHUCK DeVANE

Valdosta's Wildcats and Central of Thomasville's Lady Yellow Jackets walked away with victories here Tuesday night in a Region 1 AAA (South) high school basketball doubleheader.

In the opening contest, the Lady Jackets outlasted Valdosta's Kittens 50-38. The Wildcats downed the Central boys 57-49 in the nightcap.

The Kittens, playing excellent defense, surged ahead in the second period and went into the dressing room at halftime with a 23-20 lead.

The second half was all Central, however, as the Lady Jackets outscored the Kittens 30-15 to set the final margin.

Sabrina Holton, Central's tall center, led all scorers in the game, canning 17 points.

Lisa Feix and Shirley Berrian paced the 5-13 Kittens with 10 points apiece.

"In the first half we played the best defense of the season," Valdosta Coach Jerry Baker said after the game. "We just ran out of steam late in the game."

"Turnovers hurt us, and there was a lack of consistency in our offense."

"I still thought we were in the ballgame until the final buzzer."

In a game Wildcat Coach Norman Sainz termed as "one of our poorer performances," Valdosta outdueled Central's Yellow Jackets at the free throw line to claim its victory.

Both teams made 31 trips to the free throw line, but the Wildcats capitalized on 17 of their attempts, compared to Central's seven.

Jimmy Hartman, Valdosta's tallest player at 6-6, paced the now 8-11 Wildcats with 15 points. Chandler Daniels followed with 11, while Allen Worthy and David New threw in 10 points apiece.

Robert Linton gunned in a game-high 23 points to lead Central of Thomasville. Bernie Donaldson also contributed 12 points for the Yellow Jackets.

"It's good to win," Sainz said. "But we can't continue to play this way and advance



—Times Staff Photo By Robert Winter III

## VHS' John Lastinger Has Shot Blocked

in the (region) tournament." Valdosta swings back into action on Friday, when it hosts Westover (Albany).

In a B-team contest, Valdosta grabbed a 53-39 decision behind nine points by Jeff Salter. Demetrius Brooks threw in 22 points for Central.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	13 23 30 38
Central	13 20 31 50
VALDOSTA (38) — Feix 10, Powell 4, Whitehead 3, Cooper 8, Berrian 10, Crawford 3, Evans, Wilson.	

Team totals: field goals 15, free throws 8 of 16, fouls 16.  
CENTRAL (50) — Hankins 4, Bracewell, Holton 17, Willett 2, Coleman 9, Stephens 8, Williams 4, Brown 6.  
Team totals: field goals 17, free throws 16 of 24, fouls 16.

BOYS	
Valdosta	14 30 38 57
Central	10 18 34 49
VALDOSTA (57) — Lastinger 3, Chandler Daniels 11, Worthy 10, Hartman 15, New 10, Stroud 2, Powell 2, Caesar, Dame Feix, Chris Daniels, Bond.	

Team totals: field goals 20, free throws 17 of 31, fouls 14.  
CENTRAL (49) — Sampson, T. Clayton 2, H. Clayton, Lodge 2, Anderson 4, Hopkins 6, Linton 23, Williams, Wells, Donaldson 12, Hadley.  
Team totals: field goals 21, free throws, 7 of 31, fouls 24.



VANCE FOURAKER  
Lowndes High Senior

ELISABETH REDDICK  
Valdosta High Senior

## DE Students Here Win District Titles

By Times Staff Writer

Lowndes High School and Valdosta High School shared honors at district level distributive education competition Tuesday in Albany.

Elisabeth Reddick, VHS senior, was named District 8 Girl DE Student of the Year.

Vance Fouraker, LHS senior, was named District Boy DE Student of the Year.

LHS has won State Boy DE Student of the Year for four consecutive years.

LHS and VHS students were among 200 DE students, representing 16 clubs in the district, who competed in a variety of areas at Dougherty County High School in Albany.

Lowndes High won twice as many contests as any other club, according to Phil Walden, DE coordinator.

- Other LHS winners were:
- Toni Scheuerman, first place in advertising.
  - Stewart Williams, first in food marketing.
  - Joy Grice, first in food services.
  - Earl Burkett, first in automotive and petroleum marketing.

— Leigh Touchton, third place as Girl DE Student of the Year.

- Rhonda Tomlinson, third in apparel and accessories.
- Diane Clayton, fourth in finance and credit.

Other VHS winners were:

- Rex Taylor, second place as Boy DE Student of the Year.

- Beth Toth, second in general merchandising.
- Pam Hiers, second in food services.
- Karen Shaw, third in job interview.
- Chare Wetherington, fourth in spelling.
- Donna Reid, fourth in food marketing.

Miss Toth is to compete for the office of state secretary. State competition is to be held in Atlanta March 31-April 2.

# Feix, Clemmons Face Close Season And Careers

## ★ V-Times 2-16-78 ★ VHS's 4-Year Starter Still Likes The Game

By MIKE CHASON  
For three years, Lisa Feix has always had a next year to look forward to.

But as the Valdosta High School basketball star takes the court this afternoon in the Region 1-AAA (South) tournament here, she knows she may never wear the uniform of the Kittens again.

Feix is a member of one of the prep game's most elite groups, the four-year starter. Her shooting ability as a freshman vaulted her into the starting lineup and nobody's been able to push her from it since.

But despite four straight years of scoring averages hovering around the 15-points-per-game mark, Feix has never been able to boost the VHS girls' team out of the subregion tournament. And with a 6-13 overall record, the Kittens' chances don't appear to be improved this season.

"Losing gets old after awhile," Feix said. "Every night, you go out there thinking you're going to do something different to win. I've thought that the whole season."

"But I still like it, I know it would be more fun if we could win, but I still like playing just as much as I did."

Feix and basketball have been partners for six years. For her, it seems like six months.

"It really just seems like yesterday when I was a freshman, and Coach (Glen) Phelps was giving us the same speech Coach (Jerry) Baker gave us last week before our last game."

"It really felt weird, knowing that was your last game on that court."

For Baker, it probably felt even stranger. He has to face next season without Feix.

"She's a good example of a coach's dream," Baker said, "if we had five or six like her, it would be hard to lose. She's just an all-round basketball player."

"She shoots well. She thinks well. She's always able to hold her composure. The last four years, she's started every ballgame. And she doesn't like to lose."

Feix, an 18-year-old who is also a straight-A student according to Baker, was elected one of the captains of the team this year by her teammates.

Today at 4:30 p.m., she'll get a chance to exercise that senior leadership against Central of Thomasville in the first round tournament game at Lowndes High School.

If the Kittens knock off the Thomasville school, which has defeated them twice this season, they'll face top-seeded and unbeaten Lowndes at 7:30 p.m. Friday night.

In the only other girls' game today, Bainbridge meets Moultrie at 7:30 p.m. The winner of that game takes on second-seeded Thomasville at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

The girls' title game is set for 7 p.m. Saturday.



Lisa Feix, Left, Battles For Ball,

## VHS Sends 7 To State

By Times Staff Writer  
MILLEDGEVILLE  
Valdosta High School  
qualified seven wrestlers for state competition in the Area 1-AAA wrestling meet, which concluded here Saturday.

Valdosta's David Clifton was the highest Wildcat finisher with a second place in the 129-pound class. Clifton was the only Valdostan in winner's bracket competition.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class advance to the state meet, scheduled to begin Thursday at the Cobb Civic Center in Marietta.

Other VHS finishers included Greg Godwin, third in the 101-pound class; Andy Jaramillo, third in the 106-pound class; Curtis Wright, third in the 189-pound class; John Jubert, fourth in the 135-pound class; Melvin Hunter, fourth in the 148-pound class; and Steve Hall, fourth in the 158-pound class.

Central of Macon won the team title at the meet held at Baldwin County High School here. Southwest Macon was second, followed by Warner Robins, Baldwin County and Valdosta. Sixteen schools entered the competition.

"I think we qualified more than anybody," VHS Coach Jim Landrum said. "Our only problem was that we didn't get in the championship bracket."

## Action Begins Thursday

# Lowndes, Bainbridge Are 1-AAA (South) Top Seeds

By Times Staff Writer

The Lowndes' Vikettes and the Bainbridge Bearcats have drawn the top seeds for the Region 1-AAA (South) high school basketball tournament, which gets underway at the Lowndes' gymnasium here Thursday.

Coach Charles Cooper's Lowndes' girls are 22-0 on the season and unbeaten in their last 52 games. The Vikettes were 10-0 against subregion competition this season.

The Bainbridge boys, coached by Charles Bess, racked up a 20-3 season with a perfect 10-0 subregion worksheet.

Lowndes' Vikings, 16-6 overall and 8-2 in the subregion, are the second seed in the six-team boys' bracket. They are followed by Valdosta, 8-12 overall and 4-6 in the subregion; Thomasville, 8-15 overall and 3-7 in the subregion; Central of Thomasville, 7-12 overall and 3-7 in the subregion; and Moultrie, 2-17 overall and 2-8 in the subregion.

Thomasville, 18-5 overall and 8-2 in the subregion, is the number two seed in the girls' bracket. The Bulldogettes had the best record of any girls' basketball team in the school's history. However, several players were suspended from the team last week by Coach Jerry Studdard.

Bainbridge, 18-5 overall and 6-4 in the subregion, is the third-seeded girls' team followed by Central, 14-7 overall and 4-6 in the subregion; Valdosta, 6-13 overall and 1-9 in the subregion; and Moultrie, 8-13 overall

and 1-9 in the subregion.

The top two seeds in both brackets gained byes to Friday's semifinal round.

In first round games Thursday, the Valdosta girls meet the Central girls at 4:30 p.m. followed by a 6 p.m. matchup between the Thomasville and the Central boys.

At 7:30 p.m., the Bainbridge girls battle the Moultrie girls followed at 9 p.m. by the Valdosta boys squaring up against Moultrie.

Four games are also on tap for Friday, beginning at 4:30 p.m. when the Thomasville girls take on the Bainbridge-Moultrie winner. At 6 p.m., the Bainbridge boys meet the Thomasville-Central winner.

The Lowndes' girls, last year's state Class AAA champions, take the court at 7:30 p.m. against the Valdosta-Central winner followed at 9 p.m. when the Lowndes' boys tangle with the Valdosta-Moultrie winner.

The girls' final is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday. The boys' championship game is to immediately follow.

All four finalists are to advance to the region tournament scheduled for Feb. 24-25 at Bainbridge.

The north half of the region is holding its tournament at Crisp County (Cordele) this week.

Cooper is serving as tournament director and said admission would be \$2 per person. He estimated the seating capacity of the Lowndes' gym at 2,400.



### 'We're No. 1'

Jamie Tootle, batgirl for the Valdosta High School baseball Wildcats, wasted no time in signaling a familiar "We're No. 1" as the last Savannah Windsor Forest batter strikes out here Friday at Bazemore Field. The 7-2 win

was the 'Cats' 24th consecutive victory and puts VHS in a state semifinal series against Columbus Kendrick next week. Details on page 6. — Times Staff Photo.

# Two 'Cats Named To All-Star Team

*V-Times 2-12-78*

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta High School's Buck Belue and Robert Baldwin are among player named to the South team of the Georgia High School All-Star Football game, to be played in August.

Belue, the Wildcats' starting quarterback for four consecutive years, was one of three players selected to play that spot for the South team.

Baldwin, a star linebacker for the 'Cats this past season, was picked to play at the tight end position.

Jody Wilson of Lowndes, who sat out much of last season with a knee injury was tabbed as an alternate split end.

Larry Spurlin, of Dougherty (Albany) was among those selected to play the guard spot.

Another familiar name on the list is Jim Bob Harris, the highly-touted Clarke Central (Athens) quarterback who led his team past Valdosta in the state class AAA finals.

Charlie Grisham of Carrollton, president of the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association, which sponsors the game, said his group was "excited about this year's personnel.

"On paper," he said, "this is by far the most talented group we've had. There obviously were many good players in the state this year, and we feel we should have our best All-Star game yet."

Twenty-five players and as many alternates were named to each team by the coaches whose teams won region championships in 1977.



**ROBERT BALDWIN**  
Named As Tight End

Five additional players are to be picked by head coaches who are to direct the teams. No more than two players may be chosen from one school.

Loran Smith, the GACA executive director, said that Atlanta television station WAGA had expressed an interest in television the game, as it did last year.

The contest is to be played on Thursday, Aug. 3, at DeKalb Memorial Stadium at Atlanta.

Players for both teams, with their high schools, heights and weights:

**NORTH**  
Split ends — Donald Rucker, Commerce (5-10, 155); Tim Clarke, Newman (5-11, 180); tight ends Jimmy Payne, Cedar Shoals (6-5, 220); Lance Skelton, Stephens Co. (6-2, 190); Mike Coker, Peachtree (6-3, 230); tackles Gary Bramblett, Dalton (6-2, 260); Kenny Jordan, Washington (6-5, 235); Bob Weathersby, Clarke Central (6-3, 240); Calvin Perkins, Harper (6-5, 285); Lee North, Shamrock (6-2, 235); Guards Michael Shields, Jefferson (5-10, 180); Larry Kinnebrew, East Rome (6-2,



**BUCK BELUE**  
4-Year Starter

245); Jeff Smith, Chattoga Co. (6-4, 235); Clay Bullard, North Springs (6-0, 220); Jeff Bryant, Gordon (6-4, 224); centers Randy Green, Bremen (6-2, 210); Mitch Gilstrap, Marietta (6-3, 227); quarterbacks David Archer, Woodward Academy (6-1, 175); Richard Nash, Gordon (6-0, 175); Jim Bob Harris, Clarke Central (6-2, 185); running backs Clifford Austin, Avondale (6-0, 184); Greg Gordon, East Rome (5-11, 185); Tim Martin, Avondale (5-11, 185); Chip McMillian, Newman (6-1, 185); Charles Thomas, Douglas Co. (6-3, 195).

**SOUTH**  
Split ends Lindsey Scott, Wayne Co. (6-2, 185); Jay Rogers, Early Co. (5-9, 170); tight ends Robert Baldwin, Valdosta (6-0, 210); Ed Stanford, Westside Augusta (6-2, 205); William Banks, Laney (6-4, 220); tackles Ricky Chaney, Waycross (6-3, 240); Lee Otis Burton, Americus (6-6, 233); Jim Blakewood, Benedictine (6-3, 240); Clyde Thompson, Benedictine (6-6, 265); John Bradley, Early Co. (6-3, 250);

Guards Jeffrey Clayton, Cairo (6-0, 225); Larry Spurlin, Dougherty (6-3, 220); Chuck Matthews, Macon Co. (6-0, 180); Sedrick Brown, Peach Co. (6-2, 228); Willie James Little, Morgan Co. (6-3, 216); centers Ken Henderson, Macon Central (6-2, 215); Donnie Lepard, Harlem (6-3, 242); running backs Jessy Cainion, Warner Robins (5-9, 160); Matt Simon, Statesboro (6-0, 190); Carl Showalter, Savannah Country Day (5-10, 195); Jerry Hearst, Lincoln Co. (5-9, 170); Darryl Smith, Jeff Davis (5-8, 142); quarterbacks Buck Belue, Valdosta (6-1, 195); Mike Kelley, Westside Augusta (6-3, 180); Keith Taylor, Waycross (6-3, 165).

# Chicken Pox Is Causing 'Tremendous Absenteeism'

By RICK ROUNTREE

The flu might be grabbing headlines but it's chicken pox causing "tremendous absenteeism" in city schools, according to Valdosta School Superintendent Ralph Brandon.

One health official said the venerable childhood disease is making its five-year cycle appearance. As a result the disease is leaving as many as a third of first and second grade class desks in some schools empty.

And though chicken pox is generally a children's disease Brandon said he's found an unusually large number of junior high school and high school students with the ailment.

"I'm really surprised because it's pretty serious at the high school, too. And I've never really heard of that," Brandon said.

Dr. Wayne Yeager, director of a 10-county district health center, said the chicken pox virus is making its major

mark with the particularly young children who have never been exposed.

He characterized the disease as generally mild but warned children remaining active during the week or so of infection could find complications.

"That's the problem with chicken pox. The kids want to remain active and that's where complications can arise," Yeager said.

The chicken pox can develop into chicken pox viral encephalitis, an ex-

tremely dangerous disease which "can lead to permanent problems," Yeager said.

Brandon said Sallas-Mahone and S.L. Mason Elementary schools have been hit particularly hard with as many as eight to 10 children out of every first grade class.

"We haven't had it at this degree in a number of years. It's very bad," Brandon said.

"Because it's so contagious just the

fact that one or two children get it means the whole class can be exposed," he said.

Other schools, including W.G. Nunn Elementary, have been spared from any "unusual outbreaks," he said.

Yeager said the most common question with chicken pox is how long must the child stay out of school.

"Generally from what we can find the child is infectious from the day they break out for a period of about six days.

We recommend the child stay out for a full week," Yeager said.

Chicken pox is usually distinguished with an abrupt fever and a series of blisters which appear first on the chest area and soon spread to arms and legs.

As the blisters develop into sores the disease becomes more of a problem because breaking sores are what makes the virus contagious, Yeager said.

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## The Noble Rome

By Alan Greenberg  
Constitution Staff Writer

CLEMSON, S.C. — The girls here, all of whom make it a point to say hello as he ambles across campus in his blue jeans and sneakers, think he looks like O.J. Simpson.

The likeness doesn't end there. He's a glib, easy-going creature who radiates an interest in everyone he meets. He fits in at the church social as easily as the corner bar. Whether he's speaking from the podium or stuffing from the baseline, heads are turning.

And Clemson's Stan Rome may be a better all-round athlete than Simpson. A high school All-America in basketball and football who also ran the 440 and mile relay and a 9.8 100, Rome was Parade Magazine's high school athlete of the year as a senior.

"I always tell him that O.J.'s got one car company," Clemson basketball Coach Bill Foster says, "and if he plays his cards right, he can have the other."

Probably not. Besides not have having a singular, superlative ability like Simpson, Rome is gearing for his future with his heart instead of his head. And he knows it.

Despite being a four-year letterman in basketball, Rome's best chance for a pro career seems to lie with the National Football League. Although he has played only one varsity football season here, he has been contacted by

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Stan Rome has made a name for himself as a great football player. It seems the world is his in the National Football League. But Rome says he's got other plans first.

# Rome

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most NFL teams. A flanker in high school, Rome is 6-foot-5, 205 pounds with hands softer than Charmin.

Also, there are six times as many potential jobs in the NFL. But Rome, a strong defender and rebounder with a weak outside shot, wants to try the NBA first. Because of Foster's preoccupation with team play and balanced scoring, Rome, playing the "big" guard, leads the Tigers with a 14.3 average.

He compares his play and situation to that of Walter Davis, a fine team player at North Carolina who blossomed into a high-scoring NBA All-Star in his rookie year with the Phoenix Suns.

"Even though I know I can be a better football player," Rome says, "my heart is into playing basketball. To me, it's more of a challenge. In football, there's a lot of skill involved, but much of it's brute strength. Basketball's more finesse."

"In high school, we practiced football year round. We only played basketball during the season. I feel like I've accomplished so much more in football (Valdosta was national champion his sophomore year) and have so much more to accomplish in basketball."

"You can enjoy a basketball practice. In football, you've got to keep hitting people when you've got a headache. But if I'd have only played basketball (in Valdosta), those people probably would've murdered me. Hung me from the highest tree."

With basketball his number one concern, Rome spurned football offers from "everywhere" and settled on Clemson, the only ACC school which wasn't looking at him primarily for football.

A business major, Rome was proud of his 2.75 grade-point average (based on 4.0), since he'd been struggling along with a 2.0 before. He's only 12 credits shy of graduating.

"Most of the athletes here, especially the black ones, they get a 1.5 or lower and they're not even close to graduating when the time comes," Rome says. "I'm in no position to say I'm better than they are. I just apply myself."

Applying himself is as much a part of Stan as the inch-long horizontal scar under his right eye caused when he ran into a barbed wire fence while playing sandlot football in junior high. Rome's accomplishments weren't built in a day.

"The first word that comes to mind when you talk about Stan is competitor," Foster says. "He plays every game like it's the last game of his career."

"I'll do anything it takes to win," Rome says, "even if it's taking a charge from a 400-pound guy."

Rome grew up dirt poor in a three-room house in Valdosta. His father split early. His mother raised him. She worked as a presser in a laundry. Rome went to church, obeyed his mother's curfew and learned to love discipline.

"I like to please the coach," Rome says. "I don't want to be the guy coach is doing favors for. I don't want to walk in late and have it be all right. That's when guys start disliking you. I don't want anything I don't deserve. I don't like people feeling I'm better than them. It makes me feel uncomfortable."

Rome has had his share of discomfort. He fathered an illegitimate daughter, Monica Latisha, nearly five years ago. He visits her and the mother regularly in Valdosta.

"It's something that happened and I have to make the best of it," Rome says. "You can take it and learn from it or you can take it and feel sorry about it. If I ever make it, she's gonna have every benefit that any child could have."

Rome's other major sin was having his license revoked for six months because of speeding tickets he incurred traveling from Clemson to Valdosta. Remember, Simpson was a gang member growing up in San Francisco.

Those trials and tribulations behind him, Rome spends much of his time speaking to school children in South Carolina and Georgia. He gives a 25-minute talk about the importance of academics and ordering your priorities in life.

"Stan," says an admiring Foster, "has his act pretty well together. He's not a con man, but he knows how to treat people. If you've got 10 kids over for dinner, he's the one who'll put on the apron and go help in the kitchen."

Rome's hoping the Hawks will draft him. An unselfish player who excels in the running game, he thinks he'd fit right in. But if he fails in both the NBA and NFL?

"I'm not gonna fall by the wayside," Rome says. "I think I'm gonna be successful whatever I do. I think I'll get that lucky deal that other guys don't get. I kinda planned it that way."

O.J. couldn't have said it better.

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"When wisdom entereth into thine heart,  
and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;  
Discretion shall preserve thee, un-  
derstanding shall keep thee." Proverbs 2:20,  
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## Close The Black Colleges

Georgia's University System Board of Regents ought to close down its black colleges. That's not a popular thing to say or advocate. Yet, it would be the right thing to do.

The almost all-black colleges are inferior institutions of higher learning. For the most part the students turned out by them are inferior products.

Yes, we know many notable exceptions. The facts remain that these black colleges are not up to par with the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech or Valdosta State College in educational excellence.

Many of those getting degrees from the black colleges become teachers. They go into the classroom with inferior training and as a result their pupils are inferior pupils. The black colleges merely perpetrate inferiority. That's unfair to the college student as well as to the public school youngsters who are the charges of the black college teacher-graduate.

The University System is in a controversy with the federal government over the desegregation of the system. Most of the problem revolves around the black colleges.

A plan to desegregate the black colleges

was submitted to the feds. But any plan just won't work. That's because of the colleges themselves. They have a reputation of inferiority.

While the state ought to close them, that appears to be a virtual impossibility now with the feds breathing down the University System's neck. So, short of closing them, the state must come up with a plan to raise the academic qualifications of the black colleges to those of the University of Georgia.

It is a much-involved solution. It will require years to build a reputation of academic excellence at an institution which has suffered with a reputation of inferiority.

Good students, whether white or black, are just not going to institutions which have poor reputations. The excellence of a college or university is measured as much by its students as by its faculty.

It would seem obvious Georgia's problem of desegregating the black colleges is not a racial problem, but an academic one. Until the state goes through the long and involved process of raising the academic level at these colleges, they will remain mostly black. And they will continue to turn out inferior products.

# Dougherty Sweeps Past Valdosta In 1-AAA Games

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By Times Staff Writer  
**ALBANY** — Dougherty's Trojans and Trojanettes were rude hosts here Friday, sweeping a Region 1-AAA high school basketball doubleheader from Valdosta. The Trojanettes went into overtime to cut down Coach Jerry Baker's Kittens, 71-62, as big Martha Howard scorched the nets for 54 points. Then, the Trojans cranked up their league-leading offensive machine, pulling away after halftime to swat down the Valdosta team of Coach Norman Sainz, 79-65. The Valdosta girls came back from a 50-47 third quarter deficit to knot the score at the end of regulation time, but Howard led a 12-3 Trojanette surge in the overtime period as Dougherty improved its record to 8-11. Shirley Berrien tossed in 20 points for the visiting Kittens, and Lisa Feix canned 18. Valdosta actually had three more field goals than Dougherty, but suffered from a horrendous night at the free throw line. The Kittens hit on just six of 25 free charity tosses, while

Dougherty made good on 21 of 31 attempts. "We killed ourselves at the free throw line," Baker said. "We should have won that game. We just couldn't hit our free throws." "But Feix and Berrien showed good leadership on the floor." The 6-1 Howard, who bulled her way into the lane time and time again, stripped the nets for 17 of 20 field goal attempts and 20 of 24 free throws. Valdosta saw its record dip to 5-12 with the defeat. Valdosta's boys held the powerful Trojans, now 19-1, to a 42-37 halftime lead, but the Wildcats fell behind in the third quarter, when they scored just six points while Dougherty was racking up 16. Tim James, one of Region 1-AAA's leading scorers, racked up 19 points for Dougherty, most of them coming late in the game after VHS had abandoned its zone defense for a man-to-man. Robert Mitchell added 18 points for the Trojans, Larry Spurlin shot for 11, and Lionel James pumped in 10. Jim Hartman strummed the cords for 20 points for Valdosta, now 7-11, and John Lastinger added 19, many on

drives down the line from his guard position. "I felt like we played as good a first half as we've played in a while," Sainz said. "We missed some shots we should have had, and we missed (Allen) Worthy at center." Worthy was in Tennessee on a recruiting trip. "We had a real strong performance from Hartman," he said, "and from John Lastinger. But we had a real poor third quarter, and that's what killed us." Valdosta plays again Tuesday when it hosts Central of Thomasville in a Region 1-AAA (South) twin-bill.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	14 32 47 59 62
Dougherty	17 30 50 59 71
VALDOSTA (62) — Powell 7, Feix 18, Whitehead 6, Cooper 7, Berrien 20, Crawford 2, Wilson 2, Irvin, Evans.	
Team totals: field goals 28, free throws 6 of 25, fouls 21.	
DOUGHERTY (71) — Howard 54, Thompson 1, Johnson 10, Jackson 4, Ratliff 2, Payne, James.	
Team totals: field goals 25, free throws 21 of 31, fouls 23.	
BOYS	
Valdosta	17 37 43 65
Dougherty	22 42 58 79
VALDOSTA (65) — Hartman 20, Lastinger 19, Chandler Daniels 9, New 6, Stroud 4, Caesar 3, Powell 2, Bond 2, Burch, Chris Daniels, Feix, Dame.	
Team totals: field goals 23, free throws 19 of 27, fouls 16.	
DOUGHERTY (79) — T. James 19, Mitchell 18, Spurlin 11, L. James 10, Smith 8, Toomer 6, Marshall 5, Harrell 2, Thompson, Phillips.	
Team totals: field goals 36, free throws 7 of 12, fouls 21.	

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FEB 5, 1978

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# Valdosta Rolls Past Ware Co.

Vald Times Feb 3, 1978

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 Valdosta rolled past Ware County in a pair of ninth grade basketball games played Thursday. Affernette Wilson totalled 11 points, leading the Valdosta girls to a 47-12 squashing of the girls from Waycross. Melody Williams managed six points for Ware. Then, Dante Jones poured in 31 points as the Valdosta boys romped to a 69-40 triumph. Greg Green's 10 points paced the Gators. The win improved the Valdosta girls' record to 5-6. The Valdosta boys are now 8-5. The VHS ninth grade teams are to play Saturday night at Hahira, against Hahira Junior High School.

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The Lowndes boys have won seven games in a row, and would like nothing better than to continue that streak against the high-powered Tribe.

The Vikings dumped Moultrie, 63-53, Tuesday night, but were anything but impressive while doing so.

Dougherty has been beaten only by Bainbridge, the region's southern division leader. It later avenged that loss.

Valdosta has not played since Friday, when it saw a fourth quarter Albany surge result in a 76-67 loss.

Lowndes' Vikettes, 19-0 on the year and winners of 49 consecutive games, try to continue that streak against the 5-13 Squaws from Albany.

Coach Charles Cooper's Lowndes team blasted Moultrie, 57-31, in its latest outing.

Coach Jerry Baker's Valdosta Kittens broke a six-game losing streak with a 71-43 pasting of Albany last Friday.

The Dougherty team they will be facing has chalked up a 7-11 record.

In other games slated for Friday, Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) visits Clinch County (Homerville) for important Region 2-A matchups, and Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) plays at St. George in a Region 2-B (West) doubleheader.

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## Area Scoreboard

**Tonight**  
Gulf Coast at NFJC

**Friday**  
Prep  
Lowndes at Albany  
Valdosta at Dougherty  
Berrien at Clinch  
Lanier at St. George  
Coffee at Cook  
Echols at Norman Park  
Citizens' Christian at Valwood  
Bainbridge Christian at Westbrook  
Taylor at Madison  
Hamilton at Suwannee boys

**College**  
Berry at VSC women

**Saturday**  
Prep  
West Telfair at Georgia Christian  
Bainbridge Christian at Valwood  
Taylor at Hamilton girls

**College**  
VSC Men at Georgia Southern  
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ville) hosts Norman Park, and in a Region 1-AA twin-bill, Cook (Adel) entertains Coffee County (Douglas).

In Southeastern Association of Independent Schools' contests, Citizens' Christian (Douglas) meets Valwood here, and Westbrook (Dixie), hosts Bainbridge Christian.

South of the border in Florida, Madison plays host to Taylor County (Perry), and Hamilton County (Jasper) entertains Suwannee County (Live Oak) in a boys' contest.

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Tonight, North Florida plays at home against Gulf Coast in a junior college encounter at Madison, Fla.

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By Times Staff Writer  
TIFTON — Valdosta's wrestling team suffered its first loss in the last match of the regular season here Wednesday, when Tift County's Blue Devils handed the Wildcats a 35-27 defeat.

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"Tift is a much improved team," said VHS coach Jim Landrum. "I guess one thing that really hurt us was injuries."

Four Valdosta regulars did not start because of injuries.

Valdosta is to travel to Milledgeville next Thursday for area competition. Sixteen teams are to participate, with winners advancing to state

competition.

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## VHS Pushes Counseling Program

The Valdosta Daily Times, Wed., Feb. 8, 1978-4-

By Times Staff Writer

Valdosta High School has a special counseling program available to each student and his parents but not enough take advantage of it, according to Lloyd Mims, principal.

Every Tuesday and Thursday is set aside at VHS for parents and students to come and discuss problems with either the teachers or the counselors.

The only requirement is they call and make an appointment.

"We encourage, we implore parents," Mims said, "who have problems to come and discuss them. Just call the guidance office and we'll have the teacher or teachers available for a conference."

"Also on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons," Mims said, "students can go back for individual help by making an appointment."

For parents who can't come during the afternoon appointments may be set up during a teacher's planning period, or on another day.

The Tuesday and Thursday appointment program has been in effect for at least the seven years Mims has been principal.

It's included in the handbook the students have and he announces it during the year "but not enough persons make use of it," he said.

"We want parents concerned enough about their child to avail themselves of this," he said. "And the trouble with the students is they don't come back. They want to go straight home after school."

"We want parents to come to school to discuss their children's problems and progress and to know what they are doing or should do."

Virginia Wisenbaker, guidance counselor, is also disappointed more students and parents don't make use of the weekly appointment times.

"It's not used nearly enough," Mrs. Wisenbaker said. "I have many calls from parents who want to hire a

tutor but the best tutor in the world is the teacher who's teaching the class. And they can help on a one-to-one basis after school."

Mrs. Wisenbaker said counselors are available not only for conferences about a student's academic or personal problems but also to help parents understand school programs and help guide the student in the courses he needs.

"I know parents do not understand the quarter system, the hours and the different graduation requirements," she said.

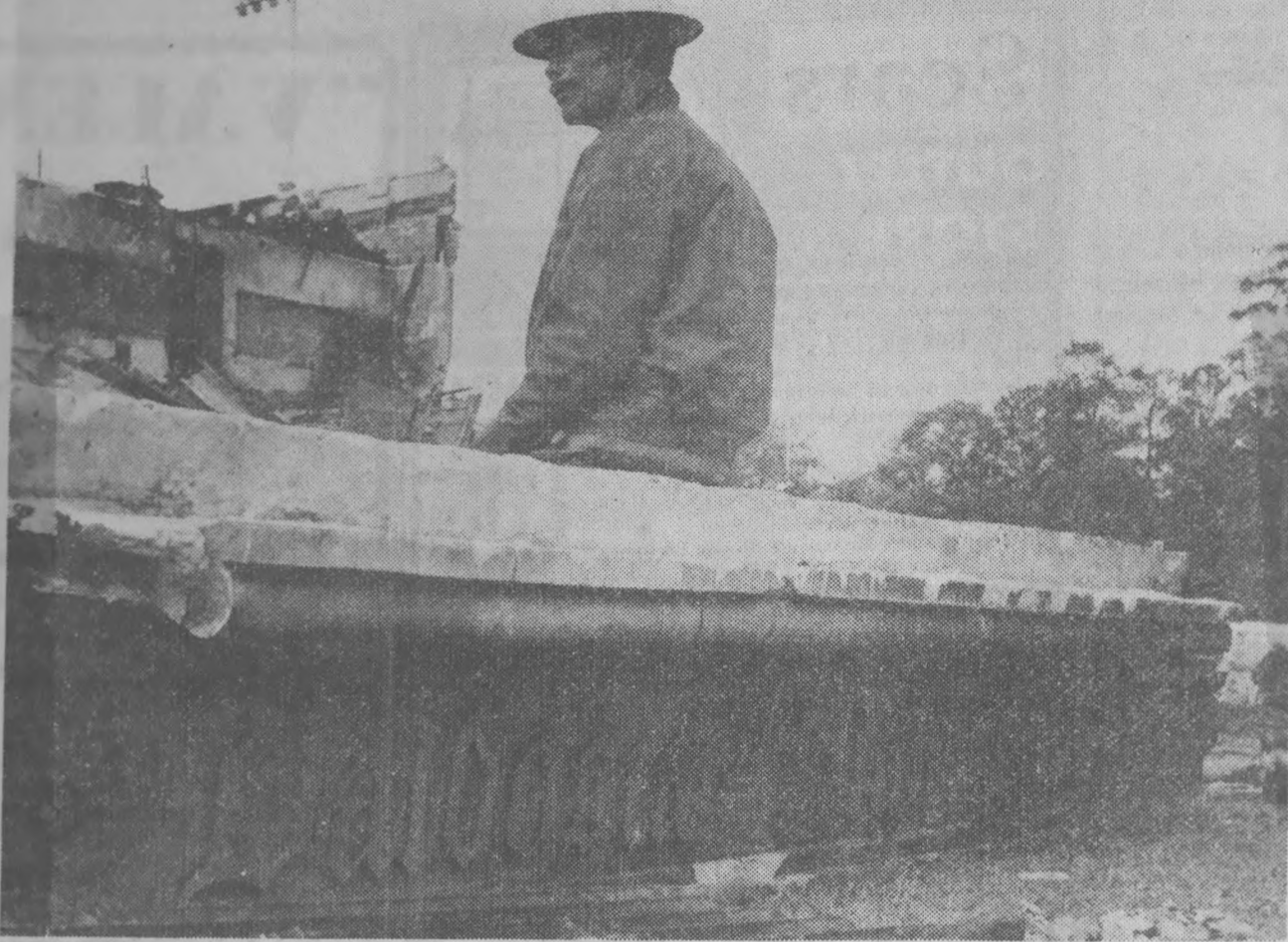
"I realize that's because they didn't go to school under this procedure. But all they have to do is call the guidance counselors and we'll be glad to see the parents and give them a 'crash course' on how it is to be in high school today."

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LLOYD MIMS  
Help Available

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## High School Remnants

Worker Charlie Copeland sits on the stone nameplate that once was located over the front door of Valdosta High School. A crew has been at work for several weeks to raze the structure, which was destroyed by fire last No-

vember. Copeland had an opportunity to relax while the work was halted by a breakdown in the crane being used in demolition.

# 'Dosta Boys Face Uphill Task Again

Vald Times Feb 10, 1978

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta's Wildcats assume the underdog role yet another time tonight when they host Westover's powerful Patriots from Albany.

Coach Norman Sainz's 'Cats, 8-11 on the year, were bowled over twice last week by other Albany teams, Region 1-AAA powerhouses Dougherty and Albany High.

Westover brings a 15-5 chart into tonight's game, which signals an end to the

regular season for the Valdosta teams.

Coach Jerry Baker's Valdosta girls hope to improve their 5-13 record, and avoid the embarrassment of being the first team to fall before Westover, when they tackle the 0-19 Lady Patriots.

The Valdosta boys broke a three-game losing skid when they outlasted Central of Thomasville, 57-49, here last Tuesday.

But Sainz called his team's performance in that game

"one of our poorer efforts of the season."

Baker's Kittens have their eye on improvement as the Region 1-AAA (South) tournament approaches next week.

The Valdosta girls won their first three games of the season, but have managed just two victories in 15 tries since then.

Lowndes visits Bainbridge in another Region 1-AAA (South) twin-bill.

Georgia Christian School

(Dasher) journeys to Thomasville to meet Brookwood, and Valwood plays at home here against Pineland in Southeastern Association of Independent Schools' action.

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Echols County (Statenville) travels to Folkston to

meet Charlton County, and Clinch County (Homerville) plays on the road at Broxton.

Valdosta State College's women play in Cookeville, Tenn., against Tennessee Tech, and North Florida Junior College meets Pensacola on the road.

Saturday, Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) tangles with Berrien at Nashville, Ga., Madison, Fla., hosts Maclay (Tallahassee, Fla.) and Jacksonville (Fla.) Episcopal faces Hamilton County at Jasper, Fla.

The Valdosta State men play West Georgia at Carrollton, while the VSC women tackle Belmont at Nashville, Tenn.

NFJC plays another road game, against Okaloosa-Walton at Fort Walton Beach.

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Waycross at Brooks

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# Patriots, Kittens Ring Up Wins



—Times Staff Photo.

Val Baker Sweeps Board For Kittens

**By MARTIN REGISTER**  
Westover's Patriots roared away from a halftime tie behind the shooting of Willard Howard and Ken Ivey, and shot down Valdosta's upset-minded Wildcats, 67-56, in a high school basketball game here Friday.

Earlier, the Valdosta girls had pounded the visiting Lady Patriots, 52-31. Howard and Ivey ignited the high-powered Westover attack with driving layups and short jumpers after the two Region 1-AAA teams had battled to a 26-26 halftime deadlock.

Wildcat coach Norm Sainz said he was pleased with his team's first half effort, but pointed out turnovers and missed throws as culprits in a second half which belonged mostly to the Patriots from Albany.

"I felt like we beat ourselves," he said. "When we were patient, and looked for the good shot, we looked real well."

"At other times, we threw the ball away, and had poor shot selection."

The Valdosta coach had praise for guard Chris

Daniels, who came off the bench to start on Senior Night.

He also said he was pleased with the defensive play of Allen Worthy.

VHS pressured the Westover ballhandlers, and early in the game, it paid off in Patriot turnovers.

The Wildcats stormed into a 9-3 lead behind baskets by Worthy and Jim Hartman, but Westover finally got untracked, and started rolling shortly before the half when Ivey pumped in nine consecutive points.

Westover, aided by Wildcat mistakes and the inside game of its front line, took up in the third quarter where it left off at halftime and blew into a 20 point lead in the final period.

Ten straight Patriot points at the start of the fourth

quarter stretched a 44-38 advantage into a 54-38 bulge.

Howard, the region's fourth-leading scorer, broke loose in the final period for 10 of his 19 points as the Pats broke the game open.

The sparse Valdosta crowd had little to cheer about in the concluding period before the final two minutes, when the Wildcats racked up 12 points, eight of them by sophomore David New.

Hartman slammed home a dunk shot with 12 seconds left following a Wildcat steal, bringing Valdosta fans to their feet for the first time in the game, and cutting the Westover advantage to nine points.

Ivey finished with 19 points for Westover, and Alphonso Holsey added 10.

Chandler Daniels tossed in 20 to lead VHS, while New finished with 12 and Hartman and Worthy had 11 apiece.

Westover improved its record 16-5, while Valdosta ended the regular season with an 8-12 chart.

Coach Jerry Baker's Kittens notched their sixth win in 19 starts, roaring into an early lead and coasting the rest of the way home.

Lisa Feix pumped in 17 points and Renee Whitehead added 15 for the VHS girls,

who led 35-17 at the half and were never headed.

Baker substituted early, and cleared his bench in the final quarter, when the Kittens added just one point to their total.

For the outmanned Lady Patriots, it was just more of the same. The loss was their 20th in as many games this season.

"We had a good night," Baker said. "Our press bothered them early, and that's really what beat them."

"We were glad to be able to play everybody, but Westover was weak. They started three sophomores, and it showed."

Kim Frierson managed 12 points for Westover.

Valdosta is among the teams involved in the Region 1-AAA (South) tournament, scheduled to be held Thursday through next Saturday at Lowndes High School's gymnasium here.

Pairings for that tourney are to be announced after a meeting of subregion coaches Sunday.

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Valdosta 20 35 51 52  
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**WESTOVER (31)** — Frierson 12, Favors 5, Beaudoin 4, Polite 4, Wright 2, Nixon 2, Nelson 1, Rich 1, Faloon, Wasikowski.  
Team totals: field goals 13, free throws 5 of 11, fouls 17.

**BOYS**  
Valdosta 13 26 38 56  
Westover 14 26 44 67  
VALDOSTA (56) — Chandler Daniels 20, New 12, Hartman 11, Worthy 11, Lastinger 4, Shroud 3, Powell 2, Feix 2, Chris Daniels 2, Birch, Dene, Caesar.  
Team totals: field goals 21, free throws 14 of 25, fouls 14.

**WESTOVER (67)** — Howard 19, Ivey 19, Holsey 10, Longstaff 7, Small 3, Wundee, Thompson, Coulier, Carroll, Sancha, Jones.  
Team totals: field goals 29, free throws 9 of 14, fouls 21.



Times Staff Photo by Mike Dowse

VHS' Allen Worthy (22) Snags Rebound

# Odds Don't Favor VHS Teams In Tourney

**By MARTIN REGISTER**  
Valdosta's Wildcats assume the role of dark horses, while the Kittens must be labeled long shots when the Region 1-AAA (South) high school basketball tournament gets underway here Thursday. Coach Jerry Baker's Kittens bolted out of the starting gate like a thundering herd, but faltered in the home stretch.

The VHS girls won their first three games, but came out on top in only three of their remaining 16, and finished 6-13. They are seeded fifth in the six-team league, with a subregion record of 1-9.

The 'Dosta boys, meanwhile, stumbled at the beginning of the regular season, but gained their footing after members of the school's state runner-up football team joined their ranks, and wound up 8-12. The 'Cats 4-6 league record was good for the third seed in the tournament.

Both Valdosta teams begin play Thursday, with the Kittens opening tournament action with a 4:30 p.m. matchup against Central of Thomasville's Lady Yellow Jackets at the Lowndes High gym here.

Three games later, the Wildcats put a lid on the night's play when they tackle

Moultrie's sixth-seeded Packers in a 9 p.m. fray.

Coach Norman Sainz's Wildcats went 8-7 after the football players rejoined the team, and built their attack around the inside maneuvers of Chandler Daniels, Allen Worthy, Jim Hartman, and David New.

A strong bench has proven an asset to the 'Cats, who regularly play every cager on the roster.

The Wildcats, however, lost four of their final five games, most of them to powers from the northern side of the region.

Their first round opponents, Moultrie's Packers, have managed just two wins

in 19 games, and are seeded last by virtue of their 2-8 league record.

Valdosta will have to guard against looking past the scrappy Pack to a possible semifinal matchup against crosstown rival Lowndes.

The second-seeded Vikings, 16-6 overall, handed the 'Cats

a pair of losses during the regular season, by scores of 81-58, early in the season, and 82-75 midway the campaign. Baker's Kittens face a tough road from their fifth spot in the tourney pairings.

First on the Valdosta girls' agenda is a matchup against Central's improved Lady

Jackets, who bring a 14-7 mark into the affair.

Central, however, fields only a 4-6 subregion record. The Kittens lost twice to Central during the regular season, and will look for different results this time out.

Lisa Felix, a senior guard and four-year starter, leads the VHS attack, and will be hoping for scoring assistance from junior Vera Crawford, sidelined for much of the season with a knee injury.

Shirley Berrian, an accurate outside shooter, and Renee Whitehead, a tall forward, may also be factors for Valdosta.

The Kittens, like the 'Cats, face the possibility of a

semifinal round match against Lowndes.

But the 'Dosta girls may just as soon have skipped the rivalry aspect and opted for a less formidable foe. Two other games are on tap for Thursday. At 6 p.m., Thomasville's boys, fourth seeded with records of 8-15 and 3-7, tackle Central, 7-12 overall and 3-7 in league games.

Then, at 7:30 p.m., the Bainbridge girls, 18-5 in all games and 6-4 in the league, tangle with Moultrie's sixth-seeded Packettes, 8-13 over all and 1-9 in the subregion.

Semifinal round action is scheduled for Friday, with the second-seeded

Thomasville girls facing the Bainbridge-Moultrie winner at 4:30 p.m.

The Bulldogettes bring an 18-5 overall record and an 8-2 league chart into the battle. At 6 p.m., Bainbridge's top-seeded Bearcats risk their 20-3 overall record and 10-0 league chart against the Thomasville-Central survivor.

At 7:30 p.m., the Lowndes girls tackle the Valdosta-Central winner, and at 9 p.m., the Lowndes boys meet the Valdosta-Moultrie survivor.

The girls' final is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, with the boys' contest beginning at 8:30 p.m.

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# City School Board Wants To Borrow

Feb 17, 1978

By MÀRCIA McRAE

The Valdosta Board of Education has financial dilemmas to face Monday night, one of them caused by the spring holiday schedule.

When the school calendar was drawn for the year, no one realized the March payday falls during the holidays, said Ralph Brandon, city school superintendent.

In a work session Thursday, Brandon told the board he planned to ask its permission Monday to borrow up to \$300,000 for four days to pay personnel on March 24 instead.

Pay day for the city system is usually the 31st of the month. But the week-long spring holidays are to begin at 3:30 p.m. March 24.

Lamar Newbern, board member, interrupted Brandon to say the move is illegal.

Reuben Yancey, the board's attorney, Newbern said, had ruled it illegal for the board to borrow money when it has money.

Brandon immediately said to strike the item from the agenda. But after discussion

among the members it was left on and the move is to be decided Monday night.

After the work session, Brandon explained it would cost the board \$167 in interest to borrow the money. It would cost more, he said, in lost interest if the board were to take the money from its own accounts.

"Technically," Brandon

said, "we're not supposed to borrow money when we have it. But it's not financially wise because we lose that interest for the whole period."

Long range financial problems with Social Security were also discussed and the board is to decide Monday whether it wants to take the first step in getting

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out of the program.

"We have had a very large number of teachers," Brandon said, "who are real concerned with Social Security and its future."

He said in DeKalb County alone Social Security tax cost \$9 million this year, half of which was paid by the school board and half by teachers.

"The projections for Social Security by 1981 scare you," Brandon said. "By 1981 all our local money will be used to pay for utilities, Social Security and teacher retirement, and that's if the costs stand still."

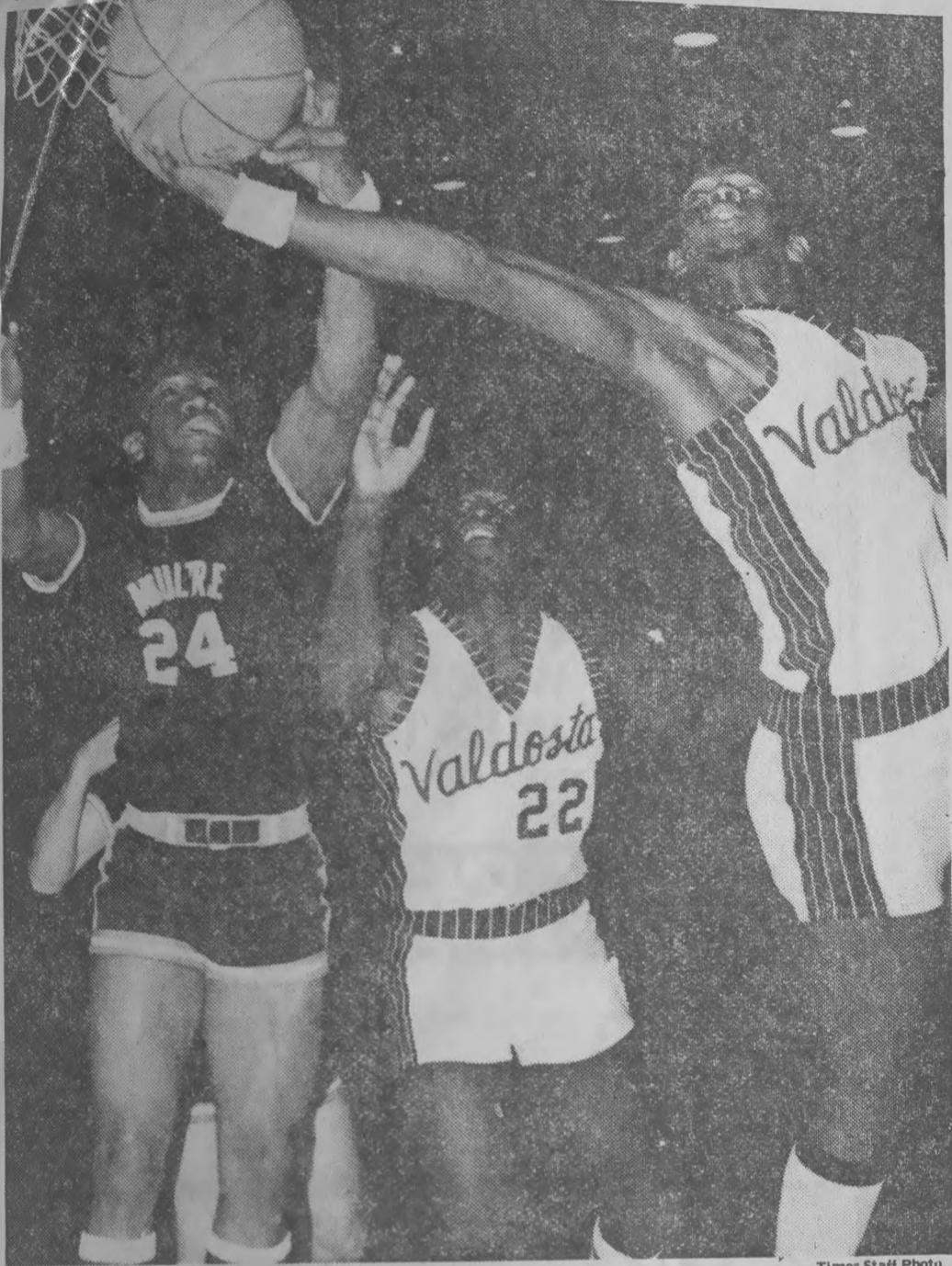
Brandon told the board if it wants to consider getting out of the Social Security system, it must pass a resolution of its intention and must wait two years before it can get out.

At the end of two years, it would have the option to leave or stay in, he said.

Board member Dr. Robert Quattlebaum asked what would happen to money teachers have already put into the system and if a separate retirement system would be set up for them to replace Social Security.

Brandon said the funds would be frozen and they would be entitled to what they had put in.

"And there are a number of other options (for using the money usually put into Social Security) which are more advantageous to the teachers," he said.



—Times Staff Photo.

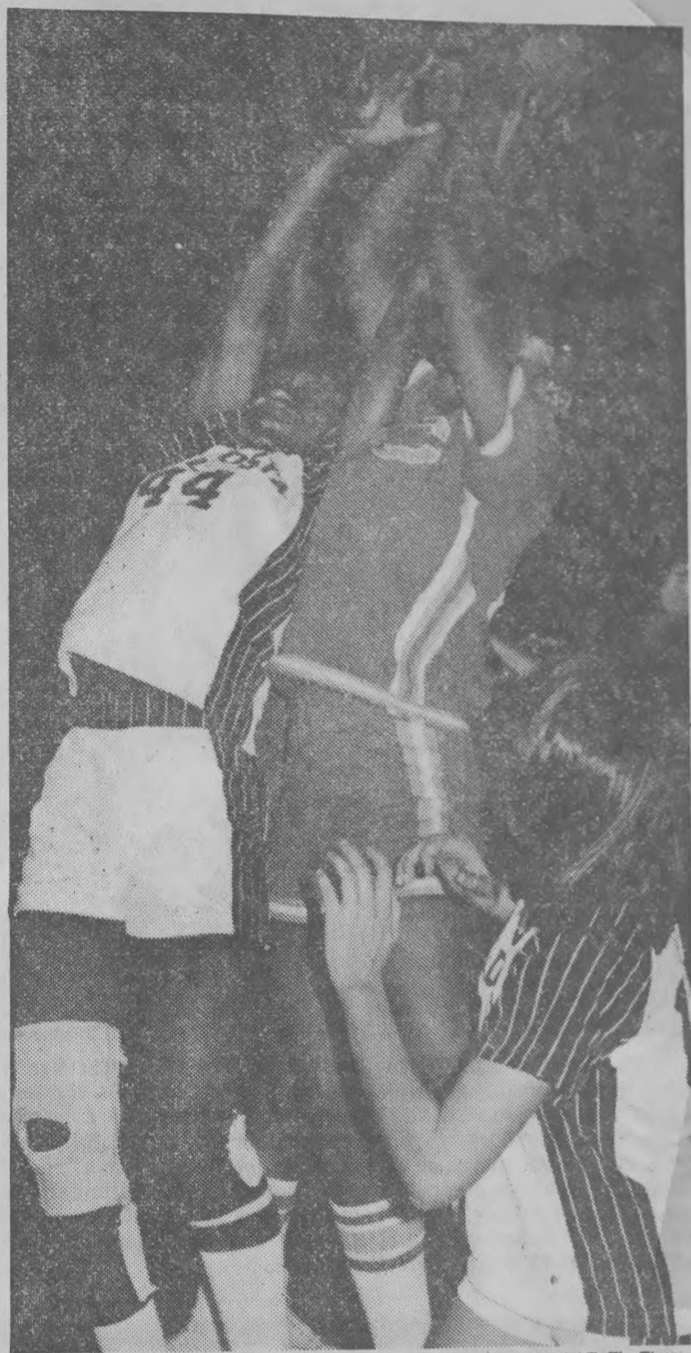


Photo Special To The Times

VHS's Chandler Daniels Reaches For Rebound, While Kittens' Vera Crawford (44) Reaches For The Sky

# Narrow Valdosta Victory Sets Stage For 'Cat-Vike Rematch

By MIKE CHASON  
Valdosta's Wildcats and Lowndes' Vikings have captured the starring roles in the Region 1-AAA (South) high school basketball tournament, which begins second round action here tonight.

The two bitter rivals are scheduled to meet for a third time this season with a berth in the Region 1-AAA tournament next week at stake.

Valdosta vaulted into the 9 p.m. contest at the LHS gymnasium with a 47-44 win over Moultrie in first round action Thursday.

"We're going to have to play 200 percent better against Lowndes or the only way we're going to the region tournament is to buy a ticket," VHS Coach Norman Sainz said.

"I think we were getting ready to play Lowndes. We came real close to not even getting the chance. We're grateful for the opportunity to play Lowndes again. The winner goes all the way to the region and hopefully we'll be ready."

Lowndes, 16-6 and second-seeded in the three-day tournament, gained a bye to the semifinal round. The Vikings defeated the Wildcats

in both of their previous meetings this season.

In other games Thursday before only a double-handful of spectators in the 2,400-seat Lowndes' gym, Valdosta's Kittens wound up their season in a disappointing 57-55 loss to Central of Thomasville, Central's boys slipped past Thomasville 60-51 and Moultrie's girls shocked third-seeded Bainbridge 17-16.

In today's games, Moultrie meets the second-seeded Thomasville girls at 4:30 p.m., Bainbridge's top-rated Bearcats tackle Central at 6 p.m. and Lowndes' unbeaten Vikettes try to extend their 22-0 season record and 52-game winning streak at the expense of Central's girls at 7:30 p.m.

As befits the feature attraction, the Valdosta-Lowndes boys' game tops off the day's play.

Chandler Daniels scored 10 points for the now 9-12 'Cats against the Packers in a game which Valdosta led until the fourth period.

Moultrie pulled ahead when Valdosta suffered a six-minute scoring drought. The Packers then tried to freeze the win away to no avail.

With three seconds left, the

Wildcats were up 46-44, and David New was on the line for a technical foul shot assessed against the Packers for calling a timeout they didn't have.

New hit the shot, and Valdosta had a semifinal berth.

Shirley Berrian threw in 20 points in one of her top offensive efforts of the season for the Valdosta girls. Lisa Feix closed out her 4-year VHS career with 16 points, and Maggie Powell had 13.

Rena Williams hit for 21 points, and Sabrina Holton added 19 more for the now 15-8 Central girls, who played Lowndes to within three points earlier in the season.

"They hit the crucial baskets, and we didn't," Valdosta Coach Jerry Baker said. "I thought we should have fouled earlier but I didn't have too good of a response to that."

"I thought Feix and Berrian played a real good game, and I thought Maggie Powell played pretty good. It really hurt us when Renee (Whitehead) fouled out."

Whitehead, the tallest Kitten, fouled out with 4:38 to play in the final period. Holton was the tallest player on the floor after that and really

began to assert herself.

Powell's three-point play with 11 seconds left set the final margin.

Valdosta wound up 6-14 on the year.

Central's Yellow Jackets raised their record to 8-12 behind the 17-point scoring of Robert Linton and 13 points by Willie Hopkins.

Guy McIntyre threw in 16, and John Fann added 15 for Thomasville.

Central led at every quarter break.

The quickest game of the night was the Moultrie-Bainbridge girls' game.

Moultrie, determined to try anything against the more talented Bearkittens, held the ball the entire game. At the half, it was 6-4, Bainbridge.

The strategy could not have worked any better.

Moultrie's Kelly Tillman bided her time perfectly and finally launched a 14-foot shot at the hoop with three seconds left. It went in, and the Moultrie fans in attendance bolted out of their seats.

But Bainbridge's Le Ann Harrell almost made their joy a little premature when she rifled a baseball-type shot toward her team's goal before she even crossed the

midcourt line. The shot hit the back of the rim and bounded away.

Tillman scored eight points to lead the Moultrie girls.

The girls' championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, followed by the boys' title contest at 8:30 p.m.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	8 18 34 55
Central	8 26 41 57
VALDOSTA (55) — Powell 13, Feix 16, Whitehead 2, Cooper 2, Berrian 20, Crawford 2, Baker, Evans.	
Team totals: field goals 25, free throws 5 of 8, fouls 15.	
CENTRAL (57) — Hankins, Bracewell, Holton 19, Willett, Coleman 6, Stephens 7, Williams 21, Brown 4.	
Team totals: field goals 26, free throws 5 of 13, fouls 12.	
BOYS	
Thomasville	8 23 36 51
Central	12 29 37 60
THOMASVILLE (51) — Herndon 9, Fann 15, Johnson 2, McIntyre 16, S. Putman 7, Dyson, Hutch, M. Putman, Abrams, Scoggins, Bruan 2.	
Team totals: field goals 21, free throws 9 of 17, fouls 24.	
CENTRAL (60) — Clayton, Lodge 4, Anderson 6, Linton 17, Williams 1, Davidson 7, Hadley, Hopkins 13.	
Team totals: field goals 21, free throws 18 of 29, fouls 17.	
GIRLS	
Bainbridge	3 6 12 16
Moultrie	0 4 14 17
BAINBRIDGE (16) — Strickland 4, Harrell 1, Godson 2, Edwards 3, Williams 4, Jenkins 2.	
Team totals: field goals 5, free throws 6 of 8, fouls 4.	
MOULTRIE (17) — Anderson 2, Davis 1, Edwards 2, Tillman 8, Pittman 4.	
Team totals: field goals 8, free throws 1 of 2, fouls 6.	
BOYS	
Valdosta	14 28 32 47
Moultrie	10 17 28 44
VALDOSTA (47) — Chandler Daniels 10, Worthy 7, Lastinger 4, Hartman 6, New 6, Stroud 6, Powell 2, Dame 2, Chris Daniels 2, Caesar, Feix, Bond, Burch.	
Team totals: field goals 20, free throws 7 of 13, fouls 17.	
MOULTRIE (44) — Webb 12, Daniels 15, Pullins 7, Jones 6, Hall 4, Hose.	
Team totals: field goals 16, free throws 12 of 18, fouls 16.	

School Bd. Roundup 2-17-78

## Board Delays Stadium Work

By Times Staff Writer  
Financial decisions are to dominate the Valdosta Board of Education meeting Monday but members saved themselves one decision by striking it from the proposed agenda.

In a work session Thursday, Ralph Brandon, city schools superintendent, asked to have on the agenda a recommendation on installing aluminum seating for 3,400 seats in Cleveland Field.

The cost would be more than \$18,000. It would save money in the long run, he said, because of expensive and frequent replacement of wooden boards now used.

Board member Dr. Robert Quattlebaum suggested the item be postponed until prices can be fixed on building the West Gordon Elementary School library and remodeling the Lomax-Pinevale Elementary School cafeteria.

Brandon assured board members athletic funds would cover stadium renovation and general funds are sufficient to pay for necessary building additions and improvements.

But the board agreed to have a called meeting in March on the stadium seating after bids have been awarded and the costs for the library and cafeteria have been set.

The board also learned the change in entry age for first graders could cost the local board if it does not follow a ruling by the attorney general.

The school entry age, beginning in the fall of 1978, is 6-years-old by Sept. 1.

In the past boards have been allowed to make exceptions for children younger than six to enter first grade based on special tests. Or they could enroll younger children who transferred from another state or a private school where the age limit was younger.

But, Brandon said, the attorney general has ruled that is unfair to Georgia residents.

If a school board allows a child, not six by Sept. 1, to enter school, it cannot get state funds for the child, the attorney general ruled.

The local board must pay for his education, Brandon said.

## South. Miss. Signs Lloyd

V-Times Feb 19, 1978

By MARTIN REGISTER  
Former Valdosta High School defensive tackle Ray Lloyd wanted to find a college football program on the way up. He thinks he's found that at Southern Mississippi.

The 6-4, 240-pound Lloyd, a starter on the 1977 VHS team which wound up second in the state in class AAA, has signed a full four-year scholarship with the independent Mississippi school.

“(Southern Mississippi) Coach (Doug) Collins said they needed some big, strong offensive and defensive linemen,” Lloyd said. “I think that gives me a good chance.”

Lloyd flew to Hattiesburg, Miss., where the school is located, last weekend to sign the pact.

Lloyd had talked with Memphis State, Vanderbilt and Florida State, but finally decided on Southern because, he said, “They're just my type of people.”

“All the boys are real friendly,” he said. “They won some together and they lost some together. They're a real close-knit crew, and they seem to want success pretty bad.”

“I hope I can give them some help. I think they'll have a good season. I don't know about a bowl bid or anything, but with Coach Collins, I think they'll have a good year, at least.”

The fact that the Southern program seems to be on the rise was a major factor in Lloyd's decision to choose it over the other schools.

USM, long a little brother to in-state Southeastern Conference powers Mississippi and Mississippi State, last season defeated both, as well as Auburn.

He said he would probably



RAY LLOYD  
Four-Year Pact

try to continue playing defensive tackle, but added “I'll go along with whatever they say.”

“They'll put me wherever they think I'll do the most good. I don't know about starting, but I think that I can make the traveling squad.”

Lloyd is on a weight program, and runs regularly to keep in shape. He said he'll continue his conditioning drills until late August, when he is to report to college for football camp.

Lloyd said he plans to study soil conservation or park management at the Mississippi School.

“They offer a course of study that's real close to what I want,” he said. “And if I'm not satisfied with my education, I can spend another year at college after I get out of Southern.”

Lloyd started his senior year with the Wildcats, and was a three-year letterman.

## Reading Scores

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results.

He has ordered the Florida exit exam for high school students to be administered this year.

“We're so elated we're going to test them some more,” Mims said. “This will have no bearing on a student's graduating, we're just doing this to see where they rank.”

Ralph Brandon, city school superintendent, was also beaming about the results as he told city board of education members about the results in a work session Thursday.

“The results tell me,” Brandon said, “one of our biggest problems is laziness, not ability.”

Mrs. Wisenbaker echoed that sentiment.

“We've just had so much publicity about what kids can't do until perhaps we've required less of them, expected less.”

“I know this is only one test but it's a good one, it's a very old reliable standardized reading test. I have to believe what it says.”

“I think,” she said, “maybe we have believed all the publicity we've been reading and now we know they can do more.”

Mims said there will never be 100 percent of the students reading on 12th-grade level.

“But with a good steady program beginning in early elementary years, we ought to have 75-80 percent reading on 12th-grade level, he said.

“I think the 20 on the sixth-grade level is a good percentage. If we could test again at the end of the 12th grade instead of just the beginning, I'm sure the average would go higher.”

“We're getting the job done,” he said. “I'd like to see students working harder and parents cooperating to get students to take harder courses and go higher still.”

“This shows we're doing a solid job in the basics,” Mims said.

He said he believes the leveling system in courses helps because advanced students can work faster and slower students can work at their own rate.

“The problem comes,” he said, “when students are put in the wrong level.”

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# Taylor, Reddick Top DE Students

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta High School has a good chance of placing in state Distributive Education competition if history repeats itself.

Rex Taylor, who was in the top eight in the state DE Boy Student of the Year contest last year, has been named VHS Boy DE Student of the Year again.

And Elisabeth Reddick was named Girl DE Student of the Year. Judy Eanes was last year's winner.

The announcement of their selection was made Monday by Norman Greene, DE coordinator.

Greene chooses the Students of the Year based on scholastic average, job performance and performance in DE class.

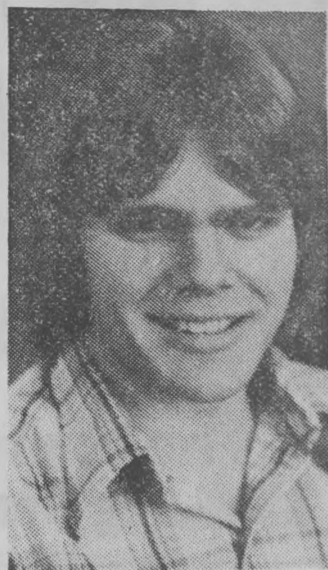
Miss Reddick, 17, is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Reddick.

A VHS senior, she is DE Club secretary, a member of the Beta Club and former Language Club member.

She is a member of Northside Baptist Church.

After graduation, she said, she plans to attend college and major in accounting.

Miss Reddick has been in the DE program two years and got interested in it because she wanted work experience.



REX TAYLOR  
Repeat Winner



ELISABETH REDDICK  
Gains Experience

"I wanted to get into a club," Miss Reddick said, "that would get me into the working world. DE does that."

"I wanted to be able to work part time and have first hand experience to learn about work instead of just hearing about it."

"We learn about work in DE class then we go out in the afternoon and experience it," she said.

She is employed doing general office work for

Bryant Martin and Bill Parker, State Farm Insurance agents.

Taylor, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor, is employed at Taylor's Clothing Center. He has been in DE three years which both he and Miss Reddick said is unusual.

Most students are in the program only two years because of its entry restrictions.

A student is usually a junior before he enters DE because he must be 16 and have earned enough school credits to be able to meet graduation requirements while leaving school early in the day to go to work.

"I like DE," Taylor said, "because it teaches me practical experience in the business world. I've learned a lot about marketing and distribution."

Taylor is president of the DE Club at VHS and after graduation this year plans to attend Valdosta State College. His major is not definite, he said, but he may major in business administration.

Taylor is a member of Azalea City Baptist Church and enjoys bass fishing when there's time.

To prepare for district Student of the Year competition, the two have to prepare for an exam on the free enterprise system and for personal interviews.

They also must make individual "Free Enterprise Projects" in which they list their activities throughout their high school careers and write an essay on their relationship to the free enterprise system.

The project is used in state competition.

The two district winners compete in the state contest where the top eight students are selected.

## Letters To The Editor

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### Editorial Continues Bias

Sir: In response to the "Close Black Colleges" editorial in the Feb. 6 issue, we wish to address our remarks directly to the writer of that prejudiced, nonsensical, non-statistical garbage.

The U.S. Constitution guarantees its citizens many freedoms, two of which you have grossly violated: freedom of speech and of the press. You have used these two to perpetuate bias. It is unfortunate that our forefathers failed to include the stipulation, "Before you speak, be sure your foot is out of your mouth."

Anyone who has been properly educated, at a predominately black or non-black institution, knows one shouldn't indict "all" black colleges in stating an opinion without some statistical data to validate the conclusion.

Where is the evidence of the collection of such data? How many graduates of black institutions have you counted who are total failures or inferior in their chosen life's work, whether they be teachers, lawyers, doctors, principals, morticians or farmers?

The quality of service rendered by these persons has never been questioned by their constituency. Show us the statistics from which you gathered the data to make the assertion that black colleges are inferior and should be closed.

The Southern Association of Accredited Colleges and Universities is the "watchdog" for our institutions of higher learning. The seal of approval is granted only to those institutions so qualified. Our state black colleges are so categorized.

While it would be a waste of time to continue this exchange concerning the closing of black colleges, let us hasten to suggest that you open your eyes and your mind to the real truth: Inferiority is a figment of someone else's imagination.

It is highly improbable that the author of the editorial has ever attended a black college. Had he done so, he would have documented his facts, cited research and included any other pertinent facts relative to this subject. Most black colleges would call this good journalism.

Gladys T. Williams  
Morris Brown College  
Jacqueline Harper  
Albany State College  
Shirley A. Wilson  
Tuskegee Institute  
Henry J. Gilmore  
Tennessee State University

### Black College Editorial Blasted

Sir: How dare you impose your intelligence unasked and undocumented on others. There are several things I feel you must become aware of before you next assume yourself in an authority on the history of the American black.

Remember these things for they will surely help you apply your white education:

1. You have never been black.
2. You have never attended a black college. I have and I'd

do it again. My children attend black colleges now. I learned in them and I can apply my learnings.

3. You were never taught by a black teacher. You would not have met the challenge.

You didn't learn the most important, the hardest and the most crucial element, the one that proves whether an education worked or not — application.

Albany State College,

Savannah State College and Fort Valley State College are here because of you and your ancestors and they will remain in spite of you and your ancestors.

Keep writing your editorials, do the best you can. You have shown me not only what your IQ is but what your character represents.

You have the audacity to believe I am inferior.

Mrs. J.N. Moore  
Quitman

# VHS Begins Spring Practice Monday

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By MARTIN REGISTER

About 130 players are expected to turn out when Valdosta High School begins its spring football practice here Monday.

Head Coach Nick Hyder says he's pleased with the potential turnout, but adds that his team has "some pretty serious problems" which must be solved.

About 60 lettermen, including 19 who started at one time or another on last season's state class AAA runner-up team, are expected back.

Gone from the team is its most well-known member, four-year quarterback Buck Belue, who signed an athletic scholarship with the University of Georgia.

"As far as bodies go," Hyder said, "we've got the people. But we've got some problems. For one thing, we've got to find a kicker.

"(Robert) Baldwin and Belue did all of our kicking for the last three years. They sort of rocked us to sleep. We've been pretty solid there.

"We've got to find some people to perform those kicking skills. We have to replace some good defensive secondary people, too.

"Offensively, we return most of the line, except for one or two. The big question is the quarterback position."

Rising senior John Lastinger, who started as a split end last season, but stayed in Belue's shadow as a reserve signalcaller, is a prime candidate to fill the quarterback slot.

So is John Bond, a rising junior, who also saw duty as a reserve quarterback last

season.

"We've worked with Lastinger and Bond for a long time," he said. "They are fine athletes, and both can play that position as well as other positions."

Hyder said that a huge crop of 40 seniors is being counted on heavily for leadership.

"We've got 40 young men who started in our program in the seventh grade," he said. "They've stayed with us all the way.

"I think leadership is getting in the program and staying in it. We're counting on these seniors. To me, the real strength of a program is to sustain the participation of young men over the years."

The Wildcat practices are to culminate in two games, a traditional Has-Been-Will Be game on March 10, and a clash with Warner Robins at two weeks later, on March 24.

Both games are to be played at VHS' Cleveland Field.

"The Has-Been game ought to be pretty good," Hyder said. "We had a good group of seniors last year."

A fish fry, sponsored by the Valdosta Touchdown Club, is to be held on the preceding Thursday.

Valdosta downed Warner Robins in the state playoffs last season, when the Demons were ranked number one in the state and considered the best bet to become the state champion.

"They (Warner Robins) will probably bring half of their population down here to watch us play," he said. "There should be a good crowd."

## CORRECTION

By Times Staff Writer  
In the Sunday edition of The Times an error was made in a story on Valdosta High School seniors' reading scores.

According to one source quoted, the students were in their 12.4 year of school and the average score was 11.2 years.

The particular test they took counts seniors as having completed 11 years, so those who took the test were in their 11.4 year of school.

The results then would look as if the average score were only two months behind. According to Virginia Wisenbaker, VHS Guidance counselor, test score interpretation becomes confusing.

The 11.2 figure really means they are reading on an 11th grade level instead of 12th grade level, and therefore the students, on the average, are reading about one year behind instead of just two months.

# STARS Are Told At VHS

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By MARCIA McRAE

A Valdosta High School senior, whose family is known for its academic scholars, has brought home a new award.

Ellen Eanes, 16, is VHS STAR Student and selected John Booth, of the social studies department, STAR Teacher.

The STAR Program, Student Teacher Achievement Recognition, is sponsored by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

Valdosta Kiwanis Club is the sponsor of the program for Valdosta City School System. J. Carl Funderburk Jr. is STAR Chairman.

Students vie for district and state competition and are eligible for numerous awards including scholarships and travel opportunities.

Miss Eanes is the eighth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eanes. And she follows in her sisters' footsteps by gathering academic awards.

"This is the first time we've had a STAR student," she smiled, adding that's what both her parents said when they heard the news.

In fact, she thought the announcement was a joke.

"I was surprised I really didn't think my score was high enough," she said.

The STAR Student is selected on the basis of which senior has the highest score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

That student, selects the STAR Teacher, who is supposed to be the teacher who has contributed the most to his academic development.

"When Mr. Mims (VHS Principal Lloyd Mims) told me I had to select the best teacher I'd had the first thing that came to mind was I'd had 100 good teachers.

"Then," smiled the green-eyed blonde, "he said it was somebody that had taught me more than anyone else and who is a friend.

"So the first person I thought of was



ELLEN EANES  
VHS STAR Student

Coach Booth."

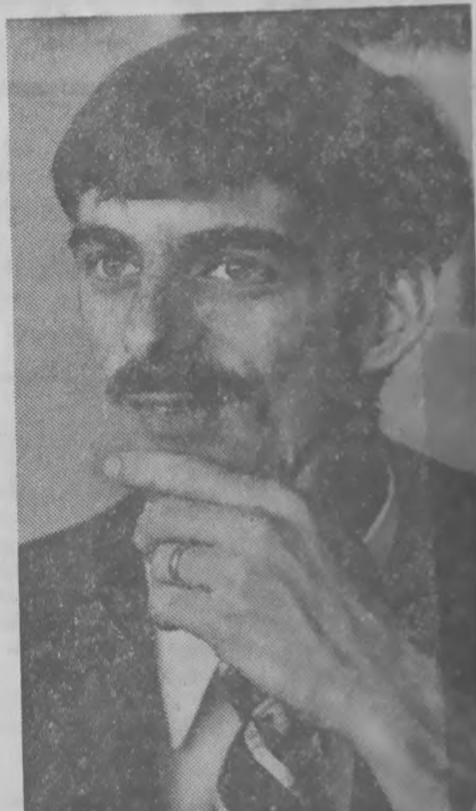
She was his student as a sophomore, in his senior European world history class, and this year as a senior.

"He's a great teacher," she said. "The best I ever had. When he lectures on Napoleon it's not just hearing about Napoleon, you're there.

"He teaches more than history," Miss Eanes said. "He teaches you human nature. I've learned more about myself in his class."

Booth said his teaching methods are unconventional.

"I believe," he said, "in a relaxed class atmosphere. I follow the



JOHN BOOTH  
VHS STAR Teacher

traditional lectures but juice it up.

"I get a very personal relationship with the kids in the classroom. It's important to put a name to a face early."

Part of his teaching method, he said, includes "garbage facts".

"That's totally worthless trivia but the kids recall it and therefore are able to recall the important parts."

VHS students in the past have dedicated the yearbook to Booth and have selected him Teacher of the Month many times.

He has been named Lowndes County (See Stars on page 2A)



## Language Barrier

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Brad Sandbach, 14, a ninth grader at Valdosta High School, is sitting in the park reading a Spanish newspaper with carrots sticking out of his ears. A man comes by and says, "Sir, you have carrots sticking out of your ears." Brad cannot hear, so the man repeats the statement several times louder and louder. Then Brad answers, "I'm sorry. I can't hear you because I have

carrots in my ears." The exchange, done in Spanish, was part of a variety show done entirely in Spanish last weekend at the Valdosta State College Language Festival. The festival was for foreign language students in area junior high and high schools and more than 700 students attended.—Times Staff Photo by Robert Winter III.

# Reading Scores 'Elate' Valdosta School Officials

Feb 19, 1978, V-Times

By MARCIA McRAE

Valdosta High School administrators are "elated" over seniors' reading test scores received last week.

"I'm just jumping up and down," said Principal Lloyd Mims, "I'm just elated to know the kind of job that's being done."

"We've got positive proof now. We know we've got weaknesses but we're working on them," he said.

"We have been concerned," said Virginia Wisenbaker, guidance director, "because of all the publicity about high schools graduating seniors who cannot read. I want to dispel that once and for all."

In January, she said, more than 350 of 361 VHS seniors took the Nelson-Denning Reading Test. The students were in their 12.4 year of school and the average score was 11.2 years.

There were 173 who scored on the 12th-grade level and three-years higher. Mrs. Wisenbaker said, 102 who scored at the ninth-10th grade level, 66 who scored on the seventh-eighth grade level, and 20 who scored at sixth-grade and below levels.

"What made the results so meaningful to me," Mrs. Wisenbaker said, "was that Mrs. Mabel Wolinski (veteran VHS teacher) went over the test and she thought it was too hard for them."

"I really believed what she said, that's what shocked me so when we got the scores back."

She added scores include vocabulary level and level of comprehension. There are no other test scores to compare with, she said.

"I realize," Mrs. Wisenbaker said, "those who can't read may have

dropped out before 12th-grade.

"But what I'm hitting at are those people who say we're graduating people who can't read and that's not true."

"With 174 scoring 12th grade and above," Mims said, "something good is going on."

"I hope we can keep this up (giving the test) to have some idea of how our students are doing," Mrs. Wisenbaker said.

Mims said he plans to have the ninth graders tested, then tested again during their senior years to compare (See Reading on page 2A)

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## Police Honored At VHS

By Times Staff Writer  
The Valdosta Police Department got a pat on the back Tuesday night from Valdosta High School.

Four VHS organizations sponsored a Policemen's Appreciation Dinner which was attended by about 35 off-duty policemen and their wives.

Held in the school cafeteria the dinner, according to Principal Lloyd Mims, was a first for the police department.

It was an "effort to improve relations and show appreciation" by students and faculty.

The dinner was sponsored by the school Distributive Education Club, Diversified Cooperative Training Club, Vocational Office Training Club and Student Council.

Rex Taylor, is DE Club president, Norman Greene is adviser; Warren Turner is DCT president, Levy Taylor is adviser; Peggy Perry is VOT president, Ken Eldridge is adviser; Brett Allen is Student Council president, Mildred Wisenbaker, Keith Cowne and Montez Johnson are advisers.

James Bridges, assistant principal and vocational program director, presented a certificate of appreciation to Chief Loyce Arnold.

The program includes entertainment by the school Singing Cats, directed by Ann Jeffery.

Mims talked about how much the school appreciates the police department's helping with its many athletic and other school activities.

"They're there when we need them," he said.

"We appreciate them," Arnold said today, "putting on the appreciation dinner for the police."

"A lot of times people neglect — and I'm one of them — to tell our appreciation for other people for what they do for us. We appreciated the thought from VHS and we want to continue to work in cooperation with VHS," Arnold said.

# Valdosta Tangles With Has-Beens Friday

**By MARTIN REGISTER**  
 Valdosta's Wildcats braved four days of mud and rain last week, beginning spring football practice in preparation for Friday's annual Has Been-Will Be game.  
 "We went ahead and practiced three hours a day," Wildcat head coach Nick Hyder said. "And, we made some strides."  
 Whether or not the 'Cats made enough strides to be able to meet the challenge of the Has-Beens is a good question, according to Hyder.  
 "We've got 25 graduating seniors," he said. Among those seniors are four-

year starting quarterback Buck Belue, running back Franc Council, and end Alvin Thomas, who was declared ineligible for play during the season last year after it was discovered that he was older than the Georgia High School Association age requirements.  
 Among the "strides" Hyder mentioned is the kicking game, a spot which had worried the Wildcat head coach and his staff.  
 "We found some youngsters who are looking real good in the kicking game," he said. "Rodney Gordon is punting real well. And David Reaves has been a most pleasant surprise as a placement

quarterback, where John Lastinger, kicker."  
 Both Gordon and Reaves are rising seniors.  
 "Irwin Rowe is looking pretty good at halfback," Hyder said, "and James Harris, a transfer from Tallahassee (Fla.), has looked pretty good in there at offensive end."  
 He said sophomore Anthony Battles has shown promise at the linebacker position, and that Bobby Johnson, who returned to the team after a year's absence, was "playing well at defensive end."  
 One of the main question marks is at

quarterback, where John Lastinger, who will be a senior next season, and John Bond, a rising junior, are the leading contenders for the spot held for the past four seasons by Belue.  
 "Lastinger and Bond are plugging away at it," he said. "They work hard every day, and that's the only way to accomplish anything."  
 Freshman quarterback Dale Parker became spring practice's only casualty to date last Monday when he suffered a cracked bone in his ankle on a jarring tackle.  
 "He got a pretty hard lick," said Hyder. "The doctor says he'll probably be out for about three weeks, and of

course, that means he'll miss the entire practice session."  
 Spring practice ends for the Wildcats with a clash with Warner Robins here on March 24.  
 Hyder said that the squad was still bothered by the flu. In a non-football accident, Carl Wilcox, who Hyder calls "a real fine halfback", had to be hospitalized with a cut foot last week, and has missed practice so far.  
 "That happened before we started practice," he said. "We had counted on him heavily, but it's hard to say when he will be back."  
 Though Hyder said the team was

looking forward to its rematch with Warner Robins (Valdosta dumped the then top-ranked Demons, 27-8, during state playoffs last season), the first item on the agenda is the Has Been contest.  
 "This could be the year of the Has Beens," Hyder said. "They might be able to jump in there and get us this year."  
 Coaching the seniors is to be Bill Aldredge, assisted by John Booth, James Bridges, and William Pompey.  
 The contest, is to begin at 8 p.m. Friday, is to be preceded Thursday by the Touchdown Club's annual fish fry.

## College Roundup

### Tennessee Nips Florida, 91-90

**GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP)** — Terry Crosby dropped in a 20-foot jump shot with 15 seconds left in the third overtime Saturday to give Tennessee a 91-90 Southeastern Conference victory over Florida.  
 Trailing 89-90 as time ran out, Tennessee waited as Crosby, a 6-foot-4 junior, worked free from Florida's man-to-man defense, then hit the winner cleanly. Florida tried to go to high-scoring center Larry Brewster at the end, but his off-balance jumper wasn't close.  
 Crosby had 23 points and the 6-foot-10 Brewster poured in a career high of 37.  
 The game was tight all the way, tied 34-34 at the half, then 68-68 at the end of regulation play.  
 In the first overtime, Al Bonner kept Florida alive as he hit all



# Scoreboard

## State Tournaments

BOYS	Class AAA	Class AA	Class A
At Georgia Tech	Therrell 74, Marietta 68	Douglas-Ail. 93, Campbell 69	Lakeshore 67, Troupe 61
At Macon	Peach Co. 59, Swainsboro 51	At Georgia Tech	Atlanta Southwest 75, Cedar town 55
At Macon	Decatur 55, Gainesville 54 OT	At Briarcliff High	Cedar Grove 78, Fulton 56
At Tucker High	Harris 58, Irwin 50	At Tucker High	Model 57, Milton 41
At Georgia Southwest	Clay County 85, Treuville 57	At Briarcliff High	Wheeler County 79, Wrens 64
At Briarcliff High	Crawford County 64, Hapeville 54	At Briarcliff High	Greater Atlanta Christian 61, Decatur 56
At Cobb Civic Center	Morrow 58, Wills 54		

## Citrus Open

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Second-round scores Saturday in the \$200,000 Florida Citrus Open Golf tournament on the 6,922-yard, par-72 Rio Pinar Golf Club course (a-denotes amateur):	
Nic McLendon	69-65-134
David Graham	66-68-134
Tom Kite	65-70-135
Tim Simpson	68-68-136
Jerry Pate	68-69-137
Wally Armstrong	70-67-137
J. C. Snead	71-67-138
Mark Hayes	72-66-138
Ben Crenshaw	68-69-137
Arnold Palmer	65-73-138
Eddie Pearce	67-71-138
Hale Irvin	67-71-138
Leonard Thompson	70-69-139
Sammy Nichols	70-69-139
Gil Morgan	71-68-139
Grier Jones	68-71-139
Morris Hatalasky	70-69-139
Andy North	73-66-139
Bob Murphy	65-74-139
Jerry Heard	69-70-139
Dan Sikes	71-68-139
George Burns	70-68-139
Kermit Zarley	69-71-140
Ed Fiori	68-72-140
Dave Eichelberger	65-71-140

## College Basketball



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**BUCK BELUE**  
 Top 100 Team

## Belue In Top 100 In Nation

By Times Staff Writer  
 Valdosta High School's starting quarterback for the last four years has added another honor to his growing collection.

Buck Belue, one of the few four-year starters at quarterback in the fabled history of the Wildcat football team has been named to the National High School Coaches Association All-America Team's Top 100.

The association picks what it considers the top 100 prep football players in the United States every year. Awards are presented in conjunction with the Carnation Milk Company.

VHS Coach Nick Hyder said other Valdosta players who have been on the team in the past include Stanley Bounds, Giles Smith, Stanford Rome and Steve Stanaland.

Valdosta won 34 games and lost only 13 with Belue at quarterback. The Wildcats won the Region 1-AAA title twice during those years and finished second in the state playoffs last season.

Belue plans to continue his football career at the University of Georgia.

While defeating Minnesota, 24-7, in the 1974 Super Bowl, Miami tried only seven passes and completed six.

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## Tea For Teacher

Oscar Aguero, Valdosta High School senior and his art teacher, Mary Jane Taylor, pose with ceramic tea set which he made. The tea set is one of the works on display by high school and junior high school students at the

Fine Arts Gallery at Valdosta State College in observance of National Youth Art Week. The exhibition is to remain through March 14. — Times Staff Photo

## Valdosta High Is Second In VICA Skills Olympics

By Times Staff Writer

Valdosta High School students carried the school to second place in the District 5 Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) Skills Olympics.

They had 13 winners among 17 students entered in 17 categories. They competed with about 200 students in the area.

First place awards went to Mike Hopkins in architectural drafting; Brian Mullis, job interview; Brett Clark, graphic arts; and Winston Williams, plumbing and pipe fitting.

They are to compete for state awards in Atlanta in May.

Second place winners were Jackie Johnson, machine drafting, and Kenneth Ridley, residential wiring.

Third place winners were Kerry Watts, air conditioning; Misty Mock, commercial food trades; Joey Tomlinson, welding; Brayord Lee Jones, masonry; Carol Wiseman, nurses' aide; Buck Blanton, extemporaneous speech; and George Gray, auto mechanics.

There were about 12 high schools entered in competition held Saturday in Thomasville. Not all students who attended competed, about half observed, according to James Bridges, VHS vocational education director.

There were 40 VHS students who were among the 400 attending.

## VHS Frosh Blank Tift

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By Times Staff Writer

TIFTON— Valdosta followed the antics of Keith Sampson to a 12-0 blanking of Tift County in a football battle of rising ninth grade teams here Monday.

Sampson bolted across the goal line on an 80-yard punt return, then scored later on a 3-yard run as coach Bob Bolton's 'Cats swept to the victory.

Edwin Robinson led the Valdosta defense with two pass interceptions.

## Valdosta Trims Lowndes

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Valdosta swept a high school tennis match from cross-county rival Lowndes at the LHS courts Monday.

The VHS girls' team took an 8-2 decision, and the Wildcats slipped past the Vikings 5-4.

Individual results for boys' play were not available. The

girls' results follow:

**GIRLS**  
 Singles — Lisa Felix (V) beat Jody George 5-7, 6-1, 6-2; Jan Pendleton (V) beat Catherine Dixon 6-2, 6-3; Ellen Hardy (L) beat Linda Hall 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; Debbie Mink (V) beat Karen Parker 6-2, 6-1; Julie Spencer (V) beat Abby Hayes 6-4, 6-1; Karrie Sue Hunnicutt (L) beat Diane Paoleffi 6-0, 6-1; Lourdes Rodriguez (V) beat Tami Miles 6-1, 6-0.  
 Doubles — Felix-Maggie Powell (V) beat Hunnicutt-Hayes 6-2, 6-4; Hall-Mink (V) beat George-Dixon 6-2, 6-2; Rodriguez-Spencer (V) beat Parker-Hardy 6-3, 6-3.

# Has Beens Pose Big Hurdle For VHS

By Times Staff Writer

Valdosta's Wildcats face what their coach, Nick Hyder, terms the biggest threat from a group of Has Beens since he's been at the school when they tackle the graduating seniors in the annual Has Been-Will Be game Friday night.

Hyder returns a large group of veterans, and fields a team with close to 120 members, but he says the experience of the 25 Has Been players has him worried.

A practice field water-logged by heavy rains slowed things down last week, but the ground had been drying out until today, and Hyder and his staff have been working long hours with the team this week.

"We've had some dry ground finally," he said, "but we've got a lot of worries."

"This bunch of Has Beens is the most balanced Has Been group we've faced."

"They're capable of beating us," he said. Among those "capable" seniors is four-year quarterback and all-state performer Buck Belue, star running back Frank Council, and stellar offensive line performer Gary Guthrie.

But Hyder isn't worried about things past. Building to the future has become second nature to him, as it is for every coach.

in the state final.

A state title is the eventual goal of every team, but that is a long time away right now. So is 'Dosta's spring game with Warner Robins, set for March 24 at Cleveland Field here.

For now, Hyder and the Wildcats are concentrating on turning back the challenge of the Has Beens.

"We're pretty bruised up," Hyder said. "Those practice sessions have been long and hard."

He said the team had worked "awfully hard" with its receivers, an area decimated by graduation, and had "shown some improvement" in that category.

Dante Jones, a ninth grader, has been moved to quarterback, to take the place of Dale Parker, another freshman, who suffered a fractured ankle when he was tackled in practice last week.

The Has Been game is to begin at 8 p.m. Friday at Cleveland Field. Admission is to be \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students.

The Touchdown Club kicks off its annual membership drive with a fish fry, a yearly affair, scheduled for Thursday at S.L. Mason Elementary school.



NICK HYDER Sees Big Challenge

# Some NL Teams To Go With 24

By The Associated Press

A number of major league clubs, mostly in the National League, are prepared to go into the 1978 baseball season with 24 players instead of the traditional 25.

The teams won the right to cut back to 24 players during negotiation of the current basic agreement — the same talks that resulted in the high-priced, free agent re-entry draft. And many of them intend to use that right this year.

"It's a verbal agreement reached at the winter meeting among National League owners," said Ruly Carpenter, owner of the Philadelphia Phillies.

"Nobody signed an oath in blood."

But Earl Weaver, manager of the Baltimore Orioles, thinks that might not have been a bad idea.

"I think it will last until the first club puts 25 guys on the roster," he said. "Do you think the Yanks are going to break camp with 24? Anyone playing at a disadvantage is stupid and not using good sense. It's like starting a checker game without all the checkers or a chess game without a couple of pawns or a knight."

All of Weaver's 25 pieces will be in place if he has anything to say about it.

Some NL executives, though, think the 25-man limit is overrated.

# VHS Boasts Solid Mound, Infield

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By MIKE CHASON

For three years, Butch Brooks has issued pre-spring moans about how young his Valdosta High School baseball team was going to be.

It's a common preseason disease and one that many coaches face every year. But for this season anyway, it's an illness Brooks has cured.

"We have got a lot of people returning," Brooks said. "But we've got a young ballclub as far as the catcher and some of the outfield positions are concerned."

"Sometimes ability can't always overcome lack of experience and knowledge of the game at those positions, but I think they'll make up for it with hustle and a desire to play."

Valdosta opens its 18-game schedule here Saturday at 2 p.m. against Suwannee County (Live Oak, Fla.).

With a veteran-laden infield and two of the top pitchers in Region 1-AAA back on his staff, Brooks has to believe his Wildcats are capable of returning to the state playoff picture they painted themselves into last season.

"We were lucky last year," Brooks said of the 22-6 team, which lost in the semifinal round of the Class AAA playoffs to eventual state champion Kendrick (Columbus).

"We just had real good pitching. We didn't have the hitting. But 90 percent of it is luck anyway. We hadn't had any luck the last four years. Last year, it hit us all at once."

"But I'd rather be lucky than good. If we can get some luck this year, we might be respectable. But I'm not going to predict anything, Baseball's a funny game."

Brooks listed his starting infield for Saturday's game as junior first baseman John Lastinger, senior second-sacker Chris Daniels, senior third baseman David White and senior shortstop Mark Powell.

Either sophomore Mike Ruff or sophomore Tony Blasetti is to replace Bob White at the catcher's position. White was a mainstay on last year's team and is now playing for the University of Georgia.

Senior Buck Belue is to roam the centerfield slot Saturday and is to be flanked by either junior Rodney Gordon, sophomore David Berryhill, junior Tim Dame or senior Don Martin.

Wayne Fugett, a junior righthander who relied on a blazing fast ball to rack up a 12-2

record last season, has drawn the starting mound assignment.

David White is the leading hitter back from last season. The reliable third baseman hit .432 with eight home runs last year. Belue hit .375 as well as picking up 10 hill wins.

"The biggest thing I'm looking for is to get our bats doing something," Brooks said. "That's something we've always lacked except for my first year with (Larry) Hansen and (Cecil) Whitehead and that bunch."

"Since then, we haven't had but three or four guys to hit over .300."

With Fugett and Belue, the pitching appears solid.

"As long as they throw strikes, we'll be okay," Brooks said. "But that's the problem, just like in the big leagues. Pitchers have one good year and then they come back 3-20 the next."

Brooks said White, sophomore righthander David New, Dame and sophomore Ashley Deloach were also being counted on to fill spots in the rotation.

Other players available for duty include sophomore Bart Baggett, first base; freshman Sydney Bowden, outfield; junior Andy Chapman, outfield; freshman Mark Cox, first base; sophomore Greg Daniels, outfield; freshman William Davis, catcher; freshman Tony Martin, catcher, and freshman Grant Nichols, second base.

Also, freshman Dale Parker, second base-shortstop; junior Harold Southers, shortstop; junior Darrell Swindle, first base; junior Tag Welch, outfield, and junior Andy Weldon, shortstop-outfield.

Brooks said he was going to split up the squad and play a B-team schedule with most of the freshmen and sophomores.

Bob Bolton is to coach the B-team with his assistants, Ken Eldridge and Hal Barber. Charles Tarpley is to again serve as Brooks' assistant.

The complete schedule follows:

### SCHEDULE

March 11, Suwannee (Live Oak, Fla.), home; March 18, Cairo, away; March 23, Andrew Jackson (Jacksonville, Fla.), home; March 24-25, Lowndes-Valdosta Invitational Tournament (Tifton, Ga.), home; March 28, Bainbridge, Central of Thomasville, home; March 28, Thomasville, away; March 31, Lowndes, home; April 1, Tift County (Tifton) DH, home; April 4, Moultrie, away; April 7, Bainbridge, home; April 8, Suwannee, away, night; April 11, Central of Thomasville, away; April 13, Thomasville, home; April 15, Cairo, home; April 18, Moultrie, home; April 21, Lowndes, away; April 22, Waycross, home; April 25, Central of Thomasville, home; April 28, Bainbridge, away.

# Has Beens Trying For One Last Win Against Former Teammates

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By MARTIN REGISTER

A group of 27 former Valdosta High School football players try to win one last time, and teach their former coaches a lesson when the Has Beens take on next year's crop of 'Cats Friday night at Cleveland Field here.

The Has Beens, led by four-year starting quarterback Buck Belue, field what Valdosta head coach Nick Hyder called the strongest team of Has Beens he's ever faced.

Although 27 members may seem like only a small regiment against the 120 members of Hyder's legion, Has Been coach Bill Aldredge says it will be the first time in three years that he's had enough players for two full platoons.

"Everybody's going to be a starter," he said, although two teams are composed of just 22 players.

"We might have more than 11 men on the field sometimes," he laughed.

Aldredge poo-pooed suggestions by Hyder that this might be the year of the Has Beens.

"He says that every year," he said.

"We've got a pretty good bit of experience, though, and we'll be trying to win it. This is probably the most experience that we've had on a Has Been team.

"It'll be the first year we've had a quarterback who is used to playing as a quarterback (Belue).

Hopefully things will go a little smoother.

"We don't have a lot of experience on the lines, but we have someone at every position, and that's something that we haven't had for the last two or three years.

Other familiar names on the offensive team for the Has Beens include center Ray Lloyd, tackle Gary Guthrie, fullback Robert Baldwin and tailback Frank Council.

Alvin Thomas, the tight end who was declared ineligible because of his age after two games last season, is also to play for the Has Beens.

Doug Conway, Jimmy Hartman and Allen Worthy are expected to help anchor the Has Been defense against the offense push of the Wildcats.

The Has Beens practiced for the first time on Tuesday, "for about 30 minutes," according to Aldredge.

"They looked pretty good," he said, "We're just gonna let 'em play at the position they've played at all during the years during the first half.

"Then, we might move 'em around a little bit in the second half and let them try some new things.

"I don't know how long they'll last. They'll probably get tired.

"We're just going to try to give them (the Wildcats) a good game. Then, if we hang on long enough, we'll try to win."

The contest is slated to begin at 8 p.m. Admission is to be \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students.

#### VALDOSTA

Offense — Ends Sam Fletcher (195, sr.) or Willie Hankins (182, jr.) and Frederick Blair (160, sr.) or Jamie Harris (180, sr.); tackles Scott Griffin (210, sr.) or Cass Burch (215, sr.) and Darrell Swindle (190, sr.) or Harvey Carter (185, jr.); guards Andy Chapman (200, sr.) or Rob Register (172, sr.) and Fomby Hardin (190, sr.) or Billy Harvey (175, sr.); Center Tony Blasetti (220, jr.) or Mike Rose (191, sr.); halfback Tim Dame (160, sr.) or Eugene Patterson (160, soph.); fullback William Gaskins (165, sr.) or Ernest King (175, jr.) or Tag Welch (170, sr.); tailback Robert Smith (155, sr.) or Irwin Rowe (155, jr.); quarterback John Lastinger (180, sr.) or John Bond (190, jr.).

Defense — Ends Marlin Buford (185 sr.) or Bobby Johnson (185, sr.) and Lynn Roberts (175, sr.) or Dale Cutshaw (175, sr.); tackles Carroll Johnson (200, sr.) or Danny Hunter (185, sr.) and Jimbo Hancock (180, jr.) or Doug McQualig (260, jr.); middle guard Demps Johnson (180, sr.) or Mike Maynard (185, jr.); linebackers Tommy Clifton (175, sr.) or Anthony Batties (180, soph.) and John Branan (190, sr.) or James Conaway (170, sr.) or Buddy Morris (165, jr.); cornerbacks Troy Thomas (175, sr.) or Gary Curtis (140, sr.) or James Horton (155, soph.) and Rodney Gordon (180, sr.) or Bubba Skelton (160, sr.); safeties Carl Rowe (180, sr.) or Mark Toth (160, jr.) and Nathaniel Caesar (175, jr.) or Charlie Scott (160, sr.).

#### HAS BEENS

Offense — ends Mike Cross (165) and Alvin Thomas (190) or Greg Turner (170); tackles Homer Hardin (220) and Gary Guthrie (225); guards Russ Scruggs (160) and Darrell Sirmans (165); center Ray Lloyd (240); flanker Kenny Washington (160); tailback Frank Council (182) or Melvin Hunter (145); fullback Robert Baldwin (206) or Chad Wilson (175); quarterback Buck Belue (190).

Defense — ends Alec Green (175) and Doug Conway (195); tackles Craig Simmons (190) and Ray Lloyd (240) or Robert Lynch (195); middle guard Curtis Wright (185); cornerbacks and safeties—Henry Sanders (150), David Durham (161), Jimmy Hartman (185) and Allen Worthy (175) or Barry Mair (140); linebackers Danny Rickman (180) and Robert Baldwin (206).

## Report Cards Out At VHS

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta High School students today received report cards for their winter quarter work, according to a guidance department spokesman.

Spring quarter work began this week but, the spokesman said, parents who have questions about the winter quarter grades or who want a conference with teachers should call the guidance office.



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Marty Martin gets into the spirit as either a drummer or majorette as he works out with the Has Beens band of Valdosta High School. The annual game was played Friday night. Details on page 7.—Times Staff Photo by Mike Dowse.

# VHS Fights Off Fumbles, Belue Arm In 14-13 Win

Valdosta overcame five first half fumbles and a strong passing performance by graduating senior quarterback Buck Belue to eke out a 14-13 victory in the annual Has Been-Will Be football game at Cleveland Field here Friday night.

Coach Nick Hyder's Wildcats fell behind 13-0 in the second quarter, when Belue connected with Kenny Washington and Mike Cross on scoring strikes of 64 and 19 yards, respectively.

But John Lastinger and John Bond, who alternated at the quarterback slot for the Will Bees, led Valdosta back.

Strong-running backs William Gaskins and Irwin Roe plunged across the goal line for the 'Cats, leading a gridding ground game which ate up 236 of the team's 246 yards in total offense.

YARDS/TICK	
First Downs	17
Yards Rushing	236
Yards Passing	10
Passes	6-17
Passes Incl. By	1
Fumbles Lost	5
Punting	2-37
Penalties	3-15
	5-38

The foot of David Reeves proved the ultimate difference. The 180-pound senior drilled both PAT's through the uprights, while Belue, the jack-of-all-trades who had never kicked extra points in high school, saw one of his soccer-style kicks blocked.

Hyder was not entirely happy with his team's six turnovers, but he said that he was pleased with the way the Wildcats came roaring from behind.

"The turnovers were bad," he said, "but we came from behind, and played hard."

"Belue and that group did a good job. They did what a Has Been team is supposed to do, give us some good opposition."

"We were jittery at first, but they (the graduating seniors) were aggressive, and came firing in there. They caused a lot of the fumbles."

Belue, who recently signed an athletic scholarship with the University of Georgia, was decked out in a UGA helmet and Bulldog-red shoes, and made his final appearance at Cleveland Field a memorable one.

The four-year starter slung the pigskin for 199 passing yards, including 134 yards in completions to Kenny Washington, who racked up more impressive statistics than in any game in which he ever played as a Wildcat.

Has Been coach Bill Aldredge promised some trick plays before the game began, and one came early when Belue elected to run with the ball but failed to get a first down on a fake punt attempt.

The Will Bees took over on the Has Been 33-yard-line, but gave it right back on the first of its fumbles.

The third Valdosta fumble, by Irwin Roe, on the Has Been 36-yard line early in the second period, was followed on the next play by Belue's 64-yard bomb to Washington.

Washington gathered in the aerial 45 yards downfield, then raced wide open into the Valdosta end zone.

On the first play following the kickoff, Lastinger had the football stripped out of his grasp, and the Has Beens were in business again.

Washington snagged down a pass on the 14-yard-line. Then, after a five-yard penalty, Cross brought down Belue's second scoring toss of the night.

Belue's blocked PAT didn't seem too important at that point, but it came back to haunt the Has Beens later.

After a sustained 69-yard Valdosta march fizzled at the Has Been six-yard line on a fumble by Lastinger, the Wildcats held, and Belue punted short.

With 2:16 left in the half, Gaskins finally broke through the Has Been defense 15 yards to score.

Gaskins and Roe keyed a 64-yard drive by the 'Cats which consumed most of the third quarter, and culminated in Roe's three-yard plunge across the goal line late in the period.

Valdosta threatened again late in the game, but Melvin Hunter picked off a John Bond pass in the Has Been end zone in the final minute to frustrate the Wildcats once again.

The Has Beens drove 27 yards to their 40-yard-line before time ran out in the game and on their playing days at Cleveland Field.

Hyder had words of praise for Marlin Beaufort, Anthony Battles, Jimbo Hancock, Lynn Roberts, and Troy Thomas, who anchored the 'Cats defense against the onslaught of Belue and company.

"Sam Fletcher blocked real well on offense," he said, "and so did Tony Blasetti, Andy Chapman, Fomby Hardin, and Harvey Carter."

He said that he was pleased with the punting of Rodney Gordon, the kicking of Reeves, and the running of Gaskins and Roe.

He said, however, that his receiving corps "needs a lot of work," a statement he had made before the game began.

Curtis, the Has Beens' 185-pound defensive tackle, was the game's top defender, finishing with 10 tackles. Craig Simmons picked up two fumbles for the Has Beens.

Roe finished with 68 yards to lead all rushers, while Lastinger had 54 yards and Gaskins wound up with 48.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
Rushing	Valdosta — Roe 11-48
Lastinger	7-54, Gaskins 11-48, King 4-26
Bond	4-22, Johnson 4-18, Has Beens Belue 10-20, Baldwin 3-10, Wilson 4-1, Council 1-0
Hunter	4 (minus 13)
Passing	— Valdosta — Bond 3-8-9, Lastinger 3-9-0; Has Beens — Belue 11-24-199-1
Pass Receiving	— Valdosta — Roe 47, Sampson 23; Has Beens — Washington 5
Punt Returns	— Valdosta — Roberts 2-14; Has Beens — none
Kickoff Returns	— Valdosta — Smith 1-14, Blair 1-0; Has Beens — Council 3-34
Defense (Number of Tackles)	Valdosta
	— Beaufort 5, Roe 5, Skilton 4, Roberts 3, Hancock 2, Johnson 2, Thomas 2; Has Beens
	— Wright 10, Rickman 6, Worthing 5, Baldwin 5, Lloyd 5, Simmons 4, Guthrie 4, Council 4, Thomas 3, Conway 3, Hunter 2
Score by Quarters	Valdosta 0 7 7 0-14
Has Beens	0 13 0 0-13
Scoring	HB — Washington 64 pass from Belue (Belue kick)
	HB — Cross 19 pass from Belue (kick failed)
	Vald. — Gaskins 15 run (Reeves kick)
	Vald. — Roe 3 run (Reeves kick)



Has Beens' Robert Baldwin (37) Gets Greeting From Wildcat Defender Carl Roe

Times Staff Photo by Mike Dowse

# VHS Defeats Suwannee

V. Times 3-12-78

By Times Staff Writer  
Wayne Fugett pitched five scoreless innings and rapped out two hits, leading Valdosta to a season-opening 6-3 high school baseball victory over Suwannee County (Fla.) here Saturday.

Coach Butch Brooks' Wildcats belted Suwannee pitcher Mike Jones for eight hits. Second baseman Chris Daniels also had two hits for Valdosta.

Fugett, a junior, blanked the Live Oak team through the first out of the fifth inning, when he was replaced by sophomore David New.

New surrendered three runs on three hits during the remainder of the frame before yielding to David White in the seventh inning.

White blanked the Floridians, allowing no hits while giving up two bases on balls.

Valdosta had gone ahead 3-0 in the second inning, and added one run each in the third, fourth, and fifth frames.

Brooks substituted freely, allowing 18 Wildcats into the game.

Centerfielder Buck Belue and White, a third baseman, each recorded doubles.

Jones stayed on the mound for the entire game for Suwannee, striking out 10 batters.

Fugett finished with 11 strikeouts.

Tom Morrison, Suwannee's second baseman, led his team in hitting with a double, and drove in two RBI's.

Valdosta made good use of its base runners, leaving only two stranded, while Suwannee left eight players on base.

Valdosta returns to action Saturday, playing a doubleheader on the road with Cairo's Syrupmakers.

## Wildcat Box

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Jones 2; PB — Blasetti 3, Jones 2.

# Pompey Keeps Hustling

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## Newsmakers

... A Special Insight

By TERRY SMITH  
William L. Pompey is a product of his environment. He's a "short people" who has made good.

As the son of the late Eddie Pompey, he grew up on Valdosta's southside. He worked in his daddy's pool hall. He raked the balls and shined shoes.

"My father worked long and hard," said Pompey, 44, of 800 John St. "A 15-hour day for him was regular."

It made an impression.

"He and my mother (Mamie L. Pompey) always told me to go to college. They told me to do better and not have to work as hard to make a little money."

After graduation from old Dasher High School, the Pompeys oldest son joined the U.S. Marine Corps. It was there he says he realized he was 5-foot-3 "and was going to have to work twice as hard as the other guy."

It made an impression.

He rose in rank, working in Japan and Miami, Fla., as a food warehouseman. He finished his four-year hitch in 1957 as a sergeant.

With G.I. Bill benefits, Pompey then enrolled at Savannah State College. In 1961, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

"I never planned on staying in Valdosta after that," he said. But one thing led to another. Soon Pompey was teaching the seventh grade at Lomax Junior High.

One day the Legislature decided every school needed a librarian. Then schools Superintendent W. G. Nunn suggested Pompey think about the job, "and I've been a librarian ever since" first at Lomax for three years and at Valdosta High since 1968.

"He's very efficient," said Lloyd Mims, VHS principal. "He has good rapport with the faculty and with the students. He's a well-respected man and a real asset to us."

During this time, Pompey has used his summers to attain a certification in library science, a master's degree in school administration and complete 15 hours on an educational specialist degree.

"I want to be a school administrator, a principal or an assistant principal," said Pompey. "That's my objective."

Would he make a good administrator?

"You can't answer that about anybody until they get the job and see how they do," said Mims, "but I think Mr. Pompey would do well in anything he tried."

About 10 years ago, Pompey tried his hand in the business world. His mother owns and operates Eddie's old pool hall, the Social Billiard Parlor at 402 S. Ashley St. Pompey owns the Valjapom Club upstairs, but his mother operates it. It's a tavern.

When the property next door at 408 S. Ashley St. became available, Pompey bought it because "I didn't want somebody else moving in there, competing against my mother. I knew something about pool halls. I was raised in one."

He leases the operation of William L. Pompey's Billiards. "I really don't make that much from it." Bob Bradley, for example, sells sandwiches inside.

The quiet man students at VHS say is "very friendly," enjoys dabbling in the business world. About nine years ago, he went into partnership with barber Danny Emanuel. They operate The Emanuel and Pompey Inn upstairs at 410 S. Ashley St. They rent a dozen rooms by the week.

And about three years ago, Pompey bought some real estate at 1016 Johnson St. South Wood Apartments has nine units.

The latest venture is as one of five partners in Valdosta Investment and Development Corp. at 509 Old Lake Park Road. Pompey is secretary. They own six houses they're renting with an option to buy.

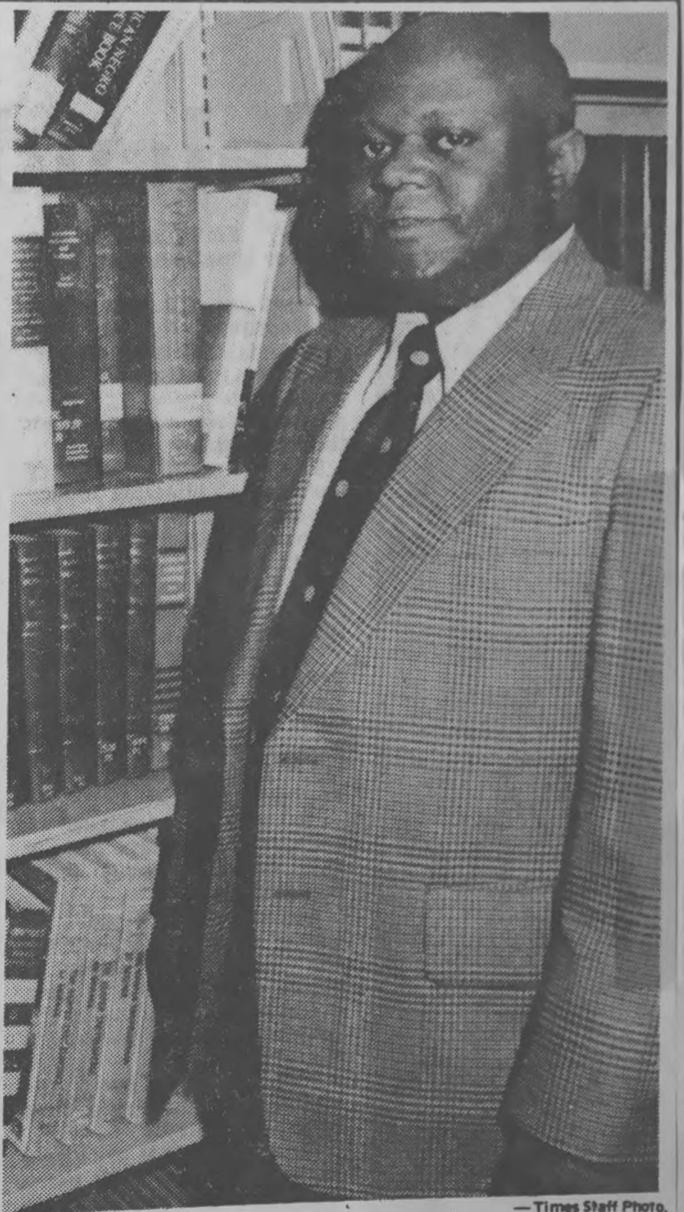
"I've had a good mama and a good wife (the former Rubye Bailey of Albany)," said Pompey. "Nobody gave me anything. When we got married 12 years ago, we had nothing. But give Rubye the credit, she believed in me and stuck with me."

His wife is a sixth grade teacher at Sallas-Mahone Elementary. "She's encouraged me to pay my bills and make money work. The key to borrowing later is paying your bills today. You can take your salary and sit on it, or you can invest it for the future," said Pompey.

"Investing my money keeps me broke," he said, "but maybe oen day, I'll have something to show for it."

"I try to back him in everything he does," said Rubye Pompey. "He'll

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—Times Staff Photo.

School, Kids Come First With Pompey

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# Merit Award Winners

By Times Staff Writer  
Winners of the Merit Awards Program (MAP) on local and state levels at Valdosta High School have been announced by Norman Greene, coordinator of the Distributive Education program at VHS.

One student received the local MAP bronze award for completing 10 projects and 47 students received the state MAP silver award for completing 17 projects. No student completed the 22 projects required to win the national MAP gold medal, Greene said.

The student receiving the bronze award was Daryl House.

Those students receiving the silver awards were Pam Bennett, Scott Collins, Laura Culberth, Salena Dubose, James Folsom, Susan Fontaine, Pamela Heirs, Wesley Ketchie, Scott Nichols, Alex Reddick, Randy Reimers, Brenda Roberts.

Libby Stephenson, Martha Teeters, Beth Toth, Charea Wetherington, John Bellflower, Kay Bonner, Penny Cardin, Brian Cosey, Phillip Frazier, Wayne Fugett, Marty Martin, Leslie Mason, Allen Renfro, Lou Rouse, Linda Skipper, Jessie Marshall.

Rusty Redshaw, Vincent Bailey, Carl Brucker, Robert Daher, Jeff DeGange, Ken Eddings, Zoe Exum, Chuck Mayne, Gregg Moore, David Noble, Tim Norris, Donna Reed, Donna Reid, Lew Richardson, Mike Thompson, Andy Weldon, Paul Zipperer, Alice Mitchell and David Folsom.

The students are to receive awards at the DECA state convention this spring.

The Valdosta Daily Times, Tues., March 14, 1978-10-



LEAH JOAN HARRELL  
Top Girl Student



BUCK BLANTON JR.  
Top Boy Student



LEIGH TOUCHTON  
Leadership Award

## 3 High School Students Honored By Elks Club

By Times Staff Writer  
Annual youth awards have been presented by the Elks to three area high school students.

Leigh Touchton of Lowndes High School received the Youth Leadership Award, Leah Joan Harrell of Lanier County High School was named Most Valuable Girl Student and Charles Brooker "Buck" Blanton Jr. of Valdosta High School was named Most Valuable Boy Student.

Miss Touchton is the

daughter of Cmdr. (ret.) and Mrs. John H. Touchton of Valdosta.

She is LHS STAR Student, Beta Club president, vice president of Division II of Distributive Education Clubs of America and is on the student council.

She hopes to attend Harvard University and major in law.

She received \$200 for her leadership brochure which placed third in state competition and first in the local area contest.

The award, according to an Elks Club spokesman, is based on well-rounded activity in school and community.

Miss Harrell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Harrell of Lakeland, Ga.

She was the first place winner in piano in the annual district literary competition. She is a president of the Beta Club and is a member of Future Homemakers of America. She is assistant organist at First Baptist Church of Lakeland.

She plans to attend Valdosta State College and major in sociology.

Blanton, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brooker Blanton of Valdosta.

He was voted the Most Improved Player on the VHS tennis team and is a member of the Beta and Key clubs.

He hopes to attend a southeastern college and major in pre-medicine or pre-dentistry.

The Most Valuable Student awards, according to the club spokesman, emphasizes scholarship.

Resumes on both Blanton and Miss Harrell have been entered in state competition where scholarships are to be given.

## Moultrie Edges Kitten Netters

By Times Staff Writer  
Moultrie's Packerettes eked out a 5-4 triumph over Valdosta in a girls' high school tennis match held here Thursday.

Coach John Booth's Valdosta Kittens, now 1-1 on the season, are to travel across town Monday for a match with Lowndes' Vikettes.

Singles — Lisa Spain (M) beat Lisa Feix 6-1, 6-1; Paula Gore (K) beat Jan Pendleton 7-6, 6-1; Linda Hall (V) beat Jackie Marx 6-4, 6-3; Debbie Mink (V) beat Sonya Berry 6-4, 6-4; Gena DeMott (M) beat Julie Spencer 6-4, 6-4; Sarah Edwards (M) beat Diane Paoletti 7-5, 1-6, 6-1.

Doubles — Spain-Gore (V) beat Feix-Maggie Powell 6-1, 6-4; Mink-Hall (V) beat Marx-Berry 6-4, 6-4; Julie Spencer-Lortis Rodriguez (V) beat DeMott-Edwards 8-3.

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# Feix, Worthy Voted MVPs

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By Times Staff Writer  
Lisa Feix and Allen Worthy walked away with the Most Valuable Player trophies at the Valdosta High School basketball banquet held at the Gold Plate Restaurant here Friday night.  
Feix, a four-year starter for Coach Jerry Baker's Kittens, was named best offensive player in addition to receiving the MVP trophy.

Maggie Powell was tabbed best defensive player for the Kittens, while Cindy Cooper was named the most improved player, and Shirley Berrien received the Kitten Spirit award.  
Chandler Daniels received the award as best offensive player for Coach Norman Sainz's Wildcats, while Jimmy Hartman was named the team's best defensive

player.  
David New was voted the most improved, and Chris Daniels received the Wildcat Spirit trophy.  
Jim Hancock was named the most outstanding player for Coach Bob Bolton's B-team boys.  
Other B-team boys receiving awards included Greg Daniels, best defensive player, and Bernard Gamble,

best offensive player.  
Dante Jones was given the trophy as the freshman boys' most outstanding player, while Gary Cothran was voted that team's best defensive player, and Joe Tillman was tabbed its best offensive player.

Tracy Irvin captured the trophy as the most outstanding player on Coach Karen Holmes' freshman girls' squad.  
Other members of the ninth grade girls' team who received trophies were Melanie Nelson, best defensive player, and Beverly Wilson, best offensive player.

Gifts were presented to all five coaches, to the cheerleaders, and to VHS principal Lloyd Mims.



ROBERT BALDWIN  
South Georgia All-Star



ALLEN WORTHY  
Four Year Starter



ALVIN THOMAS  
Sat Out Senior Year

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## 3 Wildcats Sign With Tenn. State

By Times Staff Writer  
Three members of Valdosta High School's state class AAA runner-up football team have signed full athletic scholarships with Tennessee State University.  
Robert Baldwin, Allen Worthy and Alvin Thomas join Lowndes' Nathaniel Burks as signees at the Nashville school.  
"They are really class athletes," Valdosta Coach Nick Hyder said. "They decided that they wanted to stay together, and they returned the papers this

week."  
Baldwin was a member of the South Georgia All-Star team, was named all All-Region, and was a captain of the Wildcats.  
Worthy, a four-year starter for the team, never missed a game during his career at the school.  
He was also named to the All-Region team.  
Thomas is in the peculiar position of receiving a football scholarship after having sat out almost his entire senior year.  
He played in only two

games this season before it was discovered that an error on the part of the school and the Georgia High School association had declared him eligible for high school competition when in fact he was past the age limit.  
Valdosta was forced to forfeit the two games in which he played, and he was banned from further competition.  
The GHSA later returned the two wins to Valdosta and instead fined the school \$1000.  
Thomas played two seasons with the 'Cats, first coming out for the team in his sophomore year.  
East Carolina also offered Thomas an athletic scholarship, but he turned it down, apparently, Hyder said, because he wanted to remain with his former teammates.  
"Having someone that you know around makes a difference when you go off that far," he said.

# No Sweat!

The Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, Monday, January 16, 1978

## Lowndes' Girls Take Titles, Ranking, Pressure in Stride

By DAVE RONNINGEN  
Times-Union Sports Writer

**VALDOSTA** — The pressures of consistently playing championship caliber basketball isn't bothering Lowndes High School Coach Charles Cooper or his top-ranked girls' roundball team.

The fact that the defending Georgia AAA champions are trying to lengthen a winning streak (that has now reached 44 games) every time they step on the floor isn't getting under their skin either.

The Vikettes are 14-0 this season.

Many people wonder if and when Lowndes is ever going to lose, and the girls admit that the thought that they have to live up to a standard enters their mind occasionally, but Cooper's philosophy keeps their sights set only on who the next opponent is.

"We just try to play our ball games one at a time," Cooper said, "and not be too concerned about the winning streak and the fact that we are undefeated.

"I feel if we stressed it too much and approached it that way there could be a lot of pressure on us."

Because of the winning streak and the state championship that it produced, the Vikettes accumulated another honor — and pressure source — by being picked by the Atlanta Journal as the No. 1 distaff team in the state.

"You know that everyone is out to get you," said Marcia Player, a 5-foot-11 senior forward and one of three starters who returned from last year's championship team. "It's in the back of everyone's mind. I don't even think about last year. This is another year."

Rhonda Rowell, a junior this year and a starter on the 1977 state championship squad, says the team only has to play up to its capabilities and another championship will come its way.

"If we play like we're supposed to we can win it," she said. "We don't worry about what the other team is going to do. We worry about what we're going to do."

The only other senior on the team is Karen Parker, a 5-7 two-year starter at guard who pointed out that some of the pressures come from contending with teams that are out to defeat the state champions.

"They want to play their best against you," she said.

"You can tell when we go out on the floor the other

team is fired up," added teammate Missy Smith, a 5-9 junior guard, who also said that the crowds expect quality basketball from the Vikettes at every game.

"They usually get it, and that's only a partial surprise to Cooper.

"We knew we had a good ball club," he said. "We didn't know just how good. We've got a well-balanced team, which is the key to our success.

"We've got a lot of depth this year," he added. "We've got about 10 girls that can play."

Last year's team lost only three seniors, two of them starters. But one of those spots has been filled by 6-4 Pam Johnson, a sophomore center.

Player is the team's leading scorer and rebounder (18 points and 12 rebounds a game).

The Vikettes, on their way to the championship last year, held their opponents to an average of 35 points per game and the trend is holding this season — Lowndes' opponents are only scoring 36 points per game.

Cooper said defense is the team's forte and carries the Vikettes through their bad games, but the ability to shoot from the outside when the inside is shut down isn't hurting, either.

"We've scored more than 80 points in each of our last three games," said Cooper. "We're playing better ball than we were before Christmas. And as far as progress we're coming along just like we expected."

Even in games that are "bad" by Vikette standards, the Lowndes girls seem to be several notches above their counterparts in Region 1-AAA.

"We had a bad night the first game of the (Lowndes Invitational) Christmas tournament," Cooper said. But the Vikettes defeated the Lady Jackets from Thomasville Central 48-20 anyway and went on to win the tournament.

The people that are really wondering whether the Lowndes girls will ever lose are, naturally enough, their opponents in Region 1-AAA (South).

That's especially true of Bainbridge. The Bearkittens have reason to figure that they'd be in the top spot in the state if it weren't for Lowndes.

Bainbridge has only lost six games in the last two years. Five of those six, four last year and one this season, were to the Vikettes.

Bainbridge is accordingly ranked No. 7 in the state poll, but it's no secret that the Bearkittens would like to be the ones to knock off No. 1 and make a horserace out of the league scramble.

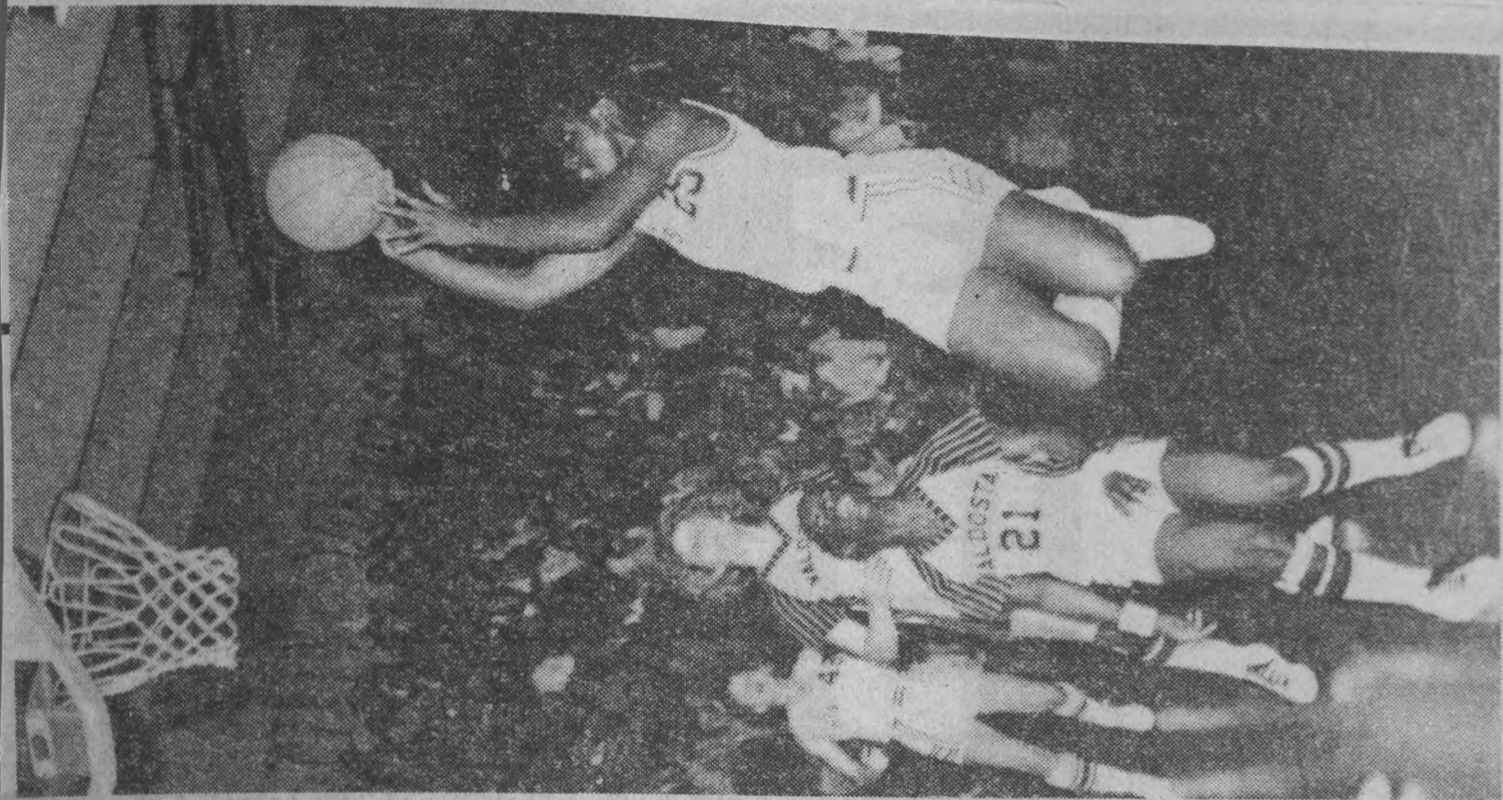
Their work's cut out for them, though — right now, it looks as if the Vikettes might just go on forever.



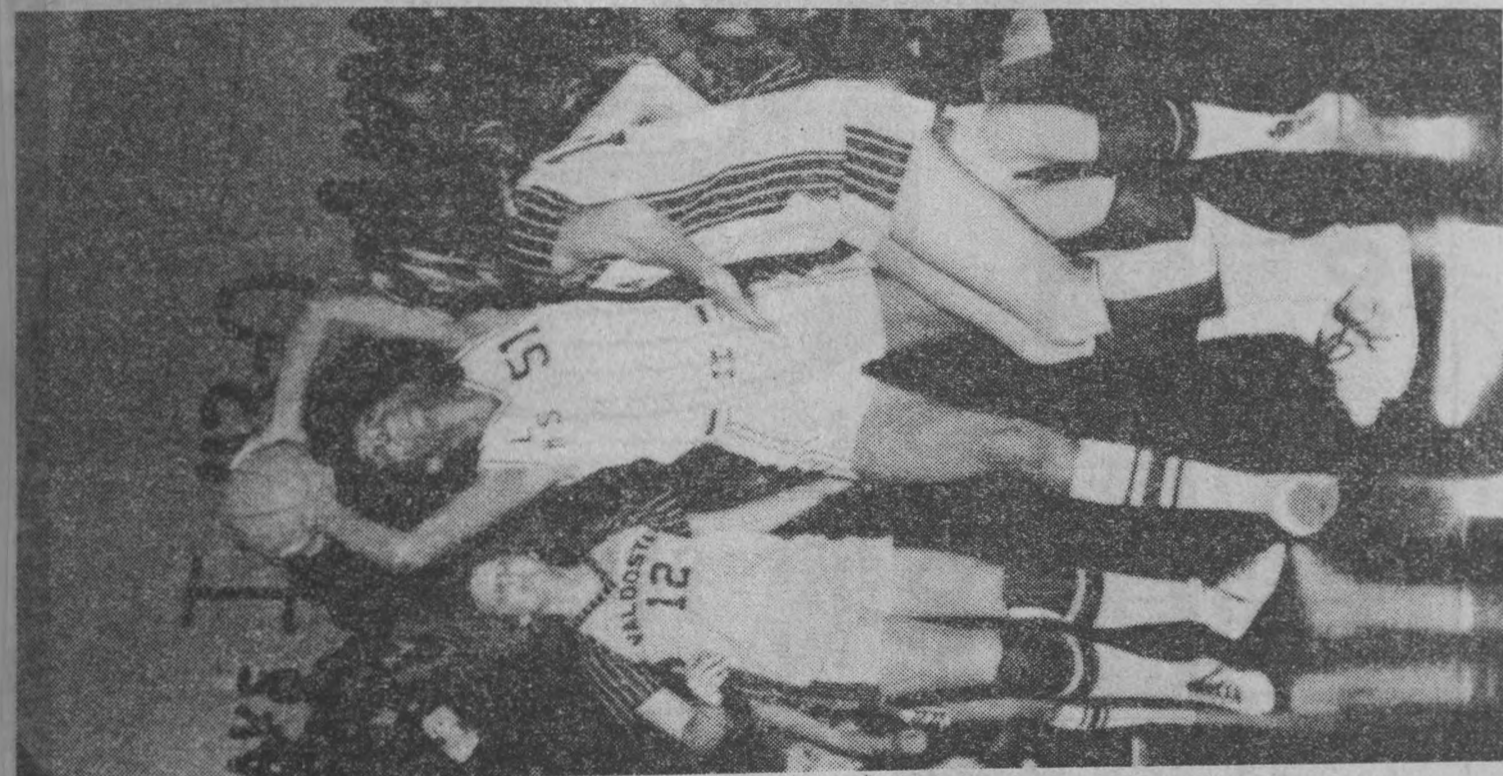
Cooper, Vikettes Huddle During Timeout in the Valdosta Game

"We just try to play our ball games one at a time and try not to be too concerned about the winning streak and the fact that we are undefeated. I feel if we stressed it too much and approached it that way there could be a lot of pressure on us."

—Lowndes' Charles Cooper



...As Does Brenda Berrien



... Pam Johnson Follows Suit...



Rhonda Rowel Puts It Up...



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 Graham Tips His Hat to the Gallery

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"With all our experience back," says Hudson,  
 "we'll be improved over last year. "I feel we'll get  
 stronger before the season's over."

Returning for the defending champs are Char-  
 lie Fiveash, Andy Been, Mike Minnix, Carey Craig  
 and Ben Palmer.

Fiveash, a junior, placed second in qualifying  
 behind Morgan with a 76 and a 79 and should be in  
 contention for the No. 2 spot.

**BEEN, ALSO** a junior, placed third in the  
 qualifying (84-80), along with Minnix (76-88) and  
 Palmer (79-82) and sophomore Craig (87-76).

The backbone of Valdosta's steady style of  
 team play are returnees Rusty Transinger (who  
 shoots in the 78-81 range), Lew Richardson and Trip  
 Singletary (77-80).

None of the Wildcats' scores are earthshat-  
 tering, Rudolph points out, but they are consistent.

"I wouldn't say I've got a 'best' golfer," the  
 VHS coach explained. "We always depend on hav-  
 ing four boys in the high 70s or low 80s. We use six  
 boys and take the top four scores."

Golf, of course, is primarily an individual sport,  
 and there are plenty of individual standouts around  
 South Georgia.

Lowndes' Jody Wilson, who may be the best  
 single golfer in Region 1-AAA, is an example.

"If Jody was to devote any time to golf, he'd be  
 a scratch golfer," said Lowndes Coach George  
 Hubert. "He spends most of his time playing foot-  
 ball (he was a split end for the Viking football team  
 and father/coach Joe) and baseball. Golf is some-  
 thing he does for fun in the summer, yet he finished  
 third in the region last year and could do better this  
 time."

"There are some pretty good golfers in South  
 Georgia," said Wilson. "What kind of golfer am I?  
 Well, if I ever start practicing, I'm fair. During the  
 summer, I get my handicap down to around three,  
 but right now I'm probably around an eight-  
 handicapper. I've been playing baseball and lifting  
 weights to try to strengthen my knee (after a foot-  
 ball injury) so I haven't had too much time."

Another standout South Georgia golfer has  
 similar problems.

Jesup Wayne County's John Warren is a two-  
 handicapper who his coach, Tom Murphy, feels  
 may have pro potential.

**BUT WARREN** was also the kicking specialist  
 for the football team and has signed a grant-in-aid  
 with the University of Tennessee. He, too, isn't in  
 (golf) playing condition since his workouts have  
 been limited by recent surgery on a knee.

"He wants to study law," said Murphy. "If he  
 can make the pro tour, he'll have that to come  
 home to after playing for awhile."

And the ladies get their due, too.

There aren't any girls' teams in South Georgia,  
 so the lady golfers play for the boys' teams — and  
 from the men's tees.

Debbie Wooley shoots in the 78-82 range and  
 was a regular with Lowndes' coed team, which fin-  
 ished third in Region 1-AAA last year.

Waycross has a girl of its own in Lynn Steffler,  
 who is a ladies' invitational defending champion at  
 the Okefenokee Country Club, even though she's  
 just a sophomore.



—Times-Union Photo by JOHN HARMON  
 Scott Morgan Leads Terror Charge



—Times-Union Photo by DAVE RONNINGEN  
 Rusty Transinger Returns for Valdosta

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"I realized on the backside I had  
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 tic. I just wanted to play well. I didn't  
 worry about winning, not on this  
 course."

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## Tops

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## Tift

By Times Staff Writer

In a game in which home runs flew out of Bazemore Field like a horde of mosquitoes on a sultry summer night, Valdosta outslugged Tift County 10-6 in high school baseball action here Saturday.

Coach Butch Brooks' VHS team got two homers from shortstop Mark Powell and one apiece from third baseman David White, first baseman Wayne Fugett, and leftfielder Tim Dame.

Not to be outdone, the visiting Blue Devils boomed three homers of their own, two by catcher Randy Ewing, and another by third baseman Ed Troxell.

When the dust had settled, Valdosta had its ninth victory without a defeat, but it didn't come easy for the Wildcats.

Tift pounded starting Valdosta pitcher Buck Belue for four runs in the third inning to grab a 5-4 lead before the Wildcats retaliated with three runs in the fourth frame to go back ahead, 7-5.

Dame came on in the fourth inning to pitch for Valdosta, allowing one hit, and claiming the win, to improve his record to 2-0 on the year.

White took over the mound duties for Valdosta in the sixth inning, and allowed two hits during the final two frames.

Pete Bilson went almost six innings on the mound for Tift, but was blasted for 13 hits by the powerful Valdosta team.

His replacement, Tommy Brown, surrendered just one hit during the inning and one-third which he pitched.

Belue and White ended up with three hits apiece to lead the Wildcats. Chris Daniels, the team's second baseman, banded out two doubles.

Ewing slapped Valdosta pitchers for three hits to lead the Blue Devils, now 7-2 on the year.

Valdosta is the only team to defeat Tift this season. It downed the Blue Devils, 14-7, in the championship game of last week's Valdosta-Lowndes Invitational tournament.

Valdosta returns to action Tuesday with a road game at Moultrie.

### Wildcat Box

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Wills 2b	3	0	1	0	Dame lf	2	2	2	1
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<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>

Tift 014 015 0-6 7-2  
 Valdosta 228 212 10-14-2  
 E — Smith, Booth, White, Fugett; DP — VHS 1; LOB — THS 5, VHS 4.  
 2B — Baker, Daniels; HR — Ewing 2, Troxell, Powell 2, White, Fugett, Dame; SB — Belue 3; S — Fugett.

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Bilson (L)	5.2	3	13	9	8	2
Brown	1.1	3	1	1	0	1
Belue	3	4	5	5	1	2
Dame (W, 2-0)	2	1	1	1	1	0
White	2	2	0	0	1	2

WP — White; PB — Ewing.

V. Times 3-29-78

# 'Dosta Rips Up T'ville

By Times Staff Writer

THOMASVILLE — Valdosta ran its unbeaten string to six games here Tuesday, swamping Thomasville, 11-1, in a high school baseball game.

Coach Butch Brooks' Wildcats hammered three Bulldog pitchers for nine hits, jumping to a 7-0 lead after two innings and coasting in from there.

Valdosta goes after its seventh victory at VHS's Bazemore Field today, against New Hyde Park (N.Y.), a team vacationing in Valdosta for spring practice.

Today's game was not originally on the 'Cats' schedule, but Brooks got approval from the Georgia High School Association to drop a game with Tift County (Tifton) and add the contest with New Hyde Park to the VHS slate.

A B-team game between the two schools is to begin at 1 p.m., with the varsity contest getting underway at 4 p.m.

Senior pitcher Buck Belue allowed Thomasville only two hits and its only run through the first four innings, and slammed two singles of his own, before being ejected from the game in the fifth inning for allegedly yelling at the umpire.

Junior Tim Dame came in to complete the mound job, stopping the Bulldogs on two hits in three innings.

Meanwhile, Valdosta ran all over starting Thomasville pitcher Jerome Flanders. The Bulldog starter pitched less than an inning before giving up four runs and leaving the pitching duties to Bobby Lee.

The Wildcats pelted Lee for seven hits and six runs in just over four innings, before Mike Posey came on to pitch the final two innings for the Bulldogs.

Third baseman David White and second baseman Chris Daniels banded out twin singles apiece for Valdosta.

Wildcat shortstop Mark Powell blasted a home run in the first inning, and catcher Mike Ruff smashed a double.

Thomasville shortstop Roosevelt Andrews led his team in hitting with a double.

Valdosta's game with Hyde Park serves as a warmup to Friday's matchup against crosstown rival Lowndes.

### Wildcat Box

VHS	ab	r	h	rbi	THS	ab	r	h	rbi
Ruff c	5	1	1	0	Andrews ss	2	0	1	0
Powell ss	4	3	1	1	Lester lf	3	0	1	0
Blue p	3	3	2	1	Clay c	3	0	0	0
Fugett 1b	4	2	2	2	Hines 3b	3	1	0	0
White 3b	4	1	2	2	Findry p	0	0	0	0
Daniels 2b	4	1	2	1	Leep	1	0	0	0
Long c	2	0	1	0	Posey p	1	0	0	0
Fugett 1b	2	0	0	1	Christen cf	3	0	1	1
Belt 1b	0	0	0	0	Martin rf	3	0	0	0
Martin rf	4	0	0	0	Mash rf	3	1	0	0
Widry lf	0	0	0	0	Ebanks 1b	2	0	0	0
					Rine 1b	2	0	0	0
					Besly 2b	1	0	0	0
					Guy 2b	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

Valdosta 430 210 1-11-9-0  
 Thomasville 000 100 0-1-4-7  
 E — Andrews 2, Lassiter, Clay, Hines, Eubanks, Beasley; DP — VHS 1; LOB — VHS 9, THS 4.  
 2B — Ruff, Andrews; HR — Powell; SB — Ruff, Powell, Belue 3, Lastinger 2; S — Weidon.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Belue (W, 3-0)	4	2	1	1	1	1
Dame	3	2	0	0	1	1
Flanders	2.3	2	4	2	3	0
Lee	4.1	3	6	6	1	3
Posey	2	0	1	1	1	1

WP — Flanders 2.

# Valdosta Success No Surprise

Valdosta's Wildcats, off to a lightning start, are likely the name most mentioned by spectators of area high school baseball these days.

The 'Cats, among the preseason favorites to win Region 1-AAA (South), have proven the prognosticators correct, smashing nine straight foes to remain unbeaten going into today's subregion contest with Moultrie.

The success of the team comes as no surprise to many, who watched last season's Wildcats march to the subregion and region titles, and win their sectional series with Windsor Forest (Savannah) before falling in three games to eventual state champion Kendrick (Columbus) for the South Georgia championship.

Most of that team returned, including fireballing pitcher Wayne Fugett, power hitter and pitcher Buck Belue, second baseman Chris Daniels, third baseman David White, and shortstop Mark Powell.

All were standouts at one time or another during the 1977 season. The question now is just how does this team compare with last season's team, and how far in state competition is it capable of going?

VHS Coach Butch Brooks isn't looking forward to any state playoffs just yet.

"I think," he said, "if we continue to play as well as we're playing now, we could be in the subregion playoff at least. If our luck continues."

That the Wildcats might be in the subregion playoff was almost a foregone conclusion to many people even before the season started. But not to Brooks, he says.

"In baseball, you can't ever tell what's going to happen, he said. "Bainbridge got blown out of the (Lowndes-Valdosta Invitational)



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## Register

Times Sports Writer

tournament, but they came back the following Tuesday and beat Central, one of the top teams in the region.

"Like I say, it's a funny thing. You can't predict what will happen. And everybody's out to beat the Wildcats."

Brooks said he was pleased with last season's team. "They went a lot further than I ever thought they would," he said. "Especially with what little hitting they had."

He admits the batting attack this year is better than last season's.

"I think this year we're a better ballclub in regards to the defense, and in the outfield all the way around.

"We had a little problem with defense in the outfield last year, but the infield was good and solid."

He said he was "well pleased" with the play of catcher Mike Ruff, who stepped in to fill the shoes of Bob White, an anchor of last

season's team, who took his baseball skills to the University of Georgia.

"He's done an excellent job," Brooks said. "He had taken over a lot of responsibility.

"Our bats are another big difference. We hit the ball a lot better than we did last year. This year's team reminds me of the 1974 team, with (Valdosta State College star Cecil) Whitehead and that bunch."

He said the fact that David White and Tim Dame had perfect games in their pitching games took some pressure off Belue, who was a continual choice for relief duty on the mound last season.

"It takes a load off Buck," he said. "Now he can concentrate on playing in the outfield, when he's playing there.

"Buck and Mark Powell are co-captains, and they do an excellent job leadership-wise. And Powell and Chris Daniels work real hard on their combination with John Lastinger or Wayne Fugett, or whoever's at first base.

"I think people need to keep their eye on Powell and Daniels. They're definite college prospects.

"And Boo-Boo (David White, who supposedly resembles Boo-Boo Bear in cartoons) has been doing a great job. He's a pro prospect right now."

With all that talent and a 9-0 record, surely the thought of state playoffs has crossed Brooks' mind.

But, as he says, baseball is a strange game. "Lowndes is one of the teams to beat," he said. "I think Moultrie is real tough, and Central will be tough to beat, too."

Brooks has said on many occasions that he'd rather be lucky than skillful. So far, he says, luck has been with the Wildcats. Whether it will stay, and carry the 'Cats to the heights that have been predicted for them, remains to be seen.

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## VHS Students Help With Photo Project

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta High School students are helping the Lowndes County Historical Society with a state photographic preservation project.

According to Duane Pitts, VHS English teacher, the students are helping to collect photographs from Lowndes County residents to be used in the State Archives project.

"The State Archives," Pitts said, "has chosen Lowndes County as one of 20 Georgia counties for the photographic preservation project."

The Historical Society, Pitts said, is coordinating the effort here.

VHS Students, Pitts said, are asking family and friends to lend photographs to be re-photographed by the State Archives' photographic team.

The students, Pitts said, have special forms for persons lending pictures to fill out.

He said the students are to collect the photos Monday and Tuesday. They are to be photographed April 12-13 and returned to the lender by April 15.

"The kind of photos they are looking for," Pitts said, "are loosely termed historic photos. That can be any time period in American history, even the present.

He said they are not limited to local photos either.

"They can be pictures from any part of the country," Pitts said, "or of Americans in another country."

They are looking for photos showing dress and hair styles, architectural styles and landmarks and famous

persons. There should be complete information on the photo, who is in it, when and where it was taken, he said.

Pitts said, however, unidentified photos may be valuable for showing styles of the day.

There are about 150 VHS students collecting photos, Pitts said. They include history students of Mildred Wisenbaker and Kelly Dees and Pitts' "Cracklins" students.

"Cracklins" is a VHS magazine publication that focuses on south Georgia history.

"We have a double purpose in helping," Pitts said. "We're going to have slides made of all the pictures the students gather.

"Hopefully we'll have enough for the students to make a slides set on the history of Georgia or the development of Lowndes County, or fashions or architecture.

"We have two slides sets already, one on Doc Holliday and one on The Crescent which we can present to any interested group.

"We hope to do the same

with these pictures," he said. "We want to develop them into a presentation to take to different community groups," Pitts said.

## VHS Club Wins Top State Honor

By Times Staff Writer  
ATLANTA — For the third year in a row, the Valdosta High School Distributive Education Club has won the Most Outstanding DE Club in Georgia award.

The DECA career development conference was held in Atlanta Friday through today, according to Norman Greene, VHS DE adviser.

Winners from the Valdosta High DE Club included Zoe Exum — first in Reporter of the Year; Mike Thompson — third in free enterprise chapter project; finalists — Elisabeth Reddick in free

enterprise project individual; Beth Toth in general merchandising; Miss Reddick in Girl Student of the Year; Rex Taylor in Boy Student of the Year.

Miss Toth was elected state secretary.

Winners from the Lowndes High School DE chapter included Stewart Williams — first place in food marketing; Vance Fouraker — second place in Boy Student of the Year, and finalists — Joy Grice in food service and Earl Brukett in automotive and petroleum.

Phil Walden, LHS adviser, was unable to attend.

## Local Briefs

### LHS, VHS Cop Literary Honors

From Times Staff Reports

Valdosta and Lowndes high schools took state honors Saturday at the Triple A Literary meet held in Macon.

Lowndes High School took places in all three categories entered, winning first in typing.

Valdosta High School entered 20 students in 15 categories and had eight students take places in six categories.

Lowndes High School students who placed were Patricia Peters, first in oral interpretation; Edd Williams, third in boys solo; and Wanda Pliar, fourth in typing.

Valdosta High School students placing at state were: Amy New, second in girls spelling; Jil Garrett, third in girls essay; Elisabeth Reddick, third in shorthand; Timothy Farley, tied for fourth in boys spelling; Wilm Rose, fourth in girls solo; Alice Blasetti, Leslie Paige Hood and Virginia Carroll Smith, fourth in girls trio.

In order to compete at state level the students had to place first in district competition. The district literary meet was held in March at Valdosta State College.

State literary competition was held Saturday at Mercer University in Macon.

# White's Home Run Sparks Valdosta Past Moultrie

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By Times Staff Writer  
MOULTRIE — David White's two-run homer in the fifth inning staked Valdosta to a 4-3 lead, and the Wildcats went on to an 8-3 high school baseball triumph over Moultrie here Tuesday.

White's shot put Coach Butch Brooks' VHS team back on top after Moultrie had rallied from a 2-0 first inning deficit to go ahead 3-2.

The victory by the 'Cats over their Region 1-AAA (South) rivals improved their record to 10-0. But the win didn't come without controversy.

With Valdosta ahead 4-3 and two out in the sixth inning, Wildcat catcher Mike Ruff struck at a pitch which had hit the dirt after it reached the plate.

It would have been the third strike, but because the ball had hit the dirt, Brooks instructed Ruff to run to first base, where he was ruled safe by the umpire.

Moultrie Coach Jerry Croft protested the game but his appeal fell upon deaf ears.

Valdosta capitalized by scoring two runs in the inning after the controversial play, but Croft said afterward he

would not protest the game to the Georgia High School Association.

However, according to Moultrie Observer Sports Editor Gary Johnson, the Packer coach said he would have filed a protest if his team had scored another run.

Tim Dame came on in the second inning for starting Valdosta pitcher Wayne Fugett, and hurled the final five-and-one-third innings without allowing a run.

Centerfielder Buck Belue and second baseman Chris Daniels slammed three singles apiece for Valdosta.

Steve Austin, Moultrie's rightfielder, didn't leap any buildings like his namesake, television's Six Million Dollar Man, but he did finish with two hits for the Packers.

Valdosta is to return to action Friday, when it hosts Bainbridge, another Region 1-AAA (South) opponent.

## Wildcat Box

VHS	ab	r	h	rbi	MHS	ab	r	h	rbi
Ruff, c	4	2	1	0	Pullins, lb-p	4	0	1	0
Powell, ss	3	0	0	0	Clark, 3b	3	1	1	0
Belue, cf	4	2	3	1	Payne, cf	2	1	0	0
White, 3b	3	1	1	2	Hart, p-lb	2	0	1	0
Daniels, 2b	4	1	3	0	Davis, lf	4	0	1	0
Lstger, 1b-lf	2	1	0	0	Astin, rf	4	0	2	2
Fugett, p-lb	3	0	0	1	Tillery, c	3	0	0	0
Wldn, pr	0	1	0	0	Wishm, ss	3	0	1	0
Dame, lf-p	3	0	0	0	Kudela, 2b	0	0	0	0
Mrtin, rf	0	0	0	0	Bligs, dh	3	1	1	0
Chpmn, dh	4	0	1	0					

TOTALS 30 8 9 4

Valdosta 200 022 2-8-9-0

Moultrie 210 000 0-3-8-3

E—Tillery 2, Clark, DP—VHS 1, LOB—

VHS 6, MHS 9.

2B—Ruff, Davis, Wisham, HR—White,

SB—Ruff, Powell, Belue 2, Daniels,

Lastinger, Dame, Weldon.

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Fugett 12-3 3 2 3 3

Dame (W, 3-0) 5-1-3 5 0 0 2 1

Hart (L, 3-2) 5 8 4 2 3 1

Pullins 22 1 4 2 3 4

WP—Fugett 2; PB—Tillery 5.

## Sports In Brief

V. Times 4-8-78

# 'Cats, Kittens Roar Past Bainbridge

From Staff And  
Wire Reports

Valdosta High School's boys' and girls' tennis teams both captured victories over Bainbridge here Friday.

The Kittens breezed past the Bainbridge girls 9-0, while the Wildcats won a 9-4 decision over the Bainbridge boys.

Both the Wildcats and the Kittens now have 6-2 records.

Valdosta is to travel to Moultrie Tuesday for its next match.

Individual results follow:

### GIRLS

Singles — Lisa Felix (V) beat Leann Harrell 6-0, 6-2; Jan Pendleton (V) beat Tonya Carpenter 7-5, 8-6; Julie Spencer (V) beat Martha Reynolds 6-0, 6-1; Linda Hall (V) beat Linda Fountain 6-3, 6-1; Lourdes Rodriguez (V) beat Kim Mayberry 6-4, 6-1; Diane Paoletti (V) beat Pam Heinz 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles — Felix-Maggie Powell (V) beat Harrell-Carpenter 6-3, 6-1; Spencer-Hall (V) beat Reynolds-Fountain 6-2, 6-0; Paoletti-Rodriguez (V) beat Mayberry-Heinz 8-7, 6-1.

### BOYS

Singles — David Ellis (B) beat Steve Connor 6-0, 7-5; Brett Warner (V) beat Scott Forsythe 6-0, 3-6, 6-4; Wally Cayto (B) beat Rodney Childree 5-6, 6-3; Billy Inlow (B) beat Edwin Wetherington 6-3, 6-2; Biff Taylor (V) beat Jerald Simmons 6-2, 7-5; Andy Worthom (V) beat Jay Leveret 8-2;

David Broomberg (V) beat Billy Reynolds 8-1; Spencer Felix (V) beat Jerald Sanders 8-3; John Brannen (V) beat Brett Walker 8-0.

Doubles — Ellis-Forsythe (B) beat Connor-Richard Clayton 6-3, 6-4; Taylor-Worthom (V) beat Cayto-Inlow 8-3; Wetherington-Warner (V) beat Simmons-Leverett 8-1; Broomberg-Felix (V) beat Sanders-Reynolds 8-5.

## VHS B-Team Wins

Valdosta High School's B-team used a powerful hitting attack and a strong pitching performance by David New to blast Berrien's B-team 19-2 in a baseball game played here Friday night.

Ashley Deloach and Tony Blasetti led the Valdosta hitting attack with three hits apiece. Darrell Swindle aided the VHS effort with two hits, including a two-run homer and a double.

New went all the way on the mound for VHS, giving up only one hit.

That hit was a home run by

Berrien's David Connell.

The win raised the VHS B-team's record to 4-1. It is scheduled to play again today against Bainbridge.

# Dream Comes True For VOT Teacher

By MARCIA McRAE

Margie Bentley's job at Valdosta High School couldn't have worked out better if she'd planned it.

Miss Bentley, 27, had hoped to become a vocational office training coordinator since she got her bachelor's and master's degrees in business education from Valdosta State College.

But she thought most of those positions didn't come open except when somebody retired, she said, adding the jobs around here are filled by young teachers.

So she was pleasantly surprised when the regular business education slot she had accepted at VHS changed to VOT coordinator after Ken Eldridge resigned.

"I'm super excited about doing it," said Miss Bentley, four years a teacher at Lanier County High School. She changed schools to teach business fulltime.

"It's everything I ever wanted in to do in teaching," she said.

She said in addition to helping students get valuable work experience, she wants to help them zero in on themselves and recognize their own potential.

"I look forward to working with the kids and helping

them develop their self-worth," she said.

"There are so many kids who don't realize what they have to offer now and in the future. I know, I've been there.

"But I want my students to see what they can offer, to accept themselves as they are and go on from there," Miss Bentley said.

As VOT coordinator she is to have 22 students fall quarter. She is to teach them office skills half the day and supervise their job experiences the rest of the day.

She is looking for secretarial type jobs for them.

Helping her get her bearings as coordinator is Linda Todd, Lowndes High School VOT coordinator.

"She's been a real help," said the Quitman native. "And we're working on having a fall fashion show for the VOT club members and their mothers."

The VOT club she said is the Future Business Leaders of America. She is club ad-

viser.

The cooperation between her and Mrs. Todd is a natural part of their friendship, she said.

They became friends because they were in graduate school together and "because we both love the Lord a lot," said Miss Bentley, a member of Azalea City Baptist Church.

In addition to her church, Miss Bentley is interested in football, basketball, jogging and bicycling, describing herself as a "physical fitness nut."

She also likes cooking, she said.

She is a member of the Georgia and Valdosta education associations and a vocational teachers association.



—Times Staff Photo

Margie Bentley Talks About New Job

Soph. Catcher *Valdosta Daily Times*  
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## Ruff Key Figure In 'Cats Lineup

By Times Staff Writer

COLUMBUS — On a team with three genuine professional baseball prospects, a sophomore catcher with no experience would usually be overlooked.

But Valdosta High School's Mike Ruff isn't just any sophomore catcher. And he certainly hasn't been overlooked.

"Ruff has made this ballclub what it is," VHS Coach Butch Brooks said as his Wildcats prepared to take on Kendrick here today in the Class AAA South Georgia Championship series.

"People don't realize that the catcher is the one who runs the whole ballclub," the super-successful Valdosta coach continued. "I tell him things to do, and he gets it done. He's kind of like a general on the field."

"Ruff has been one of the best surprises we've had all year."

Ruff stepped in for veteran catcher Robert White, who was graduated from VHS last season and now plays for the University of Georgia. Filling White's shoes appeared to be a tough order.

But Ruff has met the challenge.

"He's done a good job with the bat," Brooks said. "He blocks the ball, he throws the ball well, and he's willing to learn. He's one of the finest young men I've ever coached."

"We have to help him out calling the pitches sometimes but he calls most of them."

Although the pro scouts are already zeroing in on VHS's Buck Belue, David White and Wayne Fugett, Ruff has caught some early attention.

"I've had some of them mention his name to me," Brooks said. "They think he looks good. But since he's a sophomore, he's just a suspect now."



MIKE RUFF  
Not Overlooked

Ruff batted .415 during the regular season with eight home runs.

Valdosta is scheduled to match its 24-0 record against the 18-7 defending state champion Kendrick team at 5:30 p.m. today at Golden Park here.

The second game in the best-of-three series is to follow. If a third game is necessary, it is to be played Thursday, probably at 3 p.m.

Fugett, a junior righthander who's 9-0, is to start the first game, and Belue, a senior righthander who's also 9-0, is to start the second.

Kendrick features a three-man mound staff of Greg Valentine, 8-2, Eddie Jamieson, 5-1, and Brian Ammons, 5-1.

Valdosta radio station WVLD is to broadcast both of today's games, according to a station spokesman. If a third game is held, it is also to be broadcast.

# Valdosta Defuses Demons

## In 34-7 Springtime Rout

V. Times 3-25-78

By MIKE CHASON

Three and one-half months ago, Valdosta knocked off Warner Robins in a high school football game by throwing the ball and playing sticky defense.

Friday night, Valdosta did it again...using the same tools.

YARDSTICK		Valdosta		W. Robins	
First Downs	16	16	18		
Yards Rushing	160	126			
Yards Passing	153	157			
Passes	10-16	10-20			
Passes Inct. By	0	1			
Fumbles Lost	1-20.0	2-38.5			
Punting	8-45	4-30			
Penalties					

Taking charge right from the coin toss, Valdosta's Wildcats routed the visiting Demons in a 34-7 spring game at Cleveland Field here Friday night.

The stakes were not as high as in December's Class AAA South Georgia championship game but the end result was the same. And the score wasn't much different than in that 27-8 contest.

"We just played them the same way we did in December," Valdosta Coach Nick Hyder said, long after the crowd of 6,000 had left the stadium. "Overall, I was pleased, particularly with our receivers."

Valdosta's passing game bogged down badly against

the VHS Has-Beens two weeks ago but against the Demons it worked quicker than Excedrin on a headache.

And that's just what John Lastinger's throwing arm was for Warner Robins...a throbbing headache which only went away when Hyder replaced him with John Bond.

Lastinger, a rising senior, hit on nine of 11 passes for 97 yards. He also ran for touchdowns of one and three yards.

"We know he's a good athlete," Hyder said. "He's not just a quarterback. But we know Bond can do it too."

Bond, a junior-to-be, connected on two of six passes for 43 yards and one 21-yard touchdown toss to Robert Smith in the second quarter.

By that time, Lastinger had already scored on his 1-yard run, Willie Hankins had picked off teammate Bobby Johnson's fumble in midair and galloped 40 yards to paydirt and Lynn Roberts had returned a punt 70 yards for a touchdown.

It was turn-out-the-lights time for Warner Robins, and the first half wasn't even over yet.

Two big plays made it that way.

The first one came the first time Warner Robins had the

ball.

The Demons marched 69 yards to the Wildcat 5-yard line where Eddie Keisler fumbled on a third-and-goal situation. Nathaniel Caesar fell on it, and the drive ended.

On what seemed to be the sure tying touchdown drive, Warner Robins came away with nothing.

It hurt.

But maybe not as much as Valdosta's second score when Johnson carried the ball on a sweep and had it jostled from his arm up into the air.

Hankins ran right under the ball and never slowed down. When David Reaves kicked his second extra point of the game, many of the fans in the stands were asking each other what happened. If ever there was a time for an instant replay, that was it.

That touchdown was the second big play.

Warner Robins didn't even sniff the goal line in the second quarter, and VHS's 27-0 halftime edge seemed fat enough to be secure.

It was.

Lastinger engineered a 91-yard drive to open the second half, and the game was a yawner the rest of the way.

The Valdosta band didn't even play the famed Wildcat Fight Song when Lastinger

rolled in for the six from three yards out.

Forced out of its bread-and-butter offense of running the ball almost 90 percent of the time, the Demons opened things up a bit after halftime. They had only nine yards passing the first half.

With 4:08 left in the game, and Hyder already deep into his bench, Warner Robins scored on a 21-yard run by Allen Williams.

Williams had 42 yards in four carries for the game. Fleet-footed Fate Radford topped the Demon running game with 54 yards in 10 hauls.

Anthony Battles and Jimbo Hancock slowed down the Warner Robins ground game somewhat with six tackles apiece.

For the 'Cats, sophomore-to-be Eugene Patterson picked up 46 yards in three carries.

"Our ground game didn't look that good," Hyder said, "but we didn't have to use it that much."

Valdosta really wound up with more yards on the ground than in the air. But it was the passing attack which loosened up the Demon defense.

Hyder said the game was more relaxed than the spring

games the last two years against cross-county rival Lowndes.

"We've gotten sky high and come in here and beaten Lowndes the last two years," Hyder said. "That left them with a let's go to work effect and us with nowhere to put emphasis."

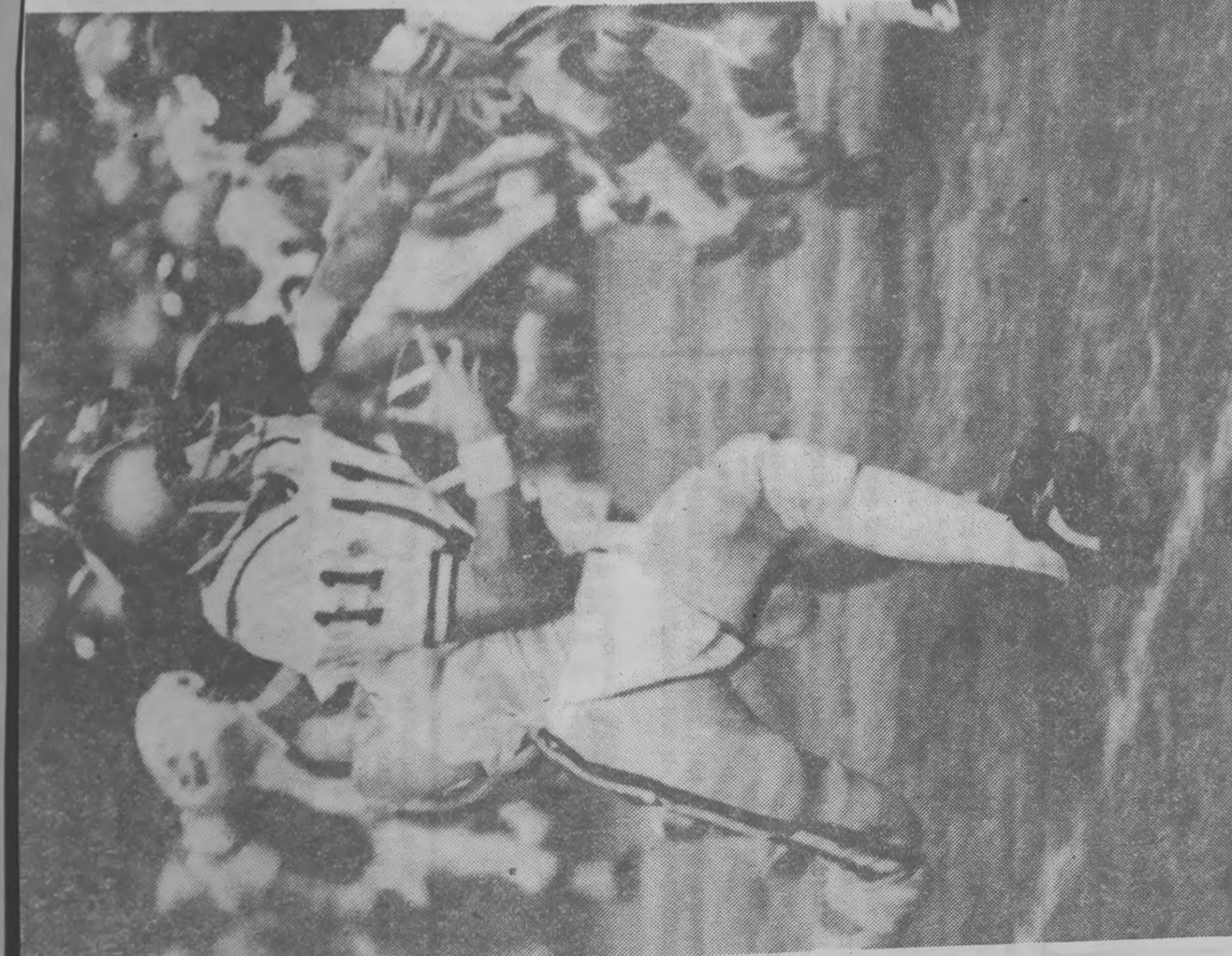
"Now all the emphasis is on that October 13th game, and that's where it should be."

Rushing: Valdosta—Gaskins 3-8, Lastinger 7-7, Roe 4-29, Johnson 3-15, King 2 minus 1, Hankins 1-40, Bond 3-6, Smith 2-10, Patterson 3-46; Warner Robins—Pollard 12-21, Radford 10-54, Keisler 3-0, Harper 4 minus 14, Williams 4-42, Davis 3 minus 7, Shipley 5-14.

Passing: Valdosta—Lastinger 9-11-97, Bond 2-4-43, Roe 1-1-13, Warner Robins—Harper 4-8-56, Davis 6-12-101. Punt Returns: Valdosta—Hankins 2-40, Blair 4-59, Gaskins 1-22, Smith 2-28, Roe 1-4; Warner Robins—Frazier 4-71, Jackson 2-24, Harper 2-29, Shipley 2-33. Punt Returns: Valdosta—Roberts 2-75; Warner Robins—Harper 1-14. Kickoff Returns: Valdosta—Smith 1-9; Warner Robins, Keisler 3-36, Radford 1-13. Defense (Number of Tackles): Valdosta—Battles 6, Hancock 6, Evans 4, Roberts 3, C. Roe 3, Caesar 3, Scott 2, Morris 2, Carter 2, Clifford Johnson 2, Beauford 2, Carroll Johnson 2, Maynard 2; Warner Robins—Davis 5, Dempsey 5, Wyatt 4, Williams 3, Jenkins 3, Niles 3, Keisler 2, Sirmans 2, Jordan 2, Singletary 2, Holloman 2, Kent 2.

Score by Quarters: Valdosta 7 20 7 0—34; W. Robins 0 0 0 7—7

Valdosta: Val.—Lastinger 1 run (Reaves kick); Val.—Hankins 40 run (Reaves kick); Val.—Roberts 70 punt return (kick failed); Val.—Smith 21 pass from Bond (Reaves kick); Val.—Lastinger 3 run (Reaves kick); War.—Williams 21 run (Woolfork kick)



—Times Staff Photo by Mike Dowse

John Lastinger Tries To Turn Corner On Warner Robins Defense

**VALDOSTA TOUCHDOWN CLUB**



**FOOTBALL BANQUET FEB. 6th, 1978**

VALDOSTA HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

# Power Hitting Paces Wildcats To 9-5 Victory Over Vikings

By MIKE CHASON  
Power hitting and solid pitching are a tough combination to beat.

Lowndes found out just how tough at Bazemore Field here Friday when Valdosta's Wildcats knocked off the visiting Vikings 9-5 in a high school baseball game.

Valdosta raised its record to 8-0 behind a home run apiece by John Lastinger, Mike Ruff, Buck Belue and David White.

On the mound, it was junior righthander Wayne Fugett who pitched a masterful four-hitter, marred only slightly by the four walks he surrendered. Fugett struck out nine.

"I felt good out there," Fugett, now 4-0, said after the game. "But I don't feel so good right now."

VSC Coach Butch Brooks explained the problem. "Wayne hadn't pitched in six days," Brooks said. "He had a little soreness in his chest from throwing when it was a little cool. He was more wild than I've ever seen him. "But I thought he did a good job. He had a no-hitter until the sixth."

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In the sixth, Fugett had a 7-1 cushion to work with. It turned out to be enough, but just barely.

LHS second baseman Ronnie Christy opened the Viking fireworks with a triple to right field. The ball was misplayed by the VHS defense.

Chuck DeVane then legged out an infield hit to score Christy. DeVane scored himself after back-to-back singles by Raymond Drennon and Jay Cobb.

Drennon and Cobb scored when VHS shortstop Mark Powell threw wide of first base on Keith Reed's grounder to him.

The only other LHS run scored in the third inning when Bill Schreffler drew a walk, was sacrificed to second by Christy, stole third and dashed home on VHS catcher Mike Ruff's wild throw to third.

Schreffler had three defensive gems in the first two innings from his shortstop position but had his effort overshadowed by the defensive play of the game by Belue in the seventh.

With Christy on base after a leadoff walk, DeVane blasted a long fly ball which looked like it might carry over Belue's head and out of the park in left centerfield.

But Belue raced to the fence, leaned against it and then leaped into the air to catch the ball. He came down crossways on the fence and hung there for several seconds.



Times Staff Photo by Mike Dowse

### VHS's John Lastinger, Lowndes' Jay Cobb Collide At Third Base

Drennon relieved Wilson in the fifth. Fugett pitched in the fifth that it echoed in the stands, mishandled Belue's single, allowing both runners to score. "We just haven't got a lot of pitching," George said. "We were hitting the ball. That was inspiring. Fugett's tough."

Belue tried to reach third but was thrown out in a close play. He threw his helmet in disgust at the umpire's call. "Buck did a good job," Brooks said. "He has a tendency to get a little emotional sometimes though."

Despite the win, Brooks wasn't satisfied with his team's performance. "I don't think we played well at all," he said. "I'm not hit on the elbow so hard by a

trying to take anything away from Lowndes. They played a good ballgame. "But we can play better baseball. Of course, any time you win you must have played good."

Valdosta hosts Tift County (Tifton) here today. Lowndes also plays here today, against Berrien (Nashville, Ga.). The Vikings are 4-3 overall and 1-1 in Region 1-AAA (South) action. The first of the two annual matchups between the cross-county rivals was the first subregion game of the year for Valdosta.

### VHS-LHS Box

LHS	ab	r	h	bi	VHS	ab	r	h	bi
Schirres	3	1	0	0	Powell	2	3	1	1
Christy 2b	1	1	1	1	Belue	2	2	0	0
Sevner 1b	4	1	1	1	White 2b	4	1	3	4
Sokiel 1b	4	1	1	0	White 2b	4	1	1	1
Prison 3b-p	2	0	0	0	Daniels 2b	3	1	1	0
Clay 1b	1	1	1	1	Fugett p	2	0	0	0
Cobb 2b	1	1	1	1	Leiner 1b	3	1	2	2
Spikes dh	3	0	0	0	Dame lf	3	0	0	0
Reed c	3	0	0	0	Bislich	3	0	0	0
Clyer rf	2	0	0	0	Merritt	3	0	0	0
Coff lb	0	0	0	0	Totals	24	9	8	8
Totals	26	5	4	2					

Lowndes 001 004 0-5-4-2  
Valdosta 002 002 4-6-4-3  
E - Ruff 2, Powell, Culpepper; Schreffler; LOB - LHS: VHS 4.  
2B - Daniels; 3B - Christy; HR - Lastinger, Ruff, Belue, White; SB - Schreffler, Daniels, Lastinger 2, Cobb, Christy 2; S - Christy.  
IP H R ER BB SO  
Plair (L, 0-2) 3 1 3 2 3 1 1  
Wilson 1 2 3 4 4 3 2 2  
Drennon 7 2 3 4 5 2 4 6  
Fugett (W, 4-0) 6 1 2 3 4 5 2 4 9  
HBP - Culpepper by Fugett; Ruff by Drennon; WP - Plair.

4-6-78 Valdosta, Tift Split V-Times

TIFTON — Tift County and Valdosta split a high school tennis doubleheader in action here Wednesday. The Tift girls took a 6-3 victory, before the Valdosta boys came back for a 6-5 win. The defeat dropped Coach John Booth's Kittens to 6-2 on the year, while his Wildcats improved their mark to 5-3. Valdosta's B-teams are to host Ware County (Waycross) today, while its varsity teams return to action here Friday against Bainbridge.

**GIRLS**  
 Singles — Darby Cottle (T) beat Lisa Feix 6-2, 6-2; Carol Lynn (T) beat Jan Pendleton 3-6, 7-5, 6-2; Becky Thomas (T) beat Linda Hall 6-1, 7-5; Lourdes Rodriguez (V) beat Laura Smith 6-0, 6-0; Diane Paoletti (V) beat Robin Sirmans 6-1, 6-0; Maggie Powell (V) beat Susan Brickley 8-1.  
 Doubles — Cottle-Thomas (T) beat Feix-Powell 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; Terry Ray-Lynn (T) beat Mink-Hall 1-6, 6-2, 6-2.

**BOYS**  
 Singles — Kent Smallwood (T) beat Steve Connor 6-3, 6-2; Brett Warner (V) beat Garnet Jones 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; Todd Summer (T) beat Rodney Childree 6-1, 6-4; Curt Branch (T) beat Edwin Weatherington 6-3, 7-6; Biff Taylor (V) beat Drew Langenfield 7-6, 3-6, 7-5; David Broomberg (V) beat Kyle Cottle 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; Spencer Feix (V) beat David Eastman 8-6, 6-1; John Branan (V) beat David White 6-2, 6-0.  
 Doubles — Smallwood-Jones (T) beat Connor-Childree 6-1, 6-4; Summers-Branch (T) beat Weatherington-Warner 6-2, 6-3; Taylor-Broomberg (V) beat Johnson-Boyette 6-3, 6-4.

# VHS Gals Knock Off Tift County

By Times Staff Writer

TIFTON — Valdosta's girls' track team waltzed to its second win of the season here Wednesday with a 64-36 thumping of Tift County High School. For the second straight meet, VHS sophomore Vera Dotson captured the spotlight with three first place finishes and a share of another. Dotson won the shot put with a toss of 32 feet, nine inches; the 100-yard dash in 11.5 seconds; the 220-yard dash in 26 seconds flat; and helped win the 440-yard relay in a time of 52.05. Other members of the winning relay team included Mary Curry, Lisa Jones and Roseziner Jackson. Valdosta hosts Lowndes and Central of Thomasville Monday.

## White Hits 2 Out

# Wildcats Blank Bainbridge, 13-0

V. Times



Valdosta's Mark Powell Gets Back As Throw Goes In The Dirt

By MIKE CHASON  
 David White said he was just going up to the plate to get hits. To say he accomplished his goal would be the understatement of the year.

White socked two home runs and two singles in four at-bats at Bazemore Field here Friday to help catapult Valdosta's Wildcats to a 13-0 ripping of Bainbridge's Bearcats in a Region 1-AAA (South) high school baseball game.

"I just go up there to try and hit the ball," the senior third baseman said after the 'Cats raised their record to 11-0 on the year. "I wasn't thinking about hitting a home run or anything."

"My batting average was falling, so I just needed to go up there and get some hits."

If White's average was plunging, nobody knew it but him. He went into the game batting a cool .424. He has now hit at least one homer in the last five games.

"David White . . . you just can't say enough about him," VHS Coach Butch Brooks said. "But the whole pack of them are like that. They're all just playing good baseball right now."

"All nine of them know what they want, and they're going after it."

One guy who went after it with a little extra vigor on the warm spring afternoon was pitcher Wayne Fugett.

The junior fireballer raised his record to 4-0 with a five-hit performance. Fugett struck out 11 and walked only

three batters. He now has 58 strikeouts in 33 innings pitched.

"Wayne came out of it today," Brooks said. "He did a great job. He's over the hump now. He's always been a late starter, and I think he's got it going now."

Singles by Mitch Smith and Earnest Riles and a walk to Bubba Eckenrod loaded the bases for Bainbridge in the top of the first inning.

But Fugett whiffed Kent Shealy for the first of three times in the game, and Valdosta was on the way to its fourth subregion victory. Bainbridge fell to 6-4 overall and 2-2 in league play.

Riles blanketed the Wildcat bats the first two innings and had Buck Belue's number seven figured out all day. Belue, who came into the game hitting a team-leading .700, was hitless in four trips.

It was the first time all year the senior centerfielder has been shut out at the plate.

"It's hard for anybody to keep hitting .700," Brooks said, "I don't care what kind of player you are."

Valdosta opened up on Riles, a beanpole righthander with a four-run third inning.

Singles by Andy Chapman, Mike Ruff, Mark Powell and White's three-run homer triggered the outburst.

White's blast sailed 355 feet over the left centerfield fence. It came with two outs and was his eighth of the year.

Powell, like Ruff, Lastinger and Chapman, had two hits in the game including his fourth

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## VHS B-Team

### V-Times 4-9-78 Sweeps Pair

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta blasted Bainbridge in two high school baseball B-team games here Saturday.

In the opener, sophomore righthander David New raised his record to 4-1 with a three-hit performance in a 17-1 VHS win.

Ashley Deloach gave up only five hits when the Wildcats won the second game, 11-1.

Tony Blasetti and David Berryhill had three hits apiece for Valdosta in the opener. Blasetti and Tag Welch homered.

Mark Cox had three hits for Valdosta in the second game.

The Wildcat B-team is now 6-1 overall.

## Joins Ray Lloyd

### V-Times 4-9-78 S. Miss. Signs Conway

By MARTIN REGISTER  
Former Valdosta High School defensive end Doug Conway joined the "good old guys" earlier this week when he signed a football scholarship with the University of Southern Mississippi.

"I went out there," he said, "and I really liked it. Those are just some good old guys over there."

Conway became the second former Wildcat to sign with the Hattiesburg school this year. Ray Lloyd, another defensive player, inked a pact with USM earlier in the year.

The 185-pound Conway said the fact that Lloyd had already signed with the Mississippi school influenced his decision.

"Of course it's always nice to go to a place like that with one of your old teammates," he said. "I've been on the team with Ray, as a matter of fact, I played right beside him. I think we can show



DOUG CONWAY  
Credits Rudolph

them something."

Conway credited VHS defensive co-ordinator Jack Rudolph with helping him obtain the scholarship, which

is for one year, and is renewable after each season.

"Coach Rudolph was really responsible for me getting it," he said. "He really helped me."

Conway played defensive end and linebacker in high school, and said he would like to play those same positions in college. But he won't be choosy.

"They'll put me wherever they need me," he said. "I can play most anywhere on the defensive front. I'll play wherever I'm told to play."

He plans to begin a major in business administration after he reports to the school for opening drills in late August.

To Conway, defense is the name of the game, and he's hoping four years of varsity experience will work in his favor.

Southern's stress on defense was an important factor in his decision to attend.

"One of the main things about why I signed was the way they take pride in their defense," he said. "I want to play with someone who likes to play defense."

## Study Reports

### Students Study Less, 4-9-78 TV Hurts Grades

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 60 percent of the nation's 17-year-olds spend less than five hours a week on homework, and most watch at least one hour of television on school nights, a new study shows.

The more homework the teenagers did and the less television they watched, the better they fared on a nationwide math test, the National Assessment of Educational Progress reported Saturday.

The study was based on a questionnaire given 10,000 students who took the test in 1976. The National Assessment, a research group, is funded by the federal government but run under contract with the Education Commission of the States, which is based in Denver.

Thirty percent of the 17-year-olds said they do 5 to 10

hours of homework weekly, and 6 percent said they spend more than 10 hours. Slightly more than half reported doing less than five hours, while an additional 7 percent said they didn't do their assigned homework, and 6 percent said none was assigned.

Nearly half said they watched no television or less than one hour on school nights (Sunday through Thursday), but 35 percent watched from one to three hours nightly, 12 percent watched three to five hours nightly, and 5 percent spent five hours or more in front of the tube nightly.

Federal education officials estimate the average child has watched 3,000 to 4,000 hours of television before entering first grade, and up to 15,000 hours by age 16. That is more than the time spent in classrooms.

### V-Times 4-9-78 Wildcats Bury Suwannee, 14-1

By Times Staff Writer  
LIVE OAK, Fla. — Valdosta, Ga., blasted Suwannee County 14-1 here Saturday night to raise its high school baseball season record to 12-0 on the year.

Buck Belue had four hits for the visiting Wildcats, who broke the game open on a grand slam home run by David White.

Belue also shared the pitching duties with White. Belue got the mound win to raise his record to 4-0.

White now has 10 home runs on the year, tops on the Wildcats.

Valdosta returns to action in Thomasville, Ga., Tuesday against Central of Thomasville.

# Fugett, Belue Top Area Stats

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta's Wayne Fugett has emerged as the area's top pitcher, while his teammate, Buck Belue has the best batting average, according to statistics recently released.

Fugett sports a 4-0 record and a 1.27 ERA. Belue has a 5-0 record and a 3.89 ERA, but his most impressive statistic is a whopping .644 batting average.

Tim Dame, also of Valdosta, is 3-0, and has a 1.61 ERA.

Lowndes' Ronnie Christy

leads his team in batting with a red-hot .516 average, while Jody Wilson is the Vikings' top pitcher, compiling a 3-0 record through more than 20 innings.

Five Valdosta batters and four Lowndes hitters have batting averages of better than .400.

Catcher Cecil Whitehead tops Valdosta State hitters with an average of .365, while Rick Gorey, 3-2 on the season, has the best ERA among Blazer pitchers at 2.52.

VALDOSTA STATE										
Hitting										
	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	avg.		
Cecil Whitehead	115	31	42	7	2	12	40	.365		
Sal Amadeo	120	34	40	8	1	7	24	.333		
Ken Smith	108	17	33	7	0	2	17	.306		
Keith Meini	121	19	36	2	1	1	11	.298		
Frank Gonzalez	115	25	32	5	1	2	15	.278		
Pitching										
	ip	h	r	bb	so	w	l	era		
Rick Gorey	35.2	32	12	18	19	3	2	2.52		
Mike Raines	16.2	57	32	34	43	5	7	2.83		
Pat Kelley	29.2	31	15	20	24	3	1	3.03		
VALDOSTA										
Hitting										
	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	avg.		
Buck Belue	45	23	29	4	1	5	21	.644		
David White	41	14	20	2	1	10	27	.487		
Chris Daniels	35	13	16	3	0	2	7	.457		
John Lastinger	34	9	14	2	1	2	7	.412		
Mike Ruff	44	19	18	4	0	5	13	.409		
Pitching										
	ip	h	r	bb	so	w	l	era		
Wayne Fugett	35.1	19	8	14	37	4	0	1.27		
Tim Dame	17.1	13	6	10	9	3	0	1.61		
Buck Belue	19.2	12	10	4	23	5	0	3.89		
LOWNDES										
Hitting										
	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	avg.		
Ronnie Christy	31	14	16	3	1	0	5	.516		
Chuck DeVane	34	11	14	3	1	2	11	.411		
Bill Schreffler	35	11	14	2	0	1	4	.400		
Raymond Drennon	30	10	12	1	0	1	12	.400		
Keith Reed	28	8	7	0	0	1	7	.250		
Pitching										
	ip	h	r	bb	so	w	l	era		
Jody Wilson	20.2	14	8	8	9	17	3	0		
Jeff Stokes	17.1	23	14	11	23	2	1			
Andy Plair	12.1	12	11	5	4	1	2			

# LHS Cindermen Edge Valdosta

By Times Staff Writer  
Lowndes' Vikings captured their first victory of the season as they slipped past Valdosta in a high school track meet here Monday.

Coach Newnan Sanchez's Vikings, defending Region 1-AAA champions, surged past the Wildcats in the final event to secure a 70-66 win.

Valdosta, after defeating Lowndes for the first time in at least four years last Wednesday, appeared to be on their way to another victory as they went into the last event of the meet with a 66-65 lead.

But in the mile relay, the Lowndes team of Donald Lucas, Johnny Williams, Lewis Hargett, and Hugh Vankinscott turned in time of 3:42.3 to win the event, and capture five points to give LHS an overall victory.

Besides being on the winning mile relay team, Vankinscott captured first place finishes in both the 440-yard dash and 880-yard run.

Also for Lowndes, Charles Burgman won two events. Burgman took first place honors in the 100-yard dash, and in the 220-yard dash.

Allen Worthy and Kenny

Gallagher won two events each for Valdosta. Worthy won both the 120-yard high hurdles and the 330-yard intermediate hurdles. Gallagher took wins in the mile and two mile runs.

"We did much better than last week by far," Sanchez said of his team's performance.

LHS's next meet will be Wednesday, when they host Moultrie and Bainbridge. The Vikings are now 1-2.

Individual results follow:

Pole vault — Brooks (L), M Matchet (L), Albritton (V), H-10' 0";  
Shot put — Day (L), Reaves (V), Johnson (L), D-41' 3 1/2";  
Long jump — Washington (V), Burks (L), Burgman (L), D-20' 9";  
High jump — Merline (V), Ceaser (V), Gaines (V), H-5' 11";  
Discus throw — Holmes (V), Day (L), Reaves (V), D-110' 5";  
Triple jump — Hargett (L), Williams (L), Washington (V), D-42' 9";  
440-yard relay — Valdosta (Council, Evans, King, Smith) T-45.9;  
100-yard dash — Gallagher (V), Hargrove (L), Jenkins (V) T-15:02.0;  
440-yard dash — Vankinscott (L), Hargett (L), Robinson (V), T-53.0;  
100-yard dash — Burgman (L), McEady (L), Evans (V) T-10.3;  
120-yard high hurdles — Worthy (V), Williams (L), Washington (V), T-16.3;  
880-yard run — Vankinscott (L), Green (V), Jones (V), T-2:15.9;  
220-yard dash — Burgman (L), Evans (V), Conaway (V) T-23.7;  
330-yard intermediate hurdles — Worthy (V), Williams (L), Miller (L), T-43.6;  
Two mile run — Gallagher (V), Jenkins (V), Curtis (V) T-10:57.0;  
1 mile relay — Lowndes (Lucas, Williams, Hargett, Vankinscott) T-3:42.3.

# VHS Golfers Win

Valdosta had the best score in a three-team high school golf meet held Monday at Francis Lake Golf Course near here.

The Wildcats finished with a score of 304, 24 strokes ahead of host team Lowndes, which finished at 328. Tift County (Tifton) was third, with a score of 331.

Valdosta's Ty Edwards had the best round of the day, a 71, but Lowndes' Debbie Wooley, with her team-leading 79, may have attracted more attention.

George Faircloth led Tift with an 80.  
Lowndes, now 3-4 on the year, is to host Bainbridge and Tift today at Francis Lake.

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## Sports In Brief

# Blazers, 'Cats Are Rained Out

From Staff And Wire Reports

Mother Nature stepped in and rained both Valdosta State College and Valdosta High School out of baseball action today.

VSC, 24-14, was scheduled to take on Florida State University's Seminoles here, and VHS, 13-0, was to meet Thomasville's Bulldogs in a Region 1-AAA (South) encounter at Bazemore Field.

Valdosta State Coach Tommy Thomas tried to have the FSU game moved to Friday but Florida State Coach Woody Woodward did not agree to the move.

"We're still considering rescheduling the game," Thomas said. "One proposal is to play a doubleheader when they come here Tuesday but I don't like to play doubleheaders on school days."

The Blazers' next scheduled game is a 7:30 p.m. Saturday contest against the University of Florida in Gainesville. VSC returns home for a 1:30 p.m. twin-bill against Albany State Sunday.

Valdosta Coach Butch Brooks was trying to have the VHS-Thomasville game moved to Friday but had not made a definite decision at presstime. The Wildcats are slated to host Cairo here Saturday afternoon.

## VHS Wins Girls' Track Meet

Valdosta's girls' track team claimed the top spot in a four-team meet here Wednesday.

Coach Jerry Baker's Valdosta team finished with 69 points, far ahead of Central of Thomasville, which had 49 and one-half.

Thomasville followed in third place with 41 and one-half, and Cairo brought up the rear with a score of 26.

Lisa Jones, Roseziner Jackson and Nina Bryant were all three-time winners for the Kittens, now 3-1 on the season.

Jones claimed first place in the long jump, while Bryant topped the field in the 440 yard run, and Jackson had the best time in the 220 yard run.

The three were also members of the 440 yard relay team and the mile relay team.

The Kittens are to participate in another four-team meet Monday at Thomasville.

Other teams entered in the meet include Thomasville, Central of Thomasville, and Brooks County (Quitman).

## Valdosta B-Team Netters Rip Cook

Valdosta took both ends of a high school B-team tennis doubleheader with Cook here Wednesday.

The VHS girls claimed a 8-1 victory over the Adel team before the Wildcats held off the visiting Hornets, 7-5.

Both Valdosta teams improved their records to 6-0 with the triumphs.

The Valdosta varsity teams swing into action today, traveling to Thomasville for matches with the Thomasville Bulldogs and Bulldogettes.

Both John Booth's Kittens and Jim Burroughs' Wildcats are 7-2 on the year.

## Sports In Brief

# Valdosta-Thomasville Game Reset Today

By Times Staff Writer  
Thursday's scheduled Valdosta-Thomasville high school baseball game has been reset for today, Valdosta Coach Butch Brooks said.

Thursday's heavy rains forced the postponement of the Region 1-AAA (South) contest, which is to begin at 4 p.m., at VHS' Bazemore Field here.

Valdosta, carrying by far the best record in the entire 12-team region, is 13-0 in all games, and tops the subregion standings with a 5-0 mark.

Thomasville is 3-5 overall.

The Valdosta State-Florida State game was also rained out Thursday. No date has been set to make up the game.

## City Schools Eye Savings

Valdosta Daily Times 4-14-78

By MARCIA McRAE  
The Valdosta Board of Education can expect to save money next year in its special education program, according to Ralph Brandon, city schools superintendent.

For two years, Brandon told the board in its Thursday work session, the system has been held responsible for educating residents of Parkwood Developmental Center.

Beginning in the 1978-79 school year, Brandon said, the system is not to be responsible.

"None of these residents are our children," Brandon said. "None of them is from Valdosta. They were sent

here from throughout the state by the Department of Human Resources."

When the State Department of Education had informed the system it was responsible for them, Brandon said, he told the department none of the children was from Valdosta.

"We even sent a list of their legal addresses," he said. "But they said they were our responsibility."

"Now," Brandon said, "the state says they are not our responsibility."

He said since they are in the care of the state and the center, the responsibility is on Dr. C.O. Templeton,

center director.

Parkwood is to be allocated two teachers for the children and the City Board of Education, Brandon said, is to be the fiscal agent for the program.

The center is also to be allocated about \$3,000 for supplies, aides, and other costs of the program.

"But that does not come close to what it has cost us," Brandon said.

While the children were considered the system's responsibility, Brandon said, it had to provide classroom space, teachers, transportation, and materials for them.

Last year the state department of education granted two teacher allotments to the city system and paid their salaries.

Because of the children's severe handicaps teacher aides are needed for every group of six to eight children, Brandon said.

The state money did not cover aides nor utilities, transportation and materials.

Brandon added the more than 20 Parkwood students had caused overcrowding at Magnolia Center which should be relieved next year when they are taught at Parkwood.

## Leaks In Roof

# Patience Wears Thin At VHS

By MARCIA McRAE  
The sky is falling inside Valdosta High School which is five years old. And the Valdosta Board of Education is stymied as to what to do.

For four years, said Superintendent Ralph Brandon, the school system has tried to have the roof repaired.

"Patience wears thin after four years," he said.

The board met at VHS Thursday for its regular work session and to see the extent of the damage.

Board members had many questions with few answers about the problem and what recourse it has to have the leaks stopped.

It seems the board plans to take a "wait and see" attitude before making any

decisions.

Brandon said today "it was left hanging and we'll just wait and see if the repairs get made."

The problem, he said, has been the architect, Zeb Lackey, not being able to get the contractor, CCC Builders of Vidalia, to "put sufficient pressure on the roofing firm to come and correct the problems."

Brandon and Principal Lloyd Mims, who led the tour, said several leaks have been stopped but some repair work to cover the damage has not been done in two years.

"And we've developed new leaks today," Mims said Thursday.

One of the new leaks had soaked a six-foot or larger area of carpet in a classroom.

"The kids had to jump over a trash can here today," Mims said indicating where the trash can had been placed in the doorway of the room and showing how the water had spread across the carpet.

He showed the board a three-foot section of the ceiling in the hall near the gymnasium which had been knocked out apparently when a cement block fell from the roof.

Mims showed extensive water damage to the ceiling in the dry food storage area of the cafeteria.

A hole the size of a quarter had been worn through the ceiling apparently by constant leaking. Plaster and plaster dust covered several shelves of packaged foods.

A commercial size soup pot had been placed under the hole to catch the rain Thursday, Mims said. It held about eight inches of water.

Other areas of the school had water spots and leaks on the ceilings and water on the walls.

The metal grill over an air vent had rusted from constant leaking, he pointed out. And the gym floor, which has been replaced once, is bubbling again.

Brandon told the board he contacted the Georgia School Building Authority five weeks ago about the problem.

He said he had been sent forms which he passed on to Lackey.

Lackey, Brandon said, has indicated 90 percent of the problem is in the roof ex-

pansion joint joining the common area of the school with the rest of the building.

Lackey in turn, he said, has contacted the CCC Builders in Vidalia.

"They have 30 days," Brandon said, "to make the repairs and 60 days after that to repair the damage."

"The 30 days are up April 23," he said.

The board wanted to know what would be the next step if the leaks are not stopped by that time.

Board Chairman Joella Blackburn asked if members of the State School Building Authority, which actually owns the building, should come to Valdosta to be made "visually aware" of the extent of the problem.

# Lastinger, White Pace VHS Romp

By MARTIN REGISTER  
David White and John Lastinger blasted home runs, Valdosta's Wildcats belted Thomasville for nine hits in four innings, and the visiting Bulldogs did almost nothing as VHS roared to a 10-0 romp in a high school baseball game here Friday.

White, the VHS third baseman, and Lastinger, playing centerfielder, smashed homers in a seven-hit third-inning uprising by Valdosta which staked the Wildcats to an 8-0 lead, and set the stage for 'Dosta's 14th victory without a loss.

Coach Butch Brooks' Valdosta team improved its Region 1-AAA (South) record to 6-0 with the win in the contest, which was called after four-and-a-half innings because of the lopsided score, by agreement of both coaches.

Valdosta failed to score in the first inning, but pushed three runs across on one hit, two errors, a wild pitch, and a walk in the second frame.

The Wildcats scored five times off their seven third-inning hits, and the rout was on.

The victory left Brooks visibly pleased.

"Since we hadn't done anything since Wednesday, I was well-pleased," he said. "We had a few mental errors, but I was pleased."

Thomasville also had some mental errors, including a crunching collision of outfielders Eddie Hines and Roosevelt Andrews while chasing a fly hit by David White in the third inning.

Andrews somehow made the catch, however.

Brooks had to leave the game for awhile after the second inning, and when he returned, found the Wildcat lead had grown from 3-0 to 8-0.

"Lastinger has been a good surprise," he said. "And of course, our seniors keep doing a good job of giving us leadership."

He also praised the play of Darrell Swindle, who came in to replace Don Martin at left field. Martin was out of town for the day.

Brooks returned to his theme of luck being the main reason behind the 14-0 record

of the 'Cats.

"I'm proud of the kids," he said. "It's hard for a team to go 14 straight games without being knocked off. We've just been real lucky."

"We've played pretty good ball, but we've been lucky. I'd rather be lucky than good anyday."

Valdosta hopes that luck will continue today at 1 p.m., when Cairo's Syrupmakers invade town with revenge on their minds.

The Syrupmakers, who campaign in Region 1-AA (West) have won 12 straight games since being silenced by a Buck Belue no-hitter in a 7-0 early-season Valdosta victory.

Belue, now 6-0, pitched all five innings for Valdosta Friday, surrendering only three hits while striking out eight batters, and escaping a third-inning jam by leaving three Thomasville runners stranded.

In addition to the homers by White and Lastinger, Valdosta's third-inning totals included a triple by Belue, and singles by catcher Mike Ruff, shortstop Mark Powell, designated hitter Andy Champam and Swindle.

Wildcat second baseman Chris Daniels brought in two more runs in the fourth inning with a double.

Lastinger was the top Wildcat hitter for the day, with two hits.

No Thomasville batter managed more than a single.

## Wildcat Box

TMS	ab	r	h	bi	VHS	ab	r	h	bi
Besly 2b	2	0	1	0	Ruff c	3	1	1	0
Kvks 2b	1	0	0	0	Powel ss	1	2	1	0
Clay 3b, p	3	0	1	0	Belue p	2	2	1	2
Adrew cf	1	0	0	0	White 3b	2	2	1	2
Chastn ss	2	0	0	0	Danel 2b	3	0	1	2
Mash rf	2	0	1	0	Lstgr cf	2	2	2	1
Ryan lb	1	0	0	0	Fugett lb	3	1	0	0
Posey c	2	0	0	0	Cpmandh	3	0	1	1
Link p, 3b	2	0	0	0	Swndl lf	2	0	1	0
Guy lf	1	0	0	0	Dame rf	0	0	0	0
Hines lf	1	0	0	0					

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Lastinger; SB - Fugett, Swindle.

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Clay 2 4 3 3 3 1

Belue (W, 6-0) 5 3 0 0 2 8

WP - Link, Clay.

# VHS Students Among Speakers

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta High School students are to be among the speakers at a state conference in Macon Friday.

According to Alice Knierim of Atlanta, conference coordinator, students in Duane Pitts' Cracklins class, have been asked to attend a "discovery program" for Georgia educators in Macon

on April 21.

Cracklins is a VHS publication which focuses on south Georgia history.

The purpose of the conference is to help educators learn about heritage projects being conducted in various schools and to help other schools start projects.

The VHS students and Pitts, are to give one of the four presentations at the conference, said Miss Knierim, a former English teacher and doctoral candidate at Georgia State University.

They are to discuss the work of the Cracklins class in listing who is buried in Sunset Hill Cemetery. They are also to present the class-developed slides show on Doc Holliday.

"The Cracklins class," Miss Knierim said, "really has an outstanding program and has been as actively involved or more so than any other school in the state."

"The students' work is just outstanding."

She said they are "greatly" helping the State Archives

"Vanishing Georgia" project of preserving old photographs.

Miss Knierim was in Valdosta this week for that project.

She works with the State Archives, Department of Natural Resources and State Department of Education in the "discovery Program."

The new program, designed as a clearinghouse of historical projects, is privately funded, she said, through the Georgia Bicentennial Celebration Committee in cooperation with those state agencies.

The purpose of the program which she has developed is to involve schools in heritage projects.

"And that's one very important reason for the conference," she said. "Educators in the state will learn the process others have used and develop more ideas."

Involving students in heritage projects, she said, is an excellent way of teaching the basics in an interesting way while providing a valuable service for the community.

## VHS Golfers Take 1st Place

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta High School won a four-team golf match here Friday at the Valdosta Country Club.

Valdosta finished with a score of 311, followed by Ware County with 324. Moultrie totaled 327, while Lowndes posted a score of 331.

Ty Edwards and Mike McLeod led the VHS golfers with rounds of 77. Kenneth Barn finished with the lowest score for Ware, as well as the lowest score of the match with a 73. Pat McCreary led Moultrie with a 74, and John McLawhorn scored 81 for Lowndes.

Valdosta's next match is scheduled for Monday at Lake Francis. Lowndes and Moultrie will also be competing in that match.

# Four-Day Week For VHS

By MARCIA McRAE

To save energy the Valdosta High School summer school program is going to a four-day week, according to Ralph Brandon, city schools superintendent.

Brandon told the Valdosta Board of Education at its Thursday work session the system has received permission from its accrediting agency for the short week.

Valdosta State College earlier announced plans for a four-day week during summer quarter.

Air-conditioning is to be turned on Monday morning and turned off each day, according to VHS Principal Lloyd Mims. It is to be turned off on Thursdays at about 11 a.m. when the school "will have cooled sufficiently," he said.

"Then we won't turn it on again until Monday," Mims said. "That should save a considerable amount of energy."

He said he has no projections on the exact amount of savings expected by the shorter week.

The academic summer school program, Mims said, is required to have 120 hours of classroom instruction. Therefore classes are to run five hours per day for six weeks.

In the past, he said, summer school has been four hours per day for five days.

Classes are to begin at 8 a.m. and dismiss at 1:10 p.m., allowing for a 10-minute break in the day.

Summer school is to begin June 15 and end July 28, Mims said. Cost is \$25 for a five-hour course, \$35 for 10 hours, \$50 for 15 hours. There is a \$10 fee in addition to class costs, Mims said, for students from other school systems.

"Students from any surrounding county," Mims said, "may attend."

Registration is set for May 23-29 at the central office in the school.

Courses to be offered depend on the number of students who sign up. The city school system, Mims said, does not pay teacher salaries or buy materials so the tuition must cover both.

At least 25 students are needed for a course to be offered, he said. Classes are offered for students who are to be in the ninth through the 12th grades.

"Usually we have enough students for English nine through 12 and math and science courses," Mims said.

"And in the past we've offered gymnastics for students of all ages of students, even elementary."

In addition to academic courses VHS is offering summer classes in vocational areas.

Lowndes High School is also planning to offer summer vocational studies, according to a spokesman from the county school system.

The county's plans are not complete, the spokesman said.

## LHS, VHS Clash In B-Team Game

By Times Staff Writer  
Lowndes and Valdosta are to clash for the first time this season in a B-team baseball doubleheader Monday night at Pendleton Park here.

The twin-bill is to begin at 6:30 p.m.

# Dosta Slams Cairo

By Times Staff Writer  
Mike Ruff and David White led a powerful Valdosta hitting assault here Saturday, slapping home runs over the Bazemore Field fence as the Wildcats demolished Cairo, 13-3, in a high school baseball game.

Coach Butch Brooks' Wildcats ran their record to 15-0 with their second win of the season over the Syrup-makers, now 7-2 on the year.

Valdosta totalled 14 hits, rolling to an early lead and never letting up against the outmanned Cairo team, which campaigns in Region 1-AA (West).

Tim Dame took the mound win for Valdosta, allowing three hits and no runs in four innings at the mound, lowering his earned run average to a team-leading 0.99 in the process.

White finished the job for the Wildcats, giving up four hits in the final three frames. All three Syrupmaker runs came in the sixth inning.

Meanwhile, Valdosta was battering Cairo starter Joe Williams for 10 hits and 11 runs in four innings. David Gainous pitched the rest of the way for Cairo.

Six Cairo errors didn't help the Syrupmaker cause.

Ruff, the team's catcher, White, the third baseman, leftfielder John Lastinger, First baseman Wayne Fugett, rightfielder Darrell Swindle, and Dame all had two hits for the Wildcats.

Valdosta swept to a 10-0 triumph in a B-team game behind the pitching of David New, now 5-1 on the season.

Andy Chapman belted two doubles for Valdosta, while Dale Parker and Tony Blasetti managed two singles each.

Valdosta, now 7-1, finished with 14 hits.

The varsity Wildcats are to play again Tuesday, hosting Moultrie in a Region 1-AAA (South) affair.

## Wildcat Box

CHS	abr	h	r	bi	VHS	abr	h	r	bi
Butlr cf	3	0	1		Ruff c	4	4	2	1
Gainus 2b	4	0	0		Powell ss	4	0	1	2
Rich lb	1	1	0		Belue cf	4	2	1	0
Horne c	4	1	2		White 3b	4	1	2	3
Wilms p	4	1	1		Lstng r	3	2	2	0
Frgsn lf	4	0	3		Daniels 2b	3	1	0	1
Ferrell ss	2	0	1		Fugett lb	3	1	2	1
Hmphs ss	1	0	0		Swndl rf	4	1	2	0
Brswl 3b	2	0	0		Dame p	4	1	2	2
Hpkns rf	1	0	0						
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Braswell; LOB - CHS 9, VHS 6.  
2B - Horne 2, Ruff, White; HR Ruff, White; SB - Ferrell, Ruff, Belue 2, Lastinger 2, Daniels, Swindle; SF - Daniels.

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Williams (L, 3-1)	4	10	11	9	2	1
Gainous	2	4	2	2	0	1
Dame (W, 4-0)	4	3	0	0	2	3
White	3	4	3	3	2	3

HBP - Ruff by Gainous; WP - Williams, White 2; PB - Horne.

# News In Brief

## Lowndes High Takes Top Award

From Times Staff Reports  
Lowndes High School copped the top award in the annual high school Academic Bowl.

According to Charlie Powell, LHS team coach, the Academic Bowl was held Saturday at Georgia Southwestern College in Americus.

There were 38 Triple A high schools competing, he said. Valdosta High School took third place and Northside High School of Warner Robins took second, Powell said.

The Lowndes High team was presented a silver bowl. On the LHS team were Mike Coolidge, captain; Leigh Touchton, Al Rowell, Robbie Spinney, Stuart Parker, Lisa White, Wesley Webb, and Edd Williams.

Last year the LHS team placed second, Powell said. Those on the VHS team, which did not compete last year, were Mike Rose and Rusty Overby, captains; Karl Chiang, Richard Clayton, John Brannan, Tim Folsom, Jay Cordova and Jeff DeGange.

Brenda Hood and Cathy Hill were team coaches.

## Board Roundup

# B of E Is Saving Past In Pictures

By Times Staff Writer  
The Valdosta Board of Education took time from its meeting Monday to reminisce and decide it should save part of the past in pictures.

During committee reports, Lamar Newbern, finance committee chairman, suggested the board spend a little money to preserve former school buildings in pictures.

Three are photos of several former and current Valdosta City School System buildings hanging in the board room.

Newbern also suggested the board have pictures collected and hung of all former board superintendents.

The board asked any persons having photos of Valdosta schools, especially to the old Adair Street School and Dasher High School, to contact the board.

In other action Monday night, the board:

— Approved spending \$1,600 for membership in the Georgia School Boards Association.

"The best thing about the association," said Ralph Brandon, city schools superintendent, "is the organization keeps us abreast

of good legislation and more importantly bad legislation for education."

— Approved spending \$11,875 for the system's participation in Cooperative Educational Services Agency (CESA).

"We get more than that," Brandon said, "in repairs for audio-visual equipment and typewriters alone."

"And they have consultive services and training each year for teacher aides."

— Heard a progress report from Brandon on construction and renovation projects. West Gordon School library is under construction and Lomax-Pinevale School cafeteria should be under construction by June 1.

Brandon said listing the two largest projects.

— Approved the system's applying for Title I federal funds, for basic reading and math classes for elementary and junior high students.

— Heard the first reading of a recommended policy on early release for seniors at Valdosta High School. Brandon said there are two types of early release at VHS.

One is in state approved vocational classes and work study programs. The other has been an unofficial system policy under which seniors, who can earn enough credits to graduate with only four classes per day, may leave at the end of the fourth period.

Brandon said the state education department has said a formal policy must be adapted by the local board.

## Sports In Brief

# LHS, VHS Reset Games For Today

From Staff and Wire Reports

Lowndes and Valdosta, stymied by thunderstorms Wednesday, seek to continue their Region 1-AAA (South) high school baseball schedule here today.

Lowndes' game with Central of Thomasville and Valdosta's contest with Moultrie were both washed out Tuesday. Both have been rescheduled for today at 4 p.m.

Lowndes takes a 9-6 overall record and 3-2 subregion mark into its battle with Central's Yellow Jackets.

Coach Noel George's Vikings, losers of three of their last five games, have their backs to the wall in the subregion race and face virtual elimination if they suffer one more league loss.

Moultrie, 10-4, looms as one of the most likely contenders to knock off Coach Butch Brooks' powerful Valdosta Wildcats, 15-0 on the year.

The 'Cats, 6-0 in subregion play, would move a step closer to sewing up the league crown with a victory over the visiting Packers.

# VHS Claims Region Title, Hall, Mink Reach Finals

Valdosta Daily Times 4-19-78

By Times Staff Writer  
TIFTON — Valdosta captured the Region 1-AAA high school girls' tennis title here Tuesday, getting a clutch performance from its number two doubles team along the way.

Linda Hall and Debbie Mink of Valdosta advanced to the finals of the two-day tournament only to lose to Tift County's Darby Cottle and Becky Thomas in the championship round by a 6-0, 7-5 score.

The Cottle-Thomas duo had earlier knocked off Valdosta's number one doubles team, Lisa Feix and Maggie Powell, in a tough 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 semifinal match.

Feix teamed with Allison Reddick to win the Class AAA state doubles championship last year.

"Both our doubles teams were awfully equal all year long," VHS Coach John Booth said. "Had we beat Tifton in that semifinal, we would have played each other for the championship."

Moultrie's Lisa Spain beat Lea Ann Harrell of Bainbridge for the singles championship. Spain, ranked

number one in the state and number three nationally in her age group, bumped Valdosta freshman Julie Spencer in a semifinal match.

Valdosta finished with 12 points followed by Moultrie with 10, host team Tift County with nine, Bainbridge with six, Albany with five, Lowndes with four, Westover (Albany) with four, Monroe (Albany) with two and Crisp County (Cordele) with one.

Central of Thomasville, Dougherty and Thomasville failed to score.

Westover took the boys' overall title with 12 points followed by Moultrie with 10, Bainbridge with nine, Thomasville with six, Tift County with six, Valdosta with four, Crisp with two, Central with one, Dougherty with one, Lowndes with one and Monroe with one.

Albany failed to score.

John Wright of Westover beat Patrick Gore of Moultrie for the singles title and Lonnie White and Johnny Windom of Moultrie teamed to top Chip Smallwood and Garnet Jones of Tift for the doubles championship.

The girls' crown was the



LINDA HALL  
Runner-Up

first for Valdosta in the eight years Booth has been the coach.

"They just kept on scrapping," Booth said. "We didn't have all that much talent, but oh Lord, did they get down and hustle."

"They made me look like a



DEBBIE MINK  
On To State

great coach even though I'm not."

Hall and Mink now advance to the first round of the state playoffs April 28, again at the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College courts here. All other finalists also move on to state play.

# David White Has His Eye On Two Roads

One way or another, baseball figures into the future of David White.

The 5-11, 180-pound Valdosta High School senior has his life mapped out in two directions. One path, more secure and padded with a diploma, could send White to college, maybe even to the University of Georgia where his brother, Robert, is now playing.

The other, more treacherous but lined with dollar bills, is the pro baseball route. For White, that highway would be his yellow brick road.

"If they give me a good offer," White said, "I want to play pro. But if they don't draft me high enough, I want to go to college."

To White, a high draft pick means in the first five rounds, the ones where the billfolds of the owners are more willing to unfold.

Shirtless and leaning against the fence at the Valdosta High School practice Wednesday, the soft spoken third baseman was the epitome of relaxation. It was obvious his post-high school career was something he had thought about long and hard.

But no harder than the scouts who have hung on the edge of their folding chairs at most of the Valdosta home games this season.

"It bothered me when they first came out," White said. "But now I realize they're not really going to judge you by what you do one day. They're just mainly looking at your form. But they won't tell you anything about what you're doing wrong, and none of them ever talk money."

And for a 17-year-old, money does talk.

"I just hope I don't get sent somewhere like Arizona and get forgotten," White said. "But I want to play. Ever since I was a little boy, that's what I've always wanted to do. I never thought I'd be able to. I guess all you can do is try."

"Some guys talk about scouts bothering them. I tell you... they can bother me all they want to."

One scout told this reporter it was the way White snapped his bat around, controlling the aluminum stick with his wrists, that he really liked. He didn't mention statistics, but to use a prehistoric cliché, they speak for themselves.

Heading into Friday's ballyhooed matchup with cross-county rival Lowndes, White had hit .451 with 12 home runs and 32 RBIs. Both his homer and runs batted in totals lead the undefeated Wildcats. He has already broken the VHS home run record of eight set by Cecil Whitehead and needs only one more RBI to crack his own record he set last year.

White has hit a home run in six straight games.

"It would have been nine straight but over at Thomasville, a guy



went back to the fence and caught one," White said. "I know I hit that ball at least 380."

"I just wait for the fastball, and if it doesn't come, I hit the curve. In this little park, all you've got to do is meet the ball. Of the last six, only one of them has been away from home. Mr. (Jimmy) New calls this field the 'launching pad.'"

VHS's Bazemore Field is 355 feet to centerfield and 325 down the left and right field lines. And believe it or not, the wind always seems to be blowing out.

White set his goal before the season started as 10 homers and a .600 batting average. He's got one and working on the other.

"I'm still not getting as many hits as I want to," White said. "I should be doing better. But my confidence is a lot better than it used to be. My daddy always told me just to be myself, and that's what I've tried to do this year."

White began the season playing in pain. A birth defect left him with no space between two of the vertebrae in his lower back. He had to wear a back brace the first three games. But now, due to special stretching exercises, he's able to walk to the plate and swing the bat without worry as to what might be going on under his skin.

It is only natural for high school players to identify with pro players at their same position. But White and his favorite player,

Ron Cey, have a little more in common.

"He's always been a little shrimp just like me," White said. "But he's bad. I've always liked Los Angeles."

Both of them are a little paunchy around the middle. In fact, that's one reason White got his nickname of "BooBoo."

"When I was a sophomore, I was real pudgy," White said. "And at every practice, I always followed Robert everywhere he went. Ricky Rowe, be sure you put his name in there, he started calling me BooBoo after that little animal on Yogi Bear."

Like many of the Valdosta and Lowndes athletes, White grew up in the Boys' Club leagues. He tried all sports until he reached the high school level where he has concentrated on baseball for the last three seasons.

"I played football six years in the Midget leagues," White said. "I played basketball down there too. But when I got to be a freshman, I still wasn't but five foot, so I decided I'd be a manager."

"I've never had any regrets not playing football. Some people tried to get me to play but you know how hard-headed I am. I just didn't feel like going out there and getting killed every day."

But White did feel like going to the batting cage every day and he did feel like asking VHS Coach Butch Brooks to hit him ground ball after ground ball at third base.

And Brooks believes it's going to pay off.

"He's a pro prospect," Brooks said, "not a suspect. I'm in contact with 10 major league scouts every year and if a kid can play, I tell them he can. If he can't, I don't. That's just the way I do business."

"I'd say he might go fairly high in the draft. But you never know. I've seen guys get drafted 15th of 16th and get just as much money as somebody drafted earlier. It just depends on what the team needs. You can't ever tell."

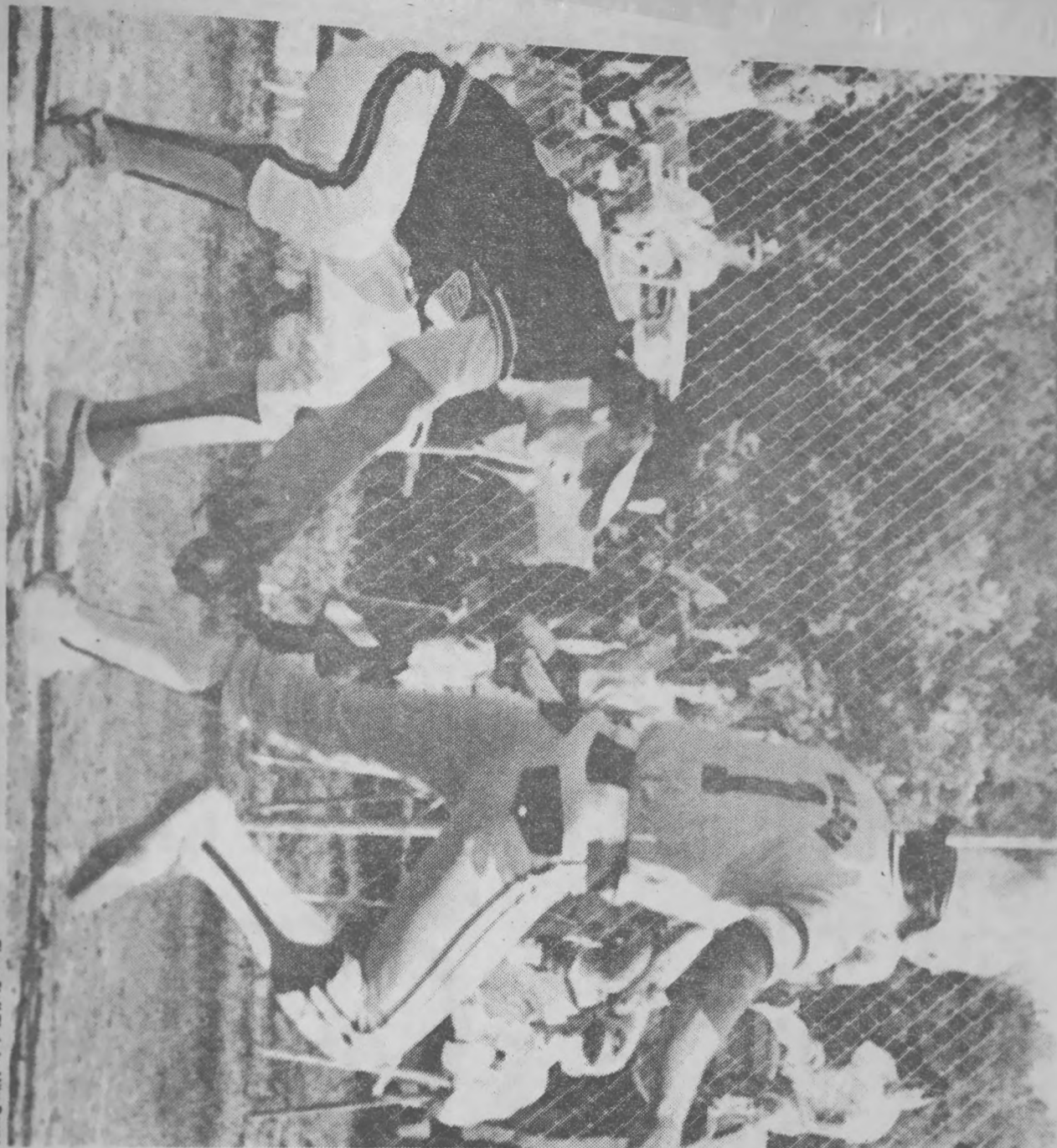
But before he tries his hand at either pro or college ball, White has some unfinished business at VHS.

"All year long, we've been thinking state," White said. "We know we've got to take them one at a time, and we think about that too. But after last year (VHS lost in the semifinal round), we want to go back."

"I felt like we were going to win it (the state title) last year, but we might have gotten overconfident."

Playing on a state championship team wouldn't be a bad way of springboarding into the pros or college baseball. Six weeks from now, White will be taking one of those roads.

# Valdosta Slams Lowndes In 22-5 Runaway



Lowndes' Jody Wilson Scampers Past Valdosta Pitcher Wayne Fugett To Score Run

—Times Staff Photo by Mike Downes

By MIKE CHASON  
Happy Birthday, Butch Brooks.

Thirty-two years from the day he was born, Brooks, the Valdosta High School baseball coach, picked up what had to be one of the most satisfying wins of his career.

Breaking out of the starting gate like Seattle Slew in his prime, Brooks' Wildcats destroyed a good Lowndes team 22-5 in a Region 1-AAA (South) game at the LHS field Friday.

It was never really close. Valdosta, now 16-0 overall and 7-0 in the subregion, posted six first inning runs and blossomed out to a 10-0 edge before Lowndes pushed across three fourth inning tallies.

By then, Valdosta pitcher Wayne Fugett had his sixth straight win deep in his hip pocket.

And Brooks had his birthday present.

"I never thought we'd beat them," Brooks said. "We've never played good against Lowndes and even today we made some mistakes. But we've been working these people hard all week, and I think today they waited on their pitch and picked them out a little better."

"Fugett did an excellent job. But we've got a long way to go. When you're 15-0 everybody's after you and when you're 16-0 everybody is after you even more."

"We've just got to keep our heads on our shoulders."

Valdosta has four more regular season games remaining including a non-region affair against Waycross here today.

And VHS centerfielder Buck Belue, for one, wants to win them all.

"We wanted this one today," Belue, who doubled twice, said. "But we want them all. We want to go undefeated."

At 10-7 overall and 3-3 in the subregion, Lowndes long ago lost any hope of an unbeaten year and can now just about count itself out of any post-season action.

VHS would have to lose all three subregion games it plays next week for the Vikings to have a chance at even a tie.

"There was just nothing we could do," Lowndes Coach Noel George said. "They've got a good ballclub. They're not that much better than us but they were today."

"That's probably the hottest day hitting the ball they've had all year. They couldn't do anything wrong. My pitchers thought it was the Fourth of July."

George said the defeat was probably the worst he had been tagged with in his 21 years as a high school baseball coach.

"That's the way it goes sometimes," George said. "You don't ever give up. I thought we could come back. I know of a team that was 18 runs behind and came back."

"Besides, if I give up, then the team gives up. You always think you can come back."

But on this windy day in late April, the Vikings didn't come back. And Valdosta just kept coming.

Sophomore catcher Mike Ruff led the way with three but senior second baseman Chris Daniels had the big blow of the day and of his life with a grand slam home run in the fifth inning.

Daniels powered his third home run of the year and his first grand slam since little league 330 feet over the right field fence.

When he rounded first base, his right fist shot in the air in a gesture of triumph. After the game, he was still tingling with excitement.

"I couldn't have a better feeling beating Lowndes like this," Daniels said. "This is just a great team win. It was Coach Brooks' birthday too, and we wanted to do something for him."

Fugett also homered for the Cats, his fourth of the year, but David White's 13th round-tripper of the year is one many of the fans at the game will remember a long, long time.

Leading off the fourth inning, the senior third baseman got all of a Raymond Drennon pitch and sent it sailing high over the left field fence against a fierce wind.

The ball must have traveled close to 400 feet. It hit in the top of a huge tree beyond the fence.

White has now hit a homer in seven straight games.

Neither Ronnie Christy, Drennon, Jody Wilson or Jeff Stokes could quiet the chattering Valdosta bats. George seemed most pleased with Stokes, a sophomore righthander.

"Stokes did the best job of the four," he said. "If we

would have played a little defense behind him, he wouldn't have given up a run. But at that point, we were a little down."

Fugett went the distance for Valdosta, striking out 15, giving up four hits and walking four. The junior fireballer has now struck out 80 batters in 48 innings.

After playing errorless defense for six innings, Valdosta committed two errors in the seventh.

LHS rightfielder Alan Culpepper perhaps summed up the home team's feeling when he hung his arms helplessly over the fence and stared after Daniels' grand slam in the fifth.

"I didn't know what to do," Culpepper said. "I knew there wasn't anything I could do."

And on the other side of the field, the strains of "Happy Birthday" were just beginning.

## LHS-VHS BOX

VHS	ab	r	h	bi	LHS	ab	r	h	bi
Ruff C	5	3	3	3	Sheras	4	0	1	0
Powell SS	3	2	2	2	Cobb 2b	1	0	0	0
Belue CF	5	2	2	2	Devant	3	0	0	0
White 3b	3	4	2	2	Sprinkle	3	1	1	0
Daniels 2b	2	2	1	6	Green 3b	3	1	1	0
Lisgr lf	5	2	1	0	Wilson dh-p	1	1	0	0
Fugett p	3	4	2	3	Stokes p	1	0	0	0
Cornish	3	2	1	0	Carler lf	2	0	1	2
Swadiff	5	1	1	1	Reed c	2	0	1	0
Damer t	0	0	0	0	Cryst 3b	3	1	1	0
Totals	34	22	15	19	Errors	0	0	0	0

Valdosta	Totals	22	5	4	2
Lowndes	430	12	5-22	15-2	
E—Carler, Schreffler, Reed 2, Stokes,	000	300	2-5	4-5	
Powell, Ruff, LOB—VHS 4, LHS 5.					
2B—Ruff, Belue 2, Schreffler, Drennon,					
Stokes 3B—White, HR—Fugett, Daniels,					
White—SB—Swadiff, SF—Daniels 2,					
White—SB—Swadiff, SF—Daniels 2,					
Fugett (W, 6-0)	19	4	5	2	6-15
Christy (L, 1-1)	23	4	5	2	6-15
Drennon	33	3	5	2	6-15
Wilson	11	3	4	2	6-15
Stokes	11	3	4	2	6-15
HBP—Wilson by Fugett; WP—Christy	11	3	4	2	6-15
Stokes; PB—Ruff, Reed	11	3	4	2	6-15

# Red-Hot Valdosta Romps To Victory Over Waycross

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta's Wildcats kept up their winning ways here Saturday, swatting Waycross, 13-7, in a high school baseball game.

Coach Butch Brooks' Wildcats ran their unbeaten string to 17 games, rolling to a 13-0 lead, then stopping a seventh-inning Waycross comeback at seven runs to preserve the victory.

David White, the Wildcats' third baseman, boomed his 14th home run of the season, while Buck Belue added two doubles and John Lastinger added a two-sacker as the Wildcats rolled away from the starting gate and were never headed.

Belue pitched the first four innings for the 'Cats, allowing only two hits and striking out five.

Tim Dame, who entered the game as the team's top pitcher, with a 0.99 ERA, took over from there, but ran afoul of a Bulldog uprising in the seventh inning.

The visitors rang up all of

their runs in that frame, five of them earned.

But the wide Valdosta advantage was too much for the Bulldogs to overcome.

Belue ran his record to 6-0 with the victory. The Wildcats shelled Waycross pitchers for 12 hits, continuing as assault they have kept up all season long.

Belue, White and second baseman Chris Daniels all had two hits each for Valdosta. Centerfielder Mike Poole and rightfielder Joe Douglas both rapped out two hits for the Bulldogs.

Neither team played particularly well in the field. Each committed five errors.

Valdosta is idle until Wednesday, when it hosts Central of Thomasville in a Region 1-AAA (South) game.

## Wildcat Box

WHS	ab	r	h	rbi	VHS	ab	r	h	rbi
Poole cf	3	1	2	1	Ruff c	3	2	0	0
Douglas rf	4	1	2	2	Powell ss	3	2	1	0
McGag 2b	4	1	0	0	Belue p	4	2	2	3
Snlgv p	4	0	0	0	White 3b	3	2	2	3
Chany 1b	3	1	0	1	Daniels 2b	4	2	2	1
Taylor ss	3	0	1	1	Lstngr cf	2	1	1	0
Smith lf	0	0	0	0	Dame lf	3	1	1	1
Crwid ph	1	0	0	0	Swndl 1b	1	0	0	1
T. Davis lf	1	0	0	0	Chpmn lf	1	0	0	0
Bendw lf	0	1	0	0	Martin rf	4	1	1	2
K. Davis lf	0	0	0	0					
Jordan c	2	1	0	1	Total	28	13	10	11
Cartr ph	1	0	0	0					
Robsn 3b	2	1	0	0					

Waycross	000	000	7-	7-	8-6	
Valdosta	421	312	13-	13-	10-6	
E—	Taylor, Smith, Snellgrove, Robinson, Jordan, Powell 2, White, Belue, Swindle;					
LOB—	WHS 8, VHS 6.					
2B—	Belue 2, Lastinger; HR—White; SB—Poole, Robinson, Ruff, Powell, Belue, White, Daniels 2, Lastinger, Dame; SF—Swindle.					
	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Snellgrove (L, 3-2)	4	7	10	9	6	5
T. Davis	2	3	3	2	1	1
Belue (W, 6-0)	4	2	0	0	0	5
Dame	3	3	7	5	5	1
HBP—	Swindle by Snellgrove; WP—Snellgrove 2, Belue.					

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## Local Briefs

### 'Dosta At Home LHS On Road

By Times Staff Writer

Valdosta stays home, and Lowndes hits the road as both teams face Region 1-AAA (South) opponents in high school baseball action Tuesday.

Valdosta hosts Central of Thomasville, while Lowndes travels west to Bainbridge.

Coach Butch Brooks' Valdosta Wildcats will be trying to extend their unbeaten string to 18 games, and wrap up the subregion title in their game with Central.

Valdosta bombed Waycross, 13-7, in their most recent outing last Saturday.

The Lowndes team of Coach Noel George stands 10-7 after a 22-5 defeat at the hands of the Wildcats last Friday.

### VHS Band To Perform

By Times Staff Writer

The Valdosta High School band is to give a pre-tour concert Wednesday, according to an announcement.

The band is to leave May 3 for a performing tour of Virginia and Washington,

D.C.

In Washington, according to Mike Chapman, band director, the VHS musicians are to perform on the steps of the Capitol.

The concert is not traditional band concert music, Chapman said. It is designed to be a "crowd pleaser."

The performance Wednesday, the announcement said, is to be at 7:30 p.m. at Whitehead Auditorium in the Valdosta State College Fine Arts Building.

Admission is \$1 per person. Patron Band Booster members are to be admitted at no charge, the announcement said.

## Sports In Brief

### Valdosta-Moultrie Game Rescheduled Here Wed.

From Staff And Wire Reports

The Valdosta-Moultrie high school baseball game has been rescheduled here Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The Region 1-AAA (South) encounter was originally scheduled for last week but rainy weather made it necessary for the game to be reset for this Saturday.

However, VHS Coach Butch Brooks said this morning the game is to be played here Wednesday.

The Wildcats meet Central of Thomasville here today and travel to Bainbridge Friday to close out their regular season.

### Miss VHS Title Up For Grabs

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta High School girls are to vie Saturday for the Miss VHS crown.

According to a spokesman, 28 girls have entered the annual contest.

It is to be Saturday at 8 p.m. at Mathis city auditorium. Tickets are \$1.50 in advance and \$2 at the door. Preschool children are to be admitted at no charge, the spokesman said.

Advance tickets, she said, are available from any contestant or at the school.

Peggi Perry, VHS senior and the 1976-77 Miss VHS, is to crown the winner.

The contestants are to be judged on the basis of appearance in evening gowns and sportswear, the spokesman said.

There is to be a panel of four judges.

Spencer Feix, junior class president, is to be emcee.

The contest is sponsored by

the junior class with proceeds used for the junior-senior prom which is to be May 13.

The Valdosta High Swing Choir, directed by Ann Jeffrey, and the VHS Jazz Band, directed by Rick Kimmel, are to provide entertainment.

The theme is to be "Saturday in the Park."

The following girls are to compete: Terri Gibson, Mayte Abella, Bridgette Hampton, Jill Blackburn, Pam Bennett, Carolyn Gee, Penny Cardin, Susan McDonald, Suzanne Sherman, Laura McGrogan, Cassandra Morris, Selena Dubose, Penny Hunter, Karen Meeks.

Also: Veronise Wright, Gloria Wright, Brenda Kay Williams, Lorrie Thomson, Bebe Allen, Ann Bassford, Lynne Joiner, Anne Crawley, Wanda Hester, Kim Harris, Sharon Stephens, Virginia Smith, Pam Sutton, Melissa Archer.

### Belue, Schreffler Top VHS, LHS Bats

By Times Staff Writer

Buck Belue and Bill Schreffler are the top Valdosta and Lowndes hitters heading into the final week of the local high school baseball regular season.

Belue, the Valdosta centerfielder, has hit at a .571 clip this season and is second on the team with 30 RBIs. Third baseman David White has a .474 batting average with a team-leading 38 RBIs and a school record 14 home runs.

Schreffler, the Lowndes shortstop, holds a .410 average, just ahead of teammate Ronnie Christy, who has hit .408 for the season. Christy is the LHS second baseman.

White's 1.17 earned run average tops the Wildcat pitching staff. Wayne Fugett has the top record at 6-0.

Andy Plair is 2-3 on the season for Lowndes with a 4.00 earned run average. Jody Wilson's 3-1 record is tops on the team.

VALDOSTA HITTING										
	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	avg		
Buck Belue	63	31	36	6	2	5	30	.571		
David White	57	23	27	3	2	14	38	.474		
John Lastinger	48	17	22	3	1	3	9	.458		
Chris Daniels	49	18	21	4	0	3	17	.429		
Mike Ruff	62	29	25	7	0	6	17	.403		
VALDOSTA PITCHING										
	ip	h	r	er	so	w	l	era		
David White	12	13	2	2	13	1	0	1.17		
Wayne Fugett	48	29	10	25	60	6	0	1.46		
Tim Dame	24.1	17	8	16	12	4	0	2.30		
LOWNDES HITTING										
	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	avg		
Bill Schreffler	56	14	23	4	0	1	7	.410		
Ronnie Christy	49	14	20	4	2	0	13	.387		
Raymond Drennon	49	12	18	5	0	1	9	.367		
Chuck DeVane	52	16	17	5	1	2	9	.326		
Keith Reed	44	10	11	1	1	1	7	.250		
LOWNDES PITCHING										
	ip	h	r	er	so	w	l	era		
Andy Plair	17.2	18	15	10	7	2	3	4.00		
Raymond Drennon	10.1	11	8	8	16	1	0	4.00		
Jody Wilson	24.0	28	22	18	26	3	1	4.00		

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VHS Wins Contest

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta High School took overall honors for the fourth consecutive year in the Fourth Annual Math Contest sponsored by the Coastal Plains Cooperative Educational Services Agency.

Valdosta High School was the overall champion from among the 10 schools competing.

Lowndes High School was second.

Richard Clayton of Valdosta High, placed top in comprehensive math tests. Tim Farley, of VHS, took first in algebra two.

Keith Belcher, of Brooks County High School, was first in Algebra one.

Clayton and David Parker, also of VHS, took first in a team solution race.

There were 90 students in the contest.

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# Valdosta Slams Past Moultrie

By MARTIN REGISTER

Wayne Fugett blasted two home runs, Buck Belue and David White belted one each, and Valdosta's Wildcats ran roughshod over Moultrie, 22-3, in a high school baseball game here Wednesday.

Coach Butch Brooks' 'Cats threw an awesome offense at the visiting Packers, who led briefly in the early going, then were buried under a tide of 14 Valdosta hits.

With the 10-run rule agreed upon before the game began, action was called after four and one-half innings on a cold, windy day more typical of mid-February than late April.

Temperatures in the 50's, overcast skies, and a stiff, chilly wind from the northwest did little to dampen the enthusiasm of the Wildcats, now 19-0 on the year, or of about 200 fans who gathered to cheer VHS and taunt the fumbling Packers.

Moultrie did seem affected by the weather, committing six errors. Held to six hits by White, now 2-0, the Pack got more action jeering the 'Cats from the dugout, and consistently arguing calls, than they did at the plate.

Fugett, known primarily as the top pitcher on the Valdosta staff, showed he was equally talented at the plate, slamming homers in the first and third innings. White's shot brought his

home run total to 15 for the season, while Belue had a tremendous day, piling up five RBIs while going four-for-four at bat, and scoring four runs.

When it looked as though Moultrie finally might get untracked, on a long fly ball by starting pitcher James Pullins in the fifth inning, Belue who plays centerfield, made a leaping, backhanded catch, then crashed to the ground clutching the baseball while the crowd rose to its feet.

Brooks made no bones about the fact that his team had played under great pressure.

Once, as leftfielder John Lastinger was sidelined after being hit in the leg by a Tracy Hart pitch, Brooks halted action and angrily conferred with Moultrie Coach Jerry Croft.

Both teams had to endure taunts while at bat.

"It's good to be able to keep your cool when a team is after you like they were after us," Brooks said.

"All of the boys did a good job. We're doing a lot better. They ran the bases well, they pulled off the hit-and-run well, they did everything well.

"Boo-Boo (White) did a good job of pitching and hitting.

"We've achieved our first goal, winning the subregion

(1-AAA South) championship. Now we're looking at the next one, winning the region championship.

"But we'll still take each game one at a time. We've still got Bainbridge to play."

The Wildcats meet Bainbridge on the road Friday, at 4 p.m. Valdosta is 9-0 in subregion play, and is three games ahead of its nearest competitor, Lowndes.

Moultrie, now 13-6 overall and 5-4 in league play, could never find a pitcher to slow the vicious Wildcat attack, until Greg Robinson shut down VHS when he came in midway the fourth inning.

Pullins, now 4-2, surrendered the first 10 runs in just over one inning. His successor, first baseman Hart, fared little better, giving up nine into the third frame.

Curt Davis, the team's leftfielder, completed the third frame, but gave up three runs to start the fourth, including back-to-back homers by Belue and White, before yielding to Robinson.

Hart and Davis each managed a single and a double for the Packers.

## Wildcat Box

MHS	ab	r	h	bi	VHS	ab	r	h	bi
Pullins					Ruff c	4	3	2	3
p, 1b, lf, rf	3	0	1	0	Pwill ss	3	2	1	0
Clrk 3b	2	2	1	0	Belue cf	4	4	4	5
Davis lf, p	3	1	2	0	Whitep	1	4	1	1
Hart 1b, p	2	0	2	1	Lstngr lf	2	3	1	2
Astn rf	3	0	0	2	Wildn lf	1	0	0	0
Rbnsn p	0	0	0	0	Dnls 2b	4	1	1	2
Payne cf	2	0	0	0	Fugett 1b	3	2	2	5
Kdla 2b	2	0	0	0	Dame 3b	3	2	2	0
Brgss 2b	0	0	0	0	Chpmndh	2	1	0	0
Tillery c	1	0	0	0	Mrtnrf	0	0	0	0
Mock c	1	0	0	0					
Blngs dh	2	0	0	0	Totals	27	22	14	18
Wshms	0	0	0	0					

Totals 21 3 6 3

Moultrie 102 00-3-6-6

Valdosta 559 3x-22-14-0

E - Clark, Payne, Burgess, Tillery 2,

Wisham; LOB - MHS 5, VHS 2.

2B - Davis, Hart, Belue, Dame; HR -

Belue, White, Fugett 2; SB - Ruff, Powell,

Belue, White, Lastinger, Daniels, Dame; S

- Powell 2, Daniels; SF - Austin.

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Pullins (L, 4-2) 1-3 5 10 8 4 0

Hart 1-3 6 9 8 2 0

Davis 1-3 2 3 3 1 0

Robinson 1 1 0 0 0 0

White (W, 2-0) 5 6 3 3 3 3

HBP - Lastinger by Hart; WP - Pullins;

PB - Tillery.

## Valdosta Wins Golf Meet

By Times Staff Writer

Rusty Trancygier and Trip Singletary fired 73's, leading Valdosta to an easy win in a three-school high school golf meet at Francis Lake Golf Course near here Tuesday.

Trancygier and Singletary topped a Valdosta foursome which recorded a 296, far outdistancing second placed Lowndes, which had a 325, and Westover, which finished at 331.

Jody Wilson's 75 led Lowndes golfers, while Mark O'Connor and Rusty Fief had 77's for Westover.

Lowndes is to return to action Friday, against Moultrie and Tift County (Tifton) at Francis Lake.

# Fugett Tosses 1-Hitter, 'Cats Claim Crown

By MIKE CHASON

The Wayne Fugett show occupied center stage at Bazemore Field Tuesday afternoon but the featured performer found a flaw in his performance.

"I should have had it. I should have caught that ball," Fugett said after a brilliant one-hit pitching performance allowed Valdosta's Wildcats to claim the Region 1-AAA (South) high school baseball title with a 14-0 win over Central of Thomasville.

The ball to which the junior righthander referred came right back at him in the fifth inning. But Fugett only got a piece of his glove on it.

It was a base hit all the way off the bat of Central second

thrown a no-hitter in high school, admitted he was thinking about the possibility.

"I sure was," he said. "I think I'm throwing better now than I was the first of the season. The main thing is control. I think I've gotten it back now."

Fugett walked only one batter. He struck out 19 to tie the school record he set earlier in the year when he struck out the same number against the same team.

Relying mainly on a blazing fastball, Fugett has now struck out 99 batters in 55 innings. He is 7-0 on the season.

"I was well pleased with Wayne," VHS Coach Butch Brooks said. "Today, it didn't seem to take him as long to warm up as it usually does. And he had his control."

cellent support from the Wildcat bats.

Valdosta had 14 hits, including four from Buck Belue. The senior centerfielder tripled, hit his sixth home run of the year and singled twice in four trips to the plate.

Senior shortstop Mark Powell also had three hits, including his fifth homer of the year. Fugett helped his own cause with three hits and sophomore catcher Mike Ruff added a pair.

Valdosta exploded in the sixth inning when Ruff, Powell and Belue hit back-to-back home runs. When the cheers died, Central pitcher Alan Howard had been moved to the outfield and Larry Fudge had been moved in to subdue the VHS offense.

"Buck hit the ball real

dosta has now won 18 hit games without a loss year. The Wildcats won a subregion championship for the third straight time in their five years as head

is said, echoing a theme he stuck to all season. "But we still made mistakes today that we going to be able to against a real good all team.

are a better ballclub we've shown the last ballgames. We lost four batters on the bases and that's just poor inning.

I think the kids will around. I'm happy we The kids have worked hard."

usual, Fugett got ex-

well," Brooks said. "They wouldn't pitch to 'BooBoo' today."

VHS third baseman David White, nicknamed "BooBoo" because of his supposed resemblance to the Yogi Berra cartoon character, was hitless in two trips. He walked twice.

White had hit a home run in the last eight games and has a school record 14 on the year.

"All I could do was pop up," White said.

Valdosta hosts Moultrie in a 4 p.m. game here today and then closes out its regular season in Bainbridge Friday.

The Region 1-AAA playoffs are scheduled to begin next week with Valdosta matching up against the north champion.

Tift County (Tifton) leads

that subregion with a 7-1 mark. Dougherty (Albany) is close behind at 6-2.

Valdosta is now 8-0 in the south subregion. Moultrie and Lowndes are its closest competition with three subregion losses each.

## Wildcat Box

CHS	ab	r	h	rb	VHS	ab	r	h	rb
Phillips	2b	3	0	1	0	Ruff	3	0	0
Herisins	3	0	0	0	Powell	3	0	0	
Fugett	3	0	0	0	Belue	3	0	0	
Hobbs	3b	2	0	0	White	3	0	0	
Jackson	3b	2	0	0	Dennis	2	0	0	
Burford	2	0	0	0	Belue	2	0	0	
Howard	2	0	0	0	White	2	0	0	
Bo Tirt	1b	2	0	0	Fugett	2	0	0	
Bl Tyrcf	1	0	0	0	Dennis	2	0	0	
Hansen	1	0	0	0	Belue	2	0	0	
					White	2	0	0	
					Howard	2	0	0	
					Phillips	2	0	0	
					Fugett	2	0	0	
					Hobbs	2	0	0	
					Jackson	2	0	0	
					Burford	2	0	0	
					Howard	2	0	0	
					Bo Tirt	2	0	0	
					Bl Tyrcf	2	0	0	
					Hansen	2	0	0	
Total	22	0	1	0	Total	30	14	14	
Central	0	0	0	0	0-0-1-6				
Valdosta	51	0	0	7	x-14-14-0				
E - Taylor	2	Burford	4	DP	- CHS 1				
LOB - CHS	2	VHS							
LOB - Valdosta									
Belue; HR - Ruff, Powell, Belue; SB - Fugett, Daniels 2, Powell, White.									
Howard (L, 4-4)	5	10	9	4	6	4			
Fudge	1	4	5	3	1	3			
Fugett (W, 7-0)	7	1	0	0	1	19			
WP - Howard 3, Fugett; PB - Burford 2, Ruff.									



BUCK BELUE  
Four Hits



# Streak Comes To End; VHS Eyes Berth In AAA Finals

By MIKE CHASON

COLUMBUS, Ga. — The streak is over but the season continues.

At a few minutes before the hour of 10 o'clock Wednesday night, the longest winning streak in Valdosta High School baseball history ended.

The end came at the hands of a Kendrick team which is aiming to repeat the class AAA state championship it won last season.

It came to the tune of two home runs, one a grand slam.

It came only 2½ hours after Valdosta had extended the streak to 25 games with a 3-0 series-opening victory over the Cherokees at Golden Park here.

But in the end, it did come. The streak-busting score was Kendrick 6, Valdosta 4.

"I've been seeing it coming since that first ball game of the season," Valdosta Coach Butch Brooks said. "Sure, we wanted to go undefeated but I'm proud of these kids."

"Everybody's heard of us from Missouri on over."

Now Brooks is ready to begin a new streak. His 25-1 Wildcats were to get that chance in the deciding game of the best of three series for the south Georgia championship at 2 p.m. here today.

The winner advances to the state championship round.

"It's one and one," Brooks said. "Just because we lost this game, we're not going to roll over. We'll get out here tomorrow, and the team that does the best job will win."

"But if there's one thing I can't stand, it's to give a game away. And I think we gave one away. When you make mistakes like your pitcher walking people and your team making errors you aren't going to win."

"I thought we stunk for about five innings. I don't want to take anything away from Kendrick but we just didn't execute."

Valdosta picked up its win in the first game behind the two-hit pitching of junior right-hander Wayne Fugett and the home-run of John Lastinger.

Fugett, now 10-0, allowed only a single to Eddie

Jamieson in the third and a single to Johnny Lester in the sixth. He struck out 11 and walked four.

Existing on a diet of almost strictly curve balls, Greg Valentini, 8-3, absorbed the hill loss for the Cherokees. He gave up six hits, struck out seven and walked three.

The visiting Wildcats pushed across one run in the third inning on two Valentini walks and an error by Lester, the Cherokees' third-sacker.

David White then drilled a clutch two-out single into centerfield to score Andy Chapman for VHS' first hit and first run.

Lastinger slapped his fourth home run of the season 390 feet over the right centerfield wall in the sixth inning to give Fugett a little more of a cushion.

Lastinger had four hits in four official trips to the plate in the doubleheader.

"I guess I just had a good eye today," Lastinger said. "I just hope I keep it tomorrow (today.)"

Andy Weldon opened the seventh inning with a pinch-hit single and later scored on Buck Belue's fielder's choice for the final run.

It was the first time in two years the now 19-6 Cherokees had been shut out.

The second game opened in semi-darkness at the park of the Columbus Astros, a class AA minor league team here.

Kendrick came out hungry, drawing first-inning blood off Belue, who started the nightcap on the mound. John Metasavage walked, stole second and scored on Chris Daniels' error at second base.

In the second inning, Lastinger singled in David White and Tim Dame doubled in Lastinger to account for two VHS runs.

The 'Cats stretched their lead to 4-1 in the third inning when Belue and White scored on an error by Kendrick first baseman Stan Mayfield.

Belue had doubled and White had walked.

But from the fourth inning on, Brian Ammons' fast ball did a number on the black and gold-clad visitors.

"If I had known he was going to throw like that, I

probably would have started him the first game," Kendrick Coach John Mallory said. "He hadn't pitched in two weeks because of a hurt elbow."

Ammons provided perfect contrast to Valentini's junk ball repertoire with his constant heat, which left a smacking sound in Tex Morris' catcher's mitt every time the ball hit.

Twice striking out the side, Ammons wound up with 12 whiffs. He allowed six hits and walked three.

But if it wasn't for one swing of the bat by Jamieson, Ammons would now be 5-3 instead of 6-2.

Kendrick loaded the bases in the third when Belue gave up a single, walked a batter and hit another. Jamieson came up and crunched a three ball, one strike Belue fastball 365 feet over the Piggly Wiggly sign in left field for a grand slam home run.

"He hit it pretty good," Belue, now 9-1, said. "I knew I was in trouble. I sorta lost my rhythm. But still, it's usually pretty good when you only give up three hits. Two of them were just home runs."

Metasavage touched Belue for the other homer in the fifth with the sacks empty. Belue crossed his arms in apparent resignation as Metasavage watched the ball glide over the Shakey's Pizza sign in right field.

Fugett returned to the mound and shut down the Cherokees the rest of the way.

"I felt strong," Fugett said. "I hope I can start tomorrow (meaning today)."



VHS' John Lastinger (11) Slides Safely

## Defeat Places Valdosta In Unfamiliar Position

By Times Staff Writer

COLUMBUS, Ga. — For the first time all season, Valdosta High School's Wildcats find themselves in the uncomfortable position of having to bounce back from a loss.

What kind of effect will Wednesday's 6-4 loss to Kendrick have on a team which had won 25 straight games?

"It had to end sometime," VHS pitcher-centerfielder Buck Belue said. "There's not another team that's 25-1."

"It was tough to lose but I don't think this team is going to let something like one loss get it down. I think we're too good a team for that. I'm not trying to sound cocky but we're confident we can come back."

Today's deciding game in the best of three series for the class AAA south Georgia high school baseball championship was set for 2 p.m.

"I think they just lulled along and lulled along until they just lulled themselves to sleep," VHS Coach Butch Brooks said of his team.

"We have not played as well as we're capable of playing in the last Windsor Forest game and this second game. I think we played pretty good in the first game (a 3-0 Valdosta win).

"We made some mistakes today but my

shortstop is one guy who I'm really pleased in."

No doubt Mark Powell is a solid performer at shortstop for the Wildcats but Brooks' problem today was in who to start on the pitcher's mound.

"As of right now, I'm going to start David (White, 2-0)," Brooks said Wednesday night.

The Valdosta coach ruled out bringing back Belue, who took the second game loss, despite giving up only three hits. Two were home runs, one a grand slam.

"When Buck pitches, he's pitched and that's it as far as the next day is concerned," Brooks said.

Valdosta ace Wayne Fugett has come back on successive days in the past, and Brooks may have considered such a move today. Fugett pitched 8 2-3 innings Wednesday.

"I don't want to hurt the boy's arm," Brooks said. "We won't do that. I can't count on him not being sore. He's got too good a future to mess up his arm now."

Fugett said after Wednesday night's game he felt like he could pitch today. However, Brooks has the final say.

Another Valdosta possibility for mound duty is Tim Dame, 4-0.

Kendrick Coach John Mallory was to throw Eddie Jamieson 5-1, today.

### Wildcat Boxes

FIRST GAME					SECOND GAME				
VHS	ab	r	h	rbi	KHS	ab	r	h	rbi
Ruff c	4	0	2	0	Alex cf	2	0	0	0
Pwells ss	3	0	0	0	Met ss	3	0	0	0
Blue cf	3	0	0	1	Jam lf	3	0	1	0
White 3b	4	0	1	1	Mor c	1	0	0	0
Dan 2b	3	0	0	0	Am 1b	3	0	0	0
Las 1b	2	1	2	1	Lest 3b	3	0	1	0
Fug p	3	0	0	0	Gordy dh	3	0	0	0
Dame rf	2	0	0	0	Kind rf	3	0	0	0
Wei rf	1	1	0	0	Bova 2b	2	0	0	0
Chap dh	1	1	0	0	Val p	0	0	0	0
Mar lf	0	0	0	0	Totals	23	0	2	0

FIRST GAME					SECOND GAME				
VHS	ab	r	h	rbi	KHS	ab	r	h	rbi
Ruff c	3	0	0	0	Alex cf	2	1	0	0
Pwells ss	4	0	1	0	Met ss	1	3	1	1
Blue cf	4	1	1	0	Jam lf	3	1	1	4
White 3b	2	2	0	0	Mor c	2	0	0	0
Dan 2b	2	0	0	0	Am 1b	3	0	0	0
Las 1b	2	2	1	1	Lest 3b	3	0	0	0
Fug p	3	0	0	0	Gordy dh	2	0	0	0
Dame rf	3	0	1	1	Kind rf	3	0	0	0
Wei rf	3	0	0	0	Bova 2b	2	1	1	0
Chap dh	3	0	0	0	Mayfield 1b	1	0	0	0
Mar lf	0	0	0	0	Totals	26	4	6	3

Valdosta 601.001.1-3-6-0  
Kendrick 900.000.0-0-2-2

E — Lester, Valentini; LOB — VHS 7, KHS 6.  
HR — Lastinger; SB — Alexander, Lastinger, Belue; S — Powell.

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Fugett (W, 10-0) 7 2 0 0 4 11  
Valentini (L, 8-3) 7 6 3 2 3 7  
HBP — Chapman by Valentini; WP — Fugett; PB — Morris.

Valdosta 022.000.0-4-6-1  
Kendrick 104.010.1x-6-3-1

E — Daniels, Mayfield; DP — VHS 1; LOB — VHS 6, KHS 2.  
2B — Dame, Belue, Lastinger; HR — Jamieson, Metasavage; SB — Metasavage, Lastinger, White; S — Daniels.

ip. h. r. er. bb. so  
Belue (L, 9-1) 41-33 6 5 3 1  
Fugett 12-30 0 0 1 4  
Ammons (W, 6-2) 7 6 4 2 3 12

HBP — Ruff by Ammons, Metasavage by Belue; WP — Ammons 2, Fugett.

# 'Cats Win Region

TIFTON — Valdosta High School baseball victories are becoming more than rituals.

They're becoming laws. The Wildcats have won all 22 of their games this season with the latest a 13-1 blasting of Tift County in the Region 1-AAA championship series.

The 'Cats scored in every inning to easily sweep the best of three series for their second straight region crown. Now Valdosta advances to the sectional championship next Wednesday against the Region 3-AAA titlist.

"We got in the groove today after not playing for eight days before the tournament began," said Wildcat Coach Butch Brooks. "The wind was really blowing and our plan was to try to hit the ball on the nose and not try to hit it out."

The strategy paid off as Valdosta combined a 12-hit attack with the five-hit pitching of Buck Belue. Still, the 'Cats managed to show some power despite the strong headwind. The South sub-region champs pounded out five doubles and a home run to ease past the North sub-region tit-leholders.

Valdosta, which won the series' first game Wednesday 6-0 behind the shutout pitching of Wayne Fugett, dominated right from the start, scoring one in the first, three in second, one in the third and four in the fourth to provide the final knockout blow.

Belue went the distance to improve his record to 8-0 and also added an RBI double to his day's work.

Fugett, the Game-1 winner, played first base and went three-for-four with a double and an RBI.

Additional offensive help was provided by Chris Daniels, who had three hits including a solo homer in the third. Designated hitter Andy Chapman had a big day with three hits, one of which was a two-run double in the second. John Lastinger also drove in two runs with a double in the fourth.

Tift scored its only run in the first on a wild pitch by Belue, who struck out nine and only walked one in the victory.

The Wildcats will now defend their Sectional title where, Brooks said, there's no room for mistakes.

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VALDOSTA — The Lowndes High School Vikesettes have been named the number one girl's basketball team in the nation for the second year in a row.

The Vikesettes did all they could this season to win the Georgia AAA title by defeating all 30 opponents but could only sit back and wait for the annual nationwide ranking by the National Sports News Service editor Art Johlfs to make his decision.

Johlfs, who has been distributing the mythical national rankings for four years, apparently couldn't overlook the Vikesettes' 60-0 record accumulated during the last two seasons.

Charles Cooper's team won the national title last year on the strength of a state title and a 30-0 record.

Second and third on the list were Lee High of New Haven, Conn., with a 22-0 record and a high school team from Warsaw, Ind., with a 22-0 record respectively.

Other Georgia teams included the Vikesettes' foe in the state playoffs, South Gwinnett High School, which was rated 62nd. High schools in Morrow, Bowdoin and Wheeler were also included in list, ranked 80th, 92nd and 119th respectively.

DeMatha High School of Hyattsville, Md., was the No. 1 boys team named by the Minnesota sports editor.

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# VHS Bats Explode, 'Cats Grab Region Title

By MIKE CHASON

TIFTON — Valdosta's Wildcats followed Mother Nature's lead and buried Tift County in a hailstorm of hits here Thursday to claim the Region 1-AAA high school baseball championship.

Like the hail which ripped through south Georgia in the pre-dawn hours Thursday, the Wildcats pelted Tift pitcher Tommy Brown for 13 hits in a 13-1 series-clinching victory.

Valdosta won the first game of the best-of-three playoff by a 6-0 score Wednesday.

"The kids didn't let up," VHS Coach Butch Brooks said of his team's second straight region title. "They did a good job."

The now 22-0 Wildcats are scheduled to meet Windsor

Forest, the Region 3-AAA champion, in the first round of the state playoffs next week.

Brooks said this morning the first game of the best-of-three series is scheduled for Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Savannah. The second game is set for 2 p.m. here next Friday.

If a third game is necessary, it is to immediately follow the second game next Friday. Windsor Forest, the same team Valdosta defeated in the first round of the playoffs last year, knocked off Wayne County (Jesup) to claim its spot in the state tournament.

Senior righthander Buck Belue raised his record to 8-0 for the Wildcats with a five-hit, nine-strikeout performance. He walked only

one batter.

"I felt pretty good," Belue said. "I felt strong. The wind was blowing in, that was helping me. I knew they were going to have a hard time hitting it out."

"I felt like I was in control." The Blue Devils, north subregion champions who wound up 13-9, nicked Belue for their only run in the first inning.

Centerfielder Rusty Smith led off with a wind-tossed double to left field. He was sacrificed to third and dashed home on a wild pitch by Belue.

But in Belue's mind, Smith was out in the close play at the plate.

"I don't see how he (the umpire) missed that call," Belue said. "I had my glove

down there a full second before he got there."

Brooks felt strongly enough about the call to leave the dugout and argue with the ump but as usual, the man in blue prevailed.

"Buck did a great job under the weather conditions," Brooks said. "With the wind blowing right across him like that, it was tough."

"But all my seniors have done a great job all year. Belue, (David) White, (Mark) Powell, Don Martin and (Chris) Daniels... all of them have shown the leadership and character you expect out of seniors."

"If we don't go any further, they're all a great bunch of kids."

Both teams battled the gale-like wind which whipped across the Eve Park field for

the duration of the one hour and 45-minute game.

After watching Brown and Pete Bilson quiet its bats to the tune of four hits Wednesday, Valdosta seemed to enter the game with its big guns cocked.

Second baseman Chris Daniels socked his fourth home run of the year over the right centerfield fence in the third inning. Andy Chapman tripled in two runs in the second and Powell, Wayne Fugett, John Lastinger and Belue punched out doubles.

Fugett, who pitched a three-hitter Wednesday, occupied the first base slot Thursday and came up with three hits.

Chapman, Daniels and Belue had two hits apiece. Tift Coach Tommy Seward

stuck with Brown for the full seven innings despite obvious control problems by the Blue Devil righthander. He walked eight men and had three wild pitches.

Unlike Brown, Belue kept the ball low most of the day, forcing sophomore catcher Mike Ruff to continually dig the ball out of the dirt.

"Mike Ruff was the only question mark we had on this team this year," Belue said, "because he was taking over for Bob (White). I think we still would have had a good year but he's made us have an excellent one."

Probably the most disgusted member of the newly crowned region champion was third baseman David White who had a rare off-day at the plate with no hits in four trips and was

charged with two fielding errors. "I guess you're going to have days like that," White said.

**Wildcat Box**

VHS	ab	r	h	rb	TCHS	ab	r	h	rb
Ruff, c	3	1	1	1	Smith, cf	4	1	1	1
Powell, ss	3	2	1	0	Willis, 2b	2	0	1	0
Belue, p	5	2	2	2	Ewing, c	3	0	1	0
White, 3b	4	0	0	1	Troxel, 3b	3	0	0	0
Daniels, 2b	5	2	2	2	Bothe, 1b	2	0	1	0
Lstinger, cf	4	1	1	2	Baker, ss	3	0	1	0
Fugett, 1b	4	1	3	0	Hrdn, dh	2	0	0	0
Dame, rf	3	1	1	1	Cese, ph	1	0	0	0
Chapman, 3b	3	2	2	2	Thomsn, lf	2	0	0	0
Byhill, lf	0	0	0	0	Bliss, rf	1	0	0	0
					Filchr, ph	2	0	0	0
					Brown, p	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	34	13	13	11					

**Valdosta**

Tift	131	421	1-13-132
E-Thomason 2	White 2	Brown, Baker	100 000 0-1-55
Smith, DP	VHS 1	TCHS 1	LOB-VHS 6, TCHS 5
2B	Powell, Smith, Fugett, Lastinger	Belue; 3B	Chapman; HR - Daniels; SB
	Chapman; S-Willis		
Belue (W, 8-0)			ip h r er bb so
Brown (L, 7-4)			7 5 1 1 9
WP - Belue, Brown 3			7 13 13 12 8 3



BUTCH BROOKS Credits Seniors

# VHS Band On Way To Capital

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From Times Staff Reports

Three busloads of Valdosta High School band students left Wednesday for a performing and sightseeing tour of Virginia and Washington, D.C.

"They got off Wednesday about 6 p.m.," said VHS Principal Lloyd Mims. "They are on their way to Washington, D.C., where they'll perform on the nation's Capitol steps."

Mims said there are 170 on the trip, including band members, chaperones and band directors.

Band Directors are Mike Chapman, Mark Jeffrey, Ann Jeffrey, Rick Kimmel and Conrad Driggers.

On the tour are the VHS Concert Band, Stage Band and Swing Choir, according to Chapman.

The band was to perform today at Falls Church, Va.

Rep. Dawson Mathis, according to a spokesman from his Washington office, arranged for the Valdostans to perform Friday at 10 a.m. on the Capitol steps.

The spokesman said Mathis sent letters today to every member of the House of Representatives asking them to be sure to attend the performance.

"The main difference," Chapman said, "between this trip and other performances is this is not for competition."

"It is to add emphasis to the concert organization here and to help improve the overall playing ability of the students."

The performances, he said, are geared for crowd entertainment and not traditional concert music.

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# 'Cat Practice Hampered By Rain

By MARTIN REGISTER

A week of almost constant downpours has made the practice field here more suitable for bogging than for football, but Coach Nick Hyder's Valdosta Wildcats have made the most of spring football practice in preparation for Friday's clash with Warner Robins.

"Our field is in the worst shape that I've ever seen a football field in," Hyder said. "We've about got this one stomped out. It's ankle deep in mud in some places."

"We'll find a grassy spot somewhere, then we'll practice on it, and wear it out."

"But we've improved quite a bit on our ground game, which I felt like was the best thing we had last week (in a 14-13 victory over the Has Beens)."

Hyder had praise for his corps of runners, including

William Gaskins, Bobby Johnson, Irwin Roe, Randall Patterson and Robert Smith.

He said that Dante Jones, a freshman who was moved to quarterback to back up leading contenders John Lastinger and John Bond, "has improved as much as any youngster I've ever worked with."

Another freshman quarterback, Dale Parker, broke a bone in his ankle on the first day of spring practice and has not returned to the team.

The kicking game, with Rodney Gordon punting and David Reeves placekicking, has been a pleasant surprise for Hyder all during spring practice.

That category had been a spot for worry, since punter Buck Belue and placekicker Robert Baldwin both leave the team via graduation.

"Sam Fletcher had a real

fine week on the offensive line," Hyder said, "and so did Harvey Carter and Darrell Swindle."

"Andy Chapman, Bubba Hardin and Tony Blasetti gave good efforts there, too."

One area which noticeably needed work in the game against the Has Beens was the receiving part of the team.

Hyder said that Frederick Blair and Odell Griffin had shown improvement in that area during the past week.

"Willie Hankins has shown up pretty well at halfback," he said, "and Keith Sampson, a freshman, has done a pretty good job with the kicking."

Hyder had praise for Marlin Beaufort and returning All-Region defender Lynn Roberts at the defensive end positions.

James Harris, a newcomer from Tallahassee, Fla., has

been "very aggressive," he said.

Carroll Johnson and Jimbo Hancock have had "a real good spring at the defensive tackle positions," he said.

He was also encouraged by the defensive plays of Demps Johnson, Danny Hunter, and Mike Maynard.

John Branan, returning at linebacker, is expected to be an anchor in the Wildcat defense next season.

"Branan is one of the top linebackers in (Region) 1-AAA," Hyder said. "He's picked up a little height and weight, and he should be one of the finest players in the region."

Other players showing promise at the linebacker spot include Anthony Battles, up from the ninth grade team, Tommy Clifton, Mike Ruff, and Buddy Morris, he said.

The return of Troy Thomas for another season has hopes

high for the Wildcat secondary.

Other prospective members of the secondary include Rodney Gordon, James Horton, and Bubba Skelton, whom Hyder terms "one of the hustlingest players on the field."

Carl Roe and Mark Toth are presently playing the safety position regularly.

Injuries and illness have sidelined "18 or 19" Wildcats, Hyder said, but he added that he hoped many of those could be back in time for Friday's game with Warner Robins.

"We've made improvement," he said. "We've practiced three hours every day. And Wednesday's practice had about the hardest hitting I've seen since I've been here."

"We're bruising each other up, but if we're going to do that, this is the week to do it. We need to be healthy next week."

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# Fugett To See In Cemetery

## May Day Roots

By Times Staff Writer

Junior righthander Wayne Fugett has been given the starting nod for Valdosta in Tuesday's first game of the Region 1-AAA high school baseball playoffs here.

Fugett, 7-0, has struck out 99 batters in 55 innings and has a team-low earned run average of 1.27. In his last outing, he tied the school record he set earlier in the year with 19 strikeouts in a one-hit performance against Central of Thomasville.

"You've got to get that first one," VHS Coach Butch Brooks said of the 4 p.m. game at Bazemore Field against Tift County's Blue Devils. "We'll go with Fugett."

Enroute to its 20-0 regular season

record, Valdosta defeated the Devils from Tifton on two occasions.

And that worries Brooks a little. "I hate to go into a playoff with a team you've already beaten twice," Brooks said. "They have improved a great deal since we played them. They're real strong, and they've got kids."

"I know Coach (Tommy) Sewell personally, and he's a great coach. I think it's going to be a tough row hoe."

The second game of the series is scheduled for Tifton at 2 p.m. Tuesday. If a third game is necessary, it is to be played immediately afterward.

"We'll go with Buck (Belue) Th

F.N. D-ALESSIO Associated Press Writer

DREST PARK, Ill. (AP)

Troops massed in the city's Red Square and

celebrations were held around the world square on May Day — the first International Workers' Order of American Mothers' Day. A cemetery in a German neighborhood in Chicago.

The cemetery, in the Des Plaines suburb, is unassuming, but a square of five men died after the riot and

which occurred 92 years ago Thursday. The labor

plant. Those strikers had been supporting the then-radical idea of an eight-hour work day.

Although responsibility for the bombing never was determined, five of those arrested were sentenced to be hanged. Their plight stirred worldwide protests by labor unions, political radicals and civil libertarians.

When, on May 1, 1887, various radicals, liberals and trade unionists gathered in the major cities of the world, demanding that the Haymarket five be freed, it marked the first May Day.

Despite the outcries, four of the men — Albert Parsons, August Spies, Adolf Fischer and George Engel — were hanged in Chicago on Nov. 11

ALBUQUERQUE	.77
ATLANTA	.79
BOSTON	.81
CHICAGO	.69
DALLAS	.77
DETROIT	.79
LOS ANGELES	.92
MIAMI	.75
NEW YORK	NA
PHILADELPHIA	.87
PROVIDENCE	.71
SALT LAKE	.67

# New Miss Valdosta High Is An Exchange Student

*V-Times May 1, 1978*

By MARCIA McRAE

A Mexican exchange student was crowned Miss Valdosta High School before a crowd of 700 at Mathis city auditorium Saturday night.

Tall brunette Mayte Abella, 17, of San Luis Potosi, Mex., succeeds Peggi Perry as Miss VHS.

A panel of four judges selected her from a field of 28 contestants who competed in sportswear and evening gown competition.

Suzanne Sharman was named first runner-up; Bebe Allen, second; Pam Bennett, third, and Carolyn Gee, fourth.

The contest was sponsored by the junior class with proceeds designated for the junior-senior prom, a spokesman said.

Spencer Feix, junior class president, was emcee and crowned Miss Abella.

In addition to her crown, the winner received roses and a gift certificate from Duke's Home of Fine Photography.

"The students talked me into entering the pageant," Miss Abella said. "I never imagined I would win."

"I've never been in a contest like this before," she said, "and it really surprised me. I'm really happy and proud of all the people because everybody has been very nice to me."

Excited over winning, she called her family in Mexico after the contest.

"My mother couldn't believe it. They got excited," said the 5-foot-10 green-eyed beauty.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Abella.

She heard about Valdosta and became interested in studying here after her brother, Carlos Abella, was an exchange student here through Action Trav'lers.

Though she came prepared to learn English, she did not come prepared with a wardrobe suitable for beauty pageant competition.

She said she was very grateful to VHS Spanish teacher Pat Walden who made her a dress for the pageant.

She wore a black evening gown accented with rhinestones.

Miss Abella was graduated from high school in Mexico

but, she said, she wanted to come to VHS to learn English.

"I'm interested in learning the language," she said, "because I think it's important for our life."

If we learn languages, she said, maybe we can travel and improve communications with other people.

"I thought it would be a good experience," she said, "and I'm enjoying it."



—Times Staff Photo

Mayte Abella Is From Mexico

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## VHS Places 10 In Semi-Finals

By Times Staff Writer

Ten Valdosta High School students have been named National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists. This is probably the greatest number of students to be named from the school at one time.

According to Virginia Wisenbaker, VHS director of guidance and counseling, said the school was notified Friday that 10 of its juniors had qualified for the honor.

"National Merit Scholars,"

Mrs. Wisenbaker said, "are in the top 5 percent of more than one million juniors in the nation. And we had 10."

"It is the highest academic honor a high school student can receive. It's all based on merit," she said.

"As far as I know that's the most we've had. At least it's the most since I've been here since 1970."

The VHS juniors' Scholastic Aptitude Test scores ranked in the top 5 percent in the nation.

They are: Danita Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lee; Karen Wakefield, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Thomas Wakefield; John Branan, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Branan; Margaret Mothershead, daughter of Mrs. W.G. Mothershead; David Pulliam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pulliam;

Also: Mike Rose, son of Mrs. James T. Davis; Richard Clayton, son of Mrs. D.J. Clayton; Rusty Overby, son of Mrs. Doris Overby; Michelle Floyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Floyd; and David Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Turner.

## VHS Math Team Takes Third

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Valdosta High School's math team won third place in a state mathematics contest Saturday.

Held in Macon, it was sponsored by the Georgia Council of Teachers of Mathematics, according to Mike Rogers, VHS math department head.

There were 24 schools competing, he said. They were accepted to the tournament by having placed first or second in Georgia High School Association sanctioned math tournaments.

The VHS team, Rogers said, has won three math tournaments this year.

On the team were John Branan, Karl Chiang, Richard Clayton and Rusty Overby. Tim Farley was alternate.

Clayton was in a three-way tie for first place in individual top score. With tie-breaker questions he captured the second highest individual score, Rogers said.

Henderson High School in Atlanta, he said, placed first among the teams.

Competition was in written exam and ciphering matches.



## Valdosta High Beauties

Four runners-up were selected in the annual Miss Valdosta High School contest Saturday at Mathis city auditorium. From left, they are, Suzanne Sharman, first; Bebe Allen, second; Pam Bennett, third; and Carolyn Gee, fourth. Mayte Abella, Mexican exchange student, was

named Miss VHS to succeed Peggi Perry. There were 28 girls in the contest, sponsored by the junior class. They competed in sportswear and evening gowns. — Times Staff Photo.

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# VHS Art Show Slated Sunday

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta High School art students have been busier than usual, said Jerry Pilcher, art department head, as they prepare for the 11th Annual Spring Art Show. The show, is to be Sunday "around the pond" at Valdosta High from 1-5 p.m., Pilcher said.

The students, Pilcher said, have been working about 18 hours per day this week and worked every night for the past two weeks to prepare for the show.

They are students of his, Patsy Smith and Mary Jane Taylor.

The show is to be strictly a show with no demonstrations, Pilcher said.

There are about 30 students who are to show their work, fewer than usual.

But the simplifying of the show, Pilcher said, is mainly because the quality of the work is so much higher this year that the art instructors do not want to detract from it.

"This is the first class of students," Pilcher said, "who

have gone all the way through their high school years under the quarter system with our particular art program.

"It is designed with core courses and it's paying off. They are well-rounded students who have been pushed."

The show is to include paintings, including watercolors, oils and acrylics, ceramics, textiles, drawings, "some jewelry," lithographs, etchings, engravings and silk screen prints.

Most of the pieces, Pilcher said, are to be ready to hang. "They are all real nicely matted, really finished products," he said, adding many are framed and under glass.

Prices range from about \$5 to the hundreds, he said.

Awards are to be given including the Principal's Purchase Award which was inaugurated last year. Principal Lloyd Mims is to select and purchase one of the paintings for the school.

# Demons Trying To Be A 'Better Team'

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By Times Staff Writer  
**WARNER ROBINS** — Whether his team comes up a winner or a loser against Valdosta in a high school football spring game Friday night, Warner Robins Coach Robert Davis believes his Demons will benefit.

"We're just trying to become a better football team," Davis said Wednesday. "Playing them can make us better."

"Valdosta's got a great tradition, and we think we've got a great tradition. But what we're shooting for is September 2. What happens Friday night is going to help us in September."

The Demons meet the Wildcats at 8 p.m. Friday at Valdosta's Cleveland Field in the culmination of both teams' spring practices.

Warner Robins requested the game earlier this year, and Valdosta Coach Nick Hyder agreed. It is a one-game deal and Valdosta has no responsibility to return the game here next season.

During the past two years, Valdosta has met cross-county rival Lowndes in the

spring. Hyder mixed that matchup this season because he figured it left his Wildcats at a psychological disadvantage when the two teams met during the regular season.

"There's a chance we'll play Warner Robins again," Hyder said, "and I hope we do because that means we'll be in the playoffs."

The Wildcats snipped a 28-game Demon winning streak in the South Georgia championship game last

season by a 27-8 margin. Warner Robins was the defending Class AAA champion and a co-holder of the national championship.

Friday's game smells of a revenge factor but Davis didn't respond to such a suggestion.

"Our objective is to look at a lot of people and see who can play next fall," Davis said. "As far as winning and losing is concerned, that's not as important as getting people in the ballgame."

Warner Robins lost its entire starting offensive backfield, including speedster Jessie Cainlon. Davis hasn't put all the parts to his new offense together yet.

"We lost all our skilled people," Davis said. "We've had some young guys that are in there but they're not that good yet. They are making an effort."

"But we're a long way from being a really good football team right now. I don't know if we'll make a good showing

or not."

Defensively, the Demons return eight of 11 starters, according to Hyder.

"Our front line is mostly veterans," Davis said. "But the defense has been our biggest disappointment so far. We thought they were going to do a lot but so far they haven't done anything."

"We're just trying to find out who can play."

Tickets for the game are on sale in Valdosta at Valdosta High School, Valdosta Junior High School and Barnes Drug Store in Brookwood Plaza.

Advance tickets are \$1 for students and \$2 for adults. All tickets sold at the gate are to be \$2.50.

Probable starting lineups for both teams follow:

**VALDOSTA**

Offense — ends Sam Fletcher (190, sr.) or Willie Hankins (180, jr.) and Fredric Blair (160, sr.) or Keith Sampson (145, freshman) or Greg Welch (165, sr.), tackles Scott Griffin (210, sr.) or Cass Burton (215, sr.) and Harvey Carter (185, jr.) or Derrill Swindle (190, sr.), guards Andy Chapman (195, sr.) or Rob Register (162, sr.) and Bubba Hardin (190, sr.) or Billy Harvey (165, sr.), center Tony Blasehl (220, jr.) or Mike Rose (185, sr.).

Quarterback — John Lashinger (175, sr.) or John Bond (180, jr.), flanker Robert Smith (160, jr.) or Tim Darre (155, sr.), tailback Ernest King (175, jr.) or Irwin Roe (150, jr.), fullback William Gaskins (160, sr.) or Bobby Johnson (185, sr.).

Defense — ends Martin Beuford (175, sr.) or Kenny Evans (175, sr.) and Lynn Roberts (175, sr.) or James Harris (178, sr.), tackles

Carroll Johnson (200, sr.) or Danny Hunter (175, sr.) and Jimbo Hancock (179, jr.) or David Reeves (185, sr.), middle guard Clifford Johnson (180, sr.) or James Conroy (170, sr.) or Paul Stokes (185, sr.).

Linebackers — John Brennan (190, sr.) or Bubby Harris (160, jr.) and Mike Ruff (160, jr.) or Anthony Barnes (180, sr.) or Tony Clifton (155, sr.), cornerbacks Tony Thomas (175, sr.) or Gordon Horton (150, sr.) and Redford Gordon (175, sr.), safety Bobby Shelton (190, sr.) safeties Carl Roe (170, sr.) or Curtis Love (150, sr.) and Nathaniel Caser (165, jr.) or Mark Toth (140, jr.).

Punter — Gordon or Darre; placekicker Reeves or Sampson.

**WARNER ROBINS**

Offense — ends Johnny Jackson (145, jr.) and Burch Harper (198, sr.), tackles Keith Payne (186, sr.) and Rick Shremshock (190, jr.), guards Andy Lanier (198, sr.) and Art Geneaux (176, sr.), center George Darden (188, sr.), quarterback Greg Harper (185, sr.), running backs Tony Pollard (181, jr.), tailback Fate Radford (150, jr.), flanker Mike Frazier (154, jr.).

Defense — ends John White (197, sr.) and Ryan Holliman (170, jr.), tackles Steve Niles (220, sr.) and Allen James (203, sr.), nose guard Crawley Kemp (176, sr.), linebackers Randy Demsey (175, sr.) and Lott Singletary (182, sr.), cornerbacks Eddie Kessler (187, sr.) and Rufus Jones (165, sr.), safeties Bob Davis (175, jr.) and John Strmans (172, jr.).

## Valwood Wins

By Times Staff Writer  
Valwood won its second tennis match in as many days here Wednesday, scuttling Brookwood (Thomasville), 9-5, to run its record to 2-0.

The Brookwood girls claimed five of seven matches, but the Valwood boys came back to win all of their matches.

# VHS-Tift, 5-2-78 Track Meet Postponed

By Times Staff Writer  
Wet grounds put a damper on today's Valdosta-Tift Region 1-AAA baseball playoff game and Wednesday's region track meet, but Valdosta State's Blazers planned on business as usual early today.

The VHS-Tift contest, set to be played at Bazemore Field today at 4 p.m., had to be postponed because of wet field conditions.

The two teams are to try again Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The 1-AAA track meet, originally scheduled to be held Wednesday, had to be postponed until Thursday, also because of the effects of Monday's downpours, LHS track coach Newnan Sanchez said.

Valdosta State planned to play its game against Mercer today at 3 p.m., however. Blazer coach Tommy Thomas said he expected Blazer Field to be dried out sufficiently by gametime, if there was no more rain today.

# Slugging Wildcats 5-2-78 Set New Records

By Times Staff Writer  
Buck Belue, Wayne Fugett and David White have set individual records to add to the alltime team records set by Valdosta High School's Wildcats this season.

Belue carries a .613 batting average. He had 41 runs batted in during the regular season to set the alltime VHS record.

VHS Coach Butch Brooks also said Belue's no-hit pitching performance early in the year was the first by a Wildcat in recent history.

Belue was 7-0 on the mound this year.

Fugett, who is to start today's games on the hill, struck out 99 batters in 55 innings pitched to set another record. He had a team-low earned run average of 1.27.

White, the team's senior third baseman, hit .468 during

the regular season with an alltime record 15 home runs.

Valdosta set team records with 47 home runs and 223 runs scored. The Wildcats batted .406 as a team and had a team earned run average of 2.16.

Regular season individual and team totals follow:

HITTING										
	ab	r	h	rbi	sb	2b	3b	hr	avg	
Buck Belue	75	39	46	41	17	10	3	8	.613	
John Lastinger	55	23	27	11	11	6	1	3	.490	
David White	64	31	30	39	3	4	2	15	.468	
Chris Daniels	59	21	25	21	9	5	0	3	.424	
Mike Ruff	74	34	31	22	9	7	0	8	.415	
Mark Powell	57	31	22	10	9	3	0	5	.387	
Wayne Fugett	60	20	20	20	3	3	0	4	.333	
Darrell Swindle	12	2	4	2	3	2	0	0	.333	
Andy Chapman	39	9	11	3	0	2	2	0	.282	
Tim Dame	48	10	11	7	6	1	0	1	.229	
Tony Blasetti	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.167	
Don Martin	16	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	.063	
Tag Welch	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	
Totals	566	223	230	176	70	46	8	47	.406	

PITCHING										
	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	w	l	era	
Wayne Fugett	55	30	14	10	26	99	7	0	1.27	
David White	17	19	7	5	5	16	2	0	2.05	
Tim Dame	24.1	17	12	8	16	12	4	0	2.30	
Buck Belue	38	25	16	14	13	47	7	0	2.57	
David New	0.2	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	21.00	
Mark Powell	1	3	4	3	1	0	0	0	28.00	
TOTALS	136	97	56	42	61	174	20	0	2.16	

# Boys, Girls State Slated

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta and Lowndes high school students have been selected for American Legion Boys State and Girls State.

The annual Boys State and Girls State, a spokesman said, is a mock governmental system designed to teach high school juniors about the American political system.

The students live in college dormitories, each representing a county, and their rooms represent cities. They hold elections for political office and the students elected governor are sent to national sessions in Washington, D.C.

The students are selected either by a social studies teacher or counselor on the basis of grades and aptitude in the area of political science.

Valdosta and Lowndes students are sponsored by American Legion Post 13.

Boys State is to be at North Georgia College in Dahlonega June 11-17. Girls State is to be at Middle Georgia College in Cochran the same dates.

Wesley Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Webb of Rte. 2, Hahira, is to represent LHS at Boys State.

His father, said Judy Kitchens, LHS counselor, attended Boys State in 1953 as a student from Hahira High School.

Spencer Feix, VHS junior class president and son of Mr. and Mrs. O. William Feix, is to represent VHS at Boys State.

Representing LHS at Girls State are to be Ruby Janet Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Davis of Rte. 4, Valdosta, and Gina Carol Wisenbaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wisenbaker of Rte. 3, Valdosta.

Representing VHS at Girls state are to be Michelle Floyd, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Jesse Floyd, and Loraine Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis M. Thompson.



LISA FEIX  
Signs Grant-In-Aid  
Valdosta Daily Times  
Feix Signs  
4-19-78  
With Eagles

By Times Staff Writer  
Lisa Feix, four-year basketball starter for Valdosta High School's Kittens, has signed a grant-in-aid to play for Georgia Southern College's Eagles.

Feix, a member of the Region 1-AAA All-Region team in her junior year, said she had considered Mercer and Auburn, but decided on Southern when it extended the grant, to pay for tuition and books.

The 5-7 guard said she hoped to be able to put in some playing time next season.

"I think I ought to be able to play some next year," she said.

"I went over there (to Statesboro) over our spring holidays, and just practiced with the team.

"I liked the coach, and I decided I would like to play there."

Feix said she would most likely continue to play guard, or switch to a "shooting forward" positioned at the wing.

Scheduled to be graduated from VHS in June, she said she had not decided on a major.

Feix was a member of the varsity tennis team for three years, and was half of the AAA state doubles championship team in 1977.

Feix and Georgia Southern inked the pact Tuesday night.

# Valdosta <sup>5-2-78</sup> Nabs 1-AAA Golf Crown

By Times Staff Writer  
Backboned by a 72 score by Ty Edwards, Valdosta's Wildcats captured their second straight Region 1-AAA high school golf title at Francis Lake Golf Club near here Monday.

Valdosta now has two weeks to prepare for the state golf tournament at Indian Hills Country Club in Marietta.

The Wildcats wound up with a 305 total on a gray, overcast day which did not spit forth any rain until after all the golfers had finished their rounds.

Tift County (Tifton) finished second at 319 followed by Lowndes at 324, Bainbridge at 327, Westover (Albany) at 339, Moultrie at 340, Crisp County (Cordele) at 376, Dougherty (Albany) at 387, Thomasville at 391 and Albany at 392.

Monroe (Albany) and Central of Thomasville did not send teams to the one-day, 18-hole tournament.

"Anytime you win, you've got to be satisfied," VHS Coach Jack Rudolph said. "I'm very pleased with the kids. It was awfully windy out there."

Also scoring for the Wildcats was Rusty Trancygier with a 76, Buck Blanton with a 77 and Lew Richardson with an 80.

Other scores included Trip Singletary's 81 and David Parker's 84. Only the top four scores of each team count toward the final total.

The medalist of the tournament was Tift County's

Gene Faircloth, who shot a 70. He is to participate in the state meet also.

For Lowndes, Jody Wilson and Mike Killeen had scores of 80, John McLawhorn had an 81 and Andy Plair matched Richard Nelson with an 83. Debbie Wooley carded an 84.

"I have no idea what to expect at state," Rudolph said. "I know Hardaway (Columbus) had a fine team last year, and they've got a couple of kids coming back. They won the state last year by 20 strokes."

"We played Ware and Waycross over there the other day, and they said Glynn Academy (Brunswick) had a very good golf team."

Rudolph has now been the VHS golf coach for the past three years. The team finished fourth his first season. After winning the region title last year, the Wildcats advanced to state competition where they wound up fifth.

"I think we've got a little better balance than last year," Rudolph said. "We've got six kids who are all very capable."

"I think I'd rather have it like that than have one or two outstanding golfers. Anytime you can put four scores together under 80, you're going to be very competitive."

In 10 regular season matches, Valdosta defeated 21 opponents and tied Tift County on one occasion. Last season, the 'Cats beat 21 foes and lost three times.



—Times Staff Photo.

**Valdosta's Ty Edwards Launches Shot, Then Watches**

# Lowndes Baseball Team Must Fight Inexperience

By MARTIN REGISTER  
According to Lowndes High School baseball coach Noel George, there's only one way to describe his Vikings: inexperienced.

"We've got two starters back," he said. Andy Plair and Ronnie Christy come back for us, but other than those two, everybody is fresh and inexperienced.

"We've got some building to do."  
Noel lost "about 15"

players off last season's 15-4 team to graduation. That squad tied crosstown rival Valdosta for the Region 1-AAA (South) championship, but lost to the Wildcats in a special postseason playoff.

George isn't making any promises this time.

"We've got some young people," he said, "and they're inexperienced. Until you practice with them for a while, you never know how they're going to do."

George's spring work with the school's football team has commanded most of his time, and he has had little time to prepare his baseball Vikings for their Tuesday opener with Suwannee County at Live Oak, Fla.

That 7:30 p.m. game kicks off a schedule which includes 18 regular season games plus participation in next weekend's Lowndes-Valdosta baseball tournament.

Andy Plair, a pitcher and

first baseman, and Jody Wilson are expected to handle much of the pitching chores for the Vikings.

Jeff Stokes, Buddy Pitzing and Maurice Bayman also may be called on for mound duty.

"Plair and Wilson are pretty experienced," George said. "Stokes pitched in the Pony League, but Bayman has never pitched in high school."

Christy is expected to

occupy the second base spot which he played last season.

Prospects at other positions are, George said, inexperienced.

"We're looking at Donnie Carter and Jay Cobb at first base," George said, "but both are inexperienced. Bill Schreffler at shortstop is inexperienced, and so is Raymond Drennan at third."

Keith Reed and Greg Jones are possible catchers, he said. Starting outfielders are

expected to come from a group including Jeff Parrish, Hal Sprenkle, Chuck DeVane, Alan Culpepper, Mark Bradley and Jose Ferrera.

All, according to George, lack experience in high school play.

"These kids have played some baseball," he said, "but not in 1-AAA. I have five seniors on this team, and I hope they will have enough get up and go about them to lead this bunch of young boys."

"We've got a lot of young players with a lot of potential. If they come around, we'll be in good shape. It depends on how quickly the boys get some experience, settle down, and play ball."  
"That makes a difference."

The Vikings' roster and schedule follow:

Seniors — Jody Wilson, Ronnie Christy, Andy Plair, Keith Reed, Raymond Drennan, Todd Williams, Jeff Parrish;  
Juniors — Hal Sprenkle, Greg Jones, Kenny Prather, Jay Cobb, Bill Schreffler, Richard Wimer, Jose Ferrera, Chris Schmidt, Tim Martin, Ricky McDonald, Mark

Bradley, Donnie Carter; Sophomores — Jeff Stokes, Maurice Bayman, Alan Culpepper, Chuck DeVane, Buddy Pitzing.

## SCHEDULE

Mar. 21, Suwannee County (Live Oak, Fla.), away; Mar. 24-25, Valdosta-Lowndes tournament (Lowndes, Valdosta, Bainbridge, Tift, Central of Thomasville); Mar. 27, Suwannee, home; Mar. 28, Moultrie, home; Mar. 31, Valdosta, away; Apr. 1, Berrien (Nashville, Ga.), home; Apr. 4, Central of Thomasville, away; Apr. 5, Tift County (Tifton), home; Apr. 7, Thomasville, home; Apr. 8, Berrien, away; Apr. 11, Bainbridge, home; Apr. 12, Tift, away; Apr. 14, Moultrie, away; Apr. 15, Madison, Fla., away; Apr. 18, Central of Thomasville, home; Apr. 21, Valdosta, home; Apr. 25, Bainbridge, away; Apr. 26, Madison, home; Apr. 28, Thomasville, away.

# Belue's No-Hitter Sparks VHS Win

By Times Staff Writer

CAIRO — Valdosta High School's Buck Belue devastated Cairo here Saturday, pitching a no-hitter and belting the Syrupmaker defense for three hits, including a home run, as the Wildcats romped to a 7-0 baseball win.

The senior pitcher came within a whisker of hurling a completely perfect game. A VHS error in the first inning allowed a runner on base, but that was all the Syrupmakers had to cheer about during the entire game.

Belue struck out 14 of the 22

batters he faced, and issued no bases on balls.

He rocked Syrupmaker pitching for a home run, a triple, and a double, and finished with four RBI's.

He was presented with the game ball following the contest.

Mike Ruff also scored two runs for Coach Butch Brooks' Wildcats.

Cairo pitcher James Rich struck out 12 batters, but also surrendered seven walks, and gave up seven hits to the 'Cats.

The victory came in Belue's first start, and im-

proved Valdosta's record to 2-0.

The Wildcats opened their season with a 6-3 victory over Suwannee County (Live Oak, Fla.) on March 11.

Six Cairo errors by the home-standing Cairo team, a member of Region 1-AAA (West), contributed to the Wildcat total.

Valdosta, which campaigns in Region 1-AAA (South) is to swing into action again Thursday when it hosts Andrew Jackson High School of Jacksonville, Fla.

Valdosta claimed an 8-1 victory in a B-team game as Ashley Deloach collected two singles and a double for the 'Cats.

It was the season opener for the B-team, whose winning pitcher was David New.

VALDOSTA		CAIRO	
ab	r h rbi	ab	r h rbi
Ruff C	4 2 1 0	Butler cf	3 0 0 0
Powell ss	3 1 1 0	Wilms 2b	3 0 0 0
Sutts ss	1 0 0 0	Rich p	3 0 0 0
Belue p	4 2 3 4	Veal c	2 0 0 0
White 3b	4 0 0 0	Fagan lf	2 0 0 0
Fugel 1b, ss	3 1 0 0	Gaines rf	2 0 0 0
Denis 2b	2 0 0 0	Higgins ss	2 0 0 0
Leigh cf	2 0 1 0	Miller 1b	1 0 0 0
Dame lf	1 0 0 0	Horne 1b	1 0 0 0
Warm lf	1 0 0 0	Browl 3b	2 0 0 0
Grdon rf	0 0 0 0	Totals	22 0 0 0
Chipman dh	3 1 1 0		
Totals	27 7 7 4		

Valdosta 112 012 0-7-7-1  
Cairo 000 000 0-0-0-4  
1E—White, Veal 3, Braswell 3; LOB VHS  
2B—Belue; 3B—Belue; HR—Belue; SB  
Ruff, Daniels, Dame.  
Belue (W, 1-0) 7 0 0 0 0 14  
Rich 7 0 0 0 0 7  
WP—Rich; PB—Veal 3.

## Over Pirates



# Valdosta Whips Andrew Jackson

By Times Staff Writer  
Valdosta blasted Andrew Jackson with a near-unbelievable 13-run sixth inning here Thursday, and went on to a 13-5 high school baseball victory at Bazemore Field.

The Valdosta side of the scoreboard, silent through the entire game, sprang to life with a vengeance in the sixth inning, after the Jacksonville (Fla.) visitors had gone ahead 1-0 in the fifth frame.

Catchers Butch Brooks' Wildcats pushed their record to 3-0 going into their Saturday game in the Lowndes-Valdosta Invitational baseball tournament.

Valdosta is to face Central

of Thomasville in the first round, at 9:30 a.m., at Bazemore Field.

Dosta rapped out four hits in the crucial sixth inning Thursday, but it was mainly bases on balls given up by Andrew Jackson hurlers and errors which spelled doom for the Floridians.

Buck Belue and Wayne Fugett, who, along with Mark Powell, had stints on the mound for Valdosta, boomed home runs off a parade of three Andrew Jackson pitchers who tried in vain to curtail the Wildcat surge.

Third baseman David White added a double for the 'Cats, who made the most of their hits, leaving only three runners stranded on the bases.

Valdosta actually had just one more hit than its opponent.

Andrew Jackson, down 13-1 after its disastrous sixth frame, came back in the seventh with a mini-rally to push across four runs.

But the gap between the two teams was too great, and the visitors couldn't come anywhere near closing it.

Kenny Solomon, Andrew Jackson's second baseman, who doubled as a pitcher in

When Bob Feller of Cleveland pitched a no-hitter against the Yankees in 1946, his center fielder was Bob Lemon, who later pitched a no-hitter of his own.

## Wildcat Box

AJ	ab	r	h	rb	VHS	ab	r	h	rb
Hewner, cf	4	0	0	0	Kufri, c	2	0	0	0
Griffis, 2b	4	1	1	0	Daniels, 2b	1	2	0	0
Cisson, p	1b	4	1	0	Belue, rf	p	3	2	1
Lewis, c	4	1	2	0	White, 3b	3	1	1	0
Cowart, 1b	3	0	0	0	Fugett, p	1b	4	2	2
Williams, ss	4	0	0	0	Oweli, ss	p	3	1	1
Wright, lf	2	0	0	0	Lstrom, lb	cf	1	0	0
Solomon, 2b	3	1	3	0	Weidn, ss	0	0	0	0
					Wright, lf	2	0	0	0
					Gordon, lf	2	0	0	0
					Dame, ph	1	1	1	0

TOTALS	31	5	7	0	TOTAL	26	13	8	2
A. Jackson	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
Valdosta	0	0	0	13	4	5	7	4	5

E — Daniels, White 2, Griffis, Cisson 2, Williams; LOB — AJ 5, VHS 3.	ip	r	er	bb	so
Cisson (L)	5	1	3	5	4
Griffis	0	2	4	4	3
Solomon	2	3	2	4	2
Fugett	4	1	0	0	0
Belue	2	1	1	1	0
Powell	1	4	4	3	0

WP — Cisson 3, Fugett 2, Belue; PB — Lewis 2, Ruff 2.

# Valdosta Claims Crown With Rout Of Tift Co.

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By Times Staff Writer  
Combining an awesome hitting attack with superb pitching from junior fireballer Wayne Fugett, Valdosta rolled to the championship of the first annual Lowndes-Valdosta Invitational Baseball Tournament here Saturday.

The Wildcats, now 5-0, blasted Tift County (Tifton) 14-7 in the title game at VHS's Bazemore Field.

Earlier in the day, Fugett recorded a near incredible 19 strikeouts to send Valdosta past Central of Thomasville, 8-0.

Catcher Mike Ruff triggered the Wildcat offensive punch with seven hits on the day, including three home runs. Senior third baseman David White also clobbered three over-the-fence jobs.

But the homer heroics didn't stop there. Buck Belue hit one out in each game, and John Lastinger poked one over

against Tift. Second baseman Chris Daniels also took advantage of the helpful Bazemore Field breeze to slam two home runs in the second game.

In the consolation game of the five-team tournament, Central trimmed Lowndes 10-9 despite home runs by the Vikings' Hal Sprengle and Chuck DeVane.

LHS was trailing 10-4 in the bottom half of the final frame when Sprengle and DeVane brought out their heavy lumber. But Lowndes, now 2-2, still came up one run short.

In other games Saturday, Lowndes walloped Bainbridge 11-1 behind the pitching of Jody Wilson and a grand slam homer by catcher Keith Reed.

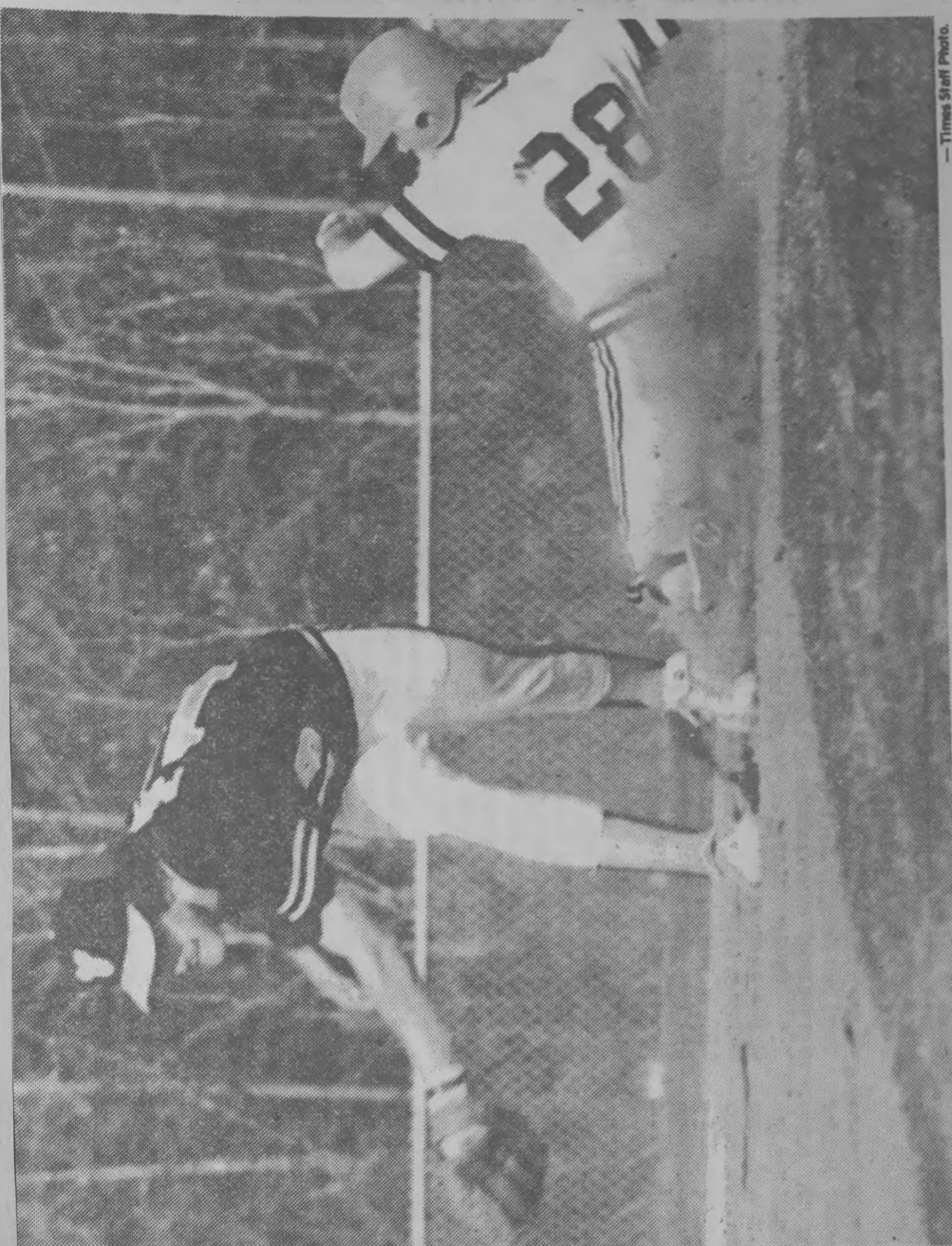
Tift also defeated Bainbridge 11-1 to vault into the title contest. In the only game Friday,

Tift nipped Lowndes 5-4. The black-jerseyed Wildcats fell behind 4-1 at the end of the first inning of the championship game when Ed Troxell and Landy Ewing slapped back-to-back homers off Belue.

Tim Dame, a junior righthander, replaced Belue on the mound in the bottom of the second. Fugett came on to finish the final two innings.

Valdosta rallied with a six-run third inning when Daniels responded to the constant chatter coming from the VHS dugout with a round-tripper to right-centerfield.

Lastinger then launched a 3-run shot just to the right of the monstrous green wall in straightaway center field. His 360-foot homer was the longest of the game until Belue plastered one 10 feet farther into the swamp beyond the left field fence later in the same inning.



Valdosta Shortstop Mark Powell Reaches For Low Throw On Tift Steal Attempt — Times Staff Photo.

## Title Game

VHS	ab	r	h	rb	TCHS	ab	r	h	rb
Ruff, c	5	2	4	2	Baker, ss	4	1	2	0
Powell, ss	2	2	1	0	Smith, cf	3	1	1	0
Belue, p	5	2	3	3	Hudson, dh	4	1	0	0
Fugett, 1b	4	1	1	1	Booth, c	3	2	1	1
Daniels, 2b	3	2	2	3	Trxel, 3b	3	1	2	2
White, 3b	4	2	1	1	Ewing, 1b	4	1	1	1
Gordon, lf	0	0	0	0	Willis, 2b	3	0	0	0
Blasell, dh	5	1	1	0	Ceser, rf	1	0	0	0
Lasgr, cf	4	2	2	3	McAirt, lf	3	0	0	0
Martin, rf	1	0	0	0	Thompson, p	0	0	0	0
Dame, p	2	0	0	0	Brown, p	0	0	0	0
					Whitford, p	0	0	0	0

Totals	35	14	15	13	Total	29	7	6	4
Valdosta	126	0	11	3	152	402	0	10	7
Tift	E — Baker, McAlister, Fugett, Daniels; DP — VHS 1; LOB — VHS 8, TCHS 4; 2B — Ruff, Powell, Fugett; HR — Ewing, Willis, Ruff, Belue, Lastinger, Daniels 2; White; SB — Ruff, Powell, Ewing, Baker; ip	h	r	bb	so				
Belue	1	3	4	1	1				
Dame	4	3	3	1	1				
Fugett	2	1	0	1	1				
Thompson	2	3	3	4	0				
Brown	4	9	8	3	1				
Whitehead	1	3	3	0	1				
Whitford	1	3	3	0	1				

WP — Thompson 2, Dame 4; PB — Ruff 2, Booth 2.

**VHS' Greene Is Admitted**

**To Hospital**

By Times Staff Writer  
Norman Greene, Valdosta High School teacher, was admitted for observation to South Georgia Medical Center this morning, according to a hospital spokesman.

Greene apparently awoke with chest pains and was transported by emergency vehicle to the hospital, according to reports.

He was taken to the emergency room and from there was admitted to the hospital for observation.

Greene is coordinator of the Distributive Education program at VHS.

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**Wildcats Wallop New Hyde Park, 9-1**

By MARTIN REGISTER  
Valdosta hit New Hyde Park with four hits and six runs in a wild second inning and went from there to a 9-1 high school baseball victory here Wednesday.

Coach Butch Brooks' team, now 7-0, took advantage of every opportunity in the second frame, including a wild pitch, a passed ball, and three stolen bases. The Wildcats capped it off with a booming home run by pitcher David White to extend a narrow 1-0 lead into a gaping 7-0 bulge.

The hard-hitting Wildcats scored two more runs in the fourth frame, to blow into a 9-0 lead before the visitors from New York could get on the scoreboard.

Though Valdosta rang up

nine runs, the Gladiators from Long Island, playing their first game, showed the 'Cats some of the best pitching they have faced yet this season.

"Their pitching was the best we've faced," said Brooks. "I was very impressed with it."

He said he was also pleased with the pitching of his own team. White, making his first start on the mound, struck out eight batters in four innings, before yielding to Tim Dame.

Dame went the rest of the way, surrendering two hits.

But the strong suit of the Wildcats this season has been hitting, and their batting attack Wednesday was no exception.

Centerfielder Buck Belue

slammed three singles to lead his team, while White added a single to his home run, and first baseman John Lastinger belted two singles.

Mike Lindberg and Cliff Koch shared the pitching duties for New Hyde Park, and were impressive at times in spite of allowing 10 hits between them.

Eight of those hits came off Lindberg.

"Cliff had something on the ball," said New Hyde Coach Bob Moran, who added that pitching had been expected to be his team's strongest asset.

"But it was obvious that this was our first game, that we have had a lack of work. I had hoped that we could stay a little closer with Valdosta."

"You'd have to have a real solid pitching game to beat

Valdosta."

The New York team, in town for a week of practice while its home field remains under snow, won an earlier B-team game 4-1, for its second win in three starts.

First baseman Richard Damers and shortstop Paul Zambuto showed promise for the Gladiators, finishing with two singles apiece.

"David (White) did a pretty good job," said Brooks. White, suffering from a back sprain, wore a brace prior to the game.

"Tim Dame did a good job, too," Brooks said. "We're trying to save what we feel are our ace pitchers for the region games."

"I've been well-pleased with White and Dame for third and fourth pitchers. We

needed them, and they've come through."

Wayne Fugett and Belue are regarded as the team's top two pitchers.

"We're swinging the bat good, and I'm glad of that," Brooks said. "And I'm pleased with the attitudes of the boys."

"I'd say that we're pretty equal with New Hyde Park, except that we've played a few games, and they haven't."

"All-in-all," he said, resorting to his pet phrase, "I'd rather be lucky than good, and so far we've been lucky. I've been pleased with our luck."

Valdosta takes on Crosstown rival Lowndes Friday in a Region 1-AAA

(South) duel at 4 p.m., at Bazemore Field.

**Wildcat Box**

NHP	ab	r	h	rb	VHS	ab	r	h	rb
Auler 2b	2	0	0	0	Ruff c	4	1	1	1
Bukey 2b	1	0	0	0	Powell ss	3	1	0	0
Devlin rf	3	0	1	0	Belue cf	4	3	3	1
Shrirt rf	1	0	0	0	White p	3	1	2	3
Armboss 4	0	0	0	0	Widen lf	1	0	0	0
Koch d	2	0	0	0	Fugett 3b	4	0	1	1
Ludbg, p	2	0	0	0	Dreits 2b	2	0	1	0
Wnski cf	1	0	0	0	Lstar 1b	3	1	2	0
Regio lf	2	0	0	0	Dame lf	1	1	0	0
Fiske lf	1	0	0	0	Mchrt 3	0	0	0	0
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Henson 3b	1	1	0	0					
Corio ph	0	0	0	0					
Scarnoph	0	0	0	0					

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Fugett; LOB—NHP 8, VHS 5.

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Powell, Belue; 2, Lastinger; S — Dame.

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Dame

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WP — Lindberg, Koch, Dame; PB —

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# Football Or Baseball ... Belue Has Chance At Both Of Them



Belue's Serious About Baseball  
—Times Staff Photo.

By MIKE CHASON

Don't color Buck Belue Georgia Bulldog-red just yet. The number one quarterback on the number two Class AAA high school team in the state last season may have wound up his football career on a cold night in Athens.

One week after that state championship game, he signed a grant-in-aid to return to Athens and the University of Georgia come August. But that's one bundle of room, board and books that Vince Dooley may be able to sadly stick back into his budget.

Buck Belue might become a professional baseball player.

"It looks like I'm going to have to make another big decision," Belue said Thursday afternoon only a couple of hours after his five-hit pitching performance had helped clinch the Region 1-AAA baseball title for Valdosta High School.

"I thought I was through with decisions like that for a while."

Wearing a blue and gold UCLA tank top and shorts, the 6-foot, 1-inch, 180-pounder looked every bit like the model athlete he is. Although he spoke in relaxed tones, Belue couldn't make himself sit still. He squiggled and squirmed and seemed relieved by the phone ringing.

But as he predicted the calls were always for his sister except for one unidentified caller who hung up when Belue picked up the receiver. Maybe a shy female

admirer?

"I just wish I could take a sneak peek down both roads," Belue said. "I wish I had a little crystal ball or something to tell me what's going to happen. I guess I'll just have to make one decision and not look back."

Back in December, this decision didn't seem like much of a choice at all. Belue had just completed his 47th straight game as Valdosta's starting quarterback, a feat unheard of at the best-known football school in the south.

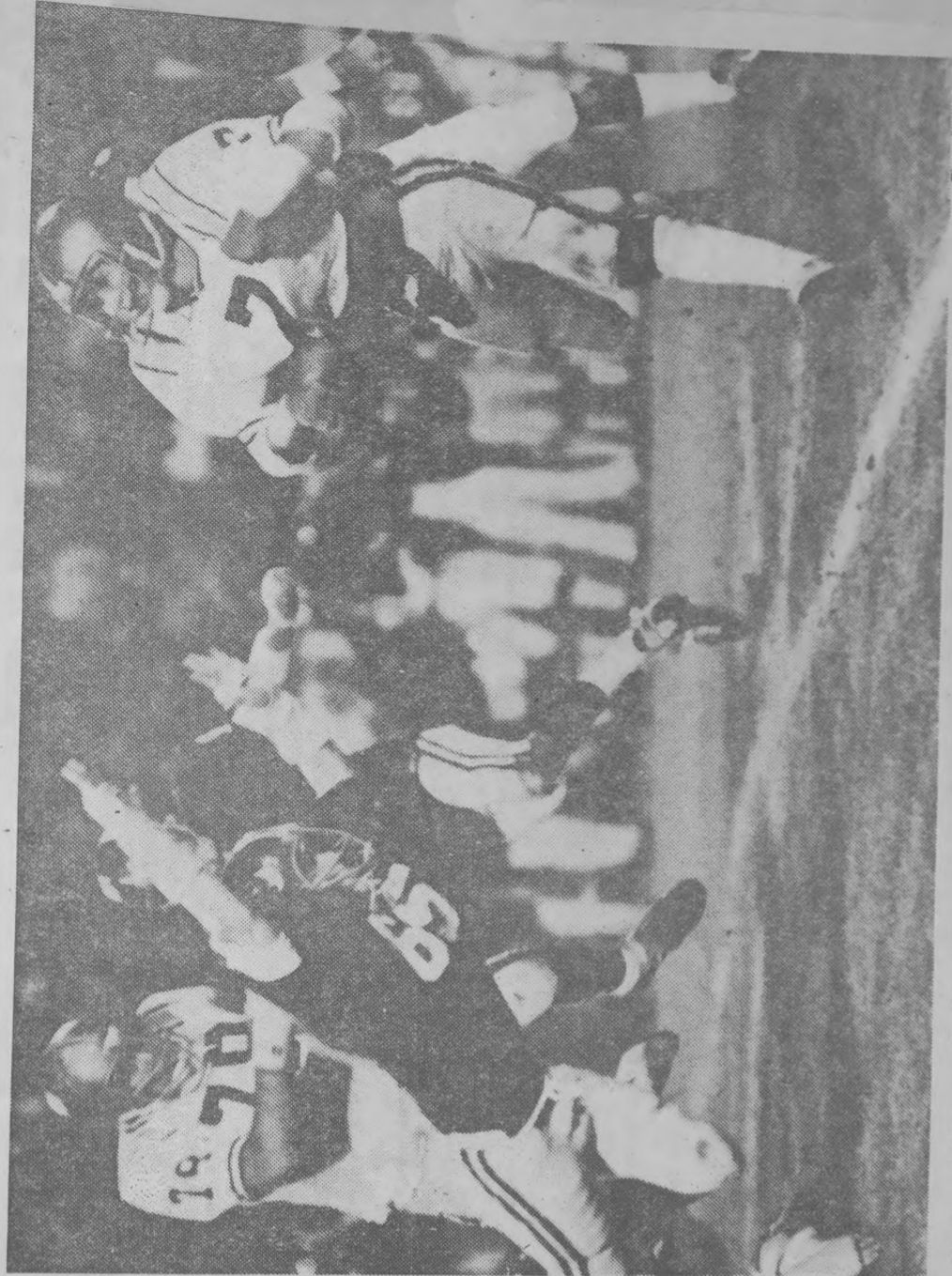
During that four-year period, the Wildcats won 34 games and lost 13 and Belue's name became a household word, partially because it's hard to forget and partially because he kept it in print by playing both basketball and baseball too.

Before this year, Belue was recognized as a good baseball player but not a great one. He played shortstop as a freshman before switching to his natural position in the outfield as a sophomore. He has been a pitcher all four years.

But it's not his mound work that's going to give him a chance to play the game Abner Doubleday so ably invented. Belue is an excellent centerfielder, has terrific acceleration on the basepaths and hit an amazing .613 during the regular season.

This 18-year-old bushy-haired kid can play.

"Since I was a little boy, I've always wanted to be a professional baseball player," Belue said. "Now when it comes right down to



Belue (7) Stands Tall Against Warner Robins Rush In South Georgia Title Game  
—Times Staff Photo.

it, I don't know. They (the pro scouts) have said I would go pretty high in the draft. But they want to know before they draft me if I'm going to play football or not.

"I can understand that. They can't waste a high draft pick. If they give me a real good offer, I don't know if I could turn it down."

"I took to baseball more than football," Belue said. "But when you grow up in Valdosta, you sorta' got to play football. But I enjoy football. It's given me a lot... maybe more than I've put

into it. "But in football, you don't know what's going to happen day to day. You can always get hurt. I've never really thought about it, but I can't picture myself playing pro (See Football, Page 13A)

# Student Press Freedom Long Enjoyed At VHS

By MARCIA McRAE  
Valdosta High School for years has been ahead of the state of California in freedom of the student press.

According to Eloise Terry, VHS journalism teacher, California recently passed a law securing the right of freedom for the student press. That's a right, she said, VHS has had for years.

Miss Terry, eight years a VHS English teacher, said only once that she knows of has the administration asked to read an article before it went into the paper.

"And that's so long ago," Miss Terry said, "I can't remember when."

"But we've never been refused to have anything put in. We've never been asked to have anything changed. We've never been told, 'You can't,'" said Miss Terry, seven years Dosta Outlook adviser.

"I trust the judgment of the teenagers today," said VHS Principal Lloyd Mims, "as well as the sponsors."

"They are being trained and are responsible enough not to outright attack any system or procedure without checking the other side to find out what it's all about," he said.

"If our young people see a problem, they'll discuss it with me but I don't intend to censor them."

"They're independent and I'm just real thankful for that."

"We do a lot of talking in class," Miss Terry said. "We talk constantly about what concerns them. Some gets into the paper, some never does."

"I think they are very mature in their outlook," she said, a statement Mims also made. "And I think this shows in their writing."

"Yes," said Frances Smith, Outlook editor, "we do have quite a bit of liberty. If we feel something is important we write about it. A lot of times we have had good results. Like with the article on reading (in the Feb. 24 edition)."

The Outlook printed a story about VHS students' reading scores and how they show the need for a reading program.

The article also said there had been a reading program until last year when the administration dropped it.

Mims told Miss Smith recently, she said, that there would be a reading program in the curriculum next year.

"It's always good," she said, "to

have something happen like that. It makes you feel like you've done something. The Outlook staff feels it did have some effect on the decision."

Mims said the Outlook article had no influence on the decision to reinstate the reading program.

He said it may have helped in rethinking the program but the teachers were available and English department head Mable Wolinski had favored the program.

Miss Terry, a Valdosta State College graduate, said unless the students can back a story by facts, they cannot even consider using it.

"I stress to the students," she said, "that what they write has to be true and backed up by facts. I will not even look at it myself if they cannot prove it or show me. They understand this when they do their writing."

"Miss Terry is excellent," said Miss Smith, who has shared the job of editor with Monti Stephens. "She really knows her journalism."

Miss Terry "inherited" the newspaper seven years ago without any training in the field.

Under her direction the paper has won state and national awards and recognition.



—Times Staff Photo.

Dosta Outlook Staffers, Adviser Terry, R, Decide On Layout For Next Edition

# Belue Says Warner Robins Game Career Highlight

During the past four years, Buck Belue is a name that has been recorded between the pages of this newspaper many times. When this writer struck up a casual acquaintance with the then 14-year-old, he called me Mister. Belue still persists in doing that occasionally but he's grown up a lot since that time.

But he had to.

Thrust into the position of quarterback in his freshman year, Belue did what few of the other great Valdosta quarterbacks have done. He started all four seasons in the signal-caller's slot. He never missed a game.

I've seen him joyously happy. I've seen him humble. I've seen him cocky. I've seen him proud... and I've seen him cry. Belue is an emotional athlete. He shakes his fist when he's mad. He raises his arms in triumph when the 'Cats do well. He shows what he is feeling. That kind of spirit makes him either a crowd-pleaser or a "hot dog" with the fans.

But whatever the reaction to him, he has been the best-known athlete to walk the halls of Valdosta High since Stan Rome.

Now, the 18-year-old Belue has a decision to make. He can either play pro baseball or continue his football career at the University of Georgia. His decision will probably depend on how high he goes in the baseball draft and how much bonus money he's offered.

I'm confident that whichever route Belue decides to take, he can be a success if that's what he really wants to do.

One thing Belue has lost since his freshman days is his shyness. I asked him some point-blank questions Thursday afternoon, and he never backed down.

But backing down is not Belue's way. Here are a few examples:

Some people say that since you get your name in the paper quite often and have been the recipient of various awards and honors that you are "stuck-up," and have a "big head."

built up like one of those Frazier-All fights.  
"Those two Thomasville games really stand out my sophomore year when we beat them over there and then won that 3-0 playoff from them."

What was the game that you remember that left you feeling the worst?

"The Jesup game." Belue said of the first round of the state playoffs during his sophomore year when Wayne County came back from a 14-0 deficit and clipped the 'Cats 15-14. "We really had a great team that year. I think we could have gone on to take the state. We had come all the way back from the bottom the year before."

How about last year's state championship when Valdosta lost to Clarke Central?

"I really thought after we beat Warner Robins, we would go on and take it then," Belue said. "They (Clarke Central) just hadn't been promoted that much. I think about that game a lot. I've still got a tape WFLD did of it. I play it sometimes."

Did the cold bother you in Athens?

"It wasn't cold down there," Belue said with a grin. "We just went to the well once too often."

What do you remember about that night?

"On the way to the game, I sat in the back of the bus by myself and just thought about all the games we had played," Belue said. "Man, it was quiet in there. We had a real close team last year."

"I think one thing that hurt us was losing Jody (Wilson). He and I, we really had our timing down. We knew what each other was going to do. But our young receivers and John (Laster) stepped in and did a good job."

Are you a "hot dog"?

"I don't try to be," Belue said. "But everywhere we go, they start picking on me first. But I sort of like it when they get on me. It makes me want to win that much more. It makes you

want to do a little better."

Did you feel any pressure as the Valdosta quarterback?  
"That first year, that was a little hard to take," Belue said of the 3-7 season the Wildcats experienced. "Being a freshman at Valdosta High School was something different. I had to grow up in a hurry."

But it's a completely different atmosphere here. I can't imagine playing at a place where they didn't emphasize sports. I think it's good that the people in the community care this much about high school kids.

"I don't believe I could live in a situation where it wasn't like that."

You've never sat on the bench... ever. Can you stand to sit on the bench at Georgia?

"I don't know how I'd handle something like that if I go that route," Belue said. "I'm looking in terms of making the traveling squad and maybe second string quarterback."

When did you start wearing number 7?

"They just handed it to me when I was a freshman," Belue said. "If I go to Georgia, I won't be wearing it anymore. (Jeff) Pyburn's got it."

Do you ever get tired of being Buck Belue with everybody always looking at you on and off the field?

"You have to be careful," Belue said. "I guess it's really kept me on the right trail."

Did losing to Lowndes get you down?

"I was hoping I'd be gone when it happened," Belue said. "People are going to look back and remember that game because it was the first time Valdosta ever lost to them. It was a big thing. The team had to get down and really get it together. That was about the lowest point you could get. It really helped us in the long run."

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# Windsor Forest Eyes Reversal

By MARTIN REGISTER

SAVANNAH — Earl Etheridge and his Windsor Forest Knights will be hoping to reverse last season's outcome when they tackle Valdosta here today at 4 p.m. in the first game of the Class AAA state high school baseball playoffs.

Valdosta gunned down the Savannah team in two games in a best-of-three playoff series last season, and bring a near-unbelievable 22-0 record into this year's first round of state tournament play.

Etheridge knows that it won't be easy for his team to do what no other team this season has been able to accomplish — particularly two times out of three.

"I know (Valdosta) Coach (Butch) Brooks and his team have several people returning from last year's squad," Etheridge said.

"They had an extremely good baseball team last year. They are well-coached, and do basic fundamentals extremely well."

"With the record they've got, they have to have some good people, and they have to do a super job."

"Last year when they beat us, we felt like we'd been beaten by the best team we'd faced all year."

"From all indications, from the statistics that we've seen, they have more power this season than they did last season. They have two of the better pitchers (Buck Belue and Wayne Fugett) in the state of Georgia."

"I'm sure that with a year's maturity, they are a better ballclub than they were last year. We'd like to hope that we'll stack up against them pretty well."

Valdosta rolled to the championship of Region 1-AAA, including a two-game sweep of Tift County (Tifton) in a playoff series.

Meanwhile, Windsor Forest finished second in Region 3-AAA in the regular season, but tripped Wayne County (Jesup) in the finals of a four-team playoff to decide the league's state playoff

representative.  
The Knights bring a 19-7 mark into their series with Valdosta.

Etheridge said that Danny Peigh, a junior with a 9-2 record, will probably start on the mound for Windsor Forest.

Fugett, 8-0, has been tabbed as the Valdosta starter by Brooks.

"We've lost a lot of games by one run," Etheridge said. "Basically over the year we've been so-so."

"We'd like for our pitching to be stronger and deeper. We're young, and we've made a lot of mistakes. But overall, the kids have responded well."

The series is to conclude Friday at Valdosta, with the second game between the two teams set to begin at 2 p.m.

A third game, if necessary, is to immediately follow.

# Thunder-Less 'Cats Clip Tift 6-0 In Opener

By MIKE CHASON

Valdosta's time-bomb offense never really went off but with Wayne Fugett on the mound, it didn't have to.

Even with something missing off his usually blazing fastball, Fugett pitched a three-hitter and helped send Valdosta's Wildcats to a 6-0 win over Tift County in the first game of the Region 1-AAA high school baseball playoffs here Wednesday.

With angry-looking gray clouds rolling in over Bazemore Field throughout the 95-minute game, Fugett and his compadres carved out their 21st victory in a row without much effort.

In fact, the hometown Wildcats needed only four hits off the Tift pitching duo of Tommy Brown and Pete Bilson.

But one of those was David White's 16th home run of the year with Buck Belue aboard and another was Mike Ruff's ninth homer, a 335-foot solo shot in the fourth.

The series shifts to Tifton today at 2 p.m. for the second game. If Tift wins, a third game is to immediately follow. If Valdosta wins, the Wildcats can start thinking about the first round of the state playoffs next week.

If Mother Nature whips both teams and leaves the field too wet to play, VHS Coach Butch Brooks said the game or games would be played Friday.

Brooks was just glad to evade the rain Wednesday.

"The ball was just dead all day," Brooks said. "I think on a dry day you would have seen several more hits. We hit the ball hard but it just didn't go anywhere."

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"I think we were a little shaky, primarily because of the weather. They really wanted to get the game in."

"I think this will relax them some. I just hope it doesn't relax them too much. We've got to be on our game all the time."

Brooks cautiously made reference to last season when Westover (Albany) shut out the 'Cats in the first game of the region playoffs and then came to Valdosta and lost two straight.

VHS didn't lose again until the state semifinals when Kendrick (Columbus) took two wins enroute to the state title.

"They're a good ballclub," Brooks said. "I'm just glad we're lucky enough to get this one behind us."

The humidity must have been near 100 percent as Fugett marched toward his eighth win without a loss this season. He struck out five and walked one.

The junior righthander with the bushy hair-do has now struck out 104 batters in 62 innings. But he didn't seem to be throwing the ball as hard as usual Wednesday.

"I was just trying to throw strikes," Fugett said. "They were hitting it a little. But throwing strikes is all I care about. I don't think I walked but one batter."

Brooks said Belue, 7-0, is to start today's first game. If a second game is necessary, either Tim Dame, 4-0, or White, 2-0, would probably start.

But Brooks has never counted out the return of Fugett.

"I think I could pitch some," Fugett said. "If I go home right now and take a hot shower and put some Ben-Gay or something on my arm, it'll be all right. I've just been trying to keep it loose."

Tift Coach Tommy Seward said either Brown or Bilson would start today's game.

The Blue Devils, now 13-8, had only one serious scoring threat.

After Fugett struck out the first two batters of the game, Ricky Boothe singled and moved to second when left-fielder David Berryhill let the ball roll past him.

Berryhill, a junior, was starting for only the second time this season.

Landy Ewing then smashed a hard chopper which bounced off second baseman Chris Daniels' glove. But Daniels picked up the ball and rifled Boothe out at the plate.

A bloop single by John Lastinger, a walk, a hit batsman and a Tift error produced three VHS runs in the second inning.

After Belue reached on the first of two errors by Tift third baseman Ed Troxell in the third, White powdered a Brown curveball over the left field scoreboard.

"He hung it up on me a little bit," White said.

White has now hit at least one home run in 14 of the 21 Valdosta games. Belue, who came into the game batting a team-leading .613, went hitless in four trips.

It was only the second time all season the dependable senior hasn't scratched in the hit column.

Ruff's homer capped the scoring for both teams in the fourth about the time the first crash of thunder peeled over the crowd, which by then was keeping one eye on the skies.

Seward didn't seem displeased at all with his team's performance.

"We played a good game," he said. "Their pitcher pitched a good game but we hit the ball. If we had just gotten a few breaks and scored a run here or there, it might have been different."

### Wildcat Box

TCHS	abr	r	h	rbi	VHS	abr	r	h	rbi
Smith	cf	3	0	0	Ruff	c	4	1	1
Wills	2b	3	0	0	Powell	ss	3	0	1
Booth	1b	2	0	1	Belue	cf	4	1	0
Ewing	c	3	0	1	White	3b	2	1	2
Truel	3b	3	0	1	Daniels	2b	1	0	0
Baker	ss	3	0	0	Lisgr	1b	3	1	1
Hahn	dh	3	0	0	Fugett	p	1	0	0
Thomsen	lf	2	0	0	Dame	rf	2	0	0
Casert	1	0	0	0	Cpmndh	2	0	0	1
Browmp	0	0	0	0	Berthlf	0	0	0	0
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E	—Berryhill, Daniels, Boothe, Troxell 12.			
LOB	—TCHS 4, VHS 9.			
HR	—Ruff, White; SB — Daniels, Lastinger, Belue, White.			
IP	—L. 7.3			
Brown	(L. 7.3)			
Bilson	4 4 6 3 4 1			
Fugett	(W. 8.0)			
HBP	—Fugett by Brown, Chapman by Bilson; WP — Bilson.			



Wayne Fugett Slides Into The Dancing Tag Of Tift County Catcher Landy Ewing  
—Times Staff Photo by Mike Dowse

# Wildcats Win 6-4, Survive Shaky Ending

By MIKE CHASON  
SAVANNAH — On a clear, cloudless day approaching mid-May, the streak could have come to an end.

But it didn't. Valdosta's Wildcats waited a full four innings before touching the charge on their dynamite bats and then had to snuff out a last gasp effort by Windsor Forest to claim a 6-4 high school baseball win here Wednesday.

The victory in the first round of the Class AAA state playoffs left the now 23-0 Wildcats with a 1-0 edge in the best-of-three series.

The second game is scheduled in Valdosta at 2 p.m. Friday. If Windsor Forest, now 19-8, wins that game, a third game is to immediately follow.

The playoff winner ad-

vances to the South Georgia Championship next week at the site of an undetermined opponent.

"When you win, you can't get upset about it," VHS Coach Butch Brooks said. "But you can try to correct the mistakes. And by Friday, I think we can correct them."

"We're going to try to have a little better showing on Friday. This is a very good ballclub we're playing."

Windsor Forest came within one clutch hit of ending Valdosta's amazing streak, which is almost unheard of in prep baseball circles.

Taking advantage of a sudden lack of control by Wildcat pitcher Wayne Fugett, the Knights loaded the bases via three walks in the bottom of the final inning.

Centerfielder Mark Fisher

then doubled to right-centerfield for the second time in the game and knocked in all three runners.

With two outs, Brooks gave Fugett a chance at one more batter. But the hard-throwing junior walked Roy Babot.

Brooks signaled for junior righthander Tim Dame to come in from right field but Dame had no better luck. He walked Wes Lanier to load the bases.

With the expression on his now rock-like face becoming gloomier by the second, Brooks brought in senior righthander Buck Belue to put out the now roaring flame.

Belue, no stranger to tight situations, struck out Mike Brantley. He raised both arms in the air, VHS catcher Mike Ruff did the same and

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loss.

"I couldn't get it over," Fugett said. "When I was warming up, I pulled something in my shoulder warming up on this flat ground. I didn't have a mound to warm up on."

Brooks believed every one of the three pitchers he used was going to get the final out.

"I thought Wayne was going to get it," Brooks said. "Then I thought Dame was

the streak was intact.

"I wanted to come in," Belue said. "I wanted to come in after Wayne left. But Tim had done a good job for us all year. He (Brooks) told me just to rear back and throw it."

"I'm glad he (Brantley) helped me out a little by swinging at that high pitch."

Fugett wanted the complete game but he's glad to get his ninth win without a

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"I didn't know if it was going over, but I knew I got

all of it," Lastinger said. At the time, Lastinger's homer seemed like icing on the cake. As it turned out, it was the margin of victory.

VHS	abr	r	h	rb	W	F	H	S
Ruff	c	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Pweiss	ss	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Belue	cf	4	0	2	2	0	0	0
White	3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Dan	2b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Lyr	1b	3	2	1	2	0	0	0
Fugett	p	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dame	r	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comch	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Wrmf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	6	8	6	24	4	5	4

Valdosta	W	F	H	S
W. Forest	000	013	2-4-8-0	
E. Babot, Long 2;	100	000	3-4-5-3	
2B — Peigh, Fisher 2, Belue, Chapman;				
HR — Lastinger; SB — Fugett; S — Riddle, Lanier, Powell 2, Lastinger, Fugett, Daniels.				
Fugett (W, 9-0)	ip	r	e	r
Dame	6	2	5	4
Belue	0	0	0	0
Peigh	1	3	0	0
White (L, 9-3)	7	8	5	4
HBP — Jenkins by Fugett; WP — Fugett				

# VHS Streak On Line In Playoff

By MIKE CHASON  
Before the season began, Valdosta High School's baseball Wildcats set a goal for themselves many would have figured foolish.

But so far, that goal of an undefeated season hasn't seemed too foolish at all to the VHS opponents in 22 straight games.

But now comes the ultimate test... the state playoffs. Can the streak continue?

"I think our chances are as good as anybody else's," Valdosta Coach Butch Brooks said as he prepared his team for a 4 p.m. first round encounter with Windsor Forest in Savannah Wednesday.

"Anytime you're in a championship playoff, either team's chances are good. It's just according to

advances to the South Georgia championship next week. Friday's game or games are to be the last ones at home for the 'Cats even if they move on to further competition.

The final two rounds of the state playoffs are to be played away from Valdosta.

But no team so far has been able to stop the streak, at home or on the road.

"We decided at the first of the year that an undefeated season was our first goal," Brooks said. "We really wanted to win the subregion and then the region but they wanted to remain undefeated too."

"It's there. They know it's there. But if they have

to lose one to win each area (of the playoffs), they'll do what it takes."

Overconfidence has not been a detrimental factor in the season so far, according to Brooks.

"They've got their heads screwed on right," he said. "Especially my seniors. We're trying to take them one at a time and not shooting for the state championship right now."

"If we don't take it, I don't think we have a thing to be ashamed of. We've played some good baseball for the people here. But hopefully, we'll go on."

Wayne Fugett, 8-0, has been tabbed by Brooks to start Wednesday's game. The junior fireballer threw

a three-hit shutout against Tift County (Tifton) last Wednesday in the first game of the region playoffs.

"We'll come back with (Buck) Belue (8-0) in the second game," Brooks said. "If there's a third game, we'll go with (Tim) Dame or David White or my sophomore, David New. We could possibly come back with Fugett."

Belue handcuffed Tift in a five-hitter in Valdosta's 13-1 second game victory Friday.

"From all the information that I can gather, Windsor Forest will be the toughest team we've come up against all year," Brooks said. "From the pro

scouts that I've talked to who have seen them play, they think it will be a nip-and-tuck series.

"From what I gather, their pitching is excellent. They hit the ball well, play good defense and are fundamentally sound. Last year, we beat them four-two, four-two or something like that. They were real young last year."

Brooks said the Windsor Forest infield is without grass, a condition the Wildcats have had to cope with on very few occasions.

"When you're used to playing on grass, the ball just seems to get there quicker on the all-skin infield," he said.

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# Valdosta Solid Up The Middle



CHRIS DANIELS  
Batting .424

By Times Staff Writer  
Longtime baseball logic has it that the strength of any good team lies up the middle.

Valdosta Coach Butch Brooks agrees with that bit of wisdom and believes his 23-0 Wildcats are solid in that department.

"Defense and pitching, that's what we mainly work on," Brooks said as his team prepared for today's 2 p.m. matchup against Windsor Forest in the first round of the Class AAA playoffs here.

"I bet we hit three or four hundred ground balls a day. The two keys are not walking people and playing good defense."

Up the middle, the Wildcat infield features second baseman Chris Daniels and shortstop Mark Powell. Both are seniors and both carry hot bats.

Daniels hit .424 during the

regular season, and Powell hit .387. Daniels swatted three regular season home runs and added another in the Region 1-AAA playoff against Tift County last week.

Powell had five homers during the regular season.

Both promise to be key figures when the Wildcats and the Knights clash in the second game of their best-of-three series today. VHS won the first game 6-4 Wednesday.

"I think both of them are college prospects," Brooks said. "Both of them can definitely play junior college ball. They may not play the positions they're at now. But they can be moved around."

"They're good mature young men. I just can't get over their attitudes. I can chew them out, and they come right back and do a good job."

Brooks called Powell "the most unselfish kid I've got" when he successfully sacrifice bunted the ball twice during Wednesday's game.

Buck Belue, 8-0, is to pitch today's first game for Valdosta. If Windsor Forest wins that game, Tim Dame, 4-0, or David White, 2-0, could get the call in the second one.

Bryan Reasoner, 6-1, is to throw today for Windsor Forest, 19-8.

The Valdosta-Windsor Forest winner faces either Kendrick (Columbus) or Southwest Macon in the South Georgia championship series next week.

Kendrick, last year's state champion, defeated Southwest 5-3 in Wednesday's first game of their series. The two teams are scheduled to play again today in Columbus.



MARK POWELL  
'Most Unselfish'

## Y. Times 5-16-78 Hardaway Repeats Title, Wildcats Finish Fourth

By Times Staff Writer  
MARIETTA — For the second consecutive year, Hardaway is the Class AAA state high school golf champion.

The Columbus school had a 316 score on the Indian Hills Country Club course here Monday in cold, wet weather conditions.

Sprayberry was second at 318 followed by Glynn Academy at 323, Valdosta at 325, Newnan at 328, Lakeside at 330, Clarkston at 333 and Richmond Academy at 333.

Tripp Kuhlke of Westside was the tournament medalist, carving out a 72 score. Kuhlke's team did not make the tournament but as the Region 4-AAA medalist, he earned the right to participate.

Valdosta, which finished fifth last season, was led by Ty Edwards and Lew Richardson with scores of 79. Rusty Trancygier had an 83, and Trip Singletary



JACK RUDOLPH  
Bad Day For Golf

shot 84.

Buck Blanton's 85 and Mike McLeod's 87 did not figure into the team scoring. Only the top four finishers are included in the final total.

"It was raining Monday morning, and I think the high for the day was 44," VHS Coach Jack Rudolph said. "It was just a raw day. Our kids weren't prepared for that kind of day."

"I was hoping for a better finish but we improved 12 to 15 strokes over what we did last year. Under the conditions, all the guys did their best and played as hard as they could."

"Everybody was having a difficult day under those conditions."

Valdosta captured the Region 1-AAA title this season for the second straight year. Blanton is the team's only senior.

"It was a much closer tournament than it was last year," Rudolph said. "Hardaway won it by 17 or 18 strokes last year."

The state tournament is tentatively scheduled to be held in Valdosta next year.

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# VHS Golfers Go After AAA Title

By Times Staff Writer

MARIETTA — Anything can happen, and Valdosta High School golf coach Jack Rudolph is hoping that it will, when his team tees off in the state class AAA golf tourney here Monday.

Rudolph's Wildcats, easily the champions of Region 1-AAA, will be making their second straight trip to the state tournament at Indian Hills Country Club here.

Last season, Valdosta wound up fifth in the state.

Rudolph is hoping the experience his team gained last season will help this time. Many members of last season's VHS team are back this year.

Buck Blanton, Ty Edwards, Rusty Trancygier, Trip Singletary, Lew Richardson, David Parker and Mike McLeod are to make the trip here.

Six are to play in the tournament, with the seventh serving as an alternate. The top four

scores for each team are taken to determine the final score.

"We've got a couple of things going for us," Rudolph said. "One, most of the boys played this same course last year.

"Buck is really the only one who has not seen the course.

"Also, two-thirds of our golf team competed on the state level last year. They shouldn't be as nervous about it this time."

Each player will be competing as an individual and as a member of a team when action begins at 10 a.m.

The low four individual scorers are to receive trophies for their work.

Rudolph said that he didn't really know what to expect at the state meet.

Region 1-AAA held its tournament a week

before most of the state's other leagues.

"The only team that I know for sure will be there is Hardaway, from Columbus," Rudolph said. "They're the defending state champions.

"They lost three of six players from last year, and one of those was the national junior champion.

"But they've got three coming back from last year who scored under 76 on this same course, so I know they've got another real fine ballclub.

"I know Hardaway will be the team to beat. They've got a really fine golf program down there. But in a one-day tournament like this, anything can happen.

"If we can shoot somewhere around our capabilities, if I can get four kids who can break 80, we'll have a chance.

"Really, though, trying to map out something about how a high school tournament like this one will go is almost impossible."

## Streak Is Ended, To 'Cats' Relief

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COLUMBUS — The streak is no more.

Now Valdosta's Wildcats can get down to more important business — like winning the Georgia Class AAA baseball title.

Their 7-0 South Georgia series-clinching win over defending state champion Columbus Kendrick's Thursday assured the Wildcats of the state playoff berth opposite Atlanta Peachtree, but Valdosta won't accomplish the considerable feat of completing the season unbeaten.

The Region 1-AAA champions hadn't learned what it was to lose before their best-of-three playoff series. The Wildcats had won 24 straight going into Wednesday's games and made it 25 with a 3-0 win over the Cherokees in the opener.

But the bottom finally fell out for the 'Cats in the second game of the series. Valdosta could have wrapped up the title by winning the contest, but Kendrick's came out a 6-4 winner.

The streak was broken, and to add insult to injury, the Cherokees knocked Valdosta ace Buck Belue out of the box in breaking it.

The senior righthander gave up only three hits, but two of them were home runs, including a grand slam blast by Kendrick's Eddie Jamieson.

But Valdosta Coach Butch Brooks isn't insulted, he's relieved.

Because, Brooks feels, the skein-snapping loss could be the reason why the Wildcats are in the finals.

"Losing that game got us cranked up," the Wildcat coach claimed after his team had wrapped up the South Georgia title. "I believe it helped us to get beat. That winning streak really put the pressure on us.

"It (the loss) really helped our attitude."

Apparently, there never was anything wrong with Wayne Fugett's attitude.

"He pitched shutout ball over 17 innings and gave up three hits," Brooks said. "What a pitching job."

And there were plenty of plaudits for the Wildcat seniors, particularly third baseman David White, who went three-for-four with a pair of triples and drove in three runs.

"I was a bit rough on them (the team) after the first innings (of Thursday's game)," Brooks said, "but then our seniors started coming through.

"They really did do an excellent job for us. They had been in a slump the past three or four games, but they really did do an excellent job for us Thursday."

Now, the only job left for Brooks' seniors — and the rest of the Wildcats — is to capture that state title.

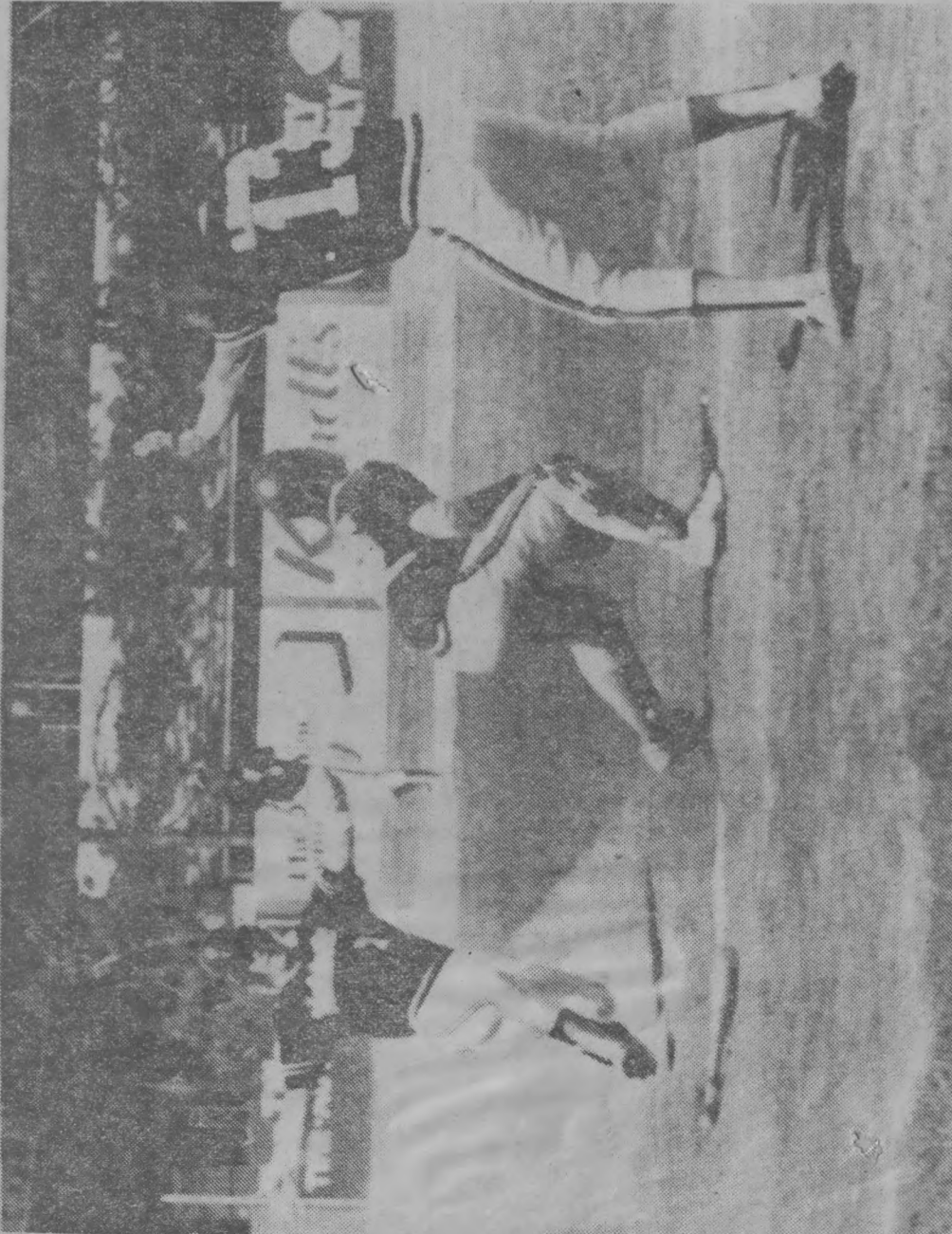


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White (3 showing) Eludes Ammons, Beats Out a Single

# One Step Left

## 'Cats Claw Kendrick 7-0 To Advance To Finals



Valdosta's Buck Belue Slides Home As Chris Daniels (13) Gives All Clear Signal

### White Thinking Homer, Announces UGA Pact

By Times Staff Writer  
COLUMBUS, Ga. — David White was definitely thinking inside-the-park home run. White walloped an Eddie Jamieson pitch 400 feet into centerfield in the fifth inning here Thursday to drive in two runs and help send Valdosta High School to a 7-0 series clinching baseball playoff victory over Kendrick.

The ball took one bounce and hit a monstrous green wall in dead center field. In most parks it would have cleared the fence easily. It was White's second triple of the game.

"I was thinking about it

regular season. He set an alltime Valdosta High School record with 15 home runs. He has hit one more homer in the playoffs.

Valdosta finished with a 20-0 regular season record and added five more games to that streak before bowing to Kendrick 6-4 Wednesday night.

"We wanted to go undefeated but it really didn't enter into anybody's mind until we got 24-0," White said. The senior third baseman injured his knee slightly when he slid into third base during the game.

White said the scholarship

By MIKE CHASON  
COLUMBUS, Ga. — The age of iron-armed pitchers has returned. Wayne Fugett is living proof.

With Valdosta's Wildcats facing a must-win situation in the Class AAA high school baseball playoffs, the junior righthander stepped to the hill and did what he's done all season... win.

Fugett's one-hit shutout enabled Valdosta to claim a 7-0 victory over Kendrick in the deciding game of the best-of-three series for the South Georgia Championship at Golden Park here Thursday.

It also earned Fugett the most outstanding player award of the series and gave him his second complete game in two days. He pitched a two-hitter Wednesday in a 3-0 VHS win in the opener and then had one and 2-3 innings of hitless relief work in a 6-4 second game loss.

The win sent Valdosta, now 26-1, into the state finals against Peachtree (Atlanta) next Friday.

Peachtree downed Southwest Dekalb 6-0 in the deciding game of their best-of-three series for the North Georgia championship Thursday.

VHS Principal Lloyd Mims said this morning the first game of the best-of-three series for the state championship is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. one week from today at Dekalb Central stadium in Atlanta.

The second game is scheduled for 1 p.m. a week from Saturday. If a third game is necessary, it is to immediately follow the second game.

"I felt great," Fugett said, with the sweat still glistening on his brow from his effort on the hot afternoon. "I warmed up about an hour before the game and got really loose. "I was ready."

Fugett, now 11-0, didn't know until he warmed up that he was going to be the starting pitcher. VHS Coach Butch Brooks had earlier announced David White was the probable starter.

"I wanted to come back," Fugett said. "I didn't have all my speed on the ball but my curve was breaking today. I was just trying to throw strikes."

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Valdosta what I think were three pretty good ballgames before they go into the finals."

Mallory said he felt confident before the afternoon began that the Cherokees were enroute to the state title round again.

But then he saw Fugett walk to the mound.

"I didn't want to see him again," Mallory said. "But I still didn't think he could shut us out like he did, especially after we hit the ball hard in the first couple of innings."

"He's definitely the best pitcher we've seen this year, and he might be the best we see in the next three or four years."

Kendrick has been shut out twice in the last two years. Fugett was responsible both times.

As well as his pitching heroics, Fugett came up with the first hit of the game, a double which dropped into a hole in right field in the second inning. Tag Welch came in to run for him and scored when Mike Ruff singled.

Brian Ammons, who pitched in the lone Kendrick victory but played first base Thursday, nicked Fugett for the Cherokees' only hit in the bottom of the second.

Brooks' pep talk affected at least two seniors in the third inning when White tripled to the Colonial Bread sign in right center to knock in another senior, Mark Powell, who had singled.

In the fifth, Ruff walked and centerfielder Buck Belue reached on an error by Kendrick shortstop John Metasavage.

White then smacked a tremendous drive to straightaway center field which hit the jugs green wall 410 feet away on one bounce. He wound up with another triple.



WAYNE FUGETT MVP Of Series

John Lastinger's double and three Kendrick errors scored Belue and White with the final runs in the seventh inning.

Lastinger had two hits on the day. The junior first baseman was easily Valdosta's top hitter with six hits in eight official trips to the plate in the three games.

In direct contrast, Belue, the leading hitter on the team during the regular season with a .613 average, was one for 11 in the series. He doubled in the second game.

Valdosta had two players injured in the game.

Tim Dame's bunt attempt in the sixth inning fouled off his head, and White twisted his knee slightly when he stole third base in the seventh.

Neither player is expected to miss the state championship round.

Dame made a great catch on a sinking liner off the bat of Ammons in the fourth inning.

"I knew right then it could be just a day for the Wildcats," Mallory said.

In the end, he was right.

VHS	ab	r	h	rb	KMS	ab	r	h	rb
Ruff, c	3	1	1	1	Alkndr, cf	3	0	0	0
Fugett, p	2	0	0	0	Wispse, ss	3	0	0	0
White, 3b	2	2	3	3	Jmsh, lf-p	3	0	0	0
Daniels, 2b	4	0	1	1	Morris, c	2	0	0	0
Lastinger, 1b	4	0	2	1	Jmsh, lf	3	0	0	0
Fugett, p	4	0	1	0	Grn, lf	3	0	0	0
Dame, rf	1	0	0	0	Kndr, rf	1	0	0	0
Widn, ph	1	0	0	0	Baird, 2b	1	0	0	0
Beryhl, rf	1	0	0	0	Jm Lstr, rf	1	0	0	0
Chpmn, dh	1	0	0	0	New, ph	1	0	0	0
Mrn, lf	1	0	0	0	Vlntni, p	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	30	7	9	6	TOTALS	21	0	10	0

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