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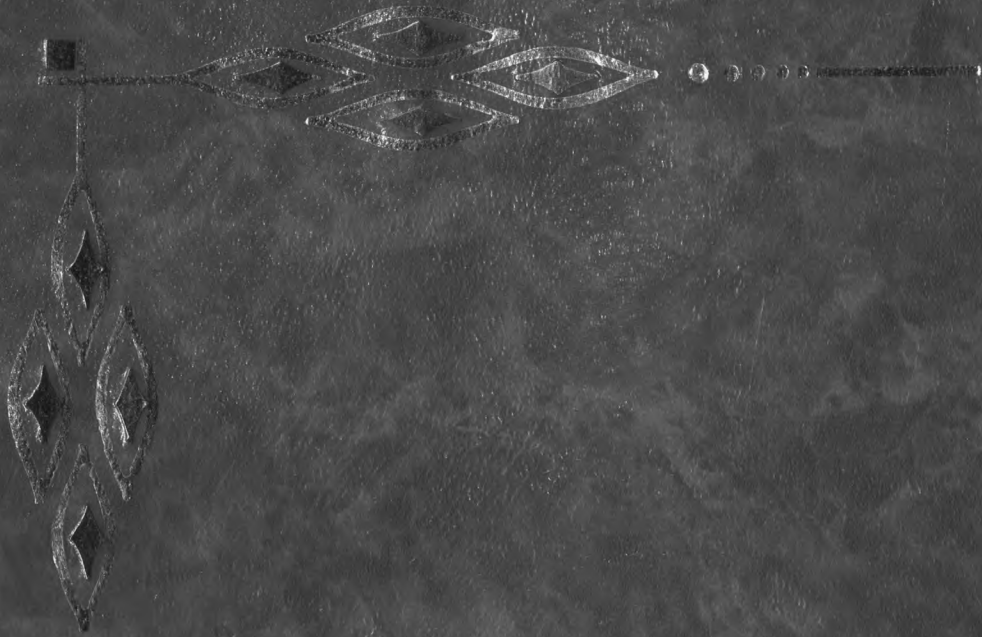
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Wildcats Thump Blue Devils

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Valdosta's Wildcats started slowly but finished fast as they turned back Tift County's Blue Devils, 27-0 in a Region 1-AAA high school football game here Friday night.

Coach Charles Greene's 'Cats tallied just one time in the

| STATISTICS | | Valdosta | Tift |
|-----------------|-------|----------|------|
| First Downs | ----- | 15 | 8 |
| Yards Rushing | ----- | 208 | 69 |
| Yards Passing | ----- | 81 | 83 |
| Passes | ----- | 6-17 | 7-19 |
| Passes Intc. by | ----- | 1 | 1 |
| Fumbles Lost | ----- | 0 | 2 |
| Punting | ----- | 5-23.6 | 7-31 |
| Penalties | ----- | 6-50 | 5-43 |

first half, with the lone TD before intermission coming midway the second period.

Then 'Dosta fired off a three-touchdown volley in the last two periods to win by a comfortable margin. From start to finish Valdosta's defensive unit, with aggressive and alert play, kept a tight lid on the Imps' attack.

With the triumph, which came before a crowd of approximately 8,500. VHS boosted its overall record to 8-1 and its regional chart to 7-1. The loss was the first after five consecutive wins for coach Wilbur Lofton's Blue Devils from Tifton. The Imps are now 5-4 after nine league tilts.

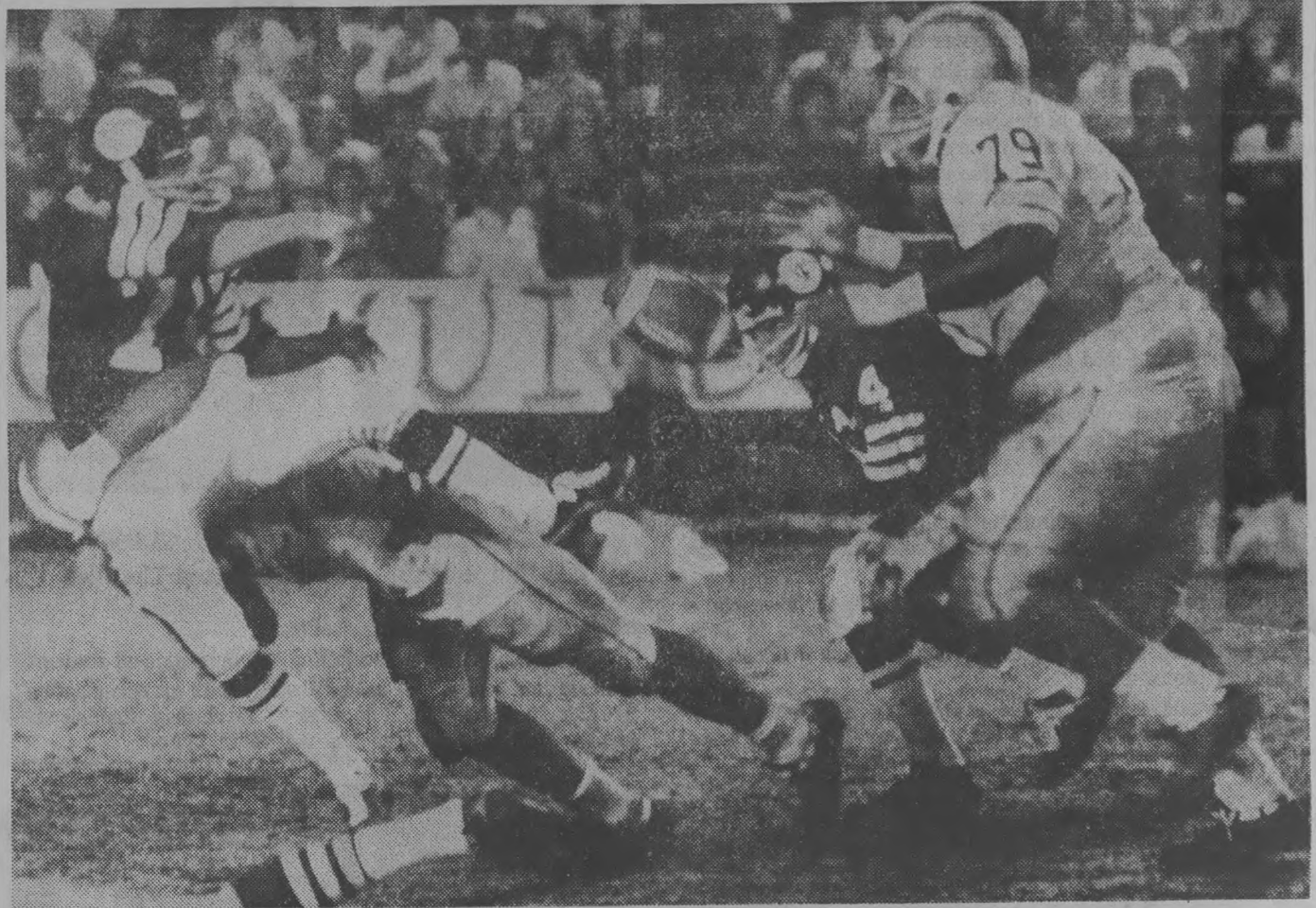
"It took us a while to really get going, but we did finish strong," Valdosta grid boss Greene said after the game. "I was pleased with how well our running attack worked and our defensive unit did a really fine job. It was another good team effort."

With the strong running attack Greene mentioned, the 'Cats accounted for 208 yards and three of their four TDs.

The Wildcats' didn't break a scoreless deadlock until midway the second period when quarterback Bruce Hilton broke loose and romped 41 yards down to Tift's two. Three plays later Hilton scored from the one on a QB-sneak. George Roundtree came on to kick the first of what was to be three extra points for him.

VHS' second touchdown came on a drive which started early in the third period. It was 15-play ground assault which covered 76 yards. Key gainers included a 22-yard romp by fullback Pat O'Neal and a 12-yard sprint by Hilton. O'Neal got the TD on a one-yard run.

A pass interception by VHS safety man Gary Rowe set up the first of the Wildcats' two fourth period tallies. Rowe picked off a Blue Devils aerial and



—Times Staff Photo

Tift Quarterback Ronnie Whitehead Squelched By Valdosta Defensive Tackle David Mitchell

ran it back 22 yards to the Tift 23.

A penalty moved the 'Cats back out to the 38, but Hilton then connected with end Luther Blue with a scoring aerial—which covered 38 yards.

In the final minutes of play Valdosta, helped along by two penalties, moved 45 yards in seven plays to score again. Halfback James Savage got the TD on a one-yard run.

For the night Valdosta had 15 first downs and 289 yards (208 rushing and 81 passing)

in total offense. The leading rushers were O'Neal, with 84 yards on 15 carries, and Hilton, who legged it for 64 yards on six tries. Hilton's passing total was 6-16-81.

Valdosta's hard-hitting and alert defensive unit limited Tift to eight first downs and 152 yards (69 rushing and 83 passing) in total offense.

The Imps had the football inside VHS' 30 on just two occasions. The first came in the opening stanza when a short VHS punt of eight yards put Tift at the Wildcats' 21. This

threat ended when tackle David Mitchell recovered a Blue Devil fumble at the 25.

Tift got a drive going in the fourth period and had moved from its own 44 to the Valdosta 25. This threat was halted when the Wildcats' Roundtree recovered a Blue Devils fumble.

Besides his key pass interception which set up a touchdown, Rowe was 'Dosta' leading tackler with nine individual stops. Among the others who scored high in this department were Mitchell, (6), linebackers Jack

Sullivan (6) and Ronald Daniels (5) and interior lineman Gary Irby (4). A total of 15 times Tift ball carriers were nailed either behind or at the line of scrimmage.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta—Hilton 6-64, O'Neal 15-84, Savage 7-22, Daniels 6-25, King 1-4, Demps 1-2, Berrien 1-1, Blue 1-7, Tift — Whitehead 6-24, McClendon 13-46, Robinson 5-9, Graham 3 minus 10
 Passing: Valdosta — Hilton 6-16-81, Demps 0-1-0; Tift—Whitehead-7-19-83
 Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Rome 1-9 Roundtree 1-14, Demps 1-3, Savage 1-12, Blue 2-43; Tift—Graham 5-68, Hill 1-9, Brown 1-6
 Kickoff Returns: Tift — Robinson 2-19, Brown 3-41
 Defense (Number of Tackles): Valdosta—Rowe 9, Mitchell 6, Sullivan 6, Ron Daniels 5, Irby 4, Rowe 3, Daniels 3, Wilbon 3, A. Cooper 3, D. Williams 3; Tift — Bell 7, Bryant 6, Dill 5, McMillian 5, Young 4, A. Brown 4, Swain 3, Goodman 3, Coarsey 3, Gurr

LINEUPS

Valdosta
 Ends: Johnson, Roundtree, Rome, Blue, Miller, James Berrien.
 Tackles: Johnson, Brantley, Irby, Mitchell, Wilbon, Moorehead, Dodson.
 Guards: Ronald, Daniels, Sullivan, Christian, Register, Hutchens, Franklin, Wetherington.
 Centers: Scruggs, Banksion.
 Backs: Hilton, Cooper, Lane, Richardson, Williams, Rowe, O'Neal, Savage, Berrien, Robert Daniels, Emory Williams, Waters, Jerry Daniel, Billy Berrien, Coachman, Elliott.

Tift
 Ends: Gurr, Brown, Swain, Hill,
 Tackles: Bell, Tabor, Young, Rousey,
 Guards: Bryant, Wiggins, McMillian, Dill,
 Centers: Ponder, Brown, Lord,
 Backs: Whitehead, Graham, Coarsey, Potts, Smith, McClendon, Goodman.

Score by Quarters:

| | | | | |
|----------|---|---|----|----|
| Valdosta | 0 | 7 | 13 | 27 |
| Tift | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Scoring: Valdosta — TDs-O'Neal (1 yd. run), Hilton (1 yd. run), Blue (38 yd. pass from Hilton), Savage (1 yd. run); PATs—Roundtree 3 (placements).

Stab Wounds All In A Day's Work

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A stab wound, a bump on the head or finding the point of a seven-foot flag pole in your mouth is just all in a day's work to about 20 Valdosta High School students.

These young men are all members of VHS's rifle swinging and flag spinning drill team which delights fans every Friday night with a display of precision, sometimes unusual, drill demonstrations.

Heading the three segment team are Dale Barnes, 18, Bobby Bowdon, 17, and Willie Bryant, 17. The trio are captains of the flag corps, rifle team and honor guard which comprise the drill teams. All seniors, they are second year participants in the teams which began in 1965 with just four boys.

There are now six boys each in the rifle team and flag corps and five in the honor guard.

The captains gave up their flags and rifles to direct their units and now carry

swords which sometimes leads to problems, according to Barnes. "I spun the sword around once and flipped it in the air and it came down into the web of my hand between my thumb and forefinger," he said. "It is really funny how some of the things that happen out there on the field aren't funny at the time."

He related another occasion last year when he was working with the flag corps when the pole he was using came apart leaving him only about a foot of pole to work with. "Mr. B. (Frank Butenschon, band director) was taking video tape of the performance and it really looked so ridiculous that we had to stop the show," he said.

Bryant said on one occasion during a show he twirled his flag around in a tight formation when the routine called for him to lay the flag around in a tight formation and when the routine called for him to lay the flag down, he got clubbed on the head by another pole being carried by the man next to him. "It was funny, I guess, but it did hurt a little," he grinned.

A sticky situation Bowdoin found himself in occurred during his flag corps days last year. "I was walking forward with the flag pole stretched out almost horizontal and I had to cross with a rifle team guy," said Bowdoin. "Well, I guess the pole was a little too far out because I stuck the end of the pole in the other guy's mouth. He really bent way back to keep himself from getting stuck."

Barnes leads the rifle team this year while Bryant guides the six-man flag corps. Bowdoin has the job of "guarding" the honor guard.

Under American Legion rules for displaying the flag, the American flag has to have a guard within 30 inches of

it and when the two rifemen are assigned to perform, Bowcoin must step in and guard the flag.

"The points on the swords are sharp as is the edge of the tip but that is about as dangerous as they get," he said.

All became interested in the drill team by watching their predecessors either before high school or during their sophomore years. Most learned what they needed to know by watching with the exception of Barnes.

"Dale learned how by spinning a broom," said Bowdoin. "I taught him."

All three expressed a little disappointment about their stay with the band being cut short this year because of the football team apparently being out of the state championship playoffs.

"You see, football games are where we show off most of our routines and since we lost to Moultrie this year it looks like we will have a short season," said Barnes.

But there might be a few more shows for them to get into. "You know, Mr. B stands around and tells us we might go to a contest and then one day we find out we are going," said Barnes.

If they do go to a few contests this year, the drill team is going to be in good shape, said Bowdoin. "We have the routines worked out real good now and we are ready for anything," he said.

Butenschon has nothing but praise for the three captains.

"These guys recruit their members, hold their auditions and teach the routines," said Butenschon. "The only time a director has to get involved is if we see them doing something really wrong on the field or we want to get them to move to a certain place. They really do all the work and leave me to the band."

Bandroom Is Broken Into

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Burglars walked away with an estimated \$20 in cash after breaking into the Valdosta High School bandroom here over the weekend.

Police said burglars broke one of the lower windows in the building on Slater Street and reached through to unlock it to gain entry.

The thieves ransacked drawers and filing cabinets before finally leaving with \$15 taken from a cash box in one of the cabinets and about \$5 taken from a cash box in one of the cabinets and about \$5 taken from a drawer, police said.

They also left \$10 damage to the window, reports show.

In other activity, police reported:

— Joseph Smith reported someone fired a gunshot at his house Friday.

Smith said he heard something hit his house and went outside to find Roy Rouse, who had been visiting his neighbors. Rouse and Smith found a bullet had hit Smith's front door and called police.

Police said they removed a 25-caliber bullet from the front door. Rouse told them he had heard a noise but didn't see anyone.

— Someone reportedly shot a windshield of a Valdosta man's car with an air rifle while he was at the South Georgia Legion Fair here Friday night.

Don Cross said he left his car parked in front of 1907 Cypress St., while he went to the fair and returned to find the \$150 damage.

— At the same time Cross' car was being shot at, someone was taking a spare tire belonging to R. L. Hendricks of Rte. 1 at Regent Mobile Homes on East Cypress Street.

Hendricks said he parked his 1972 pickup truck at 9 p. m. and returned to find the spare tire missing at 11 p. m. The tire was a G-78-15 General brand valued at \$35.

— Barbara Bowden of 507 Pinetree Drive reported someone took her boys' Western Flyer bicycle while it was parked in her front yard during the past three days.

The bike was valued at \$50.

Touchdown Club To Show Films

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Touchdown Club has scheduled a meeting tonight at Mathis Auditorium, according to George Smith, President.

Smith said films of last Friday's Valdosta-Tift County football contest, won by VHS, 27-0, are to be shown at the 7:30 p.m. meeting.

'Dosta, Lowndes Host Loop Foes

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta is full of the devil, but Lowndes is loaded for bear.

Coach Charles Greene's Valdosta Wildcats are scheduled to host Tift County's Blue Devils from Tifton, while coach Noel George's Lowndes Vikings are to take on Bainbridge's Bearcats here tonight, highlighting the weekend's high school football slate involving area teams.

The Valdosta - Tift contest is slated to begin at 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field. The kickoff for the Lowndes - Bainbridge contest is also 8 p. m. with the game to be played at Martin Stadium.

Other games tonight include Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) at Bacon County (Alma), Ware County (Waycross) at Cook (Adel), Americus at Brooks County (Quitman), Hamilton County (Jasper) at Jefferson County (Monticello), and Taylor County (Perry) at Madison.

Clinch County's Panthers from Homerville have an open date this weekend and are idle.

Valdosta carries a 7-1 region record and a 6-1 overall mark into the Region 1-AAA contest with coach Wilbur Lofton's Blue Devils (5-3).

Tift has come on strong and won five straight since losing its first three games of the season, while Valdosta's only loss was a 42-14 decision to league power Moultrie.

At Martin Stadium, meanwhile, Lowndes is to host Bainbridge for the Viking's home-

Coach Ron Peterson's Madison Cougars, meanwhile, carry a 1-6 slate into their hosting of Taylor County, Madison's only win was a 66-0 thumping of Jacksonville Tech.

'Dosta Hosts Surging Tift

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Valdosta High's football Wildcats will face one of Region 1-AAA's hottest teams when Tift County's surging Blue Devils come here Friday night for a contest.

The duel between coach Charles Greene's Wildcats and coach Wilbur Lofton's Blue Devils is slated for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

'Dosta will carry an overall record of 7-1 and a league mark of 6-1 into the contest. The Blue Devils from Tifton are 5-3 in both overall and region play.

The Imps' defeats came in their first three games. Since then Tift has streaked to five consecutive triumphs.

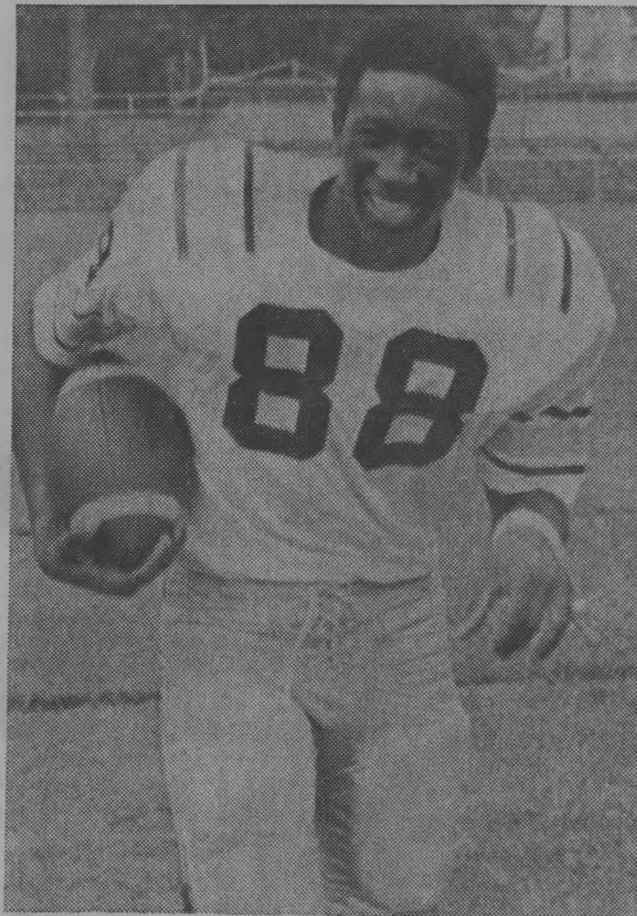
Valdosta's victories have been over Thomasville (13-6), Dougherty (34-6), Crisp (3-84), Bainbridge (40-22), Albany (48-14), Monroe (8-0) and Waycross (1-6). VHS' lone loss was by a 2-1 margin to Moultrie's powerful and unbeaten Packers.

The three - early season losses for Lofton's Imps were to Crisp (11-6), Thomasville (32-7) and Moultrie (24-0). Since then the Blue Devils have turned back Monroe (84-26), Bainbridge (25-9), Lowndes (33-14), Albany (13-0) and Dougherty (21-0).

"Tift played some very tough teams and lost a few times early in the season," Greene said. "But right now they are certainly one of the strongest teams in the region. They're well coached, they have good size and a lot of speed. And as Tift teams always are, they will be sky high emotionally for the game with us."

Lofton, in his first year at Tift,

has the Imps running a varied offense and has a defense which features the play of linebacker Theopilis Bryant, a 235-pound senior who in one game was credited with 28 individual tackles.



—Times Staff Photo

Valdosta Running Back George Roundtree

Tift's leading rusher is Tommy McClendon, a 175-pound senior, who has picked up 333 yards on 77 carries.

The Imps' aerial leader is Ronnie Whitehead, a 145-pound senior, who has connected on 55 of 118 tosses for 790 yards. Whitehead also has exceptional speed, making him dangerous as a scrambler. His favorite passing targets are ends Van Hill (180, jr.) and Archie Brown (170, sr.). Hill has made 21 catches for 418 yards and Brown has hauled in 13 passes for 245 yards.

Valdosta's running attack is led by fullback Pat O'Neal, who has carried the football 110 times and picked up

511 yards.

HVS' top aerial combo is quarterback Bruce Hilton throwing to split end Stanford Rome. Hilton has hit on 47 of 128 passes for 1,205 yards. Rome has made 30 catches for 705 yards.

Valdosta's defense gave a strong performance against Waycross last week, holding the Bulldogs to a net of just 11 yards in total offense.

Just two members of the stop'em crew are ends George Roundtree and Robert Daniels. Both have also seen extensive duty on offense. Daniels is the 'Cats' second leading rusher with 260 yards on 51 carries. Roundtree is the third leading pass receiver, with 10 catches for 207 yards.

Probable starters follow:

VALDOSTA

Offense — ends Stanford Rome (190, jr.) and Luther Blue (180, sr.), tackles Barnard Morehead (160, sr.) and Wade Johnson (215, sr.) guards Charles Christian (190, jr.) and David Register (215, sr.), center Jimmy Scruggs (180, sr.), quarterback Bruce Hilton (165, jr.), halfbacks James Savage (175, sr.) and Tony King (160, jr.), fullback Pat O'Neal (190, sr.).

Defense — ends George Roundtree (185, sr.) and Robert Daniels (190, sr.), tackles David Mitchell (245, jr.) and Freddie Wilbon (160, sr.), middle guard Gary Irby (200, sr.), linebackers Larry Lane (170, sr.), Jack Sullivan (175, jr.), Ronald Daniels (200, sr.) and Arthur Cooper (160, jr.), deep backs Gary Rowe (190, sr.) and David Williams (165, jr.).

TIFT COUNTY

Offense — ends Van Hill (180, jr.) and Archie Brown (170, sr.), tackles Ronald Tabor (220, jr.) and Morris Bell (195, jr.) guards Lenny Wiggins (185, sr.) and Mike Brown (185, sr.), center Chris Gurr (175, jr.), quarterback Ronnie Whitehead (145, sr.) and running backs Carroll Coursey (170, jr.), Lester Potts (165, sr.) and Tommy McClendon (170, sr.).

Defense — ends Robert Young (190, sr.) and Gurr tackles Milton Rutledge (190, sr.) and Bell, linebackers Theopilis Bryant (235, sr.), David McMillan (165, sr.) and Jerry Dill (175, jr.), corner backs Gary Graham (175, sr.) and A. Brown, rover Coursey and safety Henry Swain (165, sr.).

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DE Club Studying Promotion Project

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The effectiveness of a promotion project designed to lure shoppers into the Valdosta area has been the target of distributive education (DE) students here.

Norman Greene, DE coordinator for the Valdosta High School chapter, said students have chosen research into the effectiveness of Greater Valdosta Value Days as their club project to be entered into state competition at the DE leadership conference held in Atlanta in March.

The study, which is to evaluate how well the Value Days promotion attracts customers to the city, was suggested by John B. Lastinger, executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce here, Greene said. About 100 stores participated in the citywide promotion held Oct. 26-30. The Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the project twice a year, reportedly spent about \$3,000 promoting the special sales days.

"The purpose of the study is to expose the students to market research," Greene said, "and give them a learning activity that will give them an opportunity to actually work in marketing research."

The study, which is to be presented to the Chamber about Dec. 15, used two methods of research, Greene said.

"We made a general survey of the Valdosta area shoppers to determine what people thought of the Value Days," he said, "and we also had students surveying customers at the stores where the students work. We were also trying to determine which means of advertising was most effective in motivating customers to shop dur-

ing the sale."

Greene said the club vice president, Sandra Brownlee, is chairman of the project. She is expected to put the study together for presentation to the Chamber merchant's division for its evaluation and recommendations on the findings.

According to Greene, eight other marketing research projects are being done by individual students.

"Ron Butler, who is state president of the Distributive Education Clubs of America, is doing a project in the department store area concerning the department store's customers' satisfaction with the different charge accounts available," Greene said.

Mark Eanes, club reporter, is researching the public's reaction to self-service gasoline stations including businesses located on Interstate 75 and in the city, Greene said.

"A third project is being done by Charlotte Eanes, who is Mark's sister and our club historian," the coordinator said. "She is researching a project in the service area for South Georgia Travel Bureau. Her project is to try and determine the general public's awareness and knowledge of travel bureaus and their services and to try and identify the things travel bureaus can do to attract more customers."

Greene said the travel bureau study is to be in two parts with one part devoted to the attitudes of the business community and one part researching the attitudes of the general public.

The individual marketing research projects are also expected to be completed by Dec. 15, according to Greene.

Valdosta 27, Tift 0
Ahead only 7-0 at the half, Valdosta's Wildcats released a three-touchdown attack after intermission to wrap up the Region 1-AAA victory. VHS boosted its season record to 8-1 with the win.

Lowndes 34, Bainbridge 12
Lowndes' rebounding Vikings won their second Region 1-AAA contest in a row as they crunched the Bearcats. The homecoming victory was the first ever for the Vikings in Region 1-AAA.

Cook 22, Ware 6
Cook's Hornets from Adel wrapped up the Region 1-AA (East) title with a homecoming victory over Ware's Gators from Waycross. Quarterback Lin Gogans racked up 131 yards rushing on only nine carries.

Brooks 21, Americus 20
Sophomore Andy England kicked a PAT with 4:27 remaining in the game to give Brooks a Region 1-AA (West) homecoming victory over the visiting Panthers. Running back Charles Gosier scored the tying touchdown on a three-yard run.

Berrien 36, Bacon 8
Berrien's Rebels used a free-wheeling ground attack which accounted for 315 yards as they rolled past Region 2-A rival Bacon.

Jefferson 35, Hamilton 6
Jefferson County's unbeaten Tigers from Monticello used running back Barney Jones' four touchdowns and 122 yards rushing to bounce visiting Hamilton County.

Taylor 13, Madison 6
Taylor County's Bulldogs from Perry had the last laugh on Madison's Cougars, as Glynn Ratliff scored both touchdowns in a come-from-behind victory. Madison's Wayne Brown had put the Cougars ahead with a 59-yard touchdown run early in the game.

Eight From Area To Attend Meet

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Eight area high school students are to attend a statewide officers training conference scheduled for Sunday and Monday in Macon, according to Distributive Education Coordinators here.

Norman Greene, coordinator for the Valdosta High School DE club, said Ron Butler, state president of the Distributive Education Clubs of America, is to leave Saturday to meet with state officers in planning the conference.

Also planning to leave Saturday is Lowndes High School's Judy Rogers, who is the state DECA secretary as well as chaplain for the DECA chap-

ter at LHS.

Walden said the conference is to be held at the Macon Hilton Hotel. He added that two other students, George Corona, club president, and Jean Griffin, club secretary, are also to attend the conference.

"The purpose of the conference is to plan all activities for the DECA chapters in the state," Walden said, "and to set future dates for district and state leadership conferences."

According to Greene, the students from VHS who are to attend the conference include Mark Eanes, club reporter; Charlotte Eanes, club historian; Sandra Brownlee, vice-president, and Perry Welch, club president.

Greene said about 500 members and coordinators are expected to attend the conference.

VHS Honor Roll Announced

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Valdosta High School principal Lloyd D. Mims has announced 125 VHS students have been named to the honor roll for the first six-weeks term.

Sixty-six seniors, 27 juniors, and 32 sophomores comprise the honor students.

Seniors named are: Erika Alcorn, Syd Alderman, Carol Allen, Nadine Bailey, Dee Dee Barrineau Sarah Bartholomew, Eden Beck, Susie Bell, Billy Berrian, Durwood Black, Lauri Bonner, Guy Bryant, Kent Buescher, Ronald Butler, Wanda Cooper, Diane Cravey and Ronald Daniels.

Debbie Davis, Kathy DeBendittis, Henry Delesandro, Polly Durden, Elaine Ellis, Barbara Eynon, Suzanne Grady, Martica Griffin, Lisa Groover, Angie Henderson, Jan Hendrix, Becky Herndon, Linda Hobbs, and Doug Hewett. Loretha Johns, Richard Joseph, Mary Jane Keene, Pam Kelly, Peggy King, Gayle Leff, Gillie Mason, Pam Mauri, Donna McCranie, Lea McRae, Larry Mobley, Phyllis Moore, Tom Odum,

Debbie Pike and David Register.

Eddie Roberts, Freddy Ryals, John Smart, Mary Nell Smart, Carol Stokes, Ann Strom, Karen Sutton, Irvin Taylor, Sue Beth Tillman, Steve Tomlinson, Jeanie Turner, Denise Watson, Kay Welch, Judith Wetherington, John Whitehurst, Carla Wilderson, and Mary Ann Williams.

Juniors are Carolyn Adams, Julie Beck, Marguerite Booth, Debra Brown, Frances Campa, Susan Davis, David Demerseman, Patricia Dorminey, Kathy Dyal, Charlotte Eanes, Raymond Espinosa, Earl Folsom and Lynn Golden.

Mike Haygood, Beth Hopkins, Cheryl Lester, Debbie Marositz Jan McGlaun, Pattie Norris, E. C. Painter, Becky Parker, Nichola Redman, Kim Smith, Mary Anna Smith, Julie Southwell Sherree Valenti and Glynn Webb.

Sophomores are Joni Abernathy, Anne Bolen, Wilbur Bragg, Mayra Colon, Walter Elliott, Janice Ellis, Terri Ellison, Debbie Federico, Marsha Fleming, Linda Floyd, Carla Fountain, La-Voe Griffin, Robert Hamel, Teresa Hattaway, and Peggy Henry.

Lane Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Steve Johnson, Pam Moran, Dee Dee Morton, Myrian Murphy, Ann Passmore, Gail Fegister, Cheryl Shaffer, Syd Shepherd, Susan Sowell, Virginia Stewart, Phyllis Slovall, Phil Tettefeller, Mary Lou Tillman, Nicky Valenti and Vicki Ziegler.

Wildcats, Vikes To Clash

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats and Lowndes' Vikings, a pair of cross-town high school football rivals are to meet in a Region 1-AAA contest here Friday night.

The duel between coach Charles Greene's 'Cats and coach Noel George's Vikings is slated for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field, which is VHS' home stadium.

It will be homecoming for the Wildcats and they will carry an 8-1 overall and a 7-1 region mark into the game. 'Dosta's lone defeat came at the hands of Moultrie, and the 'Cats have clicked off three straight wins since then.

Lowndes has a 3-5-1 overall mark and a 2-5-1 region chart. The Vikes chalked up victories back to back against Monroe and Bainbridge in their last two starts and will be trying to make it three wins in a row tomorrow night.

The game will mark the close of regular season play for both teams.

This will be the fifth time Valdosta and Lowndes have met on the gridiron since the Vikes joined Region 1-AAA. VHS won their four outings.

Both teams offer strong attacks, with the 'Cats most dangerous passing and the Vikes at their best while running the football.

'Dosta's top aerial combo is



ANDRE SHIVER
Versatile Lineman



ROBERT DANIELS
Strong Player

quarterback Bruce Hilton throwing to splint end Stanford Rome. Hilton has hit on 63 of 144 tosses for 1,286 yards. Rome has made 31 catches for 714 yards.

The Vikes' running corps is paced by Larry Johnson, who has picked 534 yards on 71 carries, and Larry Washington, who has romped for 418 yards and made seven pass receptions for 138 yards.

Valdosta also has some strong runners, with Pat

O'Neal (125 - 595) the leader and Lowndes quarterback William Howell can and does throw the football. He has completed 13 of 46 passes for 214 yards.

The two teams also have several double and triple-duty men. For the 'Cats Rome is an offensive end, he plays safety on defense and he's hauled back 27 kicks a total of 298 yards. Although hampered by an ankle injury, he is expected to play tomorrow night.

VHS also had Robert Daniels.

He's the 'Cats' second leading rusher (57-285) and also a regular at end on defense.

Just one of the Vikes' two-way performers is Andre Shiver, who plays guard on offense and tackle on defense. Last week, against Bainbridge, he had an interior line men's football dream come true. Shiver recovered a fumble in the end zone to score a touchdown.

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Defense—ends Robert Daniels (190, sr.) and George Roundtree (185, sr.), tackles David Mitchell (245, jr.) and Freddie Wilbon (260, jr.), middle guard Gary Leby (200, sr.), linebackers Larry Lane (170, sr.), Jack Sullivan (175, jr.), Ronald Daniels (200, sr.) and Arthur Cooper (160, jr.) and deep backs Gary Rowe (190, sr.) and David Williams (165, jr.).

LOWNDES

Offense—ends Jerry Kertesz (180, sr.) and Keith Elledge (150, soph.), tackles Joe Kovach (180, jr.) and Andre Shiver (185, sr.), guards Danny Roundtree (180, jr.) and John Thursby (185, jr.), center Greg McLeod (180, sr.), quarterback William Howell (160, jr.), halfbacks Larry Johnson (175, jr.) and Carl Fillmore (160, jr.) fullback Larry Washington (190, jr.).

Defense—ends Terry Cabral (170, jr.) or Randy Jones (160, jr.) and Abe Clemmons (180, jr.), tackles Jerry Day (235, sr.) and Gary Johnson (185, jr.) or Ronnie Daniels (175, jr.), middle guard Steve Goble (265, sr.), linebackers Tony Lee (180, sr.) and Glenn Bryan (160, jr.), cornerbacks Roger Denton (170, sr.) and Jerome Waters (170, jr.), safeties Calvin Burgman (155, sr.) and Joel Hunnicutt (155, jr.).

Lowndes-'Dosta Highlights Slate

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Lowndes' run-minded Vikings journey across town for a contest with Valdosta's pass-conscious Wildcats here tonight, highlighting the week-end slate of high school football contests involving area teams.

Coach Charles Greene's Wildcats are to host coach Noel George's Vikings in an 8 p. m. contest at Cleveland Field, VHS' home field, and the 'Dosta mentor would like nothing better than to chalk up a homecoming victory.

Other tilts tonight find Jeff Davis (Hazlehurst) at Berrien (Nashville, Ga.), Cook (Adel)

at Appling County (Baxley), Brooks County (Quitman) at Thomasville Central, Patterson at Clinch County (Homerville) and Madison at Hamilton County (Jasper).

Greene's 'Cats carry an 8-1 slate into the contest, while Lowndes enters the Region 1-AAA tilt with a 3-5-1 chart. The Wildcat mentor isn't taking Lowndes lightly, however.

The Vikings, meanwhile, will be hoping to keep their two game win skein alive and record their first victory ever against Valdosta. Lowndes, which has taken decisions over Monroe and Bainbridge the

past two weeks, has failed in four previous football attempts to shackle the Wildcats with a loss.

Heading the high-powered Lowndes running attack is Larry Johnson, a 175-pound junior. Johnson has picked up 534 yards on 71 carries this season and has returned 20 kicks for a net of 484 yards. In addition, the junior speedster has caught seven passes for 138 yards, giving him 1,156 yards of total offense.

Aiding the Lowndes cause is fullback Larry Washington.

A 185-pound senior, Washington has scampered for 418

yards on 63 carries.

On the VHS side of the ledger, meanwhile, quarterback Bruce Hilton keys a quick-striking aerial game. Hilton, a 165-pound junior, has hit on 63 of 144 tosses for 1,286 yards, 714 yards of that total going to junior split end Stanford Rome. Rome has snagged 31 aeri-

Coach Fred Tucker's Berrien Rebels carry a 6-3 chart into their Region 2-A hosting of Jeff Davis' Yellow Jackets from Hazlehurst (63). A victory would give Berrien its most successful grid season ever.

Cook's Hornets, already

wearers of the Region 1-AA (East) crown, carry a 5-4 season chart into their league battle with Appling County's Pirates (2-7).

Coach Bobby Phillips' Hornets would like to end regular season play on a winning note.

Brooks County's Trojans (5-4) are to pay a visit to Thomasville Central's unbeaten Yellow Jackets in a Region 1AA (West) tilt.

Coach Bobby Rich's Trojans are hoping to end their season by knocking off the 9-0 Jackets, who have already cinched the sub-region title.

Clinch's Panthers (3-3-2) face a do or die situation with

their Region 2B hosting of Patterson's Eagles (7-2).

Coach Cecil Dunn's Panthers dropped a 52-6 decision to the Eagles three weeks ago, but still have an opportunity to tilt for the Region title. Patterson and Clinch are the only 2-A schools fielding football teams this season, and the home-and-home series between the two squads is to decide the championship.

Hamilton County's Trojans, meanwhile, play host to coach Ron Peterson's Madison Cougars (1-7).

Coach Carl Duncan's Trojans carry a 2-6 record into the fray between the traditional rival

Wildcats Picked To Trim Vikings

For the third week in a row my football forecasting average changed very little. Last time out I was right 32 times and wrong 10 times for a .762 mark.

This added just one point to my total for the season and it now stands at 305-98—.757.

Many of the high school teams in the area will be closing out their regular season tonight. That, however, doesn't make the prep picking any easier. As for the college slate, it offers quite a few games which might go either way.

Here's the way I have some of the weekend's figured. I'll start with the high school list and look at the college slate later.

**V A L D O S T A V S
L O W N D E S** — Valdosta's Wildcats (8-1) and Lowndes' Vikings (3-5-1) are a pair of cross-town rivals who will be meeting for the fifth time on the gridiron. The 'Cats like to throw, the Vikes like to run. I think Valdosta will win.



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Rally, Parade, Bonfire Set Here Tonight

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A pep rally, a shirt-tail parade and a bonfire for Friday's Valdosta High - Lowndes football contest has been scheduled tonight at Brookwood Plaza shopping center.

George Smith, president of the Valdosta Touchdown Club, said a short pep rally is to be held at 7:15 p. m. at Brookwood Plaza, with a shirt-tail parade to follow.

The parade is to wind down Patterson Street and up Williams Street to the VHS campus, with a bonfire to be held on the campus.

Valdosta head coach Charles Greene, the VHS football captains, Gary Rowe, Robert Daniels, Ronald Daniels, Freddie Wilson, David Register and Pat O'Neal, and the Valdosta High Marchin' 'Cats are to be on hand, Smith said.



—Times Staff Photo by Robert Winter III

Gettin' In The Act

No apathetic spectator, 4-year-old Teresa Inmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Inmon of Valdosta, high steps to the music of the Marchin' Cats at today's Veterans Day parade. Apparently the patriotic music and the marching of the band was just too

much for her. She joined in the festivities, and judging from the high step in the picture, she learned her lessons well. The parade was followed by a speech at the courthouse by Lt. Gov. Lester Maddox.

Valdosta-Waycross Top Match

By DAVID DAVIDSON

Atlanta Journal Prep Editor

The focal point of Georgia's Class AAA high school football classification continues to ping-pong from one end of the state to another.

Two weeks ago, it was Valdosta and Moultrie of Region 1-AAA grabbing all the attention. Last week, Lakeside and Peachtree in Region 8-AAA stepped centerstage.

This week, Valdosta (rated No. 3 in AAA with a 6-1 record) travels to Waycross (rated No. 4 with an 8-0 record).

Valdosta, with the exception of a season-opening, 13-6 victory over strong Thomasville and that 42-14 loss at Moultrie two weeks ago, has been typical Valdosta — rolling up big yardage and big scores against any and all comers.

WAYCROSS has been the opposite — the scores are more likely to be 14-0 or 14-7 or, occasionally, perhaps 21-7.



David Davidson

Defense has been the key with Waycross so far this season, with enough offense to see the team through with little, if any, trouble.

The game is non-region for both teams. Valdosta was virtually eliminated from the 1-AAA championship picture when it lost to Moultrie, but Waycross, win or lose Friday night, is the favorite to win the 3-AAA championship.

Another game in class AAA Friday night which should raise a few eyebrows, and also have a direct bearing on state playoff competition, is Laney vs. Central High of Macon game at Macon's Porter Stadium.

Laney is 7-0 and rated No. 6 in The Journal's Class AAA rankings, while Central is 6-0-1 (having tied Hardaway of 2-AAA, 2-2 earlier) and ranks tied with Griffin for seventh.

CENTRAL has lost only one regular season game in the last five years and, playing at home, will be the favorite to whip Laney and go on and win the 4-AAA title.

In 5-AAA, South Cobb hopes to keep its dim region championship hopes alive when it visits Marietta Friday night. South Cobb (like Rossville, which entertains Sprayberry) have only one region loss and a season-ending game against Douglas Co. could be all-important.

Griffin, the 6-AAA favorite, hosts weak Forest Park Friday in continuation of its region title drive.

In Class AA, unbeaten Troup meets perhaps its stiffest match of the season Friday night when it visits LaGrange of 6-AAA. Meanwhile, a fellow member of 3-AA, Russell, hopes to snap Cherokee's seven-game unbeaten streak at home Friday night.

In 2-AA East, No. 2 ranked Statesboro travels to Bradwell Institute for an important contest.

In Class A, Commerce (7-0 and ranked fourth) hosts Pickens, while East Hall (7-0 and tied for 10th) entertains powerful White Co. in important 8-A East Division confrontations.

Valdosta Wins; Waycross Moves On

| | Valdosta | Waycross |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| First downs | 12 | 14 |
| Yards rushing | 205 | 28 |
| Yards passing | 89 | 28 |
| Passes | 5-14-1 | 4-11-0 |
| Punts | 3-34-3 | 8-31-1 |
| Fumbles lost | 2 | 2 |
| Yards penalized | 40 | 9 |

By BOB PRICE

T-U Sports Writer

WAYCROSS — The Valdosta

Wildcats used a tenacious defense and a plodding running game to outmud the Waycross Bulldogs, 14-6, Friday night before 6,500 fans who braved an almost steady downpour.

Grinding out 205 yards on

the ground while holding their hosts to a total offense of just 44 yards, the winners got touchdowns from Stanford Rome and Pat O'Neal while yielding only a fluke score in the final minute when Waycross' Bill White picked up a

fumble and ran 76 yards.

It was Valdosta's seventh win and stopped Waycross' unbeaten streak of eight games, but the losers Friday night are definitely in the post-season playoffs while the winners don't appear likely to make it.

Waycross got it playoff ticket when Savannah Benedictine eliminated Savannah Jenkins from contention, 25-0. Valdosta, which is in another region (1-AAA, while Waycross is 3-AAA), probably will be left out in favor of unbeaten Moultrie, which smashed the Wildcats, 42-14, earlier and beat Bainbridge, 49-0, Friday night.

Waycross' first playoff opponent on Nov. 17 will be Glynn Academy of Brunswick, a team the Bulldogs defeated, 18-0, here last week.

Friday night, Valdosta found the weather a bit too much for its vaunted passing game and went to fullback O'Neal for ground yardage. He picked up 118 yards in 20

carries, including the Wildcats' second touchdown with 18 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

Valdosta's first TD came with four seconds remaining in the first period when quarterback Bruce Hilton hit Rome, the Wildcats' 6-foot-7 flanker, on the 47-yard scoring strike. Rome got the ball on the Waycross 25 and shook off three Bulldogs en route to the end zone.

George Roundtree, who contributed a key block on the TD maneuver, kicked the point after.

The defense took over as the rains continued and it took a bobbled punt to give Valdosta its final scoring opportunity.

Waycross' Joey Powell fumbled the pass from center and

rushed his punt, which went only nine yards to the Waycross 37. Eight plays later, O'Neal had the touchdown from the one. Roundtree added the point.

Waycross hit the scoreboard with 25 seconds left in the game as White picked up a Rome fumble and raced 76 yards to score with Rome in hot pursuit. The running effort for two points failed.

"This weather didn't do either of us any good, but our defensive men didn't mind digging in all that mud and they came up with their greatest job of the year," said Valdosta Coach Charles Greene.

Those defenders Greene lauded included 260-pound Freddie Wilbon, 245-pound David Mitchell, 215-pound David Register and 170-pound Jack Sullivan.

"You note those weights. I won't say this weather helped them, but it didn't hurt them," said Williams. "They have a great passing game, so you can't blame it on the weather."

"We had a few defensive stars ourselves in Andy Scott, Johnny Thornton and Calvin Wall, just to mention a few."

Bulldog, Wildcat Hold On

By ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS — Bruce Hilton of Valdosta kept his passing lead and William Andrews of Thomasville held on to the rushing lead in Region 1-AAA high school football statistics released after last week's games.

Hilton, a junior, hit on 10 of 15 passes for 227 yards in a 48-0 romp over Monroe, easily keeping his loop passing leadership with a total of 52 completions out of 113 attempts for 1,117 yards.

Andrews, a sophomore, increased his rushing total to 701 set yards on 124 carries, edging out teammate Mike Kavouklis and his 546 net yards for the 1-AAA lead.

Valdosta's Stanford Rome led pass receivers for the eighth consecutive week with 27 catches for 634 yards and six touchdowns, while teammate Gary Rowe leads the loop in interceptions with 10 thefts, which he returned 148 yards.

RUSHING

| Crk. | Net | Ave. |
|-------------------------|-----|------|
| 1. Andrews, T-Ville | 701 | 5.65 |
| 2. Kavouklis, T-Ville | 546 | 5.25 |
| 3. Thomas, B-Bridge | 507 | 4.78 |
| 4. N. Green, Dougherty | 487 | 4.43 |
| 5. Johnson, Lowndes | 481 | 4.44 |
| 6. O'Neal, Valdosta | 405 | 4.44 |
| 7. Dallas, Albany | 404 | 4.70 |
| 8. Walker, Moultrie | 398 | 4.48 |
| 9. Walker, Crisp | 356 | 5.38 |
| 10. McClendon, Tift | 333 | 4.22 |
| 11. Daniels, Valdosta | 327 | 5.21 |
| 12. Washington, Lowndes | 317 | 5.14 |
| 13. Savage, Valdosta | 261 | 5.59 |
| 14. Fillmore, Lowndes | 257 | 4.43 |
| 15. Fillmore, Lowndes | 233 | 3.43 |
| 16. Lowell, Lowndes | 217 | 1.45 |
| 17. Howell, VA | 107 | 1.51 |
| 18. Howell, VA | 96 | 1.51 |
| 19. Howell, VA | 75 | 6.60 |
| 20. Howell, VA | 73 | 7.30 |
| 21. Howell, VA | 72 | 7.30 |
| 22. Howell, VA | 34 | 3.40 |
| 23. Howell, VA | 34 | 3.40 |
| 24. Howell, VA | 20 | 0.00 |
| 25. Howell, VA | 20 | 0.00 |
| 26. Howell, VA | 20 | 0.00 |
| 27. Howell, VA | 20 | 0.00 |
| 28. Howell, VA | 20 | 0.00 |
| 29. Howell, VA | 20 | 0.00 |
| 30. Howell, VA | 20 | 0.00 |

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| Crk. | Net | Ave. |
|-------------------------|-----|------|
| 1. Andrews, T-Ville | 701 | 5.65 |
| 2. Kavouklis, T-Ville | 546 | 5.25 |
| 3. Thomas, B-Bridge | 507 | 4.78 |
| 4. N. Green, Dougherty | 487 | 4.43 |
| 5. Johnson, Lowndes | 481 | 4.44 |
| 6. O'Neal, Valdosta | 405 | 4.44 |
| 7. Dallas, Albany | 404 | 4.70 |
| 8. Walker, Moultrie | 398 | 4.48 |
| 9. Walker, Crisp | 356 | 5.38 |
| 10. McClendon, Tift | 333 | 4.22 |
| 11. Daniels, Valdosta | 327 | 5.21 |
| 12. Washington, Lowndes | 317 | 5.14 |
| 13. Savage, Valdosta | 261 | 5.59 |
| 14. Fillmore, Lowndes | 257 | 4.43 |
| 15. Fillmore, Lowndes | 233 | 3.43 |
| 16. Lowell, Lowndes | 217 | 1.45 |
| 17. Howell, VA | 107 | 1.51 |
| 18. Howell, VA | 96 | 1.51 |
| 19. Howell, VA | 75 | 6.60 |
| 20. Howell, VA | 73 | 7.30 |
| 21. Howell, VA | 72 | 7.30 |
| 22. Howell, VA | 34 | 3.40 |
| 23. Howell, VA | 34 | 3.40 |
| 24. Howell, VA | 20 | 0.00 |
| 25. Howell, VA | 20 | 0.00 |
| 26. Howell, VA | 20 | 0.00 |
| 27. Howell, VA | 20 | 0.00 |
| 28. Howell, VA | 20 | 0.00 |
| 29. Howell, VA | 20 | 0.00 |
| 30. Howell, VA | 20 | 0.00 |

Valdosta 7 0 7 0-14
Waycross 0 0 0 0-6
V—Rome 47 pass from Hilton (Roundtree kick)
W—O'Neal 1 run (Roundtree kick)
W—White 76 fumble recovery (run failed)
Att—6,500 (est.)

Valdosta, Lowndes

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats will be on the road tonight meeting a non-league toughie, while Lowndes' Vikings are at home for a region contest.

In two of the top attractions on the area high school football slate for tonight, coach Charles Greene's Wildcats are to go against coach Dale Williams' Waycross

Bulldogs at Waycross and coach Noel George's Vikings are to host coach Winfred Benson's Monroe Tornadoes from Albany.

The Lowndes-Monroe duel is set for 8 p.m. here at Martin Stadium. Valdosta and Waycross are to get started at the same time — at Waycross' Memorial Stadium.

In other games tonight in-

volving area teams, Brantley County (Nahunta) is to be at Berrien (Nashville, Ga.), Cook (Adel) at Camden County (St. Mary's), Hamilton County (Jasper) at Perry and Suwanee County (Live Oak) at Madison.

Two area teams, Brooks, County (Quitman) and Clinch County (Homerville), have have open dates and will be

idle this week.

Valdosta's Wildcats, who own a 6-1 record, belong to Region 1-AAA. Waycross' Bulldogs, who sport a perfect 8-0 chart, are members of Region 3-AAA.

Even though there won't be any league honors at stake tonight, a hard-fought duel is expected.

Valdosta, with the top pass-

Brace For Opponents

HOW THE TOP TENS FARED

AAA

1. Moultrie (8-0) beat Bainbridge, 49-0;
2. Lakeside (8-0) did not play;
3. Valdosta (7-1) beat Waycross, 14-6;
4. Waycross (8-1) lost to Valdosta, 14-6;
5. Douglas Co. (8-0) beat Campbell-Smyrna, 35-6;
6. Laney (7-1) lost to Central-Macon, 24-6;
7. (tie) Central-Macon (7-0-1) beat Laney, 24-6; and Griffin (7-0-1) beat Forest Park, 21-12;
9. Warner Robins (7-1) beat Clarke Central, 23-0;
10. Avondale (7-1) beat Murphy, 27-6.

ing combo in 1-AAA, will go against a Bulldog defense which has yielded just three touchdowns in eight games and hasn't been scored on in the most recent 18 quarters Waycross has played.

While this will be the first meeting between VHS and Waycross in three years, the two are traditional rivals and their grid series is one of the

oldest in the state.

Lowndes' Vikings will carry an overall mark of 1-5-1 into their game here tonight with Monroe. The Tornadoes are 1-6. The Vikes are 0-5-1 in regional play and Monroe has a 1-5 loop chart.

Berrien's Rebels and Brantley's Herons will carry matching 4-2 records into their game tonight at Nashville.

This will be a Region 2 - A contest. The Rebs are 3-1 in league play while the Herons are 2-3 against regional competition.

Undisputed possession of first place in 1-AA (East) will be at stake when Cook's Hornets go against Camden County Wildcats at St. Marys.

The Hornets are 3-4 for the season, but have a 2-0

chart in sub-division play. Camden is 6-0-1 in all games and 2-0-1 in league competition.

Hamilton's Trojans, who have a 1-5 mark, will be shooting for their second win of the season when they face Perry at Perry. Madison's Cougars will be trying to improve on their 1-5 chart when they host Suwanee.

Preps' Top 10

AAA

1. Moultrie (8-0) beat Bainbridge, 49-0.
2. Lakeside (8-0), had open week.
3. Douglas Co. (8-0) beat Campbell Smyrna, 37-6.
4. Laney (7-1) lost to Central Macon, 24-6.
5. Waycross (8-1) lost to Valdosta, 14-6.
6. Valdosta (7-1) beat Waycross, 14-6.
7. Cherokee (8-0) beat Russell, 7-0.
8. Thomasville (8-1) beat Albany, 8-0.
9. Ctn. Macon (7-0-1) beat Laney, 24-6.
10. (tie) Griffin (7-0-1) beat Forest Park, 21-12; Peachtree (7-1) beat Cross Keys, 30-8; Warner Robins (7-1) beat Clarke Central, 25-0.

AA

1. Southwest (8-0) beat George, 52-0.
2. North Springs (8-0) had open week.
3. Woodward (7-1) beat Henry Co., 42-0.
4. Gainesville (8-) beat Monroe Area, 26-6.
5. (tie) Ctn. Thomasville (8-0) beat Early Co., 13-6; Statesboro (7-1) lost to Bradwell Inst., 6-0.
7. (tie) Southwest DeKalb (7-1) beat Gordon, 29-0; Troup (8-0) beat LaGrange, 33-12.
9. West Rome (7-1) beat Pepperell, 18-0.
10. (tie) Americus (7-1) beat Worth Co., 35-14; Shamrock (6-2) beat Marist, 9-6; Swainsboro (8-0) beat Evans, 28-12.

A

1. Washington-Wileks (9-0) beat Warren Co., 20-0.
2. Lithonia (8-0) had open week.
3. (tie) Commerce (8-0) beat Pickens Co., 28-12; East Hall (7-1) lost to White Co., 2-7; Irwin Co. (8-0) beat Atkinson Co., 52-0.
6. Rockmart (7-1) beat Villa Rica, 21-6.
7. Cartersville (7-1) beat West Fannin, 46-6.

8. Carrollton (8-1) beat Lamar Co., 27-0.

9. Putnam Co. (8-0) beat Greene Co., 14-0.

10. (tie) Louisville (8-1) lost to Aquinas, 14-13; St. Pius (6-2) beat Campbell Fairburn, 3-0; White Co. (7-1) beat East Hall, 12-7; Wrens (6-2) lost to Lincoln Co., 12-6.

B

1. SE Bulloch (8-0) had open date.
2. Adairsville (8-0) beat West Side-Rocky Face, 46-6.
3. Hogansville (8-0) beat East Coweta, 36-0.
4. Pacelli (6-1) tied Manchester, 7-7.
5. Trion (7-2) beat Red Bud, 54-0.
6. Bremen (7-2) beat West Point, 7-2.
7. St. Joseph (6-1-1) beat Hapeville, 18-6.
8. West Side-RockyFace (5-3) lost to Adairsville, 46-6.
9. Buford (6-2) beat Loganville, 31-0.
10. (tie) Duluth (6-2) beat Milton, 28-0; Savannah Country Day (6-2) beat Montgomery Co., 20-18.

SCORES

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

| 1-AAA | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Thomasville 8 | Albany 0 |
| Moultrie 49 | Bainbridge 0 |
| Lowndes Co. 35 | Monroe-Albany 14 |
| Valdosta 14 | Waycross 6 |
| 2-AAA | |
| Jordan 21 | Baker 0 |
| Northside-WR 21 | Hardaway 2 |
| Warner Robins 23 | Clarke Central 0 |
| 3-AAA | |
| Tompkins 22 | Arnold 15 |
| Glynn Academy 27 | Beach 0 |
| Benedictine 25 | Jenkins 0 |
| Windsor-Forest 21 | Johnson-Sav. 0 |
| Groves 7 | Brunswick 6 |
| Valdosta 14 | Waycross 6 |
| 4-AAA | |
| Central-Macon 24 | Laney 6 |
| Elbert Co. 19 | Cedar Shoals 6 |
| Northeast-Macon 22 | Westside-Augusta 0 |
| 5-AAA | |
| Marietta 9 | South Cobb 0 |
| Cherokee 7 | Russell 0 |
| 6-AAA | |
| Griffin 21 | Forest Park 12 |
| Jonesboro 12 | R. E. Lee 8 |
| Troup 33 | LaGrange 13 |
| Newnan 33 | Newton Co. 7 |
| 7-AAA | |
| Avondale 27 | Murphy 6 |
| Decatur 20 | Columbia 7 |
| Towers 28 | Washington 6 |
| 8-AAA | |
| Warner Robins 23 | Clarke Central 0 |
| Elbert Co. 19 | Cedar Shoals 6 |
| Henderson 33 | Tucker 6 |
| Chamblee 7 | Sequoyah 0 |

Grid Glimpses

(See stories on pages 10 and 11)

Valdosta 14, Waycross 6

Valdosta's Wildcats used a strong defense to halt the previously unbeaten Bulldogs in a non-region grid contest. Fullback Pat O'Neal led the way on the ground for Valdosta, as he picked up 107 yards rushing on 24 carries and scored a touchdown. VHS' other TD came on a 47-yard air strike from Bruce Hilton to Stanford Rome.

Lowndes 35, Monroe 14

Coach Noel George's Lowndes Vikings used their second new offensive formation in as many weeks in crunching the Region 1-AAA visitors from Albany. Fullback Larry Washington picked up 142 rushing yards enroute to the victory.

Cook 14, Camden 6

Cook's Hornets from Adel took advantage of two Camden fumbles for a pair of first-quarter touchdowns, then held on for a Region 1-AA (East) win. The decision gave Cook undisputed possession of first place in the sub-region.

Berrien 33, Brantley 12

Coach Fred Tucker's Berrien Rebs were rude hosts to Brantley County's Herons from Nahunta in a Region 2-A tilt. Both squads managed a combined total of seven first downs in the contest.

Hamilton 20, Taylor 14

Coach Carl Duncan's Hamilton County Trojans from Jasper racked up their second victory of the season with a down-to-the-wire decision over Taylor County. Hamilton's Roger Dees set up the winning score with a 52-yard interception return in the final stanza.

Suwannee 22, Madison 0

Suwannee County's Bulldogs from Live Oak used a strong mud game to defeat the homestanding Cougars on a slushy field. Suwannee picked up 150 yards and a pair of touchdowns along the ground enroute to the win.

Wildcats Stop' Dogs

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

WAYCROSS — Valdosta High's football Wildcats struck for one touchdown through the air, got another along the ground and stayed in firm control all the way on defense to lick Waycross' previously unbeaten Bulldogs, 14-6, in the rain and mud here Friday night.

With the win coach Charles Greene's 'Cats boosted their record to 7-1. The loss was the

STATISTICS

| | V'dosta | Waycross |
|-----------------|---------|----------|
| First Downs | 14 | 3 |
| Yards Rushing | 193 | 16 |
| Yards Passing | 88 | 29 |
| Passes | 5-15 | 5-12 |
| Passes Intc. by | 0 | 1 |
| Fumbles Lost | 2 | 2 |
| Punting | 3-35 | 8-30 |
| Penalties | 3-35 | 1-23 |

first after eight consecutive wins for coach Dale Williams' Bulldogs.

Since VHS belongs to Region 1-AAA and Waycross is a member of 3-AAA, there weren't any league honors at stake. The 'Cats and Bulldogs, however, are traditional rivals and, as always, there was a lot of football pride at stake in the contest.

Although rain began falling long before the kickoff and continued through much of the contest, a crowd of approximately 7,000 was on hand for the game.

Valdosta got its first touchdown with 30 seconds left in the first period. It came on a 47-yard pass from quarterback Bruce Hilton to split end Stanford Rome, who had to bull his way past two Waycross defenders to make it the final 10 yards to paydirt.

The Wildcats scored again with eight seconds to go in the third stanza. Fullback Pat O'Neal went the final one yard to climax a nine-play, 37-yard march. Halfback-end George Roundtree kicked both of VHS' extra points.

Waycross' touchdown came on a 75-yard gallop by defensive end Bill White with only 48 seconds left to play in the game. Valdosta tried a pass from the Bulldogs' 25 out into the flat. The toss, which appeared to be a forward pass, went in and out of the intended receiver's hands and the football hit the ground. The 'Cats, apparently thinking it was an incomplete pass, relaxed. White, however, picked up the pigskin



—Times Staff Photo

Wildcats' Hard-Running Fullback Pat O'Neal (32) Stopped By Mike McQuaig

88 passing) in total offense. With their tally in the opening stanza the 'Cats broke through the Bulldogs' highly regarded defense for the first TD scored on Waycross in 19 quarters of play.

O'Neal was the ground attack leader, ripping off 107 yards on 24 carries. Next in line was halfback James Savage, with 41 yards on six carries.

Hilton hit on five of 15 tosses for 88 yards and a touchdown despite the rain. Rome was the top receiver with three catches for 88 yards.

Besides the two times they scored, the 'Cats got within the Bulldogs' 30 on six other occasions. They were stopped twice, at the six and the 24 by fumbles, and once at the 20 by a penalty. Waycross' defense stopped three strong thrusts that had penetrated to the 1, 27 and 29.

Against the Wildcats' alert and hard-hitting defensive unit Bulldogs managed just three first downs and a net of only 11 yards in total offense. SHS accounted for only 29 yards passing and ended up with 18 yards rushing.

carriers either at or behind the line of scrimmage.

Besides White's scoring romp after what the officials ruled was a fumble recovery, the Bulldogs got into VHS territory just two times. An early-in-the-game thirst carried to 24, but was halted by a fumble recovery by Valdosta's Robert Daniels.

In the third period the Bulldogs got to the VHS 43 after a pass interception, but the 'Cats quickly pushed them back across the mid-field stripe and forced a punt.

The Wildcats' leading tacklers were interior linemen David Mitchell, with eight; Freddie Wilbon and Gary Irby, with five apiece, and linebackers

Jack Sullivan and Ronald Daniels, both with four.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta — Hilton 14-24, O'Neal 24-107, Daniels 4-15, Savage 6-41, Roundtree 1-9, King 1-2; Waycross—Taylor 2 minus 35, Harrison 2-5, Lewis 6-4, Carter 13-21, Byrd 1 minus 11, Veal 1 minus 1, Scott 1 minus 1.

Passing: Valdosta — Hilton 5-15-88; Waycross — Harrison 1-1-14, Taylor 4-9-15, Byrd 0-1-0, Powell 0-1-0.

Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Rome 3-71, Blue 1-8, Roundtree 1-9; Waycross — Veal 1-14, Carter 2-9, Loft 1-6, Byrd 1-0.

Punt Returns: Valdosta — Rome 4-21, Kickoff Returns: Waycross — Lewis 1-0, Scott 2-48, Carter 1-22.

Defense (Number of Tackles): Valdosta — Mitchell 8, Wilbon 5, Irby 5, Ron Daniels 4, Sullivan 4, Roundtree 3, Rehl, Daniels 3, Rowe 2; Waycross — Cunningham 12, McQuaig 9, Scott 8, White 6, R. Scott 4, White 6, R. Scott 4, Nall 3.

Score by Quarters:
Valdosta 7 0 7 0-14
Waycross 0 0 0 6-6
Scoring: Valdosta — TDs — Rome (47 yd. pass from Hilton), O'Neal (1 yd. run); PATs — Roundtree 2 (placements); Waycross — TDs — Whiten (75 yd. run after fumble recovery).

- ### Constitution's Weekly High School Football Poll
- Model, 6-2; Putnam Co., 8-0; Roswell, 6-2; Seminole Co., 7-1; Turner Co., 6-2; Vidalia, 6-2; Wilkinson Co., 7-1.
1. SE Bulloch (8-0)
2. Adairsville (8-0)
3. Hogansville (8-0)
4. Bron (7-2)
5. St. Joseph (6-1-1)
6. Pacelli (6-1-1)
7. Buford (6-2)
8. Duluth (6-2)
9. Sav. Co. Day (6-2)
10. Others receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Aquinas, 6-2; Rowan, 6-2; Pembroke, 6-2; Campbell, 6-2; Montgomery Co., 5-3; Palmbeach, 5-3-1; Pom., 5-3; West Point, 4-3-1; Westville, R. F., 5-3.

1. Washington-Wilkes (9-0)
2. Lithonia (8-0)
3. Commerce (8-0) (tie)
4. Irwin Co. (8-0)
5. Rockmart (7-1)
6. Carroll (6-1)
7. Putnam Co. (6-0)
8. St. Pius (6-2) (tie)
9. East Hall (7-1) (tie)
10. Louisville (8-0)
Putnam Co. (8-0)
White Co. (7-1)
- Others receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Aquinas, 6-2; Rowan, 6-2; Pembroke, 6-2; Campbell, 6-2; Montgomery Co., 5-3; Palmbeach, 5-3-1; Pom., 5-3; West Point, 4-3-1; Westville, R. F., 5-3.

- ### AA
1. Southwest (8-0)
2. North Springs (8-0)
3. Waycross (8-0)
4. Gainesville (8-1)
5. Cit. Thomasville (3-0) (tie)
6. Truitt (8-0)
7. Swainsboro (8-0)
8. SW DeKalb (7-1)
9. West Rome (7-1)
10. Americus (7-1) (tie)
Shamrock (6-2)
Statesboro (7-1)
- Others receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Bess, 1; Camden Co., 6-1-1; Coosa, 7-1; Dodge Co., 6-2; Dykes, 7-1; East Rome, 6-1-1; Shari, rock, 6-2; Smith, 7-2; Stephens Co., 7-1; Westminster, 6-2.

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1. Moultrie (8-0)
2. Douglas Co. (8-0)
3. Lakeside (8-0)
4. Clin., Macon (7-0-1) (tie)
5. Griffin (7-0-1) (tie)
6. Valdosta (7-1)
7. Thomasville (6-1)
8. Waycross (8-1)
9. Avondale (7-1) (tie)
10. Doughess (6-2)
Peachtree (7-1)
Warner Robins (7-1)
- Others receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Albany, 5-3; Benning, 6-2; Columbus, 5-3; Doughess, 6-2; Clinch, 6-1-2; Hardaway, 5-2-1; Henderson, 6-1-1; Newnan, 6-1-1; Russellville, 7-1; South Cobb, 7-2.

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Marchin' Cats Are Selected Magazine Band Of The Month

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats are definitely on their way to the top. . . now they've made it into the centerfold.

While the full-color center picture is not of the racy, folding variety which generally comes to mind, the picture plus a feature story is to be the main topic in a national band magazine.

Frank Butenschon, VHS band director, said he was advised recently the Marchin' Cats had been selected Band of the Month for Ruffles & Flourishes, a Pennsylvania-based band magazine circulated in the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Germany, Japan and Canada.

According to Butenschon, the Educational Telefilm Associates, Inc., publication honors bands considered the best in the northeast, the southeast, midwest and southwest as well as the Band of the Month in its monthly issues.

"The magazine officials told me we are the first band from the deep south to be featured as the 'Band of the Month,'" Butenschon said. "I was very surprised and the band members are really proud of the honor."

Butenschon said he was notified about a month ago the band had been selected for the publication.

"They called me and asked me to send pictures and an updated resume," Butenschon remembered. "Someone. . . I don't know who. . . had sent in a resume on the band and the magazine judges selected us from that resume."

Butenschon said magazine officials told him about seven black-and-white pictures would be used in conjunction with the story as well as the centerfold picture and a full-color cover picture.

"For the cover they're using a picture of the band marching down Canal Street in New Orleans when we were there last spring for the Greatest Band in Dixie



FRANK BUTENSCHON
Band In Centerfold

Contest held during Mardi Gras," Butenschon said.

Other pictures accompanying the story include shots of the band in their opening position on Cleveland Field and several pictures taken during half-time shows, Butenschon said.

"I also sent pictures taken at the welcoming reception held when we returned from Mardi Gras and some taken

during the contest in New Orleans," the band director added.

The write-up, which Butenschon said is to be done by a staff writer for the magazine, is to appear in the October issue of the magazine.

"But that issue won't get here for a week or two. They're running a little behind schedule and getting their issues out late."

According to the band director, the story and pictures are both of last year's band and this year's band. The national magazine, which is primarily concerned with high school bands, is considered the fastest growing band publication in the country at this time, according to Butenschon.

"About 10,000 school subscribe to the magazine," he said. "This article will give us international coverage and I think that's great."

According to Butenschon, a band is selected to be Band of the Month for the magazine from several recommendations throughout the country.

"We're ordering a bulk shipment of the October issue of the magazine," he said. "Anyone who is interested in getting a copy can just contact me or anyone in the band room."

Prep Grid Races Almost Finished

The curtain is about to come down regular season play for high school football teams in Georgia.

While none of the five region or sub-region races involving area teams has actually been settled, the number of challengers and hopefuls have been narrowed down considerably.

In Region 1-AAA, a 10-team circuit, just three schools haven't been eliminated.

The leader is coach Bud Willis' high-powered Moultrie Packers. They're rolling along with a 7-0 region mark and have games to play with Albany and Thomasville. Both will be league affairs.

The Packers will be favored in the last two outings and if they win, as the form chart indicates, Moultrie will rule the 1-AAA heap for the first time since 1963.

Coach Charles Green's Valdosta Wildcats and coach Jim Hughes' Thomasville Bulldogs are the two other 1-AAA entries still in the running. Both are 6-1 in league play. VHS still has games



SAMMY GLASSMAN

with Tift County (Tifton) and Lowndes. Beside that meeting with Moultrie, Thomasville must also face Monroe (Albany).

About the best the Wildcats can hope for is to finish in a tie with the Packers and meet them again in a playoff for the region crown. In order for this to happen 'Dosta must win its last two games and Thomasville must upset Moultrie when they tangle on Nov. 10 at Moultrie.

As they say, where there's life there's hope, so the 'Cats have a chance. The odds against them, however, are very big.

Moultrie has a very strong team, and it's certainly going to be a major surprise if the Packers don't turn back both Monroe and Thomasville and nail down the 1-AAA diadem.

CTN. OF MACON MAKES BIG JUMP

Leaders Remain on Top

By HAL HAYES
Constitution Prep Editor

Things were really hopping last weekend at Central High of Macon.

That is evidenced by The Constitution's weekly prep football rankings released Monday.

Coach Godfrey Steiner's Chargers, on the strength of their shocking 24-6 victory over previously-unbeaten Laney, have leaped into a tie with Valdosta for fourth place in the state Class AAA poll. They were ninth a week ago.

Moultrie, Lakeside and Douglas County remain one, two, three in Georgia's highest classification. Each is 8-0.

Leaders continued strong in AA, A and B as well. They are

Southwest, Washington-Wilkes and Southeast Bulloch, respectively.

"No, to be honest with you, we weren't expecting anything like this (a 6-1-1 record)," Steiner said Monday. "Of the 11 lettermen we returned, only five were regulars.

"That was one reason we didn't expect to do this well. Too, we knew full well that this region (4-AAA) would be awfully tough, and it is.

"It's a trite cliché and I don't really like the word," he continued, "but pride has helped carry us too. There is no denying that.

"These boys have simply made up their mind to carry on the tradition that we've

been fortunate enough to establish here." In Steiner's six and one-half years at the Chargers' stern, his teams are 54-7-2.

"We have to win the next two games, that's an absolute

must," the coach said, when asked about his club's region churches. "We've got Northeast, which is a local school, here in Macon (at Porter Stadium) this coming weekend.

Wildcats Offered Crisp Performance

There was a lot of rain and a lot of mud, but Valdosta High's football Wildcats gave what has to be described as a crisp performance in their 14-6 win over the Waycross Bulldogs this past Friday at Waycross.

Since the two teams belong to different regions there were no league honors at stake. The 'Cats and 'Dogs, however, are traditional rivals and there was a whole lot of pride at stake.

When it was over VHS had boosted its record to 7-1 and Waycross had suffered its first loss after eight consecutive triumphs.

VHS head coach, Charles Greene like everyone else who attended, was very wet after the contest, but obviously happy with the victory and his team's performance.

"It was a fine team effort," Greene said. "I was pleased, very pleased."

The Wildcats offered the kind of balance that was needed for them to defeat coach Dale Williams' previously unbeaten Bulldogs.

On offense they made both their running and passing attack click despite the weather conditions and racked up 14 first downs and just under 300 yards in total offense.

Meanwhile, VHS' defensive unit was holding the Bulldogs to a net of just 11 yards in total offense. Waycross passed for 29 yards, but ended up with minus 18 yards rushing. A total of 13 times Waycross backs were stopped at or behind the line of scrimmage.

The 'Cats did indeed give a fine team effort, and it produced for them a much-deserved victory over a strong opponent.



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Wildcats, Vikes At Home

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Both Valdosta's Wildcats and Lowndes' Vikings are to be at home to meet region foes Friday night, highlighting a seven-game slate of high school football action involving area schools.

Coach Charles Greene's Wildcats are scheduled to host Tift County's streaking Blue Devils from Tifton, while coach Noel

AREA GRID SLATE
Friday
Tift at Valdosta
Bainbridge at Lowndes
Berrien at Bacon
Ware at Cook
Americus at Brooks
Hamilton at Jefferson
Taylor at Madison
Clinch — Open Date

George's Vikings are to play host to Bainbridge Bearcats in a pair of Region 1-AAA tilts, marking the first time ever Lowndes and Valdosta have both played home football games on the same night.

Other games involving area teams include Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) at Bacon County (Alma), Ware County (Waycross) at Cook (Adel), Americus at Brooks County (Quitman), Hamilton (Jasper) at Jefferson County (Monticello), and Taylor County (Perry) at Madison.

Clinch County's Panthers from Homerville have an open date this week and are idle.

Coach Wilbur Oton's Tift Blue Devils are riding the crest of a five-game winning streak, following early-season losses to Crisp County (Cordele), Thomasville and Moultrie.

Tift, which had an open date last week, carries a 5-3 region record into the fray.

Greene's 'Cats, meanwhile, haul a 7-1 overall record and a 6-1 loop mark into the contest. Valdosta's only loss was a 42-14 setback to rugged Moultrie. Tift lost to Moultrie, 24-0.

Last Friday, in a non-region affair, 'Dosta trimmed highly regarded Waycross, 14-6, to tumble the Bulldogs from the unbeaten ranks.

George's Vikings, coming off a 35-14 victory over Monroe (Albany) last week, will be looking

for their third win of the season against Bainbridge (1-6-1). Lowndes carries a 2-5-1 record into the 1-AAA contest.

Coach Fred Tucker's Berrien Rebels carry a 5-3 overall slate and a 4-1 Region 2-A chart into their loop battle with Bacon County's Raiders from Alma (3-4).

Berrien's only region loss was a decision to tough Irwin County (Ocilla).

Cook's Hornets from Adel, meanwhile, have only a 4-4 overall record but sport a 3-0 Region 1-AA (East) mark entering the league contest against Ware's Gators (0-8).

A victory over Ware would clinch the 1-AA (East) title for Cook and assure the Hornets of a berth in the 1-AA playoffs against the victor from the western sub-division. Unbeaten Thomasville Central is leading in the western half of the loop.

Over at Quitman, Brooks County's Trojans are to play host to Region 1-AA (West) foe Americus. The Trojans are 4-4 in all games and 2-2 in league play. Americus' powerful Panthers are 6-1 for the season and 4-1 in sub-division competition. Coach Carl Duncan's Hamil-

ton County Trojans are to pay a visit to Jefferson County, and Duncan is hoping his squad can improve on their 2-5 record.

Madison's Cougars, meanwhile, are to host Taylor County's Bulldogs, who last week dropped a 20-14 decision to Hamilton.

Coach Ron Peterson's Cougars carry a 1-6 mark into the contest.

Other games of interest: Thursday — Westover vs Dougherty.

Friday — Moultrie at Albany, Coffee at Appling, Blackshear at Atkinson, Brantley at Irwin, Glynn at Brunswick, Thomasville Central at Cairo, Fitzgerald at Camden, Jeff Davis at Charlton, Jenkins at Waycross, Johnson at Ware.

Saturday — Thomasville at Monroe.

VJHS Cancels Football Tilt

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The football game between Valdosta Junior High School and Ware County Junior High School which was scheduled for 4 p. m. Thursday has been cancelled, according to VJHS coach Freddie Waters.

Waters said the game was cancelled by the Ware County coach who said he wanted to close football season to begin basketball season.

According to Waters, VJHS is to play its last football game of the season on Saturday at 7:30 p. m. on Cleveland Field when they go against the Valdosta High School - Pinevale Campus team.

Valdosta Dumps

WAYCROSS—The Waycross Bulldogs hosted both the rain and the Valdosta Wildcats Friday night and fell short, 14-6, in a crucial AAA battle. Waycross was seemingly more hampered by the poor weather than Valdosta was, as the Bulldogs managed only a last-quarter touchdown against the potent Wildcats.

Stan Rome, Valdosta's junior receiver, started the Wildcats' offense in the second quarter, breaking four tackles en route to a 35-yard pass completion from Bruce Hilton for Valdosta's first score.

Holding a 7-0 halftime lead, Valdosta scored again in the third quarter on a one-yard punge by fullback Pat O'Neill. George Rountree converted his second of two extra points as Valdosta took a 14-0 lead.

Waycross showed signs of life in the final quarter as Bill White picked up a fumble and broke loose for 70 yards to give the Bulldogs their lone touchdown.

Valdosta, ranked No. 3 before the game, stretched its record to 7-1, while fourth ranked Waycross fell to 8-1, losing its first game of the year.

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SCORING: Valdosta—Rome 35 pass from Hilton (Rountree kick); O'Neill 1 run (Rountree kick). Waycross—White 70 fumble recovery (pass failed).

Waycross

VHS Claims Another First

By EMILY OXFORD

Just about everybody in this area knows that Valdosta High School has had the number one football team and number one band for the past few years. Ask them if VHS has anything else that classifies them as number one, and they probably won't know.

Valdosta High School has the only glass blowing art students of a high school in the country. In fact, according to Jerry Chappelle, a glass blowing expert who teaches at the University of Georgia, it may be the only glass blowing set up in a high school anywhere in the world.

The idea of the glass blowing class all started last March when Jerry Pilcher, head of the art department for the Valdosta city school system, was in Americus watching Chappelle blow glass.

"I became intrigued," Pilcher explained, "not at the process so much, but at how cheap the entire set up could be made. It had to be made because no company builds the furnaces. Well, at the time they didn't anyway. Last month I read an advertisement that a company in New Jersey has manufactured them, but the price is a little steep."

"I made up my mind to make the furnace and learn how to blow glass myself. I started sketching Chappelle's equipment as fast as I could, but paying very little attention to his actual blowings.

"I came back to Valdosta and immediately started working on the project. By April 9 we were in operation.

"I wrote Chappelle several times a week with questions about building our furnace, and he was considerate enough to answer immediately," the mustached Pilcher stated.

There is very little written about the art of glass blowing, Pilcher explained as he puffed on his pipe. "It was only about ten years ago that glass blowing as an in-



—Photos Special To The Times

Glass Expert: Chappelle Demonstrates Art

dividual art was rediscovered. Prior to that time four or five people would work on one item, because the heat is so intense and everything must be done in a matter of seconds."

Chappelle, who once taught at Penland School of Art in North Carolina teaches glass blowing workshops all over the country. "We were fortunate to have him come here to conduct one," Pilcher smiled.

"I understand that once his students at the university

found out that VHS had a set-up they pushed him to come down."

Recently he conducted a workshop, complete with slide lecture and actual demonstrations on the VHS campus.

"You must have a lot of strong folks in Valdosta," Chappelle said to Pilcher. "They have to be strong to handle this heavy equipment."

Chappelle was referring to the tools used to hold the glass.

When Pilcher sketched the tools, he failed to notice the weight of each tool, and consequently the ones at VHS were heavier than necessary.

"We are remedying that situation," Pilcher laughed. "I told him that was the way the football players are working out now," Pilcher laughed.

Pilcher says he is looking forward to the completion of the new high school because there is to be a three-dimensional design class for advanced art students. These students are to study glass blowing as well as other advanced forms of art.

The furnace Pilcher and his students built reaches a temperature of 2,300 degrees, therefore it has to be used outside. "We all call the furnace, 'Freddy Furnace,'" Pilcher, said. "After the shape has been obtained, the object goes into the annealing oven at a temperature of 1,000 degrees for about 12 hours. We call the annealing oven, 'Ernie Furnie,'" Pilcher smiled.

Chappelle has scheduled a workshop at his farm near Athens in November and Pilcher said he hopes to send some of his students. Pilcher is hopeful that with more interest in glass blowing now, additional information will be printed.

"Who knows, one of the VHS students may become an authority on glass blowing," Pilcher beamed.

Two From VHS Attend Conference

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Two Valdosta High School students were among area students attending the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) fall planning conference held Friday and Saturday in Macon.

According to club officials, Mike Dame, president of the Diversified Cooperative Training Club at VHS, and Julie Southwell, club reporter, attended the two-day conference held at the Dempsey Hotel.

The club officers were accompanied by J. P. Horn, club coordinator, officials said.

The conference included a presentation by Dr. L. Linton Deck Jr., Bibb County school superintendent, and group meetings for club officers, according to VICA officials.

Students To Give Reports

The president and reporter of the Valdosta High School Chapter of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) are preparing to present to their club information they received while attending a statewide VICA conference.

According to Levy Taylor,

club coordinator, the two students were among those attending the planning conference on Friday and Saturday in the Dempsey Hotel in Macon.

Taylor said Steve Tomlinson, club president, and Mike McDonald, club reporter, attended the conference at which Dr. L. Linton Deck Jr., superintendent of Bibb County school was the main speaker.

According to Taylor, Tomlinson met with Mark L. Davis, state club advisor, and other club presidents, while McDonald met with Bob Davis, also a state club advisor, who works with club reporters.

The two officers, seniors at VHS, are expected to use information from the planning conference in adding the local chapter here, Taylor said.

Tomcats Meet Pinevale Team

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta Junior High's football Tomcats are to meet Valdosta High's Pinevale Campus squad at Cleveland Field here Saturday night, closing out the VJHS season.

Coach Freddie Water's Tomcats carry a 4-2 record into the 7:30 p. m. fray.

Packers, Cats, Waycross Roll

Special to The Times-Union
The steamrolling Moultrie Packers chalked up a 42-19 victory over Warner Robins, revenge-bent Valdosta symonied Monroe of Albany, 48-0, and undefeated Waycross added one more scalp in its quest of a Coastal Division title by blanking Glynn Academy 18-0.

The Packers ran up a 42-6 margin early in the third quarter and Coach Bud Willis gave his entire entourage an opportunity to get actual playing time under its belt. The Packers now stand at 7-0 for the season.

Warner Robins contained the reserves and managed to add 13 points to their score before the final whistle.

The Waycross-Glynn conflict could well be a preview of the Region 3AAA playoffs scheduled for Nov. 17. Glynn Academy has clinched the Coastal Division title and Waycross is presently leading the Empire Division.

The Bulldogs, now sporting an 8-0 mark for the season were ranked No. 4 in the state's AAA ranks by the Associated Press last week. Glynn's record is now 5-1-2.

The Red Terrors held Waycross scoreless until the final seconds of the first half. With 10 seconds left to go, Mike Scott kicked a 29-yard field goal to give the Bulldogs a 3-0 advantage at halftime.

After a scoreless third period, the Bulldogs got their first touchdown of the night on a 23-yard scoring toss from Kennon Taylor to Mike McQuaig. Scott kicked the extra point.

Reginald Carter scooted eight yards for the final TD and Mike Harrison passed to Gene Veal for a two-point conversion.

The game marked the 17th consecutive quarter that the Bulldogs have remained undefeated upon. The last time a score was made against the

Waycross defense was on Sept. 22 when Tompkins of Savannah became a 21-8 victim of the Bulldogs.

The Valdosta Wildcats, smarting from a loss to the Moultrie Packers last week, had no chance to become lax. Monroe took the opening kickoff on its goal line and re-

turned it to the Wildcat 13. Two plays later they scored but the TD was nullified by a holding penalty.

The Wildcats settled down and from that point on it was all their way.

Stan Rome drew first blood on a 34-yard pass play from Bruce Hilton, then James Savage ripped off 20 yards for another, Hilton passed 43 yards to George Rountree, ran seven yards himself, passed 44 yards to Luther Blue and Savage bucked over from the one.

The final touchdown came when defensive back Emory Williams intercepted a Monroe pass and scampered 65 yards to the end zone. Rountree kicked three of the extra points. Gregg Doig added three more and one attempt went wide.

'Cats Now 6th

Moultrie Packers Picked Number One

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was no surprise to anyone when the Moultrie Packers emerged as the No. 1 Class AAA team in this week's Associated Press high school football poll.

The Packers were No. 2 last week, but they downed the previously top-ranked Valdosta Wildcats 42-14. That dropped the Wildcats to sixth place.

Lakeside advanced to second place, Warner Robins stepped up to third. Laney and Waycross tied for fourth.

Statesboro remained No. 1 in Class AA. Southwest Atlanta held on to second place, North Springs advanced to third, Thomasville Central was fourth and Woodward was fifth.

Americus, previously ranked third, fell out of the top ten after Thomasville Central downed the Panthers 13-0.

Washington-Wilkes kept its top spot in Class A, followed by Lithonia, Commerce, Irwin County and Carrollton, respectively.

Jefferson, previously third, dropped to seventh after being

beaten 16-13 by East Hall of Gainesville. East Hall's victory put the previously unranked Vikings in a tie with Rockmart for sixth place. Rockmart dropped from second after losing 19-7 to Model.

Moultrie took all the first place votes in Class AAA. In Class AA, Statesboro polled five, Southwest Atlanta two and North Springs one. In Class A, Washington-Wilkes polled five, Irwin County, two and Lithonia one.

Here are the complete Associated Press poll rankings by classes:

AAA—Moultrie; Lakeside; Warner Robins; Laney and Waycross, tied; Valdosta; Douglas County; Peachtree; Macon Central; Newnan.

AA—Statesboro, Southwest Atlanta, North Springs; Thomasville Central, Woodward, Swainsboro, Gainesville, West Rome, Early County, Troup.

A—Washington-Wilkes; Lithonia; Commerce; Irwin County; Carrollton; Rockmart and East Hall, tied; Jefferson; St. Pius; Putnam County.

Valdostan Wins Award In English

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A 17-year-old Clemson University freshman who was graduated from Valdosta High School at the top of his class has been named a winner of the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award.

Alfred Edward (Al) Willis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Willis of Valdosta, was named one of eight state winners in the national contest, according to Mrs. Harry Wolinski, head of the English department at VHS.

The contest is open to all high school juniors, Mrs. Wolinski said, who have been recommended by English teachers.

"The competition's rather stiff," said Mrs. Wolinski. "The students have to write a test, prepared essays and an impromptu essay."

According to Mrs. Wolinski, Willis' name is now to be sent to colleges and universities stating he has won the award and recommending he be considered for an appropriate scholarship.

Willis, who entered the contest last spring during his junior year at VHS, graduated a year early in August as valedictorian of his class, Mrs. Wolinski said.

Born in Atlanta, Willis moved when he was four years old and attended Valdosta schools entirely, according to his mother, who also indicated her son is no stranger to awards.

"He is a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship program," Mrs. Willis said, "and he was in the Society of Outstanding American High School Students this past year."

Willis has also attended the Governor's Honor Program in French and has received a certificate of merit from the state of Georgia and the University



AL WILLIS

Clemson Freshman

of Georgia, according to Mrs. Willis.

"Al has always done well in school," the proud mother said. "He won his first writing contest in the third grade when he won a wrist watch with a fire prevention essay."

While in school, Willis worked as a janitor for his father's company, Langdale-Willis Insurance Agency.

A member of the First Baptist Church here, Willis was active in the church choir and the hand bell choir before entering the South Carolina university.

"It was his choice to go to college right after graduating in August," Mrs. Willis said. "I was in no hurry for him to get through."

According to Mrs. Willis, the young award-winner has already begun to distinguish himself at Clemson.

"He took a written exam at the college that allowed him to enter third-year French," Mrs. Willis explained, "and now he has a double major. He's majoring in architecture and French."

Mrs. Willis said her son recently appeared in a college play, "School for Wives," which is due to be taken on the road and has been asked to appear in "Waiting for Gadot," a college play to be done entirely in French and cast by invitation only.

Willis, has two sisters; Kathy, 14, who is a cheerleader

score was made against the

Wildcats, Dogs Head Form Chart

The gain was very slight, but my football prediction average, despite some bad misses, did go up last week.

I was right with 36 of my guesses and wrong with 10 for a .783 mark. That added four points to my total for the year and it now stands at 206-65-760.

Here's the way things look to me this week. We'll start with the high school games and look at the college list later.

VALDOSTA VS MONROE — Valdosta's Wildcats (5-1) and Monroe's Golden Tornadoes (1-5) are to meet here tonight. The 'Cats will be trying to rebound after a loss to Moultrie last week. I think VHS will win and return to the victory trail.

LOWNDES VS THOMASVILLE — Lowndes' Vikings (1-4-1) must face Thomasville's powerful Bulldogs (5-1) in Thomasville. The Bulldogs are heavily favored. I'll stick with the form chart and pick T'ville.



Wildcats Hosting Golden Tornadoes

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Valdosta's football Wildcats are scheduled to go against Monroe's Golden Tornadoes here Friday night and it figures both teams are going to put the pigskin in the air often.

Coach Charles Green's 'Cats and coach Winfred Benson's Tornadoes from Albany are to tangle in a Region 1-AAA contest slated for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

Valdosta will carry a 5-1 record into the fray, and will be trying to rebound after a 42-14 loss to Moultrie this past week. Monroe owns a 1-5 chart, and hasn't triumphed since an opening game win over Dougherty.

Before bowing to Moultrie, the 'Cats trimmed Thomasville (13-6), Dougherty (34-6), Crisp County (34-8), Bainbridge (40-22) and Albany (48-14). Since its win over Dougherty on opening night, Monroe has bowed to Westover (22-6), Albany (29-12), Tift County (48-26), Moultrie (40-8) and Crisp (27-14).

The game here Friday is sure to produce some aerial fires since the two leading passers in Region 1-AAA will be on opposite sides.

Pacing the league in aerial yardage is Valdosta's 165-pound junior quarterback, Bruce Hilton. He has hit on 42 of 103 passes for 935 yards. Sec-

ond on the aerial list is Monroe's 175-pound senior quarterback Ronald Reddick, who has connected on 56 of 131 passes for 738 yards.

While the 'Cats and Tornadoes are sure to throw often, both also have strong ground games. The 'Cats leading rusher is fullback Pat O'Neal (78-376). He's followed by halfback Robert Daniels, who has picked up 228 yards on 41 carries.

Monroe has a flock of fleet backs, and just one of them is 172-pound senior Eddie Bell, who ripped off 182 yards on 20 carries against Crisp County last week.

"We've got to stop thinking about Moultrie and concentrate on Monroe," VHS mentor Greene said. "Monroe can move the football, especially through the air. And they have some fast backs, the kind who can go all the way if they see any daylight at all."

Probable starters follow:

VALDOSTA

Offense—ends Stanford Rome (190, jr.) and Luther Blue (180, sr.), tackles Wade Johnson (215, sr.) and Bernard Morehead (260, sr.) or Bobby Branley (220, sr.), guards Charles Christian (190, jr.) and David Register (215, sr.); center Jimmy Scruggs (180, sr.) or Norman Bankston (180, jr.), quarterback Bruce Hilton (165, jr.) halfbacks Tony King (160, jr.) and James Savage (175, sr.) and fullback Pat O'Neal (190, sr.).

Defense—ends Robert Daniels (190, sr.) and George Roundtree (185, sr.), tackles David Mitchell (245, jr.) and Freddie Wilbon (160, sr.), middle guard Gary Irby (220, sr.), linebackers Larry Lane (170, sr.), Jack Sullivan (175, jr.), Ronald Daniels (200, sr.) and Arthur Cooper (60

jr.) deep backs Gary Rowe (290, sr.) and David Williams (165, jr.).

MONROE

Offense—ends Bobby Holley (160, soph.) and Nathaniel Bryant (165, sr.) or Joseph Tyson (175, sr.), tackles Michael Harper (220p sr.) and Stephen White (214, sr.), guards Eddie Marshall (224, jr.), quarterback Ronald Reddick (175, sr.), halfbacks Andrew Carnesie (175, jr.) and Eddie Bell (172, sr.) and fullback Norman Batten (170, sr.).

Defense—ends Winfred Allen (186, jr.) and Bobby Holley (160, soph.), tackles Eddie Hatcher (195, sr.) and Robert Morris (176, jr.), linebackers Felton Smith (171, sr.), Michael Solomon (147, sr.) and Edward Fowler (150, soph.), corner backs John McNair (142, jr.) and Johnny Gosser (150, sr.), deep backs Eddie Wilson (136, sr.) and Robert Mims (165, sr.).

Valdosta, Lowndes Eye Battles

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta stays at home while Lowndes takes to the road tonight, highlighting a full slate of high school football action involving area teams.

Coach Charles Greene's Valdosta Wildcats, hoping to rebound after a 42-14 defeat at the hands of Moultrie last week, play host to Monroe's Golden Tornadoes from Albany, while coach Noel George's Vikings pay a visit to Thomasville's Bulldogs in a pair of Region 1-AAA battles.

Other games find Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) at Irwin

County (Ocilla), Clinch County (Homerville) at Patterson, Cook (Adel) at Albany Westover, Brooks County (Quitman) at Cairo, Baker County (Macedonny) at Hamilton (Jasper) and Madison at Jefferson County (Monticello).

Valdosta carries a 5-1 record into the Monroe contest, while the Golden Tornadoes haul a 1-5 chart into the fray. Monroe has failed to register a win since a season-opening division over Doughterty.

Region, 1-AAA's leading passers, Bruce Hilton of Valdosta and Ronald Reddick of Monroe are to meet head-to-

head for the first time ever in the contest. Hilton has hit on 42 of 103 pass attempts for 935 yards, while Reddick has connected on 56 of 131 aerials for 738 yards.

Lowndes, meanwhile, carries a 1-4-1 slate into the contest with the 5-1 Bulldogs. A big part of the Lowndes game plan will be to stop Thomasville's potent ground offense, led by running backs Mike Kavouklis and William Andrews.

Andrews, a sophomore fullback, has gained 548 yards on 100 carries this season, while Kavouklis, a senior fullback, has gained 468 yards

on 74 carries.

The Berrien-Irwin victor will find itself in undisputed possession of first place in Region 2-A, since both squads enter the fray with 3-0 region records.

Irwin is 6-0 overall, while Berrien's Rebels sport a 4-2 overall slate.

Coach Cecil Dunn's Patriots from Clinch County lock horns with Patterson's Eagles in both squads' first Region 2-B contest of the season.

Patterson hauls a 4-2 chart into the clash, while Clinch stands at 3-2-2 on the season. The only schools in 2-B fielding football teams, Clinch

and Patterson are to meet in Homerville Nov. 10 for the second time this season.

Cook's Hornets from Adel are to step out of Region 1-AA (East) competition to face Westover's Patriots from Albany, a member of 1-AA (West).

Cook (3-3) is riding the crest of the three-game winning streak, while Westover has a 2-4 season mark.

Brooks County's Trojans and the Syrupmakers from Cairo won't be battling for the Region 1-AA (West) lead,

but they will be battling at Cairo tonight.

Coach Bobby Rich's Quitman squad carries a 3-4 season chart into the battle, while Cairo owns a 2-3-1 record.

Coach Carl Duncan's Hamilton County Trojans will be trying to win their first game of the season against five losses when they host Baker County. Duncan is in his first season as Trojan head coach.

Madison's Cougars, meanwhile, carry a 1-4 record into their fray with Jefferson County at Monticello. Coach Ron Peterson's squad is in the throes of a two-game loss skrein.

'Cats Defeat Tornadoes

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Valdosta High's football Wildcats returned to the victory trail in style here Friday night as they rolled past Monroe's Golden Tornadoes from Albany, 48-0.

Coach Charles Greene's 'Cats, who suffered their first loss of the 1972 campaign at the hands of Moultrie last

| | Valdosta | Monroe |
|-----------------|----------|--------|
| First Downs | 20 | 7 |
| Yards Rushing | 238 | 39 |
| Yards Passing | 227 | 45 |
| Passes | 10-16 | 5-21 |
| Passes Intc. by | 3 | 1 |
| Fumbles Lost | 2 | 0 |
| Punting | 0-0 | 4-31 |
| Penalties | 7-75 | 6-40 |

week, dominated on both offense and defense all the way in their triumph over coach Winred Benson's Tornadoes.

With the victory the 'Cats boosted both their overall and Region 1-AAA records to 6-1. Monroe is now 1-6 for the season and 1-5 in league play.

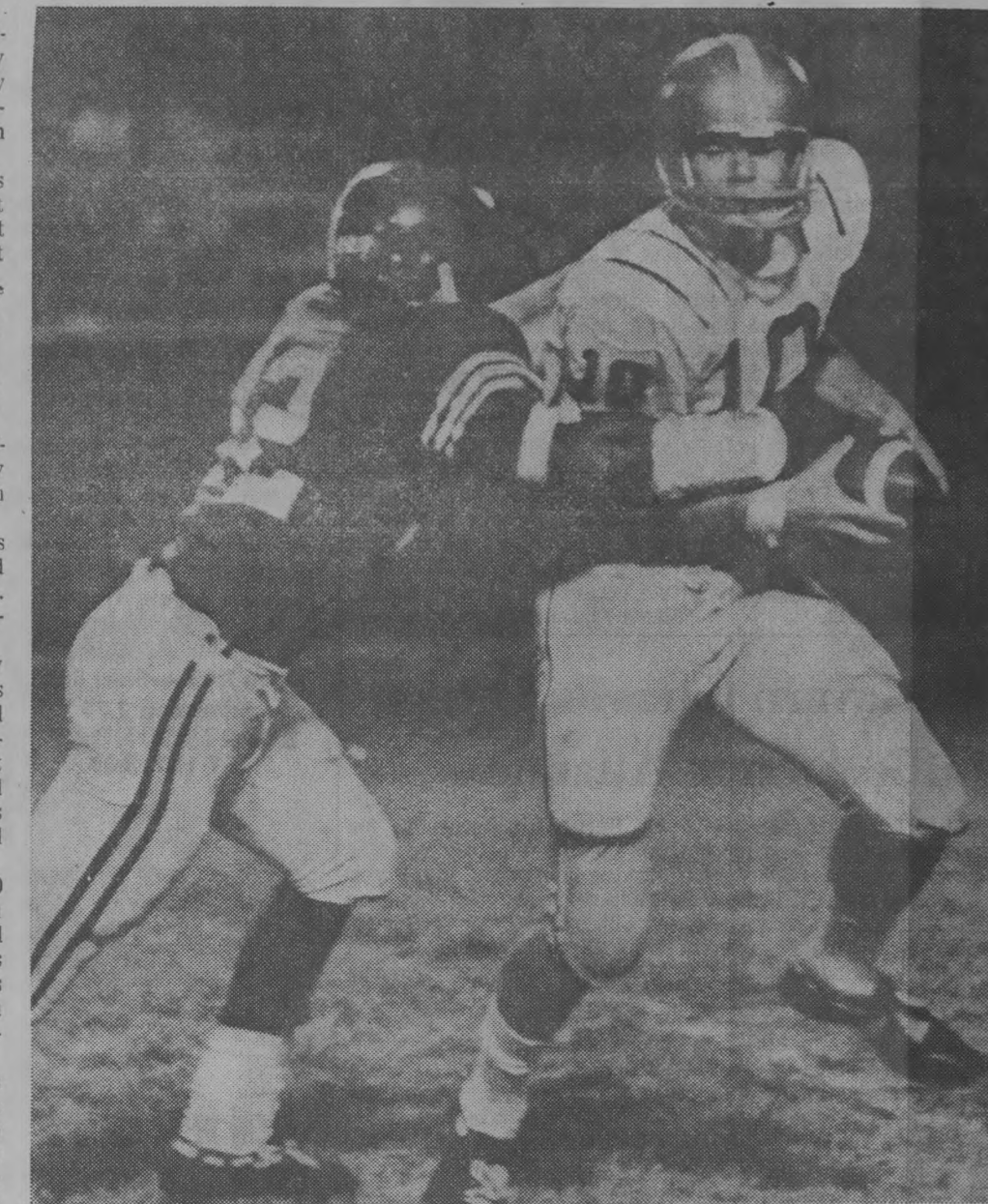
A crowd of approximately 6,000 was on hand as the 'Cats survived an early scare, scored a touchdown in the final minute of the first period and went on from there to a onesided win. Before the contest was over all of VHS' reserves had seen action.

The 'Cats, who piled up 20 first downs and 465 yards in total offense (238 rushing and 227 passing), scored three times through the air, three times along the ground and once on a long return after a pass interception.

All of the scoring aeriels were thrown by quarterback Bruce Hilton. One of his TD tosses went 33 yards to split end Stanford Rome, another covered 42 yards and went to halfback George Roundtree and the third was for 57 yards to tight end Luther Blue, and it came on a fake punt when VHS had a 4th-and-11 situation in the final stanza.

For the night Hilton connected on 10 of 15 tosses for 227. Rome was the 'Cats' leading receiver with six catches for 119 yards.

Halfback James Savage, scored twice on runs for 'Dosta. One of his tallies came on a weaving-bobbing romp of 20 yards. The other was on a one-yard plunge. Hilton leg-



—Times Staff Photos

'Cats' Bruce Hilton (10) Appears Trapped, But He Escaped From Richard Nix

ged it for a one touchdown, covering seven yards. Savage was the rushing leader with 113 yards on 11 carries.

It was Emory Williams who turned a pass interception and a romp of 70 yards into a touchdown for the Wildcats. This came with just nine seconds left in the game.

Williams' theft put icing on the cake for the Valdosta defensive unit's standout performance. The 'Cats' stop'em

crew limited the Tornadoes to only seven first downs, just 84 yards in total offense (39 rushing and 45 passing) and zero points.

Besides' Williams' interception there were two more pass theft by safetyman Gary Rowe. He returned one of them 24 yards and the other 25. Both set up Wildcat touchdowns.

George Roundtree was VHS' leading tackler with five individual stops to his credit.

Monroe's only scoring threat came early in the game. Eddie Ball returned the opening kickoff 83 yards to VHS seven, but the 'Cats held there. A couple of plays later Monroe got the pigskin again, this time at the Valdosta 10 on a fumble recovery. Again the 'Dosta defenders held, and the Tornadoes didn't get within TD range again.

Ball did plague the 'Cats often on kickoff returns. He hauled back seven of them a total of 100 yards. Besides his

Defense (Number of Tackles): Valdosta — Roundtree 5, Rowe 3, Emory Williams 3, Ronald Daniels 3, Sullivan 3, Morehead 3; Monroe — Nelson 7, Felton Smith 6, Tinson 5, Allen 4, Marshall 3, Morris 3.

LINEUPS VALDOSTA

Ends: Rome, Blue, Lane, Miller, Calvin Johnson, Massey, Roundtree, Cobb, Adams, James Berrien, Ladrow, Dixon.

Tackles: Adams, Johnson, Brantley, Irby, Mitchell, Moorehead, Wilbon, L. Dodson, Cone.

Guards: Sullivan, Franklin, Christian, Register, Hutchens, Sumner, Stevens.

Centers: Scruggs, Bankston, Ronald Daniels, Wetherington.

Backs: Hilton, Cooper, Paul Savage, Richardson, D. Williams, Rome, Demps, O'Neal, J. Savage, R. Daniels, Elliot, Houle, Doig, Henry, Coachman, Netter, Waters, T. Cooper, Binford, Billy Berrien, Jerry Daniels, Tobie Berrien, Emory Williams.

MONROE

Ends: Mims, Hatcher, Holley, Bryant, Bacon.

Tackles: Nelson, Camp, S. White, Morris, Allen, M. Marshall.

Guards: Fowler, Marshall.

Centers: Tinson, Penn, Fluellan.

Backs: Reddick, Goseer, Tyson, McNair, Ball, Solomon, J. White, Willson, Nix, Smith, Jackson, McCray, Batten, Carnegie, Hosea, Holley.

Score by Quarters:
Valdosta 7 14 6 21—48
Monroe 0 0 0 0—0

Scoring: TDs — Rome (33 yd. pass from Hilton), Savage 2 (20 and 7 yd. runs), Roundtree (42 yd. pass from Hilton), Hilton (7 yd. run), Blue (57 yd. pass from Hilton), E. Williams (70 yds. after pass interception); PATS — Roundtree (placements), Doig 3 (placements).

Waycross Is Sure To Challenge VHS

Valdosta High's football Wildcats, after suffering their first loss of the season to Moultrie on Oct. 13, hustled back into the victory trail with a 48-0 romp past Monroe here this past Friday night.

With the win over the Golden Tornadoes, coach Charles Greene's 'Cats boosted their overall and Region 1-AAA record to 6-1.

This coming Friday the 'Cats will play their only non-region game of the year when they go to Waycross to face coach Dale Williams' Bulldogs, who campaign in 3-AAA.

Even though there won't be any league honors at stake, the game is still an important one for the Wildcats, if they are to stay in position to challenge for the 1-AAA title, should Moultrie's powerful and unbeaten Packers falter and the loop race finish in a three-way tie.

Let it be noted that Waycross is a traditional foe for Valdosta. The Bulldogs are back on the VHS slate after a two-year absence. Down through the years 'Dosta and Waycross have staged many super thrillers.

Right now Waycross is sailing along with a perfect 8-0 record. The Bulldogs of 1972 are being rated by many as one of Waycross' most talented teams in many years.

As for Williams, well, he's a Valdosta native who played his high school football here with the Wildcats and was on the opposite sideline from VHS for quite a few games during his successful tour of duty with Baker High in Columbus.

What I'm saying is this. After the loss to Moultrie, the 'Cats bounced back in fine style and played well on both offense and defense to beat Monroe going away.

The VHS players, however, can't afford to relax just because their next game is a non-region affair. Waycross is strong, very strong and beating them on their home field must be classified as an extremely difficult assignment. The 'Cats have their work cut out for them this week.



SAMMY GLASSMAN

Grid Glimpses

(See stories on Pages 10 and 11)

Valdosta 48, Monroe 0

Valdosta's Wildcats were in control all the way as they rolled past Monroe's Golden Tornadoes in a Region 1-AAA test. VHS boosted its record to 6-1.

Thomasville 44, Lowndes 20

Thomasville's once-beaten Bulldogs got a scare from Lowndes' "pole cat" offense, but rallied for 22 fourth-quarter points to trip the Vikings. Lowndes' Larry Thomas hit on 12 of 28 pass attempts for 307 yards.

Brooks 14, Cairo 8

Coach Bobby Rich's Brooks County Trojans from Quitman pinned a Region 1-AA (West) defeat on Cairo's Syrupmakers, rolling up 208 rushing yards in the process. Brooks raised its record to 4-4.

Hamilton 30, Baker 6

Hamilton County's Trojans won their first game of the year as they gave up a first quarter touchdown to Baker County's Wildcats from Macclenny, then held on for a Florida Crown Conference victory. Coach Carl Duncan's Trojans scored in every quarter along the way.

Westover 21, Cook 14

Westover's Patriots from Albany cut short Cook's three-game victory skein with a fourth-period winning touchdown in a non-region football contest. Coach Bobby Phillips' Cook Hornets from Adel dropped to 3-4 with the loss.

Irwin 47, Berrien 23

Coach Fred Tucker's Berrien Rebels from Nashville, Ga., dropped a showdown tilt with Irwin County's Indians from Ocilla for the Region 2-A leadership. Irwin rolled up 343 yards rushing enroute to the win.

Patterson 52, Clinch 6

Patterson's Eagles compiled more than 500 yards in total offense as they rolled past Clinch County's Panthers in a Region 2-B affair.

Jefferson 20, Madison 0

Madison's Cougars saw their record fall to 1-5 with a high-school football loss to Jefferson's Tigers at Monticello, Fla., Friday night. Jefferson carried a 13-0 lead into the locker room at the half.

Moultrie Maintains No. 1 Spot

By DAVID DAVIDSON

Atlanta Journal Prep Editor

Moultrie has maintained its No. 1 status in The Journal's weekly high school football Class AAA ratings, despite a near-flawless 49-0 victory by No. 2-ranked Lakeside over Peachtree.

Lakeside jumped ahead of Peachtree 28-0 at the end of the first quarter on pinpoint passing by quarterback Mike Johnson and hard running by fullback Jack Bowen, and by halftime had increased that margin to 42-0.

Johnson and the rest of the regulars were benched in the second half and after the substitutes scored one early touchdown for the 49-0 lead, there was no more scoring.

Moultrie, however, jumped off to a 42-6 halftime lead en route to a 42-19 victory, at rugged Warner Robins.

AAA

1. Moultrie (7-0)
2. Lakeside (8-0)
3. Valdosta (6-1)
4. Waycross (8-0)
5. Douglas Co. (7-0)
6. Laney (7-0)
7. (tie) Central-Macon and Griffin (6-0-1)
9. Warner Robins (6-1)
10. Avondale (6-1)

Other teams receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Cherokee (7-0); Glynn Academy (4-3); Newman (5-1); Peachtree (6-1); Rossville (6-1); Savannah (4-2-1); South Cobb (7-1); Thomasville (6-1).

AA

1. Southwest-Atlanta (7-0)
2. Statesboro (7-0)
3. Central-Thomasville (7-0)
4. North Springs (8-0)
5. Gainesville (7-1)
6. Southwest DeKalb (6-1)
7. Woodward Academy (6-1)
8. Swainsboro (7-0)
9. Troup (7-0)
10. (tie) Bass and West Rome (5-1)

Other teams receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Americus (6-1); Camden Co. (6-0-1); Dykes (5-2); Early Co. (6-1); East Rome (6-1-1); Russell (5-2); Shamrock (5-2); Sumner (7-1); Stephens Co. (6-1); Westminster (5-2).

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1. Washington-Wilkes (8-0)
2. Irwin Co. (7-0)
3. Lithonia (8-0)
4. Commerce (7-0)
5. Wilkinson Co. (7-0)
6. Carrollton (7-1)
7. Putnam Co. (7-0)
8. Mitchell Co. (6-1)
9. Rockmart (6-1)
10. (tie) East Hall and Louisville (7-0)

Other teams receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Aquinas (5-2); Bowdon (6-2); Briarwood (6-1); Cartersville (6-1); Claxton (6-1); Cochran (7-1); Manchester (5-1); Model (5-2); Mt. de Sales (5-2); Murray Co. (7-1); Roswell (5-2); St. Pius X (5-2); Seminole Co. (6-1); White Co. (6-1).

B

1. Southeast Bulloch (8-0)
2. Adairsville (7-0)
3. Hogansville (7-0)
4. Pacelli (6-1)
5. St. Joseph (5-1-1)
6. Duluth (5-2)
7. Savannah Country Day (6-2)
8. Trion (6-2)
9. Patterson (5-2)
10. Unadilla (4-2-1)

Other teams receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Bremen (6-2); Buford (5-2); Montgomery Co. (5-2); West Point (4-2-1); West Side-Rocky Face (5-2).

Valdosta Tries Waycross Next

By BOB PRICE
Times-Union Sports Writer

Valdosta, on the edge of the Region 1-AAA picture now, steps outside of league play Friday for a visit to fourth ranked Waycross, the 7-0 leader of Region 3-AAA's B division.

Coach Charlie Green's Wildcats, now 6-1, returned to the win column Friday with a impressive victory over Monroe. The 48-0 decision was the first shutout scored by the Wildcats this season.

Valdosta has scored 231 points this fall for 33.0 average, but will receive a very stiff test from Waycross which has allowed only 18 points in seven games.

MOULTRIE, the Region 1-AAA leader, is at home this week against Bainbridge as the Packers move into the season's stretch drive eyeing its first league championship since 1963. Following Bainbridge will be an at-Albany date and then the season finale against Thomasville, which is now 6-1.

Coach Bud Willis' 1972 eleven is far ahead of that won-loss record posted by the Packers' last title squad, which finished with a 7-2-1 overall mark and a 6-2-1 regional showing.

And this '72 outfit is ahead of offensive and defensive marks made by the 1963 team. In '63, the Packers scored 208 points while limiting opponents to 108. This time the Packers have notched 268

points for a 38.28 average while giving up just 69 for a 9.86 figure.

THOMASVILLE, which is on a six-game win streak furnished Region 1-AAA with its scoring leader in sophomore William Andrews. Andrews came up with his third three-TD game last Friday and now has 78 points. Andrews' three-TD games have been against Cairo, Bainbridge and Lowndes.

The Bulldogs of Coach Jim Hughes are third in team offense in the league with 182 points and a 26.0 average, but are leading defensive units by permitting the foes just 56 points for an 8.00 average.

Thomasville is at home Friday for homecoming against Albany.

THOMASVILLE Central

rested last week after seven straight wins. Friday night finds Coach Will Roy Cooley's

Yellow Jackets in Blakely for a league joust with Early County.

Wildcats, Vikes Eyeing Next Foes

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Wildcats will be renewing an old acquaintance, while the Vikings are just coming home.

Valdosta's Wildcats are to meet Waycross' Bulldogs at Waycross and Lowndes' Vikings are to host Monroe's Golden Tornadoes from Albany Friday night, highlighting a sparse slate of high school football action involving area teams.

Other Friday contests find Brantley County (Nahunta) at Berrien (Nashville, Ga.), Cook

Coach Fred Tucker's Berrien Rebels carry a 4-3 overall slate and a 3-1 region slate into Friday's 2-A battle with Brantley's Herons from Hahunta, 2-3, in region and 4-3 overall.

Cook's Hornets haul a 3-4 overall and a 3-0 Region slate into their 1-AA (East) brawl with Camden County, 7-0-1 overall and 1-0-1 in league play, Friday at St. Marys. Cook lost its first three contests of the season, but came back to win three in a row before being topped by Albany Westover, 21-14 last week.

Coach Carl Duncan's Hamilton County Trojans (1-5) won their first contest of the season last week with a 30-6 decision over Baker County (Macclenny)

and Duncan would like more of the same against Perry.

Madison's Cougars (1-5), meanwhile are hoping to work on the visiting Live Oak Squad. Coach Ron Peterson's Cougars dropped a 20-0 decision to Jefferson County (Monticello) last week.

Other games of interest include:

Friday — Bainbridge at Moultrie, Albany at Thomasville, Worth at Americus, Ware at Appling, Atkinson at Irwin, Charlton at Bacon, Blackshear at Jeff Davis, Cairo at Westover, Thomasville Central at Early, Fitzgerald at Coffee and Patterson at Glennville.

Saturday — Crisp at Dougherty and Wayne at Savannah.

Can Waycross Make It No. 2?

By BOB PRICE
Times-Union Sports Writer

It the worm turning? — It could be for Waycross High.

The Bulldogs Friday night blanked Glynn Academy of Brunswick, 18-0, and, in doing so, Coach Dale Williams' eleven clipped the team which had defeated Waycross in 33 of their 52 meetings. There were three ties.

Now this Friday Valdosta

Georgia standouts, Waycross team against the Wildcats. And coaching this 1972 Valdosta eleven is Charlie Greene, a teammate of Williams at VHS.

Williams has worked near-miracles with the 1972 outfit

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Quarterback Danny White passed for four touchdowns to lead the 19th-ranked Arizona State Sun Devils, to a 49-17 Western Athletic Conference football victory over Brigham Young Saturday.

White threw three touchdowns in the first half, two to wingback Steve Holton, covering 39 and 38 yards. He also hit fullback Brent McClanahan on a 10-yard scoring toss.

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the opposition. The last time
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was dented came on Sept. 22
when Tompkins of Savannah
notched eight points.

A sellout crowd is expected
Friday as all reserve tickets
were gone two weeks ago. "It
makes little difference that
Valdosta has lost one game.
They're still a great team and
it'll be a corker," said Wil-
liams.

Georgia Prep Standings

Waycross Tries Valdosta Tonight

By BOB PRICE
Times-Union Sports Writer

Waycross Coach Dale Williams sees tonight's Valdosta at Waycross battle as one of "quickness" against size. "We'll have to be a lot quicker than the Wildcats in order to beat them," Williams said.

And Williams figures the quickness has to be on both offense and defense, which will concentrate on stopping the passing combo of quarterback Bruce Hilton and split end Stan Rome.

"We've been up against size before," said Williams. "However the Wildcats averages about 260 pounds compared to our 200. That's a lot of weight to overcome and it can only be done by out-thinking and out-quicking them."

Getting the chore of moving those big Valdosta defense-men are tackles Jim Clark and Mike Wilson, guards Wayne Wheeler, Ronnie Beverly and I have fields and and

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| 1-AAA | | | | |
| Moultrie | 6-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Valdosta | 6-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomasville | 5-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Albany | 4-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Early County | 3-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clatsop | 2-3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dougherty | 2-3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Monroe | 1-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| Savannah | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Windsor-Forest | 1-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| Benedictine | 3-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jenkins | 2-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tompkins | 2-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brunswick | 1-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Groves | 0-4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| Early County | 3-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Americus | 2-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brooks County | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cairo | 1-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Westover | 1-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| 2-A | | | | |
| Irwin County | 4-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Berrien | 3-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jeff Davis | 3-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brantley County | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bacon County | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Charlton County | 1-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Franklin Co | 1-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alkinson Cou | 1-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Patterson | 1-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clinch Count | 1-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

is undefeated in seven outings and are 3-0 in league competition. Two weeks ago Central stamped itself as the team to beat by upending previously unbeaten Americus, who was ranked third in the state at that time.

Tonight's schedule with predicted winners in capital letters:

Valdosta at WAYCROSS
Albany at THOMASVILLE
Bainbridge at MOULTRIE
Cook at CAMDEN COUNTY
CENTRAL THOMASVILLE at Early

Monroe at LOWNDES

PATERSON at Glennville
FITZGERALD at Coffee
CAIRO at Westover
BRUNSWICK at Groves
Blackshear at JEFF DAVIS
BRANTLEY at Berrien

for the first time in two weeks. The errors are still smarting from the 18-0 licking at Waycross last week and needs this win tonight for another possible shot at the B Division Bulldogs.

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Cook at Camden County: At stake will be the undisputed leadership of the Region 1-AAA East division. Cook is the current leader at 2-0 and the Hornets are 3-4 overall. The Wildcats of Coach John Hill are undefeated, but have a tie with division member Coffee County marring its seven-game campaign.

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Central Thomasville at Early County: Early could muddle the Region 1-AAA West race by pulling a surprise tonight. Early is 3-1 in the region and 6-1 overall. Central

and Mike Scott, tackles Calvin Nall and Chris Jacobs; guards David Hall and Johnny Thornton; linebackers McQuaig and Randy Scott and backs Bill White, Allen Henderson and Marcus Byrd.

That Waycross defense has given up only 18 points in eight games.

Valdosta comes into the Waycross tiff with a 6-1-0 record, having rebounded, 48-0, against Monroe last Friday after having a 46-game win streak ended by Moultrie the week before.

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Bainbridge at Moultrie: The 7-0 Packers will look to the guidance of Ray Goff, the running of John Barber, who has picked up 270 yards this season, and a stingy defense against the upset-minded Bearcats of Coach J. W. Roland.

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Savannah Beach at Glynn

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By HAL HAYES
Constitution Prep Editor

The long-time bully of Georgia's 1-AAA football community has already gotten his ears pinned back once this season, but Waycross' Dale Williams isn't so sure it can happen again.

He's hopeful, however, that his undefeated Bulldogs can make it happen just one more time Friday at 7:30 p.m.

That's when his team, 8-0 and fifth ranked in The Constitution's weekly Class AAA poll, plays host to once-beaten Valdosta.

"I honestly don't know if we're physical enough to play with them or not," Williams declared Thursday. "Their size and strength is far superior to ours; we don't even have anybody on our first 22 that weighs 200 — and 200 is their lightest weight."

"Valdosta is still Valdosta, too, despite the way Moultrie beat them (42-14). You know after them losing like that, Coach (Charlie) Greene has told them over and over how important it is that they don't lose again."

"And although this isn't even a region game, we're in 2-AAA," he said "Valdosta's tremendous spirit and pride surely doesn't want to lose again." Williams knows well the spirit and pride of the Wildcats, having been an all-state quarterback for them under the legendary Wright Bazemore in the 1950s.

The Bulldogs coach said "there have been a couple of things that helped us put things together this year. One, we're playing a lot of young boys who are playing as well physically as some of our seniors."

"And, too, our defense has really come around. That has been our strong point, having given up just 19 points in eight games."

Youth is very much the pic-

ture of the Waycross offense. It is led by sophomore Kennon Taylor, 6-0, 166. Its other top contributors have been senior running back James Lewis, 5-11, 170, senior fullback Reginald Carter, 6-0, 180, and junior running back Ike Harris, 5-10, 150.

Another top name for the Bulldogs is sophomore linebacker Randy Scott, 5-11, 180. In addition to leading the team in individual tackles per

game (15) he also returns punts and kickoffs.

In other top games this weekend, unbeaten Louisville (8-0) is at Aquinas (5-2) in an important 7-A battle; Central of Thomasville (7-0) is at Early County (6-1); Lakeview is at Coosa; unbeaten Laney (7-0) plays once-tied Central of Macon at Porter Stadium in Macon; Bainbridge is at top-rated Moultrie, and Albany is at Thomasville.

Wildcats, Vikings Get Victory Nod

After going up for a while, my football forecasting average took a dip this past week. I was right about 31 games and wrong about 13 for a .705 mark.

That chipped eight points off my total for the season and it now stands at 237-78—.752. Here's the way I see some of the games on tap for this weekend. We'll start with the prep contests and do some guessing about the college tilts later.

VALDOSTA VS WAYCROSS — Valdosta's Wildcats (6-1) and Waycross' Bulldogs (8-0) are to meet tonight at Waycross. It's a non-region affair, but a lot of football pride is at stake. Waycross, with its perfect record and owning the home field advantage, is being favored in some quarters. My pick, however, is 'Dosta.

LOWNDES VS MONROE — Lowndes' Vikings (1-5-1) like to run and Monroe's Tornadoes (1-6) like to throw. This should make for an interesting match-up when they meet here tonight at Martin Stadium in a Region 1-AAA affair. My choice is Lowndes.



Willis Coach of Week, ...Loves Friday 13th

By HAL HAYES
Constitution Prep Editor

Fridays that fall on the 13th of any football month will always be popular with Bud Willis.

Especially after what happened last weekend in Moultrie.

That was where his Packers' The Constitution's No. 1 ranked AAA team, stunned defending state champion Valdosta, 42-14, in one of Georgia's biggest games of the season.

Friday night, Oct. 13, 1972. Friday the 13th.

"Turned out to be pretty lucky for us, didn't it?" Willis remarked to a fan shortly after the game. "Wish we played on a bunch of them on the 13th."



CHANDLER

In honor of that historic night in the life of the Moultrie boss, he has been named The Constitution's Coach of the Week.

Douglas County's Robert Chandler, who scored five touchdowns and rushed for 150 yards in a 52-29 victory over Rossville, is the Back of the Week.

Eugene Fender of Moultrie, playing defensive end for his first time in three seasons, is Lineman of the Week. He made several key plays for the Packers, virtually shutting off Valdosta's outside game with a stellar performance.

"I really didn't feel we could score that many points on them," said Willis, reflecting Sunday. "And, to be honest with you, I didn't think anybody else could either."

"We had some breaks that helped

tremendously, but we'd like to think we earned a bunch of them." The Packers recovered three of four Valdosta fumbles, converting each into touchdowns.

"Our offensive line did a tremendous job blocking," the coach continued, "as is evidenced by our total offensive gain (216 rushing). At the same time, people like Fender, Anthony Wyche, the McIntyre brothers, Eddie Lee and Jerome, (Marty) Hammock and the rest of them, played tremendous defense. The Wildcats had only 29 yards rushing.)

"Offensively, I've got to commend ol' Kirby Clark, our tight end, too. We only threw on pass to him, the rest of the time he was blocking. And he did a terrific job.

"Then, folks like Steve Lazarus, Bobby Ethridge and George Morgan performed real well too."

The overall blocking of his offensive line, Willis said, "was just tremendous. After (James) Walker got hurt on the first play of the game, I was afraid we wouldn't be able to run on them.

"With the holes people like Steve Turner, and John Burrows were making, though, we did all right. (Quarterback) Ray Goff, (Florel) Lamar, (Danny) Shiver, (John) Barber and (Donnie) Moore had plenty of room."

Others drawing consideration for Coach of the Week were Jack Smalley, Sr., of Douglas County; Charlie Grisham of Carrollton; Will Roy Cooley of Central of Thomasville; Prescott Forsyth of Cartersville; Fred McManus of Habersham Central; Bobby Johnson of South Gwinnett, and Ralph Tugle of Model.

Scores

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

| | | | |
|-------|--|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1-AAA | | Tift Co. 13 | Albany 0 |
| | | Thomasville 35 | Bainbridge 7 |
| | | Crisp Co. 27 | Monroe-Albany 14 |
| | | Dougherty 25 | Lowndes 6 |
| | | Moultrie 42 | Valdosta 14 |
| 2-AAA | | Warner Robins 14 | Northside-WR 13 |
| | | Hardaway 2 | Central-Macon 2 |
| 3-AAA | | Arnold 29 | Beach 0 |
| | | Glynn Academy 7 | Wayne Co. 0 |
| | | Brunswick 29 | Jenkins 3 |
| | | Benedictine 9 | Windsor-Forest 6 |
| | | Waycross 14 | Groves 0 |
| 4-AAA | | Central-Macon 2 | Hardaway 2 |
| | | Northeast-Macon 27 | Butler 20 |
| | | Elbert Co. 14 | Thomson 13 |
| 5-AAA | | Marietta 7 | Campbell-Smyrna 6 |
| | | Cherokee 28 | North Cobb 8 |
| | | South Cobb 10 | Dalton 0 |
| | | Douglas Co. 52 | Rossville 29 |
| | | Wheeler 14 | R. L. Osborne 7 |
| 6-AAA | | Newnan 6 | (tie) Forest Park 6 |
| | | Griffin 26 | Rockdale Co. 6 |
| | | LaGrange 24 | Jonesboro 0 |
| | | R. E. Lee 38 | Newton Co. 7 |
| 7-AAA | | Avondale 34 | Decatur 12 |
| | | Clarkston 13 | Columbia 6 |
| | | Douglas-Atl. 34 | Washington 15 |
| | | Murphy 26 | Walker 14 |
| 8-AAA | | Clarke Central 22 | Briarcliff 8 |
| | | Henderson 55 | Johnson-Gainesville 0 |
| | | Chamblee 34 | Cross Keys 6 |
| | | Cedar Shoals 73 | Gainesville B-team 0 |
| 1-AA | | Camden Co. 14 | Fernandina Beach, Fla. 0 |
| | | Cook 12 | Coffee Co. 7 |
| | | Fitzgerald 49 | Ware Co. 0 |
| | | Central-T'ville 13 | Americus 0 |
| | | Early Co. 33 | Worth Co. 0 |
| 2-AAA | | Swainsboro 21 | Bradwell Institute 7 |
| | | Evans 6 | Effingham Co. 0 |
| | | Statesboro 21 | Scriven Co. 6 |
| | | Elbert Co. 14 | Thomson 13 |
| | | Perry 19 | Baldwin 0 |
| | | Mary Persons 14 | Dodge Co. 7 |
| | | Broffitt 14 | Peach Co. 12 |
| | | Washington Co. 27 | Telfair Co. 6 |
| | | Wheeler 13 | West Laurens 12 |

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

| | | | |
|-------|--|----------------|---------------------|
| 3-AAA | | Savannah 14 | Tompkins 0 |
| 4-AAA | | Glenn Hills 40 | Westside-Augusta 21 |
| | | Laney 23 | Josey 7 |
| 5-AAA | | Peachtree 26 | Tucker 15 |
| | | Lakeside 29 | Sequoyah 0 |

How Top 10s Fared

AAA
1. Valdosta (5-1) lost to Moultrie, 42-14; 2. Lakeside (7-0) beat Sequoyah, 29-0; 3. Moultrie (6-0) beat Valdosta, 42-14; 4. Central-Macon (5-0-1) tied Hardaway, 2-2; 5. Laney (6-0) beat Josey, 23-7; 6. Waycross (7-0) beat Groves, 14-0; 7. Peachtree (6-0) beat Tucker, 26-15; 8. Douglas Co. (7-0) beat Rossville, 52-29; 9. Warner Robins (6-0) beat Northside, 13-0; 10. (tie) Newnan (5-0-1) tied Forest Park, 6-6; and Rossville (5-1) lost to Douglas Co., 52-29.

AA
1. Southwest-Atlanta (6-0) beat North Fulton, 35-0; 2. Statesboro (6-0) beat Scriven Co., 21-6; 3. Central-Thomasville (7-0) beat Americus, 13-0; 4. North Springs (7-0) beat Willis, 24-0; 5. Americus (5-1) lost to Central-Thomasville, 13-0; 6. Southwest DeKalb (5-1) beat Druid Hills, 56-21; 7. Swainsboro (5-0) beat Bradwell Institute, 21-7; 8. Woodward Academy (5-1) beat Morrow, 28-7; 9. Gainesville (6-1) beat Winder-Barrow, 56-0; 10. (tie) Shamrock (5-1) beat Ridgeway, 30-6; and West Rome (5-1) beat Darlington, 40-0.

A
1. Rockmart (5-1) lost to Model, 19-7; 2. Washington-Wilkes (8-0) beat Morgan Co., 31-0; 3. Irwin Co. (6-0) beat Jeff Davis, 22-14; 4. Lithonia (7-0) beat Roswell, 14-7; 5. Commerce (6-0) beat Rabun Co., 42-14; 6. Jefferson (6-1) lost to East Hall, 15-13; 7. Seminole Co. (5-1) lost to Mitchell Co., 12-0; 8. Wilkinson Co. (6-0) beat Douglass-Montezuma, 33-0; 9. St. Pius X (6-1) beat Lovett, 44-7; 10. (tie) Bowdon (5-2) lost to Carrollton, 25-0; and Carrollton (6-1) beat Bowdon, 25-0.

1. Southeast Bulloch (7-0) beat Montgomery Co., 70-0; 2. Adairsville (6-0) beat Gordon Lee, 50-7; 3. Hogansville (6-0) beat Harris Co., 41-0; 4. Montgomery Co. (4-2) lost to Southeast Bulloch,

Victory Dance: Young Moultrie Fan Lets Loose His Enthusiasm

—Times Staff P

VHS Yearbooks Have Arrived

The school yearbooks at Valdosta High School have arrived and are to be given out today and Tuesday, according to school officials.

Mrs. Harry Wilinski, an English teacher at the school, is to be in the school library between 1:30 and 3:15 p. m. to distribute the 1971-72 yearbooks, officials said.



VHS Students at Dress Rehearsal for Play Planned Saturday Night

—Times Staff Photo

DE Building On Success, Adds To Its Top Project

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School Distributive Education Club is hoping a repeat performance of a project from last year yields the same results.

According to two members of the club, the DE students are again assisting directors of the Valdosta Boys Club and Valdosta Girls Club in operating the two youth centers but they've gone a couple of steps further this time.

"We won the (state) Chapter of the Year contest last year with this project," said VHS club member Ron Butler who is also president of Georgia DECA.

"This year we've added some more things to it like visiting nursing homes and collecting toys and food for underprivileged families."

Club historian Charlotte Eanes said the project was to kick off today with cleanup efforts at both youth clubs. DE students are to pick up litter, trim hedges and cut grass, she said.

"Just anything to make the two clubs look more presentable," said Butler.

But it doesn't end there.

Miss Eanes said DE students are to work with directors of the youth centers daily throughout the school year. "At the girls club," she explained, "we'll have classes in sewing, dancing, baton twirling and art.

"We find DE students who are talented in these areas and get them to teach the youngsters."

For the boys, Butler said, the



CHARLOTTE EANES
Cleanup Kickoff



RON BUTLER
Starting Today

DE help is primarily in the area of athletics. "We try to help the coaches of the various sports with their teams," he said, "but we also with have art classes and things like that."

The nursing home visits are to be done daily for at least a month, Butler said, adding they probably would go on longer than that.

Butler said the food drive is to be conducted at Thanksgiving and the toy drive will take place around Christmas. "In addition, we'll be helping the UNICEF (United Nations Childrens Fund) Drive and will conduct a straw ballot at the school on the presidential race," he added.

Miss Eanes, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. (Bill) Eanes, is charged with the responsibility of collecting information on the project and putting it in a club scrapbook which the judges use to rate the project.

"But we don't quit after the scrapbook is complete," she said. "This is a year round project and there's really more involved in it than just the contest."

Butler agreed. "These clubs are understaffed," he said, "and we feel like we're doing something really worthwhile.

"There's a great deal of personal satisfaction in it."

First Production

'Green Pastures' Scheduled At VHS

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The curtain goes up on Valdosta High School's first dramatic production of the year Saturday at 8 p.m., according to Bob Sutton, drama teacher at the school.

"The Green Pastures," a play by Marcus Cook Connelly, has a cast of 39 sophomores, juniors and seniors at the high school, Sutton said.

"There are 39 cast members," Sutton explained, "but the play itself involves 90 students."

The play, a satire on modern society, is considered a modern interpretation of the Bible, according to Sutton.

"It covers Biblical times from Eve until Babylon," the drama instructor said. "It will be pre-

sented with a predominately black cast."

According to Sutton, the play was chosen by the students and has been in rehearsal since the first week in September.

"The students selected it because they wanted to involve as many of the people in class as they could," Sutton explained.

Sutton, who is directing the play, said it is to be presented in the school auditorium and tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students, including Valdosta State College students.

The main characters in the play include Mike Anthony who plays God; Peter Binford, Gabriel; Sharon Blankumsee, Zeba.

Three students playing multiple roles in the production are

Valter Webb who is to play Sam, Cain, Cain VI, Moses, Noah and the choir leader; Sharon Gilmore as Zipporah and Noah's wife as well as Eve and Oriane Moore as the Pharaoh and the king of Babylon.

MOULTRIE HOLDS ON IN AAA

W-W Moves to Top in 'A' Rating

By HAL HAYES
Constitution Sports Writer

The Constitution's weekly Class A ratings are getting to be more and more like a kaleidoscope.

One week you get a glimpse of one team or the other at the top, next week you see somebody else up there.

This time, however, it's Washington-Wilkes.

Coach Hale Burnette's Tigers, 8-0 for the year, move into the spot occupied last week by Rockmart. Coach Ed Phare's Yellow Jackets, felled from their lofty perch by Model, 19-7, are now sixth.

Moultrie, fresh from a convincing 42-14 victory over arch-rival Valdosta, Southwest of Atlanta and Southeast Bulloch continue to rule AAA, AA and B, respectively.

Class A also is the scene of a gigantic logjam in position Nos. 3, 7 and 10. Three teams are tied at those spots.



Pharo



Forsyth

Commerce, East Hall and Irwin County are roommates in third place. Each is 6-0.

Coach Prescott Forsyth's Hurricanes of Cartersville and St Pius, both 5-1, share seventh with Jefferson, 6-1. And Carrollton (6-1) owns a third of 10th place with Putnam County and Wilkinson County, both 6-0.

Valdosta, the perennial challenger and eight-

time AAA champion since 1956, took the hardest spill. Coach Charlie Greene's Wildcats stumbled from third to eighth, just a few votes ahead of No. 9 Newnan.

Newest addition to the AAA rankings is Cherokee. Coach Bobby Pate's Indians, 6-0, are not playing a region schedule, therefore won't be eligible for eventual championship honors.

One through six remained almost virtually intact in Class AA, save the power-play that shoved Central of Thomasville into a tie with Shamrock for fifth. Coach Will Roy Cooley's Yellow Jackets forced that situation with their 13-0 conquest of previously-unbeaten Americus.

Early County and Swainsboro are the lone newcomers in AA. At 6-0, each was unranked a week ago.

Bremen was the only club to crash either of the other two class ratings. Coach Homer Mathis' Boue Devils, now 5-2, whipped into ninth place in Class B after stunning Pike County, 34-0.

Constitution Weekly Prep Ratings

| AAA | AA | A | B | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Moultrie (6-0) 2. Lakeside (6-0) 3. Douglas Co. (6-0) 4. Laney (6-0) (tie) 5. Peachtree (6-0) 6. Warner Robins (6-0) (tie) 7. Waycross (6-0) 8. Valdosta (5-1) 9. Newnan (5-0-1) 10. Ctn. Macon (5-0-1) (tie) Cherokee (6-0) Thomasville (6-1) | Lee, 5-1; Rossville, 5-1; Savannah, 3-2-1; Sequoyah, 4-2 | 1. Southwest (6-0) 2. North Springs (7-0) 3. Woodward (5-1) 4. Gainesville (6-1) 5. Ctn. Thomasville (7-0) (tie) 6. Shamrock (5-1) 7. Statesboro (6-0) (tie) 8. Tro 4 (6-0) 9. West Rome (6-1) 10. Americus (5-1) (tie) Early Co. (6-0) SW DeKalb (5-1) Swainsboro (6-0) | 1. Washington-Wilkes (8-0) 2. Lithonia (7-0) 3. Commerce (6-0) (tie) 4. East Hall (6-0) 5. Irwin Co. (6-0) 6. Rockmart (5-1) 7. Cartersville (5-1) (tie) 8. Jefferson (6-1) 9. St. Pius (5-1) 10. Carrollton (6-1) (tie) Putnam Co. (6-0) Wrens (6-0) | Others receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Acuinias, 5-1; Bowdon, 5-2; Briarwood, 5-1; Claxton, 5-1; Cochran, 6-1; Johnson Co., 5-2; Louisville, 7-0; Macon Co., 5-1; Manchester, 5-1; Murray Co., 6-1; Roswell, 4-2; White Co., 5-1. |
| Others receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Albany, 4-2; Avondale, 5-1; Benedictine, 4-2; Columbus, 4-2; Douglass, 5-1; Elbert Co., 6-1; Griffin, 5-0-1; Hardaway, 3-1-1; Robert E. | Others receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Bass, 5-1; Camden | Others receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Dade Co., 3-2-1; Duluth, 4-2; Loganville, 3-1-3; Montgomery Co., 4-2; Mt. Zion, 4-3; Sav. Country Day, 4-2; Unadilla, 3-2-1; Valley Point, 4-2; West Point, 3-2-1. | Others receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Dade Co., 3-2-1; Duluth, 4-2; Loganville, 3-1-3; Montgomery Co., 4-2; Mt. Zion, 4-3; Sav. Country Day, 4-2; Unadilla, 3-2-1; Valley Point, 4-2; West Point, 3-2-1. | |

Pinevale Picks Editor

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Pam Dennis has been elected editor for the 1972-73 yearbook at Valdosta High School - Pinevale Campus, according to an announcement.

Other yearbook officers include Cheryl Emme, co.- editor; Pat Crane, secretary; Lynn Yates, publicity chairman; Princess Sturgis, club reporter; Angela Wynn, treasurer; Matt Smith, chief photographer, and Myra Morris, historian.

| THURSDAY | FRIDAY | WINNER | LOSER |
|--|--|--|--|
| Cochran Commerce Cook Davis Dacula Douglas Co. Dublin East Rome East Fannin Eastbrook Elbert Co. Forest Park Fulton Gainesville Gordon Greene Co. Griffin Hart Co. Harris Co. Hogansville Irwin Co. Johnson Co. Johnson G'tille Jenkins Co. Jefferson Johnson, S a v. Jordan Jossey Lincoln Co. Lakewood Lakeside Laney Lakeshore Lithonia | Ware Co. Early Co. Fitzgerald Jeff Davis Bacon Co. Phenix City, Ala. Peach Co. Groves Lamar Co. Screven Co. Charlton Co. Palmetto Richmond Acad. Briarwood Brooks Co. North Whitfield B. Kenny, Jax. Fla. Westwood Jackson Gilmer Villa Rica Glenn Hills Murray Co. Chatt. Valley Ringgold Riverside Patterson Reidsville | Carver, Col. | Spencer |
| Jones Co. North Hall Westover Armuchee Banks Co. Dalton West Laurens Cedartown Dawson Co. West Fannin Stephens Co. Newton Co. Price Beckmar Druid Hills Hancock Ctn. R. E. Lee Ga. Ind. Inst. Chavala, Ala. Mount Zion Berrien East Laurens Franklin Co. Ga. Mil. Col. White Co. J e n k i n s Kendrick SW Macon Hephzibah LaFayette Peachtree Westside, Aug. Stockbridge M. D. Collins | Louisville Moultrie Monticello Mont. Acad., Ala. Model Mt. de Sales Monroe Area Metter Madison Co. Mitchell Co. Montgomery Co. Milton Macon Co. Marietta Marist Mary Persons Miller Co. North Clayton North Springs Newnan Norcross North Fulton Oconee Co. Pacelli Pickens Putnam Co. Pepperell Perry Rockmart Riverwood Russell Rockdale Co. R. L. Osborne | Wrens Warner Robins Wilkinson Co. Brookstone Darlington Douglas, Abn. Forsyth Co. Glennville Habersham Cty. Lee Co. Lovett Seminole Co. McEachern Ridgeview Washington Co. Turner Co. Worth Co. LaGrange Morrow Northside, WR North Gwinnett Therrell East Hall East Coweta Lumpkin Co. Morgan Co. Paulding Co. Randolph Co. Telfair Co. Cass Hepville Henry Co. Jonesboro Sprayberry | Rossville Savannah South Cobb Swainsboro Sequoyah (ND) Statesboro St. Joseph St. Pius SE Bulloch (AV) Sandy Springs San Diego South Gwinnett Smith (L) Turner Co. Tift Co. Treutlen Thomson Troup Thomasville Unadilla Union Co. Valley Point Vidalia Vienna Valdosta Woodward Waycross Waynesboro Wills Warren Co. West Point Westminster (SS) Westside, R. F. West Fulton (G) |
| Wheeler Brunswick Camp., Sym. Coffee Cross Key Effingham Co. Loganville Roswell Stone Mtn. Wadley Winder-Earlow Arche Howard Calhoun Co. Dougherty E. C. I. Evans Headland Lowndes Boggs Acad. Rabun Co. Dade Co. Lyon Wilcox Co. Monroe Fayette Co. Glyn Acad. Harper North Cobb Oglethorpe Co. Pike Co. Sav. Co. Day Troup Turner | | | |

Hayes Prep Picks

SATURDAY

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|------------------|---------------|
| Albany | Crisp Co. |
| Acuinias | Cedar Shoals |
| Ala. Sch. Deat | Ga. Sch. Deat |
| Bass (L) | Hardaway |
| Carver (G) | Roosevelt |
| Douglas (AV) | Avondale |
| Dykes (C) | Harper |
| Decatur (M) | Clarkston |
| East Atlanta (L) | Brown |
| Gordon Lee | Red Bud |
| Henderson (ND) | Briarcliff |
| Mitry (C) | Washington |
| Northside (G) | Grady |
| Shamrock (A) | SW DeKalb |

Last week's record: 103 right, 27 wrong, 3 ties. Pct.-791. Season's record: 970 right, 234 wrong, 30 ties, Pct.-759.

STADIUM KEY
A-Adams; AV-Avondale; C-Cheney; G-Grady; H-Henderson; IN-Irndon; L-Lakewood; M-Memorial; ND-North DeKalb; P-Porter; PV-Panthersville; SG-Savannah Grayson; SM-Savannah Memorial; SS-Savannah Stat; W-Westside.

Wildcats Facing A Tougher Test

Valdosta High's football Wildcats faced a tough test this past Friday night at Moultrie and came out on the short end of a 42-14 score in their crucial Region 1-AAA battle with the Packers.

Now coach Charles Greene's VHS gridders face an even tougher test. They must shake off the loss to coach Bud Willis' Packers and come back strong, because the season still has quite a ways to go.

The truth is that while Moultrie, with its 6-0 league chart is now in the driver's seat, the 1-AAA title race is still on and 'Dosta, with a 5-1 mark, hasn't been eliminated.

Of course, the Wildcats can't afford another loss, and they must also have outside help. Someone will have to beat the Pack if VHS' hopes are to stay alive.

Moultrie is an odds on favorite to win the rest of its games. The packers, who have size, speed, experience and depth, will be extremely difficult to stop. There is, however, a chance a very slim one, that the Packers will slip. This is the Wildcats' only hope, and they must get back on the victory trail this week



SAMMY GLASSMAN

and stay there if they are to remain in a position to challenge if the opportunity arises.

I've already listed some of Moultrie's football attributes—size, speed, experience and depth. I think it was the Packers speed which made the major difference against Valdosta.

When I say the Pack is quick, I don't just mean their offensive backs. They have speed, exceptional speed, at virtually every position on both offense and defense.

They also have a balanced attack and can defend well against both the pass and the run. Add it up and it means the Packers are strong, very strong.

Against such an opponent the 'Cats needed to have a very good night to have a chance of coming away the winner. It wasn't to be. VHS lost three fumbles, two near their own goal line, and drew 15 penalties which cost them 99 yards.

As all good football teams will do, Moultrie made the 'Cats pay, and pay heavily, for every mistake they made.

Controlled Tempo

Now let's take a look at some comments by Times staff writ-

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Moultrie, W-W Jump to the Top In AAA, A Ratings

By **DAVID DAVIDSON**

Atlanta Journal Prep Editor

Moultrie and Washington-Wilkes have ascended to the top of The Journal's Class AAA and A high school football top tens respectively.

Moultrie, No. 3 last week, jumped past Lakeside (the No. 2 team) after demolishing Valdosta, 42-14, last Friday.

The victory boosted Moultrie's record to 6-0 while leaving Valdosta with a 5-1. The Wildcats, however, dropped no further down than third place.

Washington Wilkes, meanwhile, has the best record of any high school football team in Georgia — 3-0, due largely to a week-early start at the beginning of the season.

SIX of Washington-Wilkes' victories have been shutouts, including the most recent, a 31-0 pasting of strong Morgan County.

In fact, W-W has allowed only 15 points, or 1.8 points per game, to all eight opponents combined, while averaging 33.1 points.

The team has 1909 yards rushing and has given up only 417; it has passed for 725 yards and given up only 228.

Smokey Turman is the team's leading rusher with 799 yards on 87 carries, a 9.2-yard per carry average. Quarterback Henry Darby has completed 48 of 106 passes for 702 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Washington-Wilkes, which was on the verge of taking over the No. 1 place in Class A a week ago, moved up automatically after last

week's No. 1 team, Rockmart, was upset by Model, 19-13, Friday.

| AAA | |
|------------------|---------|
| 1. Moultrie | (6-0) |
| 2. Lakeside | (7-0) |
| 3. Valdosta | (5-1) |
| 4. Waycross | (7-0) |
| 5. Douglas Co. | (6-0) |
| 6. Laney | (6-0) |
| 7. Peachtree | (6-0) |
| 8. Central-Macon | (5-0-1) |
| 9. Warner Robins | (6-0) |
| 10. Avondale | (5-1) |

Other teams receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Arnold (3-1-2), Douglass-Atlanta (5-1), Elbert Co. (6-1), Griffin (5-0-1), Hardaway (4-1-1), Newnan (5-0-1), R. E. Lee (5-1), Rossville (5-1).

| AA | |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Southwest Atlanta | (6-0) |
| 1. Statesboro | (6-0) |
| 3. Central-Thomasville | (7-0) |
| 4. N. Springs | (7-0) |
| 5. Gainesville | (6-1) |
| 6. Swainsboro | (6-0) |
| 7. SW DeKalb | (5-1) |
| 8. Woodward Academy | (5-1) |
| 9. Shamrock | (5-1) |
| 10. W. Rome | (5-1) |

Other teams receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Americus (5-1), Bass (5-1), Berkmar (4-1-1), Camden Co. (5-0-1), Coosa (5-1), Dykes (5-1), Early Co. (6-0), East Rome (5-1), Mary Persons (5-1), Stephens Co. (5-1), Troup (6-0), Westminster (5-1).

| A | |
|----------------------|-------|
| 1. Washington-Wilkes | (8-0) |
| 2. Irwin Co. | (6-0) |
| 3. Lithonia | (7-0) |
| 4. Commerce | (6-0) |
| 5. Wilkinson Co. | (6-0) |
| 6. St. Pius X | (5-1) |
| 7. Carrollton | (6-1) |
| 8. Putnam Co. | (6-0) |
| 9. Mitchell Co. | (5-1) |
| 10. Rockmart | (5-1) |

Other teams receive consideration (in alphabetical order): Aquinas (5-1), Briarwood (5-1), Cartersville (5-1), Claxton (5-1), East Hall (6-0), Jefferson (6-1), Louisville (6-0), Macon Co. (5-1), Manchester (5-1), Morgan Co. (4-1-1), Seminole Co. (5-1), White Co. (5-1).

| B | |
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| 1. Southeast Bulloch | (7-0) |
| 2. Adairsville | (7-0) |
| 3. Hogansville | (6-0) |
| 4. Pacelli | (5-1) |
| 5. St. Joseph | (4-1-1) |
| 6. Duluth | (4-2) |
| 7. Buford | (5-1) |
| 8. West Side-Rocky Face | (5-1) |
| 9. Savannah Country Day | (5-2) |
| 10. Trion | (5-2) |

Other teams receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Bremen (5-2), Montgomery Co. (4-2), Patterson (4-2), Unadilla (3-2-1).

VHS At Home; Vikes Travel

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats return home and Lowndes' Vikings hit the road Friday night, as both squads enter their seventh week of the 1972 high school football season.

Coach Charles Greene's Wildcats return to Cleveland Field to host Monroe's Golden Tornadoes from Albany, while

AREA GRID SLATE

Friday
 Monroe at Valdosta
 Lowndes at Thomasville
 Berrien at Irwin
 Cook at Westover
 Brooks at Cairo
 Clinch at Patterson
 Baker at Hamilton
 Madison at Jefferson

coach Noel George's Vikings pay a visit to rugged Thomasville in a pair of Region 1-AAA highlighting a full slate of action involving area schools.

Other contests find Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) at Irwin County (Ocilla), Cook (Adel) at Westover (Albany), Brooks County (Homerville) at Patterson, Baker County (Macclenny) at Hamilton County (Jasper) and Madison at Jefferson County (Monticello).

Valdosta will be looking to rebound from last week's 42-14 loss to unbeaten Moultrie against the Golden Tornadoes (1-5).

Greene's 'Cats carry a 5-1 chart into the contest, including victories over Thomasville, Dougherty, Crisp, Bainbridge, and Albany.

Monroe defeated Dougherty, 14-7, before losing five games in a row.

George's Vikings, meanwhile, will also be looking to rebound — from a string of four contests without a victory. Lowndes (1-4-1) dropped Brooks Coun-

ty, 38-21, in its second contest of the season, but has failed to win since.

Coach Jim Hughes' Thomasville Bulldogs haul a 5-1 chart into the fray, their only loss a 13-6 decision to Valdosta.

Coach Fred Tucker's Berrien Rebels carry a 4-2 chart into Friday's Region 2-A battle with Irwin's Indians at Ocilla.

The unblemished Indians carry a 6-0 overall chart and a 3-0 region slate into the fray, while Berrien is also 3-0 in league play.

Cook's Hornets raised their season record to 3-3 last week with a 12-7 decision over Coffee (Douglas), the Adel team's third straight win after three early-season losses.

Coach Bobby Phillip's Hornets face a non-region opponent in Albany Westover (2-4) and

aren't in any danger of their 2-0 Region 1-AA (East) record. Westover's Patriots compete in Region 1-AA (West).

Coach Bobby Rich's Brooks Trojans carry a 3-4 slate into Friday's Region 1-AA (West) affair at Cairo, while the host Syrupmakers sport a 2-3-1 chart.

Brooks has a 1-2 league chart and Cairo holds a 1-1 loop ledger.

Clinch County's Panthers, (3-2-2), fresh off a 60-20 verdict over Vienna, face Patterson's Eagles (3-2) on the road in the first Region 2-B contest of the season for both squads.

Patterson and Clinch are the only 2-B schools fielding football teams and are to play twice this season for the league crown. The two squads are scheduled to battle in Homerville Nov. 10.

Coach Carl Duncan's Hamilton Trojans play host to Baker County Friday night, and Duncan will be looking for his squad's first win of the season after five losses.

Madison's Cougars, meanwhile, journey to Monticello for a clash with Jefferson County.

Coach Ron Peterson's Cougars carry a 1-4 chart into the fray, their only win a 66-0 rout of Jacksonville Tech.

Other games of interest following:

Friday — Ware at Arnold, Ealy at Americus, Appling at Fitzgerald, Atkinson at Jeff Davis, Bacon at Blackshear, Charlton at Brantley, Coffee at Swainsboro, Dougherty at Tift, Miller at Worth and Moultrie at Warner Robins.

Saturday — Crisp at Albany.

Moultrie Grabs No. 1

By The Associated Press

The Moultrie Packers captured all the first place votes in Class AAA to coast into the No. 1 spot in this week's Associated Press high school football poll.

The Packers, No. 2 last week, blasted the previously unbeaten and top-ranked Valdosta Wildcats, 42-14, last week, knocking the Wildcats to sixth place.

Undefeated Lakeside advanced to second place and Warner Robins stepped up to third. Laney and Waycross tied for fourth.

The Statesboro Red Devils maintained their position atop Class AA. Southwest Atlanta held on to second place, North Springs advanced to third, Thomasville Central was fourth and Woodward fifth.

Americus, previously ranked third, fell out of the top ten after Thomasville Central downed the Panthers, 13-0.

In Class A, Washington-Wilkes kept the top spot, Lithonia advanced to second, Commerce was third, Irwin County was fourth and Carrollton took fifth.

Jefferson, previously third, dropped to seventh after being beaten 16-13 by East Hall. East Hall's victory put the previously unranked Vikings from Gainesville in a tie with Rockmart for sixth place. Rockmart had dropped from second place after losing, 19-7, to Model.

Statesboro cracked up five first place votes in Class AA balloting, Southwest Atlanta polled two and North Springs got one.

In Class A, Washington-Wilkes landed five first place votes, Irwin County had two and Lithonia polled one.

Here are the complete Associated Press poll rankings by classes:

AAA—Moultrie; Lakeside; Warner

AA—Statesboro; Southwest Atlanta; North Springs; Lithonia; Washington-Wilkes; Commerce; Irwin County; Carrollton; Woodward; Jefferson; East Hall; Model; Gainesville; Rockmart; Moultrie; Lakeside; Warner

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Showdown Talk Switches To Thomasville, Moultrie

Region 1-AAA championship talk has been centered around Moultrie and Valdosta since last August. Late Friday night the chatter switched to a season's finale between Thomasville and Moultrie. It all came about with the Packers' highly impressive 42-14 triumph over last season's state champion Valdosta and Thomasville's equally impressive 35-7 decision over Bainbridge.

Coach Bud Willis' Packers, "I hope they represent our region in the state finals,"

said Green, "They deserved to win. They were ready. I thought we were, but we weren't. We simply made mistakes and you can't do that against a team like Moultrie."

Stanford Rome, Valdosta's stellar pass-catching junior, labeled Moultrie's Marty Hammock as a hard man to shake. "I just couldn't get past him. Whenever I took off, the first thing he did was take a step backwards and I just couldn't get past him except on my curl patterns," said the 6-6 receiver.

"I just hope we don't get up in the clouds after that one," said Willis. "We've got another real toughie coming up this week in Warner-Robins. And whenever you're unbeaten and at top of the league you're always the target."



High Schools With Bob Price
 Times-Union Sports Writer

Thomasville 35, Bainbridge 7: The Bulldogs took the lead 8-7 in the third period by marching 87 yards in 14 plays, but it was that fourth period that broke the game wide open with William Andrews scoring twice on runs of five and four yards; John David Peoples on a 25-yard pass interception and Allen Filmer on a three-yard run following a pass interception by Raymond Kerbo. Mike Kavonkils, who picked up 149 yards rushing, also added two PAT kicks.

Waycross 14, Savannah Groves 0: Mike McQuaig took a pass interception 25 yards for the Bulldogs' first TD and Gene Veal went over from the seven for the second with Mike Scott adding both PATs. The 6-0 Bulldogs will play undefeated but will play in the Academy of Regi

Waycross and Glynn record.

Area Squads Still Hanging In There

With the 1972 football season just past the midway mark, no less than four area teams still have a shot at region laurels.

Coach Charles Greene's Valdosta Wildcats, beaten only by Region 1-AAA leader Moultrie, have a 5-1 region slate compared to a 6-0 Packer chart, but are still in the title picture.

The picture is not bright for Valdosta, however, unless rugged Thomasville, itself 4-1 in region play, can knock off Moultrie Nov. 10 at the Packers' home field.

Things are much brighter outside Region 1-AAA for area schools, however.

In three of the four class "AA" or lower regions in which area schools compete, those same area schools are leading — and all of the leaders are unbeaten in conference play.

Looking to Region 1-AA (East), Cook's Hornets from Adel rebounded from three consecutive early-season losses well enough to win their last three tilts, all three of them region games.



TOM STEADMAN

The comeback was enough to give coach Bobby Phillips' Hornets a lead over Camden (2-0-1) in the league. The two squads are to meet at St. Mary's Oct. 27 in a showdown for the loop leadership.

The only other 1-AA (East) team with a win at all is Fitzgerald (1-1), but the real race seems to be strictly between Cook and Camden.

Heralded Clash

In 1-AA (West), Brooks is the only area entry. This seems to be a building year for the Trojans from Quitman (1-2-0), but Thomasville Central and Early County are building, also — building toward their Oct. 27 battle royal at Blakely.

Both squads should carry unbeaten records into the fray. Both now hold 3-0 region slates and are ranked among the top ten "AA" squads in the state by the Associated Press.

Americus' Panthers are next in line with a 2-1 league chart, but they should be waiting in vain.

Brooks, incidentally, has the most potent aerial attack in the region, with junior quarterback Donald Rich and senior flanker Jim Mitchell providing the fireworks.

Worth County drags up the rear of 1-AA (West). The Sylvester squad sports an 0-4 league chart and an 0-6 overall slate.

Clinch Comeback

Looking to Region 2-A, we find coach Fred Tucker's Berrien Rebels from Nashville, Ga., hanging tough. Tucker's Rebs have maintained a 3-0 league chart, but so have coach Conrad Nix's Irwin County Indians from Ocilla, Berrien's host Friday night for a crucial 2-A battle.

Jeff Davis' Yellow Jackets from Hazlehurst hold third position with a 2-1 league chart, but Friday night's Irwin-Berrien winner should take all the marbles.

Can anyone vote against Cecil Dunn for coach of the year honors? All Dunn has done has been to take a Clinch County Panther squad from Homerville that hadn't won a game in three years, and lead them to their most wins in many moons this far into the season.

Dunn would like to add to his laurels with a Region 2-B title, however, something his squad could take a big step toward with a win over Patterson on the road Friday night.

Patterson and Clinch are the only teams competing in 2-B this season, and are to play twice this season for the loop title. The squads are scheduled to play in Homerville Nov. 10.

Moultrie Shatters Valdosta Myth

By DAVID DAVIDSON

Atlanta Journal Prep Editor

MOULTRIE, Ga. — If the Indianapolis 500 is the greatest spectacle in auto racing, then certainly Valdosta-vs.-Moultrie must be the greatest spectacle in Georgia high school football.

A crowd estimated at well over 12,000 fans jammed into 8,500-seat Mac Tharp Stadium Friday night to witness two of Georgia's finest prep teams do battle.

And what they saw was this: 79-yard halfback passes, 70-yard fake punts, flea-flickers, shotgun formations, and most amazing of all, they saw proud Valdosta, the defending state Class AAA and national champion (ranked No. 1 again this year) shot down 42-14 by No. 3-ranked Moultrie.

It was the end of the honeymoon for new Valdosta coach Charlie Green and the end of one of the most frustrating

home field disadvantages ever at Moultrie.

AFTER GUIDING the Wildcats to five straight victories having taken over as head coach when Wright Bazemore

| | Valdosta | Moultrie |
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| First Downs | 5 | 29 |
| Rushing Yards | 83 | 209 |
| Passing Yards | 277 | 67 |
| Passes | 12-30-0 | 6-11-1 |
| Punts | 15-39 | 5-13 |
| Penalties | 3-3 | 1-1 |
| Fumbles | | |

retired from coaching at the end of the 1971 season, Green finally was brought down to earth.

Moultrie, meanwhile, which hadn't defeated Valdosta at home since 1928, ended that 44 years of exasperation with a brilliantly conceived and executed game plan.

"You've got a good football team, doc," said Bazemore, who witnessed the game from

the stands, to Moultrie head coach Virgil "Bud" Willis.

Does he ever.

After driving 20 yards for a touchdown after a Valdosta fumble in the first quarter, Moultrie was almost completely shut off in the second period.

But in the third and fourth quarters, the Packers showed the 12,000 what kind of offense it really had.

ANOTHER

VALDOSTA fumble early in the third period led to a 58-yard Moultrie touchdown drive, with John Barber scoring from three. And later in the same period, a short Valdosta punt gave Packer quarterback Ray Goff the opportunity to hit split end James Sampson with a 42-yard touchdown pass to give Moultrie a 21-0 lead.

Valdosta, however, is hardly ever completely out of a football game. On its next series, junior

quarterback Bruce Hilton passed 30 yards to Stan Rome, a piling-on penalty cost Moultrie another 15 yards, and after being sacked for a 14-yard loss, Hilton (scrambling) drilled Pat O'Neal with a 48-yard, safety-valve, pass-run touchdown.

At that point, with the score 21-7, Willis still felt uneasy. He had watched Valdosta come from behind too many times before to spoil what early looked like a wonderful evening for Moultrie.

So with fourth- and six two plays deep in the fourth quarter, punter Danny Shiver lined up to kick, but didn't. Instead, he broke to his left behind an impenetrable wall of blockers and streaked from his own 30-yardline for a 70-yard touchdown.

VALDOSTA GAME back on its next offensive play to prove Willis' point about feeling uneasy.

Hilton lateralled to halfback George Roundtree who broke to his right, pulled up and tossed a 79-yard touchdown pass to tight end Luther Blue and the score was 28-14 with the whole fourth quarter to play.

Stalled on its next series, Moultrie elected to punt on fourth- and eight from the Valdosta 46. But the punt was fumbled by Valdosta at its own four and two plays later Packer Barber dove over a block provided by left tackle Bobby Ehrhardt for the score.

MOULTRIE NEXT took over on its own 39 with 5:32 remaining and used every second of that time before Barber scored his third touchdown of the night on a one-yard sprint around left end. It took officials 10 minutes to clear the field so Moultrie's Eugene Fender could kick his seventh extra point and officially end the game.

"We are a much stronger team physically this year than we have been," said Willis. "And I must give most of the credit where it is due: Ace Little and Travis Allegood have taken charge of coaching the defense this year and you can see the result."

Valdosta, in fact, was limited to five net yards rushing and although the Wildcats were good for 277 yards passing, without the usually-present running game, the scoring punch wasn't the same.

"They have a fine football team," said Green. "I just hope nobody sneaks up on them. I hope Moultrie goes on to represent our region (1-AAA) in the playoffs and wins the state championship."

Valdosta Moultrie
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SCORING: Valdosta — O'Neal 48 pass from Hilton; Roundtree 79 pass from Roundtree; Roundtree kick. Moultrie — Goff 2 run (Fender kick); Barber 3 run (Fender kick); Sampson 76 run (Fender kick); Fender kick; Shiver 76 run (Fender kick); Barber 2 run (Fender kick); Barber 1 run (Fender kick).

It's Moultrie-Valdosta Tonight

By HAL HAYES
Constitution Prep Editor.

MOULTRIE — Omens don't win football games, unless their names are Joe, Tommy or Johnny and run the 100 in 10 flat or better.

So nobody's too concerned here about Friday being Oct. 13.

Few are probably even conscious of the date. Everybody knows it's Moultrie-Valdosta game day, though, and that's all that matters.

Kickoff time at Mack Tarpe Stadium is 8 p.m. And upwards to 10,000 fans are expected to sit in on this epic struggle featuring The Constitution's Nos. 1 and 3 rated Class AAA teams.

Coach Virgil (Bud) Willis' Packers, 5-0 and averaging 36.80 points per game, are slight favorites to retain their top spot in the ratings.

They have scored 184 points and limited opponents to 36.

Valdosta, under the hand tailoring of Charlie Greene, also is 5-0. It has averaged 33.80 points per game.

"Hey, I got a right nice little chuckle out of something I read ol' Charlie said about us," Willis mentioned Thursday. "He was quoted as saying we had him in depth, number of returning lettermen and in statistics.

"Why, they had 30 something more people coming back this year than us. We had 25 lettermen returning to their 55. And our depth? Shoot, he's been playing 80-85 people every weeks."

In addition to scoring habits, both clubs are fairly even in other statistics too. Pat O'Neal is

the Wildcats' top ground gainer, having plowed through defenders for 315 yards on 69 attempts for a 5.09 mark. Simeon Marks, a sophomore of much promise, has Moultrie's best average: 7.95 per carry. He has carried only 19 times, however, for 151 yards.

Wildcat quarterback Bruce Hilton, trying gamely to pick up where graduated prep All-America Stan Bounds left off, is 1-AAA's passing leader. He has hit on 33 of 72 attempts for 777 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Ray Goff, widely recognized as the state's No. 1 blue chip prospect, is 30 of 56 passing for 438 yards and five touchdowns. The 6-4, 200-pound senior signal caller sat out last week's 42-14 victory over Crisp County.

HILTON, ROME AIM AT MOULTRIE

Valdosta's 1-2 Punch Is Set

By BOB PRICE

Times-Union Sports Writer

VALDOSTA — Perfect combinations furnish big payoffs at race tracks and Valdosta Coach Charles Greene isn't unhappy with his gridiron combo of Bruce Hilton and Stanford Rome.

Dividends from this pair of juniors have been five touchdowns in five games despite extra efforts by the opposition to control the two Wildcats.

HILTON IS the quarterback

who stepped into the famous shoes of Stanley Bounds — who rewrote every passing record in Georgia high school ranks the past two years — and has come through with flying colors.

Rome first drew attention as a ninth-grader and then added to his laurels as a sophomore. So, the only surprise about him catching 15 passes for 569 yards and five TDs is that he's done it with at least two foes shadowing his every move.

"Stan appears to enjoy all that company he gets out there," says Coach Greene. "He's a competitor and he loves to outdo the other guy. So when he beats a double-or-triple team he's really beside himself."

GREENE HAD no doubts about Hilton being capable of stepping out of a third-string role as a sophomore into the No. 1 quarterbacking job.

"Bruce has all the tools for a great quarterback. He's heady and he's physically built for the job," he says. "We are happy at the way he's come along, but his biggest test will be Friday night."

Valdosta, of course, visits Moultrie for the Region 1-AAA game which is a sellout except for a few standing-room tickets.

Togetherness has been a big factor in Valdosta's football success and it's no exception with Hilton and Rome. "They're together all the time. They're talking football and how to get the job done," said Greene.

While Hilton admits most of the Wildcat pass patterns are aimed at Rome, he says, "Sure, I look for Stan, but I have to keep the other fellows in mind just in case. I won't hesitate to switch patterns if Stan is jammed up. You'd be dead if you just stuck to one receiver." Hilton has hit on two touchdown passes this fall to receivers other than the 6-foot-6½ Rome.

ROME, THE second of his family to star for the Wildcats, won't agree that he's better as a junior than big brother Roger. "We're different types. We both played flanker, but that's where it ends," he says. "Roger was a lot stronger once he got the ball, but I am possibly a little quicker."

The same answer came when Wright Bazemore, who coached both Romes, was asked about a comparison. "You just don't compare kids

or teams years apart. Things move along and situations are completely different," said Bazemore.

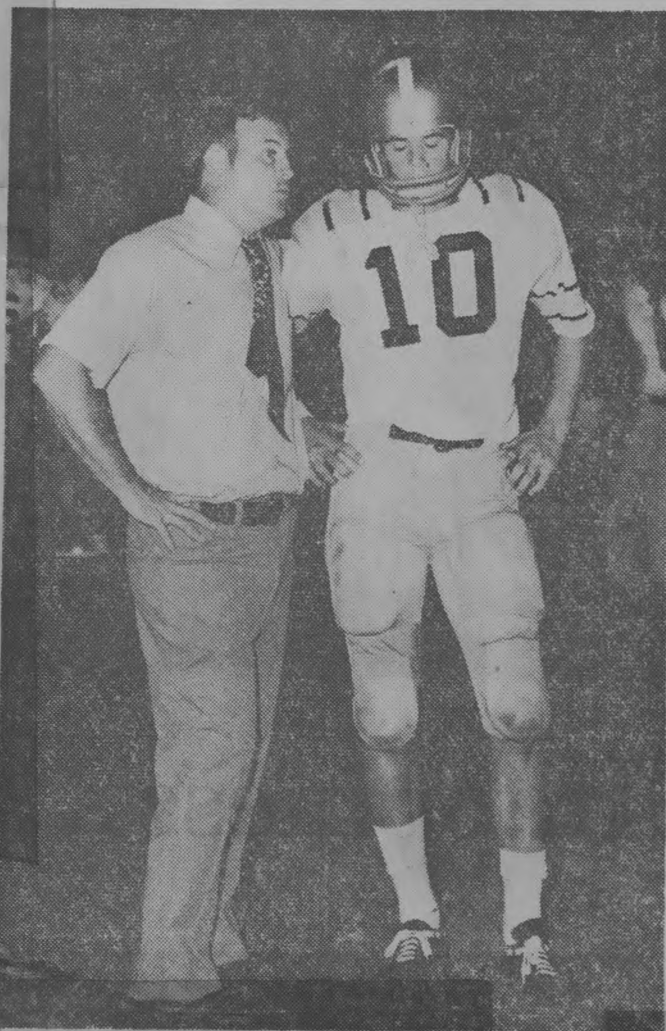
"But, I'll tell you one thing about this Hilton-Rome duo. Charlie (Coach Greene) isn't a bit unhappy they're coming back next year."

HILTON ISN'T thinking about college right now, but the 5-11½, 165-pounder does feel he'll have the size to play when the time comes. "I don't worry about size when I'm

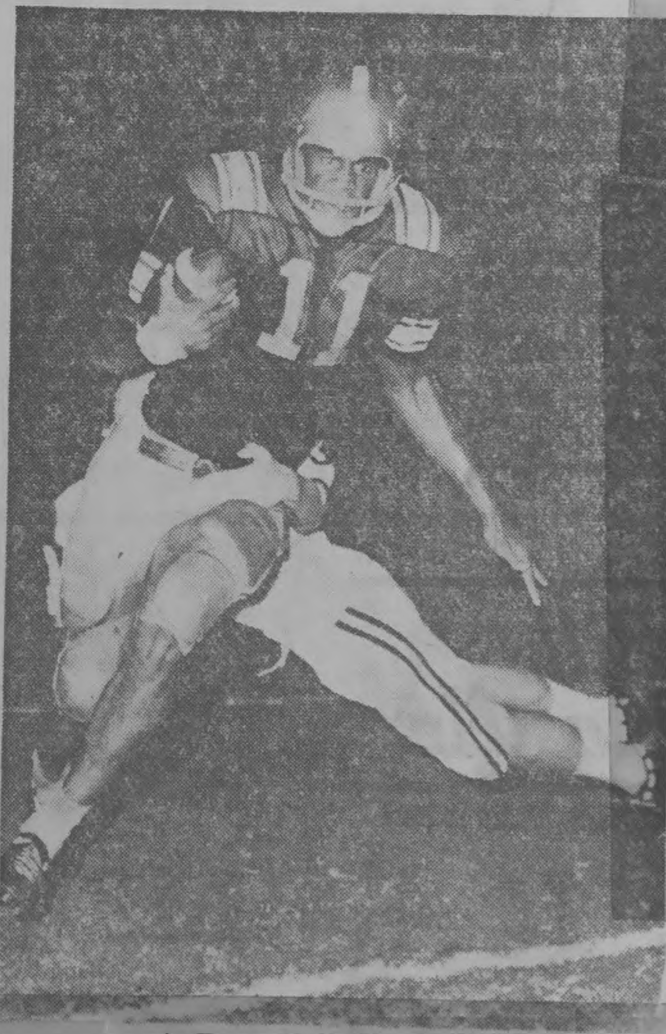
out there," said Hilton. "Maybe it's because we've got such good pass protection. Sure, I'm hurried on some throws, but who isn't?"

Greene contends he'll stick to regular game plans ("Well, almost") for the Moultrie game, but like Hilton said, the Wildcat quarterback will be able to change without notice.

"You've got to be versatile when you're up against the tough ones. And Moultrie is tough," emphasized Greene.



Coach Greene Chats with Hilton . . .



. . . As Rome Rolls Up the Yardage

It's Valdosta vs. Moultrie: THE Game Comes to Town

The biggest thing in South Georgia these days is Saturday night's prep football games between No. 1 ranked Valdosta and No. 2 ranked Moultrie. Times-Union sports writer Bob Price visited both cities Tuesday and filed this report:

When Valdosta plays Moultrie, is it just another ball game?

Not on your life.

Charles Greene of Valdosta and Bud Willis of Moultrie might have their players believing this is just another Friday night but fans in both cities don't agree.

THIS IS our 'World Series.' Win this one and you're probably the state champion," said Michael Cason, Valdosta's city finance director who admits being a Wildcat Booster even in the days when he lived elsewhere.

Clay Chapman, Earl Cunningham and Bill Blaine are other Valdostans who feel if a city resident misses the game, he's committing treason.

The above threesome also forms one of Valdosta's most active "agitating" groups.

"WE'VE GOT to keep Charlie loose for this one," said Cunningham. "If he starts feeling he's in like Flynn then we could be in trouble. Sure, we razz him about being a rookie, but he's done a great job and he'll get it done Friday night."

Greene takes the jabs in stride for the most part, but it doesn't take an expert to know he would like Friday night to be over.

Tuesday afternoon, Greene was munching sandwiches in his Cleveland Field office trying to appear relaxed. Wright Bazemore, who won 290 games while losing just 43 at Valdosta before Greene took over, wasn't trying to look relaxed.

"SEE, CHARLIE is cool," said Bazemore. "He had his wife bring him lunch while I had to walk home and drink milk to calm my stomach."

Bazemore had to admit that he didn't ever realize he'd be this nervous before a Moultrie game.

"I've fidgeted more this week than I have in years. I guess that rush for tickets, knowing we couldn't please everyone, got to me," said the Wildcat athletic director.

In downtown Valdosta and Moultrie, the feeling is about the same. "Let's get this one in our win column and then



High Schools

With Bob Price

Times-Union Sports Writer

concentrate on the playoffs," is the general opinion.

TELEPHONE operator Betty Kuntz of Valdosta isn't sure she'll see the game, but vows she'll have another boyfriend Saturday if her current one doesn't come up with tickets. "I don't mind standing in the end zone. I just hope it's the one where the 'Cats do all their scoring."

Linda Blanton of Moultrie sees it as a close contest but feels, "Our Packers have looked mighty great this fall and this is what they've been looking forward to. We'll win; it's just too bad that two such good teams are in the same region."

Moses Cooper is another Valdostan who's dying a hundred deaths not knowing just how well he'll get to see the game. "I had to settle for end zone tickets, but maybe I can keep moving around until I get a good spot," said Cooper.

Park is behind Valdosta all the way, although she attends

Lowndes County High. "Valdosta has really put our county on the football map and it's good for the community. I believe all of us at Lowndes are behind them except when we're playing each other."

Dana Parks, an ex-Packer

cheerleader, stood in line for about five hours getting her tickets. "It was worth it. This should be the game of all games and I feel our boys will get the job done Friday night."

Even the oddsmakers in both Moultrie and Valdosta seem undecided as to what'll happen. Only Monday word went around that Valdosta, rated No. 1 on the Associated Press poll, was a seven-point favorite. But Tuesday the same talkers put No. 2 Moultrie out in front by one.

The safest bet in all South Georgia is that Bud Willis and Charles Greene will settle for that one point.

Wildcats Maintain Hold On Top Spot

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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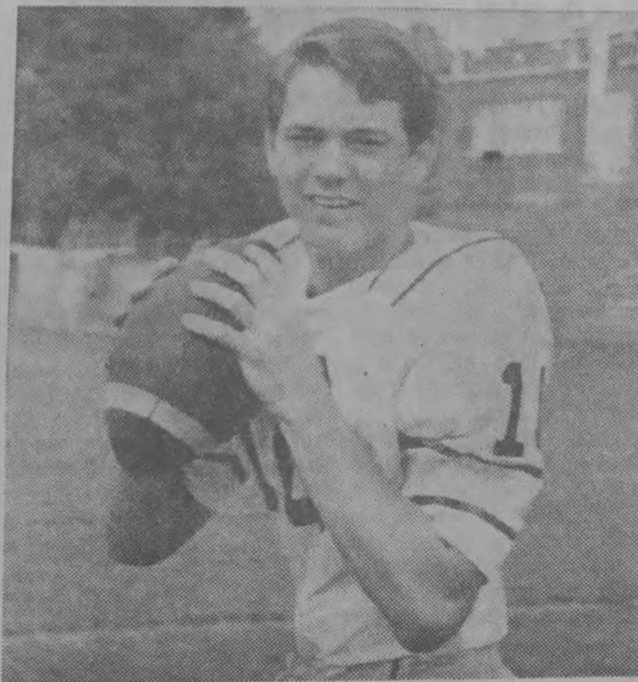
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Both coaches said all their players were "relatively" healthy for the contest. "We've got some minor ailments," Greene said, "but everybody will be healthy and I'm sure their players will be too."

VHS-Moultrie Pep Rally Set

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A city-wide pep rally for Friday's Valdosta High-Moultrie football game is to be held here tonight at Brookwood Plaza Shopping Center, according to George Smith, president of the Valdosta Touchdown club.

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It's Valdosta vs. Moultrie: THE Game Comes to Town

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When Valdosta plays Moultrie, is it just another ball game?

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Charles Greene of Valdosta and Bud Willis of Moultrie might have their players believing this is just another Friday night but fans in both cities don't agree.

THIS IS our 'World Series.' Win this one and you're probably the state champion," said Michael Cason, Valdosta's city finance director who admits being a Wildcat Booster even in the days when he lived elsewhere.

Clay Chapman, Earl Cunningham and Bill Blaine are other Valdostans who feel if a city resident misses the game, he's committing treason.

The above threesome also forms one of Valdosta's most active "agitating" groups.

"WE'VE GOT to keep Charlie loose for this one," said Cunningham. "If he starts feeling he's in like Flynn then we could be in trouble. Sure, we razz him about being a rookie, but he's done a great job and he'll get it done Friday night."

Greene takes the jabs in stride for the most part, but it doesn't take an expert to know he would like Friday night to be over.

Tuesday afternoon, Greene was munching sandwiches in his Cleveland Field office trying to appear relaxed. Wright Bazemore, who won 290 games while losing just 43 at Valdosta before Greene took over, wasn't trying to look relaxed.

"SEE, CHARLIE is cool," said Bazemore. "He had his wife bring him lunch while I had to walk home and drink milk to calm my stomach."

Bazemore had to admit that he didn't ever realize he'd be this nervous before a Moultrie game.

"I've fidgeted more this week than I have in years. I guess that rush for tickets, knowing we couldn't please everyone, got to me," said the Wildcat athletic director.

In downtown Valdosta and Moultrie, the feeling is about the same. "Let's get this one in our win column and then



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concentrate on the playoffs," is the general opinion.

TELEPHONE operator Betty Kuntz of Valdosta isn't sure she'll see the game, but vows she'll have another boyfriend Saturday if her current one doesn't come up with tickets. "I don't mind standing in the end zone. I just hope it's the one where the 'Cats do all their scoring."

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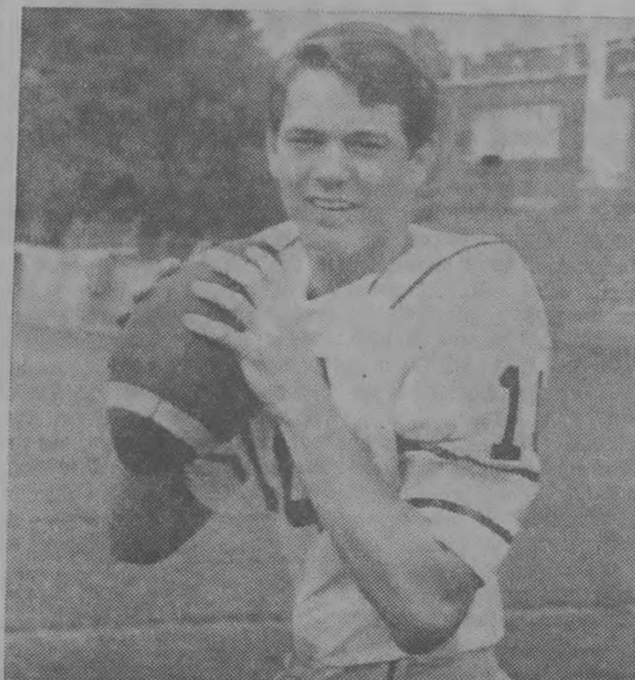
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BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

While Valdosta's football Wildcats are on the road for a game which has championship overtones, Lowndes' Vikings will be at home for a league test.

Coach Charles Greene's Wildcats are to against coach Bud Willis' Moultrie Packers tonight at Moultrie. They have matching 5-0 records and at stake will be undis-

puted possession of first place in the Region 1-AAA standings.

Meanwhile, coach Noel George's Vikings and coach Luther Welch's Dougherty Trojans from Albany are to clash at 8 p. m. in a contest here tonight at Martin Stadium. Both will be trying to get back on the victory trail.

In other games tonight involving area high school

teams, Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) will be at Charlton County (Folkston), Coffee (Douglas) at Cook (Adel), Vienna at Clinch County (Homerville) and Santa Fe (Alachua) at Madison.

On Saturday Brooks County's Trojans from Quitman will go to Albany to meet Westover's Patriots.

While tonight's winner between Valdosta's Wildcats and

Moultrie's Packers won't clinch the 1-AAA title, the victor will take a giant stride toward the region throneroom.

That's just one reason why fan interest in the game is running high. Another is the fact that VHS and MHS are traditional rivals and their grid series dates back many years.

Still another angle is the way the 'Cats and Pack have

been running neck-and-neck on the Associated Press' state rating chart. They've been one-two since the campaign began. The latest list had 'Dosta on top, but by a very slim margin.

An overflow crowd of approximately 12,000 is expected and Moultrie High officials have announced there won't be any tickets offered for sale tonight at the Moul-

Region Contests

Wildcats

Still In

Top Spot

By ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS — Sophomore William Andrews of Thomasville held on to his rushing lead and Valdosta's Bruce Hilton and Stanford Rome kept their aerial leadership intact in Region 1-AAA high school football statistics compiled after last week's contests.

Andrews has picked up 475 yards in 82 carries, easily outdistancing Chip Thomas of Bain-

Bud Celebrating

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

MOULTRIE — Bud Willis felt like a man who's 37-year-search has just ended with the jackpot after his Moultrie Packers ended Valdosta's winning streak with a 42-14 victory Friday night.

"You know we've been looking forward to beating Valdosta on our own field for 37 years," Willis beamed after the victory. "And 37 years is a heck of a long time to be looking for a

triumph.

For tonight's outing here at Vikings will carry an overall record of 1-3-1 and Dougherty will carry a, overall mark of 1-4 into the contest.

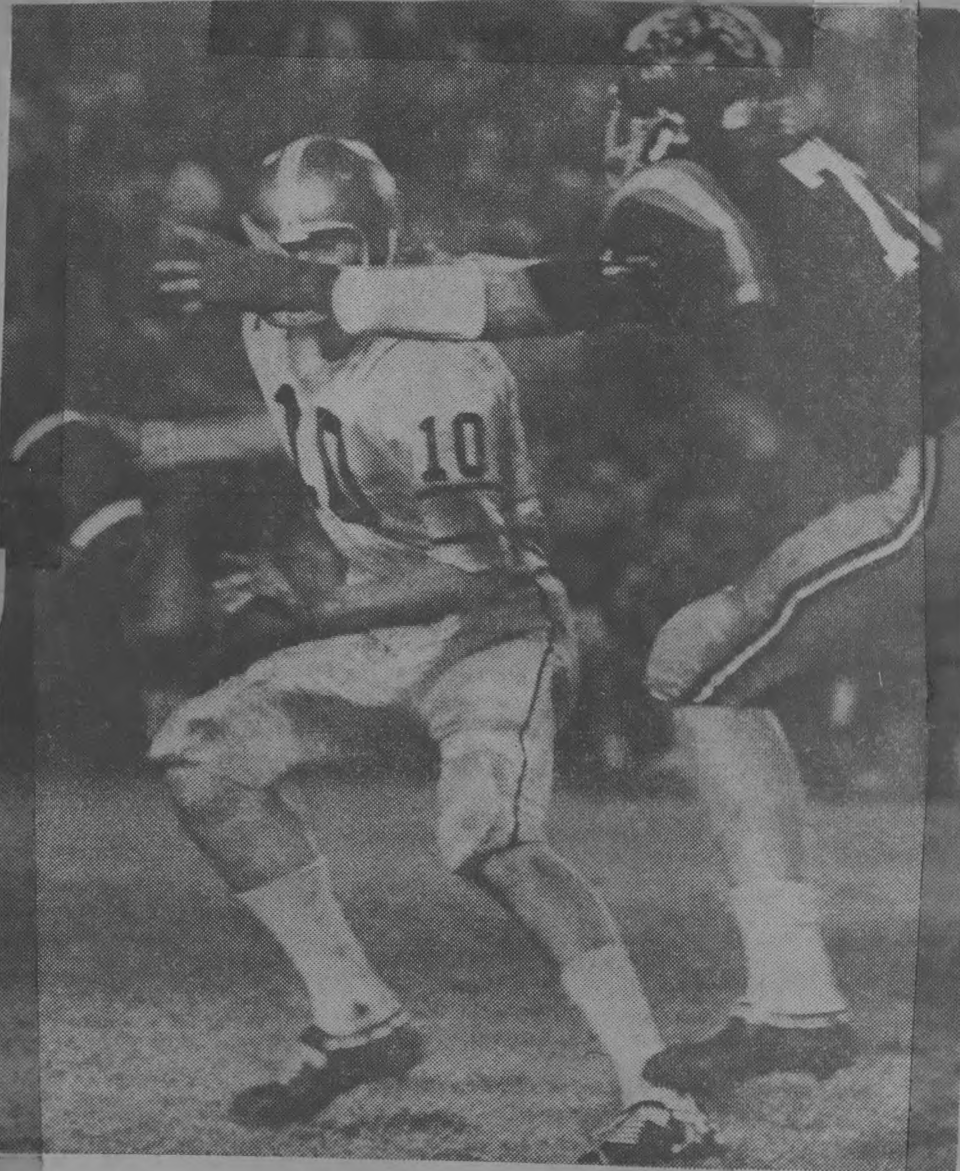
Both will be trying to rebound after losses last week. Dougherty dropped a 10-9 decision to Thomasville and Martin Stadium, Lowndes Lowndes fell before Tift County, 33-14.

Berrien's Rebels (3-2) and Charlton County's Indians will hoop up a Region 2-A test at Folkston. The Rebs are 2-0 in league play while the Tribe has a 1-1 loop chart.

Cook's Hornets will host Coffee's Trojans in a 1-AA (East) outing at Adel. Cook is 2-3 for the season and 1-0 in regional play. Coffee is 2-2-1 and 0-0-1.

Clinch's Panthers will be on their home field at Homerville for a non-league contest with Vienna's Vikings. Clinch is 2-2-2 and Vienna is winless after five starts.

On Saturday Brooks' Trojans and Westover's Patriots are to hook up in a 1-AA (West) encounter at Albany. Brooks is 3-3 for the season and 1-1 in sub-region play. Westover is 1-4 and 0-3.



Looking For Room: 'Cat QB Hilton Tries To Evade Packer Wyche

—Times Staff Photo

Lineups

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta — Hilton 7 mms; O'Neal 2-26, Daniels 4-40, Roundtree 1-5; Moultrie — Goff 5-0, Moore 4-6, Barker 11-31, Lamar 12-35, Shiver 3-39, Marks 2-5, Sampson 1-34, Clark 1-12.
Passing: Valdosta — Hilton 12-29-186; Roundtree 1-1-79; Moultrie — Goff 4-1-82; Shiver 1-2-8, Lamar 0-1-0.
Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Rome 9; Lamar 1-20, Sampson 3-56, Clark 1-14.
Punt Returns: Valdosta — Daniels 6; Kickoff Returns: Valdosta — Rome 4-9; Moultrie — Walker 1-13, Lamar 2-33.
Defense (Number of Tackles): Valdosta — Ron Daniels 7, Roundtree 7, Rowe 4, Sullivan 4, Cooper 3, Lane 3, Irby 3, Mitchell 3, Massey 3, Moultrie, Williams 4, Melnyre 4, Wyche 3, Fender 3, Rogers 3.
LINEUPS
VALDOSTA
Ends: Rome, Cooper, King, Blue, Calvin, Johnson, Massey, Roundtree.
Tackles: Johnson, Beasley, Irby, Mitchell, McCreath, Wittmer.
Guard: Sullivan, Finklin, Carmichael, Christian, David Register, Hutch-

ins: Centers: Scruggs, Barkston, Ronald Daniels, Hilton, Lane, David Williams, Rowe, O'Neal, J. Savage, Robert Daniels, Backs: Hilton, Lane, David Williams, Rowe, O'Neal, J. Savage, Robert Daniels.
MOULTRIE
Ends: J. Smith, Clark, Lanier, Sampson, Glass, K. Clark.
Tackles: E. Melnyre, Buckner, A. Williams, Ehrhidge, Burroughs, Crawford, Wyche, Fender.
Guards: Lazarus, Melnyre, Madison, Turner.
Centers: Adams, Braags, Erving.
Backs: Shiver, Vick, Rogers, Goff, Dobson, Barber, S. Johnson, Lanier, Walker, Hammeck, Moore, S. Coggins, Ellison, Moore, Collins, Willis, Marks, White.
Score by Quarters:
Valdosta 0 0 7 7-14
Moultrie 7 0 14 21-42
Scoring: Valdosta — Ups — O'Neal (47 pass from Hilton), Blue (79 yd. pass from Roundtree); PATS — Roundtree 2 (place-kick), Moultrie — Goff (42 yd. run), Barker 3 (7, 3, 1 yds. run), Shiver (69 runs), Sampson (42 pass from Goff); PATS — Fender 5 (place-kicks).



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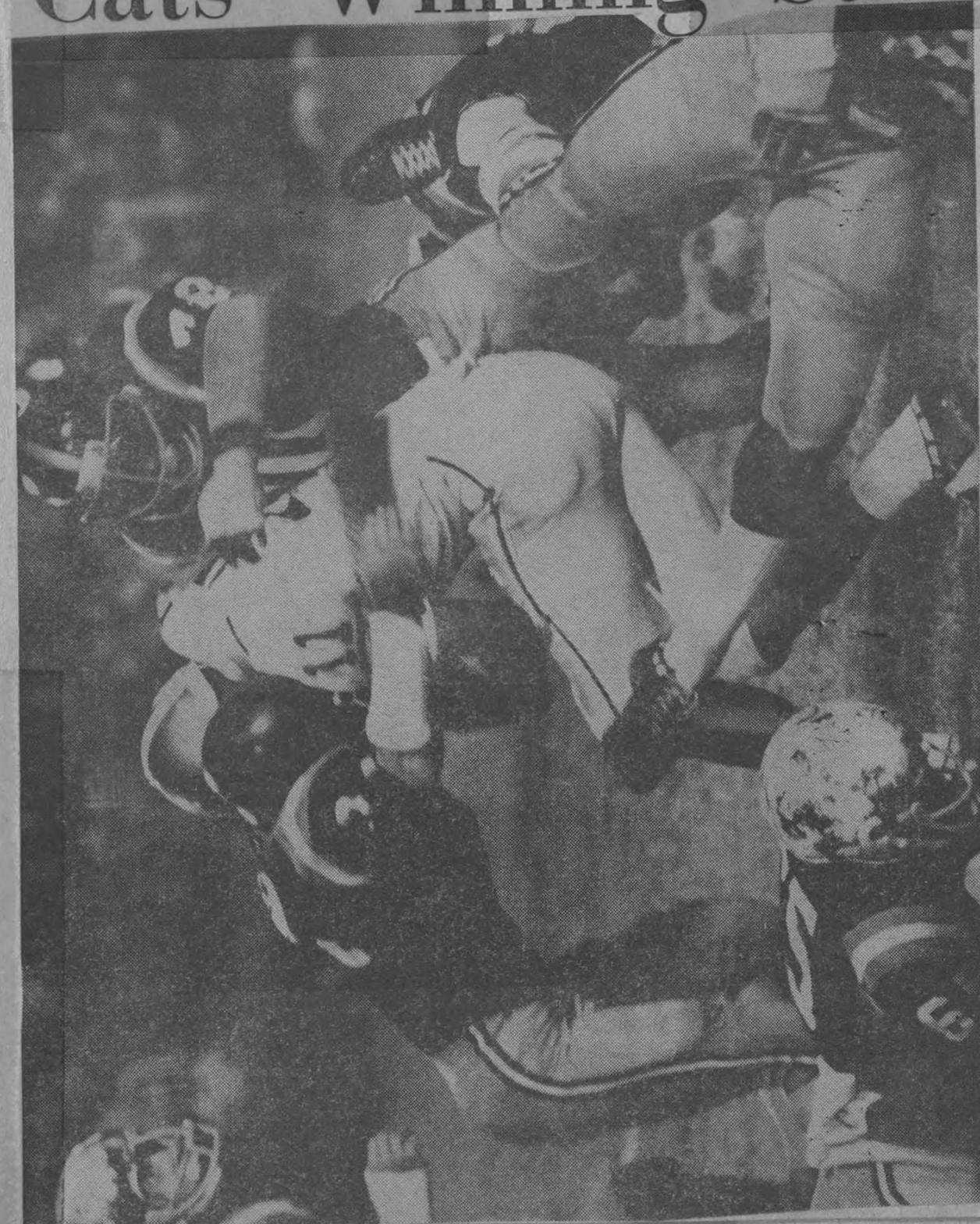
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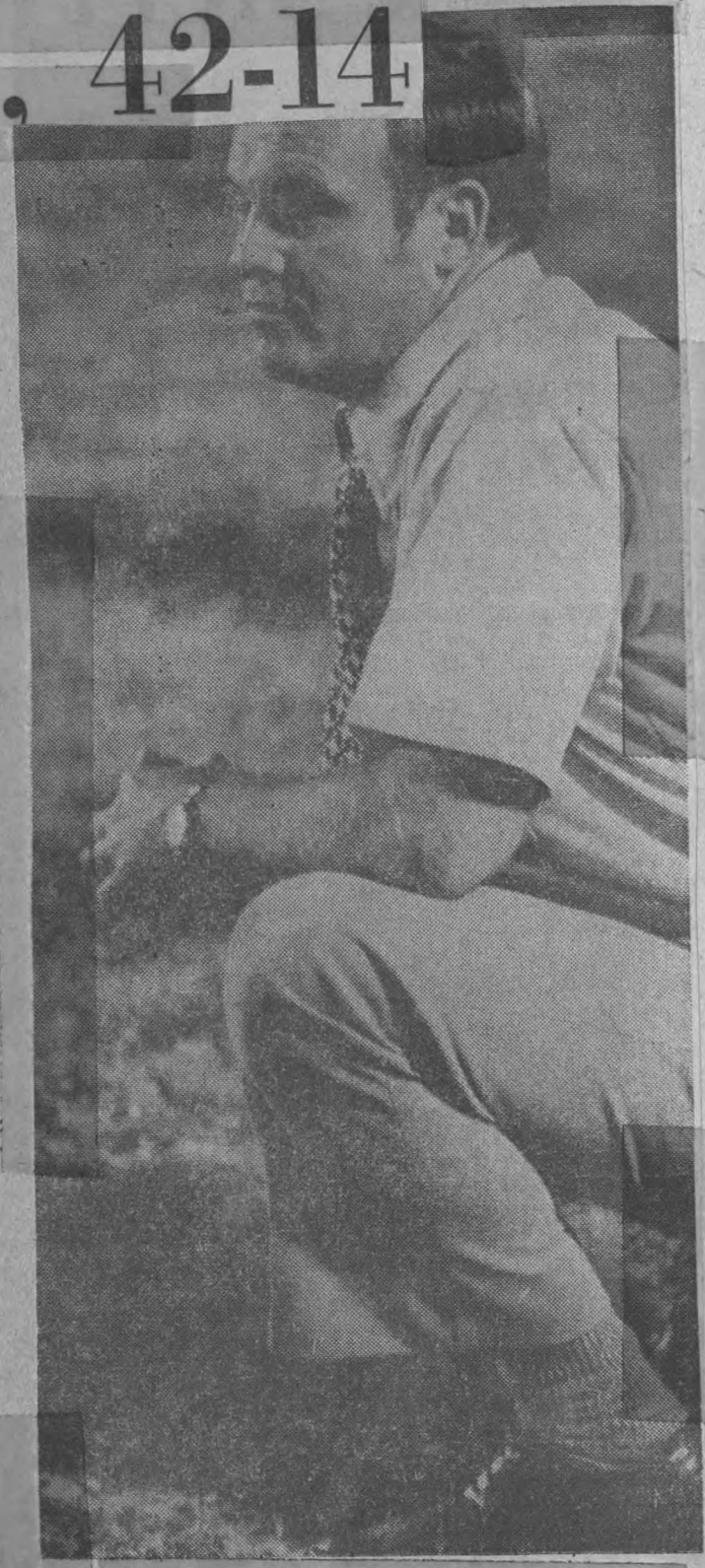
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Picture of Defeat: Grim 'Cat Fan

Alert, Swift Packers Scuttles 'Cats' Winning Streak, 42-14



Rome Weathers the Storm: 'Cat Split End Attracts Crowd After Third Quarter Pass Reception



—Times Staff Photo

Coach Greene Ponders The Situation

First Win

Over 'Cats

Since 1967

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

MOULTRIE — Moultrie's swift and alert Packers turned an early-in-the-game fumble recovery into a touchdown and went on from there to a

STATISTICS

| | Valdosta | Moultrie |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| First Downs | 9 | 12 |
| Yards Rushing | 41 | 224 |
| Yards Passing | 265 | 90 |
| Passes | 12-30 | 5-12 |
| Passes Intc. by | 1 | 0 |
| Fumbles Lost | 3 | 1 |
| Punting | 7-32.8 | 6-38.8 |
| Penalties | 15-99 | 5-45 |

42-14 victory over Valdosta's Wildcats in a crucial Region 1-AAA football test here Friday night.

With the triumph coach Bud Willis' Packers boosted their record to 6-0 and took over undisputed possession of first place in the 1-AAA standings. VHS had been a co-leader with Moultrie in the league race.

The loss was the first for coach Charles Greene's 'Cats after five straight wins this season. The defeat also snapped an 18-game winning streak which 'Dosta had had going since the start of the 1971 campaign.

Moultrie's victory was the first for the Packers over the 'Cats since 1967. It was also VHS' first regular season and region loss since they bowed to Tift County in the next to the last game of that same 1967 campaign.

The Packers' 42 points were the most scored on a Valdosta team since the Wildcats dropped a 52-19 decision to Columbus mid-way the 1963 season.

A crowd of approximately 13,000, called by some veteran observers the largest in Moultrie's football history, was on hand to watch the duel between the two prep powers.

What the crowd saw was a Valdosta attack which was stalled by fumbles, penalties and the Packers' fleet and hard-hitting defensive unit and some offensive fireworks by Moultrie in the second half which spelled doom to 'Dosta's efforts to catch up. The Packers scored five TDs after intermission.

The 'Cats lost the ball three times on fumbles, and the Packers turned them all into TDs. Two of the bobbles came in

FIRST PERIOD — On Valdosta's second offensive series of the game the Wildcats fumbled and the Packers got the pigskin at VHS' 20 yard line. A penalty moved Moultrie down to the nine and two plays later Goff scored on a two-yard plunge. Eugene Fender booted what was to be the first of six extra points for him. That put Moultrie ahead 7-0 with 2:04 left to play in the first stanza.

SECOND PERIOD — This canto was a defensive standoff. Valdosta managed its only scoring threat of the first half when it drove to the Moultrie 29. A penalty, however, pushed the 'Cats back to the 34 and VHS lost the ball on downs at that point.

THIRD PERIOD — The second half was still very young

when Moultrie halted a Valdosta drive by recovering a Wildcat fumble at the Packers' 41. MHS then took the football and moved 59 yards in seven plays paydirt. The key gainer was a 34-yard romp by Sampson on an end-around which carried to the six. Barber got the TD on a two-yard run and Moultrie led 14-0.

Just moments later the 'Cats got off a short punt of only 17 yards and Moultrie took over on Valdosta's 42. On the next play Goff tossed a scoring aerial to Sampson and the Packers were out front 21-0 with 3:15 left to play in the third canto.

The Wildcats were down, but still battling. VHS moved 74 yards in five plays for its first touchdown. The tally came when Hilton hit O'Neal with a screened-pass up the middle and the VHS fullback, with good blocking and determined running scored. This cut Moultrie's lead to 21-7.

FOURTH PERIOD — It didn't take the Packers long to stretch their lead to three TDs again. On their first series after Valdosta scored, Shiver faked a punt on a fourth-and-five situation on Moultrie's 31 and zipped 69 yards to paydirt. This moved the Pack ahead 28-7.

Valdosta came right back to score its second touchdown. The tally came on a halfback pass from Roundtree to Blue and the distance was 79 yards. Moultrie now led 28-14 with 10:56 left to play in the game.

The clincher for the Packers came when VHS fumbled a punt and Moultrie got possession at Valdosta's four. Two plays later Barber tallied from three yards out and MHS went out front 35-14.

Moultrie drove 61 yards in a dozen plays for its final TD. The tally came on a one-yard run by Barber just as time ran out and that made the final score 42-14, with Moultrie on top.

side VHS' 25.

While Valdosta picked up 265 yards and scored both of its touchdowns on passes, the 'Cats managed only 41 yards along the ground and drew 15 penalties which not only cost them 99 yards, but several times wiped out long gains.

Meanwhile, Moultrie made its ground game click for 224 yards and the Packers got 90 yards through the air, including one TD aerial of 42 yards.

"Moultrie has a good football team, one which has exceptional speed," Valdosta mentor Greene said after the game. "We made some mistakes and they made us pay for them."

Halfback John Barber scored three of the Packers TDs on runs of 2, 3 and 1 yards. Quarterback Ray Goff was in on two scores. He tallied one TD himself on a two-yard run and

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passed 42 yards to end James Sampson for another. M H S' sixth tally came on a 69 yard run by reserver quarterback Danny Shiver, who faked a punt, kept the football and went all the way.

Valdosta didn't score until the third period and the Wildcats were 21 points down when the TD came. VHS' first touchdown came on a screened-pass which went from quarterback Bruce Hilton to fullback Pat

O'Neal and covered 47 yards. The other was on a 79-yard aerial strike which went from halfback George Roundtree to end Luther Blue.

Here's the way the game went:

Peps' Top 10

1. Moultrie (6-0) beat Valdosta, 42-14.
2. Lakeside (7-0) beat Sequoyah, 29-22.
3. Valdosta (5-1) lost to Moultrie, 42-14.
4. Douglas Co. (6-0) beat Rossville, 52-29.
5. (tie) Newnan (5-0-1) tied Forest Park, 6-6.
6. Peachtree (6-0) beat Tucker, 26-15.
7. (tie) Laney (6-0) beat Josey, 23-7.
8. Warner Robins (6-0) beat Northside, WR, 14-13.
9. Wavercross (7-0) beat Groves, 14-0.
10. (tie) Ctn. Macon (5-0-1) tied Hardaway, 2-2.
11. Rossville (5-1) lost to Douglas Co., 52-29.
12. Sequoyah (4-2) lost to Lakeside, 29-0.
13. Thomasville (6-1) beat Bainbridge, 35-7.

Area Teams Close Prep Grid Season

As far as teams in this area are concerned the 1972 high school football season has come to a close.

The '72 prep grid campaign was one of solid accomplishment mixed with moments of disappointment for many teams in this section.



Valdosta's Wildcats, with Charles Greene in his first year as their head coach, had a 9-1 record, the best among the area delegates.

Greene did an outstanding coaching job and the 'Cats certainly deserve congratulations for a successful season.

There was, however, one night of disappointment for Greene and his 'Cats. It came when VHS bowed to Moultrie's powerful and unbeaten Packers. This loss kept Valdosta out of the Region 1-AAA throneroom for the first time in five years.

For coach Noel George's Lowndes' Vikings, another 1-AAA member, there were some disappointing losses early in the year and a final 3-6-1 chart.

SAMMY GLASSMAN

The Vikes, however, finished very strong. In their last three outings they beat Monroe and Bainbridge and then played their best game of the year in a hard-fought and close loss to 'Dosta.

Cook's Hornets from Adel, after losing their first three games, came on strong to finish regular season play with a 6-4 mark and claim the Region 1-AA (East) crown.

'Cats And Kittens Notch Victories

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

ADEL — Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens blasted their way past Cook's Hornets and Wasps here Wednesday night, taking both ends of a non-region high school basketball doubleheader.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats streaked to a 77-51 victory over coach Lamar Chapman's Hor-

nets, while coach John Booth's Kittens rolled by coach Bruce Long's Wasps by a 52-38 score.

In the boys' contest Valdosta's Region 1-AAA Wildcats jumped off to a 42-26 halftime lead and were never headed by the 1-AA (East) Hornets.

The game was called with 51 seconds left in regulation time, when the Georgia High School Association's 10:15 p. m. curfew was reached.

Stanford Rome paced VHS, now 2-0, with 16 markers, while Gregg Stafford managed 17 for the 0-2 Adel squad.

Cook managed to stay close for one quarter in the girls' matchup, trailing Valdosta's Kittens only 8-6 at the end of the first stanza.

Booth's sextet pulled away from that point on, however, to even their record at 1-1.

Ruby Knight's 15 markers paved the way for VHS, while Kathy Stafford led the now 0-2 Wasps with 11 points.

Vikes Host Tift; 'Dosta To Travel

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Lowndes' Vikings and Vikettes are to play host to Tift County's Blue Devils and Devilettes from Tifton here tonight, highlighting a sparse slate of high school basketball action this week involving area teams.

Other games tonight find Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) at Cook (Adel) and Patterson

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight
Tift at Lowndes
Lanier at Cook
Patterson at Clinch
Wednesday
Valdosta at Cook
Friday
Mt. Dora at GCS

at Clinch County (Homerville).

Wednesday, Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens journey to Adel for a battle with Cook's Hornets and Wasps.

Friday, Georgia Christian School of Dasher celebrates its homecoming with a hosting of Mt. Dora.

Coach Charles Cooper's Vikings and Vikettes carry 1-0 slat into the Region 1-AAA fray by way of season-opening wins over Echols' Wildcats and Kit-

tens.

The tilts will be the first of the season for the Blue Devils and Angels.

The twin-bill, to be held in the LHS gym, is to get underway with the girls contest at 7 p.m., with the boys game to follow.

Coach Billy Pafford's Lanier County Bulldogs and coach Raymond Moore's Bulldogettes are to unveil their 1972-73 cage machines tonight at Adel against the Hornets of Lamar Chapman and the Wasps of Bruce Long. The non-region tilts will also be the openers for Cook.

Clinch's Panthers and Pantherettes carry 1-0 slates into their hosting of Patterson. Coach Austin DeLoach's Panthers and coach Herbert Tomlinson's Pantherettes scored season-opening

victories over Nicholls last week.

Wednesday, coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats carry a 1-0 mark into their non-league contest with coach Lamar Chapman's Hawks at Adel.

Coach John Booth's Kittens, however, have an 0-1 season chart going into their fray with Cook's Wasps.

Georgia Christian's Generals have a 3-1 season chart under their belt as they eye their homecoming tilt with Mt. Dora Friday night. Coach Jon Hazelip's Generals won their first three contests of the season before dropping a tilt to Alabama Christian School of Montgomery, Ala., Saturday night.

Hazelip's Generals, meanwhile, carry a 1-1 mark into the non-region encounter.

School Paving Delayed

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

High ground isn't necessarily dry ground, as crews preparing the new Valdosta High School parking lot for paving have found out.

County Engineer Julian Dupree said he doesn't think the ground on which the parking lot is to be situated would hold up unless the area gets improved drainage.

"I've walked the area out pretty well," said Dupree, "and it looks pretty soupy to me.

"I think we may have to install drain tile under it to get the proper drainage."

Don Brazeal, county manager, said no decision to that effect had been made. However, he added, such a situation was not "improbable."

"If we finish the excavation and it's still soupy we'll likely agree to do that," he said. "It's a typical situation where you have water at high levels and there's no way for it to get off."

Brazeal said crews have been preparing the site for paving for about four weeks and likely would spend at least that much longer on it.

Paving, however, will not be done this spring. "As it reads, it can't be done."

Girls
Valdosta 87
Cook 67

Elks Pick Top Young Leaders

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Two Valdosta High School seniors have been awarded annual Leadership Awards from the Valdosta Elks Club, according to Dr. Dean Mink, chairman of the youth activities committee for the organization.

Mark Eanes and Mary Nell Smart are to receive \$25 each and a chance to compete in the contest on a state level, Mink said.

"Each lodge holds a contest like this," Mink explained. "The winners are judged on a state level with the state winner receiving \$500 and a chance to compete nationally."

According to Mink, national winners can win as much as \$20,000 in awards from the fraternal organization.

"The students are usually recommended by guidance counselors," Mink said, "and they are judges on five points, including neatness and arrangement of the brochure they submit; compliance with instructions for the contest; perseverance, stability, resourcefulness and a sense of honor; leadership; Americanism and citizenship apprecia-

tion. Miss Smart, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Smart, is editor of the school newspaper, "The Dosta Outlook," a member of the Ready Writers Club (a creative writing group), and is reporter for the Beta Club.

A native of Valdosta, Miss Smart says she has applied to and been accepted at the University of Georgia as a music major.

"I've been playing the clarinet and the bassoon since I was in junior high school," she said.

Admitting her parents think the university in Athens might be too large for her, Miss Smart said they want her to do what she wants, nonetheless.

"They like the school," she said, "but they think it might be too big. But I think they're excited about it."

Maintaining an "A" aver-



MARY SMART
Headed For Big School



MARK EANES
Wants Duke Eventually

age in school, the pretty blond student also does community work and church work at the Central Avenue Church of Christ.

"I really didn't expect to

win the award," she admitted. "It really is exciting for me."

Eanes, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Eanes, is originally from Greenwood, Miss.,

but has lived in Valdosta for 11 years.

Also an "A" student, Eanes is vice president of the Beta Club at VHS, editor of the yearbook, reporter for the Distributive Education Club, a member of the student council and the Hi-Y Club and is on the VHS drug council.

"I don't really have time for hobbies," Eanes admitted, "but I read a lot. I'm reading Shakespeare right now. I'm not overly fond of Shakespeare but it's something to read."

A member of St. John Catholic Church, Eanes works part-time at Winn-Dixie at the Five Points Shopping Center, is the youth representative on the parish council of St. John's and plays basketball on the church team.

"I'm also the junior assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 403 at the First Baptist Church," he added.

Eanes said he hopes to attend Valdosta State College for two years after graduation next spring and then attend Duke University as a pre-med student.

VHS Band Seeing 'Moon Over Miami'

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Frank Butenschon has been working the largest band he ever had, for the longest time, going after the greatest title—and his big moment is here.

Butenschon and his Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats hit the road for Miami, Fla., today where they are to participate in the Winternationals Marching Band Contest Friday.

The young redhaired director said his 210 members have been working three weeks on the arrangement they are to play in the 15-band

four.

"Six upstairs will be watching the effect of the band and the ones on the field will be walking around listening to individual members."

The judges probably don't worry Butenschon as much as the competition. Some of them have been scouted, he admits, and he's not hesitant to say they're all great.

"We're not favored to win this thing," he said. "They rate Vidor, Tex., number one. We're in the top five along with Largo, Fla., Bossier City, La., and Dalton, Ga."

Dalton's band is the most familiar to the Marchin' Cats. That was the band that last defeated the Valdosta band during its quest for a title.

"They beat us in the Greatest Band in Dixie' contest in 1970," he said. "We've won it back since then but we haven't faced them again."

The VHS band is to open its program with "Fanfare" and include selections from the "Girls of Folies Bergere," "Army of the Nine March," "People," a drill to "Hang 'Em High," "Lover," "Watermelon Man" to feature the twirlers and flag corps, and feature the woodwinds in the guilotine

drills to "Moon Over Miami."

"The contest will be held Friday," he explained. "The winners are to perform on national television during the Miami Dolphins-Baltimore Colts football game in Miami Saturday."

Butenschon would consider the fact that his band has never participated in this type contest before a handicap but none of the other bands have either.

"This is the first year of this contest and the only one of its kind," he said. "No one really knows what to expect."

"We scouted three or four of the bands and we know they're great. Vidor, Tex., has as good a sound as we've heard anywhere."

"Bossier City is a very precise drill band and Glasgow, Ky., is a Scottish band and everyone in it wears kilts. Of course, we know all about Dalton and people here know they're good."

The Valdostas are to arrive at the Dilido Hotel in Miami Beach tonight and take in the Sea Aquarium Friday morning before an extensive rehearsal Friday afternoon.

"The contest starts at 8 p.m., and we'll just take it from there," he said. "If we are lucky enough to win we'll work

on the show for Saturday. If not, we're coming home."

The VHS Band Boosters financed the trip through various projects, he said.



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Bainbridge's John Jeffery (31) Gets Between Stanford Rome And The Goal

-Times Staff Photo

'Cats Score Win Over Bainbridge

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Valdosta's Wildcats and the girls from Bainbridge rang the victory bell in a Region 1-AAA high school basketball double-header played here Friday night.

Coach Joe Wilson's home-standing 'Cats took an early lead and then kept the advantage to the finish as they turned back coach Charles Bess' Bearcats from Bainbridge, 79-68.

In the girls game coach Bobby Trawick's sextet spurred to a seven-point lead early in the final period then held on to trim coach John Booth's VHS Kittens, 31-26.

The win was the third in a row for the Wildcats and boosted their record to 5-1. The Kittens now have a 1-5 mark. After their loss the Bearcats are 2-5 and after its win the Bain-

bridge sextet has a 3-4 mark.

Valdosta's eagers are to return to action tonight, meeting cross-town rival Lowndes in a twin-bill slated to begin at 7 p.m. at the Valdosta Junior High gym. VHS and LHS will meet later in the season on Lowndes' home court.

Here Friday night the Wildcats were out front by five points before their game was three minutes old and VHS never trailed after that. The Bearcats, however, went down battling. Twice 'Dosta built up 17 point leads and on both occasions Bainbridge rallied and cut VHS' advantage to eight markers.

"We'd pull away and then they would pull back up," Wilson said after the game. "Bainbridge has a good team and we were fortunate to beat them. They'll be very tough

to handle in their gym."

Stanford Rome racked up 23 points and Robin Holley tallied 22 to lead the VHS attack. Six others played major roles in the triumph. That group includes Wade Hughes, Bob Fluitt, Edward Jones, Bobby Graham, David Demersseman and George Roundtree.

John Jeffery, with 26 markers to his credit, was Bainbridge's and the game's leading individual scorer.

The girls game was a see-saw affair with the lead changing hands four times during the first three stanzas. The final period started with the count knotted at 23-23, but Bainbridge built up a seven point lead ear-

By TOM STEADMAN

Lowndes' Vikettes and Valdosta's Wildcats kept rolling along — at the expense of the Kittens and Vikings — here Saturday night.

Coach Charles Cooper's Vikettes knocked off coach John Booth's Kittens, 51-17, and coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats dropped Cooper's Vikings, 74-56, in a split of the cross-town high school basketball squabble.

The Vikettes, behind Linda Miles' 14 points and Linda Matchett's 13 markers, raised their season chart to 7-1 and their league record to 4-0 with the Region 1-AAA decision. Booth's Kittens fell to 1-6 and 0-4 marks with the loss, their fifth in a row.

Lowndes jumped off to a 15-3 first period lead and a 26-3 halftime margin, as the Kittens connected only six field goals all night.

Gwen Durham with eight points led the VHS offense.

In the boys' contest, Valdosta took a quick 6-0 lead, but the Vikings came right back on three buckets by Mason Barfield and Terry Sellers' two free throws to cop an 8-6 lead of their own.

Wilson's 'Cats, now 6-1 on the season and 4-0 in region play, ripped for six straight points before a Sellers jumper closed the VHS margin to 12-10 at the first period buzzer.

Cooper's Vikings, now with 3-5 and 1-4 records, scored only 11 points in the second canto, however, while VHS was racking up 22 for a 34-21 halftime lead.

Barfield, a 6-5 center, topped the Vikings with 16 points while sitting out much of the second and third quarters in foul trouble.

Stanford Rome hit for 18

markers to lead Valdosta, followed by Edward Jones with 14, Bob Fluitt with 11, Robin Holley with 12 and George Roundtree with 10.

"We played about as well as we're capable of playing," Cooper said after the loss. "Losing Barfield early didn't help any, but we were just outclassed tonight."

"I thought we played a real good half first," Wilson said of his 'Cats. "Lowndes came back to break our press pretty good in the second half, but I thought we did a pretty good overall job."

BOYS
Valdosta 12 34 59 74
Lowndes 10 21 42 56
VALDOSTA (74) — Rome 18, Lewis 2, Hughes 2, T. Graham, Fluitt 11, Jones 14, Holley 12, E. Graham 2, Demersseman 3, Roundtree 10.
Team totals: field goals 29, free throws 16 of 27, fouls 20
LOWNDES (56) — Barfield 16, Miles 6, Davis 7, Sellers 6, Grimes 7, DeLoach 4, Wright 7, Hunter 6, Kenesr.
Team totals: field goals 20, free throws 16 of 21, fouls 21.

GIRLS

Valdosta 3 8 13 17
Lowndes 15 26 40 51
VALDOSTA (17) — Knight 4, Frysle 1, Durham 8, Smith, Barber, Robinson, Strom, Abernathy, Moore, Hill 4, Bell, Nathan Brown Johnson.
Team totals: field goals 6, free throws 5 of 13, fouls 31.
LOWNDES (51) — And 7, Matchett 13, Christie 5, Miles 14, Biles, Williams, Dickson 5, Chubb, Wetherington 7, Cooper, Clanton, Downing, Millitrons, Huntcutt.
Team totals: field goals 14, free throws 23 of 38, fouls 16.

VHS, Lowndes Split

They're Proving His Medal, DE Coordinator Finding Out

Norman Greene was actually trying to give his Distributive Education students a chance to learn things on their own when he initiated the Merit Awards Program at Valdosta High School this year.

He had no idea at the time he would have as big a turnout in the program as he did.

All 29 of the students who started working in the project this year have received their bronze and silver medals, he announced.

And five of those students have decided to go for the gold or national medal only 64 students in the nation won last year.

"That's pretty remarkable for our first year," Greene said.

The DE coordinator at Valdosta high school explained MAP is actually designed to strengthen the instructional area given each DECA member.

"It gives students the opportunity to work on self improvement in local state and national levels," he said. "The objective of MAP is to improve the employability of the individual student in marketing and distribution and to develop an awareness of these areas."

The program is divided into the three merit awards, bronze, silver or gold which are for local, state and national competition respectively he said.

To obtain a bronze medal, students must complete 10 projects, two each in all five DE competency areas of economic understanding, product and service knowledge, communications, human and public relations and marketing.

Seven more projects are required, all of a slightly more difficult nature, to get a silver medal. One must be in each competency area and two extra in any area the student may choose.

The hardest projects are those set aside for the gold medals and Greene explained one project must be done in each area after a student reaches a silver status to obtain one.

"We have several suggestions for the students to use as projects under each area," he explained. "For example a project for the bronze award may go to interview a businessman and find out

Young Ideas...

why we went into that business.

"This is preferably a business the student may want to enter."

Later on for a silver award, he may be asked to do the same but ask the employer's suggestions for someone wanting to enter that business.

"As a project for the gold award he would have to interpret the outside control factors which influence self-employment and list the considerations."

In this way, Greene explained. "The student can actually teach himself the thing he may not pick up out of a textbook."

"We feel this is a supplement to, rather than an substitute for classwork."

"If a student can learn these things on his own he is much more likely to remember it."

Greene said the program

is designed to teach marketing and management while enhancing the classroom instruction and making learning fun and rewarding.

"Until this program, this was limited to just a few students," he said. "Now anybody can compete in this thing and get the recognition he deserves."

The fact that only 64 students, nationwide reached the gold status last year and at least five students here, Linda Staley, Steve Sumner, Debbie Davis, Kenneth Gifford and Beverly Kent, are almost sure bets to take one of the national honors this year shows Greene programs such as MAP maybe the coming thing.

"I really feel most of them got a great deal out of the project," he said. "I think it's definitely going to be a big help to them."

VHS To Face Bulldogs Here Tonight

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens play host to Waycross' Bulldogs and Bulldogettes here tonight, highlighting the fare of area high school basketball action.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats, 8-2 on the season, will be looking to avenge a 62-53 early-season loss to the Bulldogs in Waycross.

The Region 3-AAA Bulldogs meanwhile, sport a 6-2 chart after Friday's 89-79 loss to Beach in Savannah.

Coach John Booth's Kittens haul a 1-7 ledger into their return match with the Bulldogettes 4-0 on the year.

Waycross topped the Valdosta girls, 63-34, earlier in the season.

The girls' contest is to begin at 7 p.m. at the Valdosta Junior High symnasium, with the boys' contest to follow.

Wildcats Storm Past Waycross

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Revenge was on their minds but rout was on the scoreboard here Saturday night, as Valdosta's Wildcats shredded Waycross' Bulldogs in a return non-region high school basketball matchup.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats, defeated by Waycross earlier in the season, smoked past the 'Dogs, 94-77, while the Waycross girls were dumping coach John Booth's Kittens, 59-35, for a slice of the twin-bill.

Valdosta, beaten, 62-53, earlier in the season at Waycross, leaped off to a 12-4 lead early in the first period and held on for a 22-16 first-quarter margin.

A VHS hot streak early in the second stanza upped the gap to 41-28, but the Region 3-AAA Bulldogs, now 6-2 on the season, fought back to a 47-39 half-time deficit.

Wilson's 1-AAA Wildcats, now 9-2 on the year, outscored Waycross, 25-12, in the third period, as they opened up a 72-51 margin, leading by as much as 23 points at one stretch.

In the final quarter a Bulldog hot skein brought the mar-

gin down to 74-65, before VHS unloaded for 18 points, 10 of them belonging to Stanford Rome, in the last 5:27 of playing time for the final gap.

Rome, who fouled-out and finished with only seven points in the first Waycross encounter, scorched the nets for 30 points to lead the Valdosta offense. Rome, along with Robin Holley and David Demersseman, accounted for 74 of VHS' 94 markers. Holley finished his night's work with 25 points, while Demersseman chalked up 19 tallies.

Carl Rider with 17 markers, Randy Scott with 15 and Dannel Hughley and L. T. Wesley with 14 apiece paced Waycross.

"We're that much better a team than they are," Wilson said, referring to the 17-marker point spread. "I was generally well pleased with the effort tonight. We ran well and came out pressing them."

Wilson said his squad "got the ball to Rome better tonight. We broke their man-to-man press and forced them to go into a zone press," he continued. "I was pleased."

The veteran VHS mentor singled out Holley, Rome, Demersseman and guard Wade Hughes for individual efforts in the win.

In the girls' contest, Waycross upped its season chart to 5-0 at the expense of the now 1-9 Kittens.

The Bulldogettes jumped out to a 21-6 first-quarter margin and a 29-15 lead at intermission. The visitors, who defeated VHS, 63-34, earlier in the season, upped the gap to 46-23 entering the fourth period.

Debra Hill paced Valdosta with 10 points, while Junnie Hughley with 20 markers and Pam Baker with 18 led Waycross.

GIRLS

Valdosta 6 15 23 35

Waycross 21 29 46 59

VALDOSTA (35) — Abernathy 1, Barker, Durham 9, Frysle 4, Nathan, Robinson 4, Knight 6, Smith, Moore, Brown, Bell, Hayes, Strom 1, Hill 10 Johnson, Adams.

Team totals: field goals 10, free throws 15 of 47, fouls 22.

WAYCROSS (59) — P. Baker 18, J. Hughley 20, R. Baker 5, D. Brown 7, Zachry 7, McLendon 2, F. Hughley, McPherson, S. Brown, Wesley.

Team totals: field goals 27, free throws 5 of 25, fouls 32.

BOYS

Valdosta 22 47 72 94

Waycross 16 41 51 77

VALDOSTA (94) — Rome 30, Lewis, Hughes 4, Fluitt 2, Jones 4, Holley 25, Graham 4, Demersseman 19, Roundtree 6.

Team totals: field goals 37, free throws 20 of 33, fouls 23.

WAYCROSS (77) — Wesley 14, Fluornoy, Scott 15, Byrd 2, McQuaig 9, Rider 17, D. Hughley 14, Simon 4, C. Hughley 2, Speed.

Team totals: field goals 31 free throws 15 of 29, fouls 28.

'Dosta At Home, Vikes To Travel

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

There will be a full round of action for high school basketball teams in the area this weekend with Valdosta playing at home on Friday night and Lowndes on the road for a Saturday night encounter.

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens are to meet Tift County's Blue Devils and Angels

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from Tifton in a twin-bill slated for 7 p.m. here Friday night at the Valdosta Junior High gym.

Lowndes' Vikings and Vikettes are slated to go to Quitman on Saturday night to face

Brooks County's Trojans and Trojanettes.

Other games Friday involving area teams include Coffee (Douglas) at Cook (Adel), Brooks at Cairo, Echols County (Statenville) at Central (Thomasville), Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) at Jeff Davis (Hazlehurst), Valwood (Valdosta) at McClay, Broxton at Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.), Clinch County (Homerville) boys at St. George and Clinch girls at Irwin County (Ocilla) and Hamilton County (Jasper) at Madison.

In other games Saturday Valwood will be at Baker County, Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Lanier, Charlton County (Folkston) at Clinch and Baldwin at Hamilton.

The Valdosta and Tift cagers will be meeting for the second time when they tangle here on Friday night. In an earlier twin-bill at Tifton, the 'Cats nipped the Blue Devils, 62-61, and the Angels trimmed the

Kittens, 57-26.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats' will carry a 10-2 record into the game with coach John Rutland's Imps, who have an 8-7 chart. Coach John Booth's Kittens have a 1-9 record and the Tift girls own a 6-8 mark.

Since Lowndes' Vikings and Vikettes belong to Region 1-AAA and Brooks County's Trojans and Trojanettes are members of Region 1-AA (West) there won't be any league honors at stake when they clash Saturday night at Quitman.

Lowndes and Brooks, however, are traditional sports rivals and they will be meeting on the hardwood for the second time this season. In an earlier twin-bill, Lowndes made a sweep, winning the boys game, 61-50, and triumphing in the girls contest, 52-29.

Coach Charles Cooper's Vikes currently have a 4-9 record and his Vikettes own a 12-2 mark. Coach Bill Ellis' Trojans are 5-8 and coach Jamie Felts' Trojanettes have a 10-4 chart.

Touchdown Club Sets Fete

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Touchdown Club has scheduled its annual football awards banquet for next Thursday night, according to club president George Smith.

Honored guests will be members of Valdosta High's 1972 football team and members of the VHS coaching staff. The principal speaker will be the University of Georgia's head football coach Vince Dooley.

Dooley is one of the nation's most successful college coaches. In nine seasons at Georgia his Bulldogs have compiled an overall record of 66-28-4, appeared in six bowl games and won the Southeastern Conference championship twice.

The banquet according to Smith, is to be held at Mathis city auditorium. The serving of dinner is to begin at 6 p.m. and the awards program is to start at 8 p.m.

During the 1972 season the VHS Wildcats, with Charles Greene making his debut as their head coach posted a 9-1 record, and just missed in a bid for a fifth straight Region 1-AAA. The loop title was claimed by Moultrie, the only team to beat the 'Cats.

One of the highlights of the banquet will be presentation of individual awards to VHS players who have earned.

Other special guests at the event besides the Wildcats and their coaches will be the

mothers of the VHS players.

"We'll have the 'Cats, and of course the VHS coaches, as our guests and also the mothers of the players," Smith said. "Touchdown Club members may also attend without additional costs. For wives and other guests there will be a \$3 charge."

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Lowndes, 'Dosta In Action

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens are coming home, but Lowndes' Vikings and Vikettes are still on the road, highlighting a full weekend slate of high school basketball action involving area squads.

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and coach John Booth's Kittens are to play the hostess to the Angels here tonight in a Region 1-AAA matchup at the Valdosta Junior High gym. Action is to begin at 7 p.m.

Lowndes, meanwhile, journeys to Quitman Saturday night for a pair of non-league tilts with the Trojans and Trojanettes of Brooks County High.

Other games tonight involving area squads include Coffee (Douglas) at Cook (Adel), Brooks at Cairo, Echols County (Statenville) at Central (Thomasville), Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) at Jeff Davis (Hazlehurst), Valwood (Valdosta) at McClay (Tallahassee, Fla.), Broxton at Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.),

Clinch County (Homerville) boys at St. George, and Clinch girls at Irwin County (Ocilla) and Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.) at Madison, Fla.

Saturday games find Valwood at Baker Academy Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Lanier, Charlton County (Folkston) at Clinch and Baldwin at Hamilton.

Coach John Rutland's Tift County squad, 8-7 on the year, will be looking for revenge against the 10-2 Wildcats. VHS edged the 'Devils, 62-61, in an early-season matchup in Tifton.

Booth's VHS girls carry a 1-9 season chart into their clash with the 6-8 Angels from Tifton. Tift downed the Kittens, 57-26, in Tifton.

Coach Charles Cooper's Region 1-AAA Vikings, 4-9 on the season are to take on coach Billy Ellis Trojans for the second time this season.

Lowndes topped the Brooks men, 61-50, here earlier this campaign, and the 1-AA (West) Trojans, 5-8 on the year will be looking to get even.

It will be the third meeting of the season between the Lowndes and Brooks girls' squad. Lowndes toppled the Trojanettes, 52-29, in a regular season match, then came back in the Lowndes Invitational Christmas Tournament to gouge out a 43-36 decision.

Cooper's Vikettes have a 12-2 season slate, while coach Jamie Felts' Trojanettes sport a 10-4 overall chart.

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A Basketball Boom

(This is the first in a series of previews on the four semifinalists for this weekend's AAA Basketball Tournament.)

By RANDY DONALDSON

When Valdosta barely squeezed past Laney of Augusta in the first round of the AAA state tournament in Macon last Friday, Joe Thomas was a relieved man.

"Boy, I'm glad we won," the Valdosta coach said. "If we had come up here and lost that first game, it would have ruined a good season!"

But winning only meant that Valdosta had to play Savannah in Saturday's quarter-finals, and no one, probably not even Thomas, thought much of Valdosta's chances.

"I guess we're looking forward to playing them," Thomas said. "But mostly I'm glad we didn't blow out whole season."

Thomas, though, was just being the typically pessimistic coach. He had intentions other than just making it past the first round. And his team made his intentions good by pulling off the upset, 49-47.

"I said I was glad we won that first game just so we wouldn't ruin the season," Thomas said. Then, with a sly grin, he added, "Of course, I lie a lot."

"This is the first time that Valdosta has ever made it this far in the AAA basketball tournament. And we're really looking forward to it."

It's surprising that Valdosta, always a perennial football power, will be making its first trip to the AAA semi-finals. And ironically, the first trip comes after Thomas, an assistant football coach, took over the basketball team full-time.

On top of that, it's an all-state football player Stan Rome, who is the key to Valdosta's success on the basketball court.

"No one has seen Stan play basketball yet," Thomas said. "He's got more talent

and more ability than anyone really knows about.

"Someone else means a lot to our team, too. Robin Holley is a senior, but this is his first year of playing basketball. If he hadn't played well against Savannah, we wouldn't be going anywhere. So he means a lot to us."

Those two will be the main offensive threats for Valdosta, and Rome will be called on to defense highly-touted Lakeside star Pete Fusi in one of Friday's semi-final games.

AAA Pairings Set Up

It will be Lakeside against Valdosta and Douglass against Southwest-Macon in the semi-finals of the state AAA high school basketball tournament Friday night at Georgia Tech.

Lakeside and Valdosta both made it to the semis by upsetting their quarter-final opponents. Lakeside knocked off Decatur 66-60, and Valdosta eked by defending state champion Savannah 49-47.

Douglass had an easy time in making it to the final four by blasting Clarke-Central 69-41, while Southwest had it a little tougher in a 62-50 win over Jenkins of Savannah.

Lakeside will meet Valdosta at 7 p.m. Friday in the first game, and Douglass takes on Southwest in an 8:30 contest.

Class A Action Starts

The class A State basketball playoffs for both boys and girls begins this week at Macon Coliseum, with the finals for both played Saturday night.

Girls' action begins Monday, while boys' play starts Wednesday. Calhoun County was the boys' champion last year, while Taylor County finished as the girls' winner.

Spring Training

Football Back 'On Stage'

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Four weeks of spring football practice are scheduled to begin on Monday for Valdosta High's Wildcats and Lowndes High's Vikings.

Coach Charles Greene's 'Cats and Coach West Thomas' Vikings are to close out their off-season drill sessions by taking part in a football jamoree with Thomasville and Waycross here on Friday, March 30. VHS will host the jamboree.

Greene says he expects about 110 candidates to report Monday for the Wildcats' first workout of the spring.

"What we'll do is start preparations for our 1973 season," Greene said. "We have a lot of gaps to try to fill, especially in the offensive line and in the defensive line and secondary.

"As we do every spring, we'll spend a lot of time working on fundamentals."

Greene says the 'Cats have slated an intra-squad game for the end of the second week of practice. They will go against the Has-Beens (graduating senior) at the end of the third week and then take part in the four-team jamboree on March 30.

Thomas, only recently named as the Vikings' new grid boss, won't actually be on the field directing Lowndes' spring session.

He's still an employe of Fitzgerald High, and under Georgia High School Association rules Thomas can't personally take part in Lowndes grid activities until his contract ends in June.

"While I can't be on the field personally I've met with

the other coaches and we've worked out plans for spring practice," Thomas said via long distance phone from Fitzgerald.

"We're hoping for about 100 candidates and we're going to spend most of our practice time working on blocking and tackling. Those are the two foundations of the game.

"We'll take part in the jamboree with Valdosta, Thomasville and Waycross on March 30. Before that, at the end of our third week of practice, we might have an intra-squad game. It will depend on how things are going."

Valdosta System Has 17 Eligible For State Fair

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Seventeen students in the Valdosta school system are eligible to carry projects to the state fair at Athens in April.

Five of the students won blue ribbons at the 8th District science fair held at Douglas and the other 12 won red ribbons.

Winning the first or second place ribbons made them eligible for the state display and competition.

Four other students won third places at Douglas, making ribbon winners of all 21 Valdosta system projects entered.

A Valdosta Junior High School student, Teresa Johnson, received a plaque or having the second best project in the life science junior division. A Valdosta High student, Dee Dee Morton, earned a plaque

for the second best project in the physical sciences senior division.

These were two of the six major awards given.

Blue — Linda Lane, David Heston, Teresa Johnson, Richard Dasher and Dee Dee Morton.

Red — Frank Burton, Lynn Connell, Jay Cordova, Ricky Darnell, Cindy Glassman, Dana Evans, Durward Black, Bill Cowart, Bobb Graham, Bruce Edwards, Tammy Nitschke, Julianna Gaskin.

Third places — Linda Moore, Pam Harris, Danny Adams, Nicola Redman.

Judy Seymour of Brunswick High was winner of the senior division life science trophy and the Science Congress Award for the best overall project in the fair.

VHS,

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

It'll be a battle of two teams who weren't supposed to be there when Valdosta High School and Lakeside of Atlanta clash Friday night in one of the two semi-final matches of the state Class AAA basketball tournament.

The form charters were "upset" when the Wildcats of Coach Joe Wilson knocked off defending champion Savannah 49-47 in Macon last week. And the "upset" was echoed in Atlanta where the Vikings of Coach Dwight Norris loaded on Decatur 66-60.

But neither Wilson nor Norris were wasting much time this week rehashing "surprises." They were both hatching what they hope are some new ones — which in layman's language amounts to learning to do a mite better what their teams have been doing good all year.

The Wildcat-Viking encounter is scheduled at 7 p.m. Friday in Georgia Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The victor moves into the championship scrap Saturday with the winner of the Douglas of At-

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He's been working. He said Wednesday Reds won the Minnesota TV hour drill. He's a tourney

many Indians finished in the state had a 1-0 win column in the playoffs. Wilson views Lakeside as potent on offense and stingy on defense. And the Northerners' 24-5 record bears him out. The Vikings are led by Pete Fusi, a 6-5 senior with a 23.8 scoring average and a 17.4 rebounding average. Although he plays center, Fusi is being considered by college scouts as a bonafide guard prospect.

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Vikings Rate Slight Edge In State Tourney Contest

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

ATLANTA — Dwight Norris has all the respect in the world for Valdosta's Wildcats. But he figures his Lakeside Vikings will be going against themselves as much as the Wildcats when they meet tonight.

Norris' Vikings and Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats are scheduled to tangle in the semi-finals of the State Class AAA high school basketball tournament at the Georgia Tech Coliseum here tonight.

The winner of the 7 p.m. clash earns the right to play the winner of the Douglas of Atlanta-Macon Southwest contest for the state crown Saturday night.

Norris, who has never been associated with a losing team, admits he's out to win.

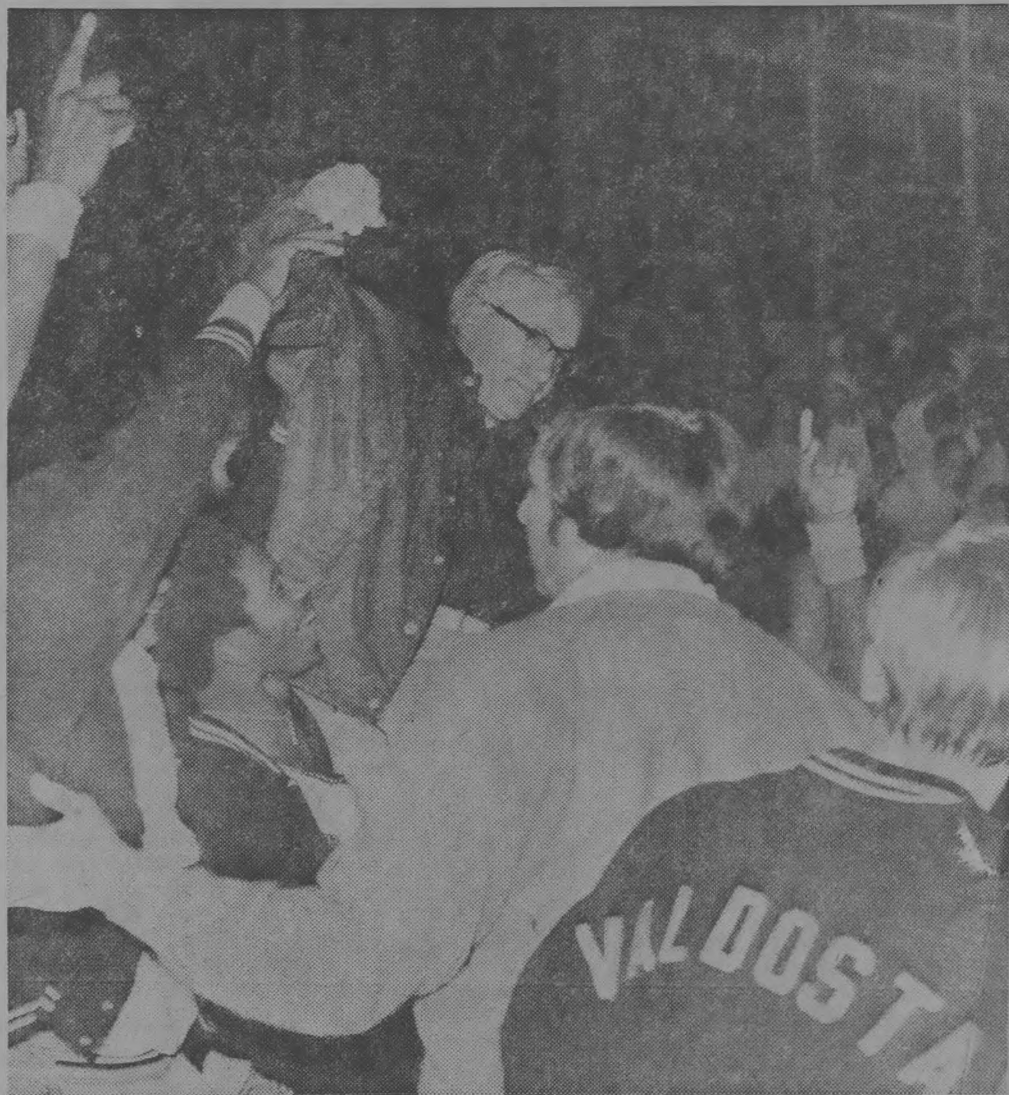
"But there are other ways to win besides winning basketball games," he said. "You've got to win your individual battles.

"If we beat ourselves we figure we can beat anybody. A boy has to win an individual battle with himself before he can compete in the world."

Both Norris and Wilson give the Vikings an advantage in the contest because they not only played in the tournament last year, they played the 8-AAA region and sub-region contests in the coliseum.

It could be because of those two contests that the Vikings have something to prove. Although they are the only team from their region still around, they didn't win the sub-region or region crowns.

After a 20-3 season they lost once in the sub-region tournament and again in the finals of the region contest, a 65-55 decision to Clarke



—Times Staff Photo

VHS Coach Wilson Hopes for Rerun of This Region 1-AAA Victory Ride

Central of Athens.

"Last year we played a good Forrest Park team the first night," Norris recalled. "We played good but they beat us 71-67.

"The kids were really dis-

appointed . . . and I was too. was a starter.

We had to get back to show everybody we're no fluke. We have seven kids back who have played in the state tournament before. But only one of them, 6-5 senior Pete Fusi,

"I think it helps, you've got to get there before you can come back."

Norris, who came to Lakeside two years ago from the University of Montevalo

where as the school's first graduate assistant he helped Coach the varsity to a 20-6 record, would like to give Lakeside its first basketball crown.

The Vikings won the State Class AAA football crown earlier this year.

"Our motto is "Tomorrow may be the first day of the rest of your life," he said. "We try to make it the best."

Meanwhile in Valdosta, Wilson was leaving town this morning, fearful that the state tournament atmosphere could cause his 25-3 Wildcats to freeze and maybe lose their 13-game winning streak.

"We're going up there to do the best we can," Wilson said. "If we win we're going to be proud of them. If we lose we're going to be just as proud.

"If our kids don't get there and freeze up we'll be all right. They played in the Macon Coliseum, but Tech's is a little bigger.

"Lakeside is tough or they wouldn't be there . . . and they're experienced in this gym."

Did Savannah Make a Big Mistake?

By JOE LITSCH

Atlanta Journal Staff Writer

MACON—Harold Scott's team is Savannah, the defending AAA champion. It had just knocked off Columbus, 74-52, to advance to the AAA state quarterfinals. But Scott was anything but happy.

Lucius Foster, 6-9 Savannah center, had gone down with four minutes left in the game and had to be carried from the floor. When the game was over, Foster was carried on into the dressing room.

"I don't want any of you around here," Scott snapped to a group of reporters waiting outside the Savannah dressing room.

Off he went, looking for a doctor, oblivious that just a few feet down the Macon Coliseum corridor was a fully equipped first aid room with a registered nurse on duty "just for things like this," according to Sam Burke, Georgia High School Association executive secretary.

Foster's injury was purely accidental. He went up for a rebound and a Columbus player came down on his foot. Foster was unable to walk from the playing court.

The main question in the reporters' minds was, why was Foster in the game at that time, anyway?

Savannah was leading 68-39 with 4:45 showing on the clock. And Columbus, which entered the tournament with a 9-15 record, was not exactly what you'd call a comeback team.

Yet all five Savannah starters were in the game.

"That's his prerogative to play who he wants to," said Columbus coach Joe Sparks, "but, I think if I already had the game won and it was the first round of the state tournament, I'd play some other people."

The incident brings to mind another Savannah misfortune from the 1969 tournament.

The tournament then was played in Georgia Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum, and Scott had taken his team over in the morning to practice. Savannah had a game that night.

During that practice session, one of the Savannah starting forwards broke an ankle. Savannah lost that night.

Whether Foster's injury was serious enough to keep him out of the Saturday



UPI Photo

Savannah's Foster (54) Over Johnson: Why the Slaughter?

If not, Savannah will have to face a surprising Valdosta team without him. Valdosta, usually known for its football rather than basketball, squeezed by Laney of Augusta, 69-65.

In the other game, Jenkins of Savannah, beat Hardaway of Columbus 55-46.

Valdosta had a two-week layoff and it showed. But, thanks to David Demerssman, the Wildcats will go at least one more round.

quarterfinals was not to be known until Saturday.

Demerssman opened the game by scoring eight points in less than two minutes, and came back with 29 seconds left to put Valdosta ahead to stay. The score was tied, 64-64, but Demerssman broke the tie with a driving layup and hit an ensuing free throw to assure the win.

The game got off to a weird start when Laney coach Norman Bonner called what has to be one of the earliest timeouts ever — with just three seconds of the first quarter gone. He called time just after a free throw to substitute.

Valdosta led most of the way, but Laney pulled even in the final seconds, only to have Demerssman pull it away.

Demerssman was the leading scorer for Valdosta with 19, just a point more than Stan Rome. George Roundtree had 14 and Bob Fluit 10.

Laney's high scorer was Joseph Thomas, who came off the bench to score 14. Savannah was just too much physically for Columbus, and the Blue Jackets methodically pulled away. Columbus managed to keep things close for the first period, 15-15, but after that, it was all Savannah.

Hardaway had lost only twice all season until Jenkins, and even then the Hawks gave a good fight. Jenkins took the lead early and never let it go, though Hardaway got close several times.

James Johnson was high man for Jenkins with 20. Hardaway's high scorer was Harold Allen with 17.

Then came Crisp County with seven-footer Wayne Rollins against Southwest-Macon.

VALDOSTA (69) — Rome 18, Thrift 10, Holley 8, Demerssman 19, Roundtree 14.
LANEY (64) — Stokes 8, Wilson 9, Hawes 5, Thurmond 11, Hill 2, Macke 3, Thomas 14, Nelson 4, Foster 8.
Halftime — Valdosta 39-34.

SAVANNAH (74) — Clark 3, Remander 4, Grant 2, Brisbane 6, Ewaldsen 22, Simmons 3, Williams 2, Foster 30.
COLUMBUS (52) — Flowers 10, Moore 14, Hixon 14, Harris 2, Perryman 2, Phillips 2, Johnson 8.
Halftime — Savannah, 34-25.

JENKINS (55) — Clarke 14, Walker 13, Johnson 20, Eady 8, Camdbell, Latton.
HARDAWAY (46) — Mack 4, Allen 17, Lowe 6, Murray 11, Cain 8.
Halftime — Jenkins, 23-24

SOUTHWEST-MACON (70) — Hubbard 10, Ketch 11, Nixon 20, Daniels 6, Everett 2.
CRISP CO. (50) — Ralins 17, Hearn 2, Harmon 6, Jones 8, Busbee 4, Felton 5, Mathis 2, Dixon 4.
Halftime — Southwest, 32-20.

Two-Minute Surge Keeps 'Cats Going

By WINK DeVANE

MACON — The Valdosta High School Wildcats used a hot shooting hand in the final two minutes of play Friday to gun down the Lucey Laney High School Wildcats 69-64 in first round action of the state AAA boys basketball tournament here.

Trailing by two points with only two minutes to go in the game, and with two of its first sitting on the bench with five fouls, Coach Joe Wilson's charges got clutch baskets from George Roundtree and David Demersseman to salvage a win.

Roundtree tied the game 64 and Demersseman's basket, giving, off-balance scoop put the 'Cats ahead to

few seconds later, Demersseman hit a clutch free throw to nudge the gap to three points. In the final two minutes, the Wildcats outscored Laney

to take the victory even though the remarkable was that the game's leading scorer and rebounder, Stanford Rome, had been fouled out of the contest with only two minutes to go in the fourth quarter.

Another first-stringer, Robin Holley, fouled out earlier.

Demersseman led VHS scorers with 19 points while Roundtree tallied 18 before fouling out.

Laney's top gun was Joseph Thomas with 14 and Robert Hurmond chipped in 11.

"Good outside shooting by Demersseman and (Bob) Fluitt kept us in the ball game," said Coach Wilson.

"and we got a good rebound out of (Bobby) Graham (Larry) Melton."

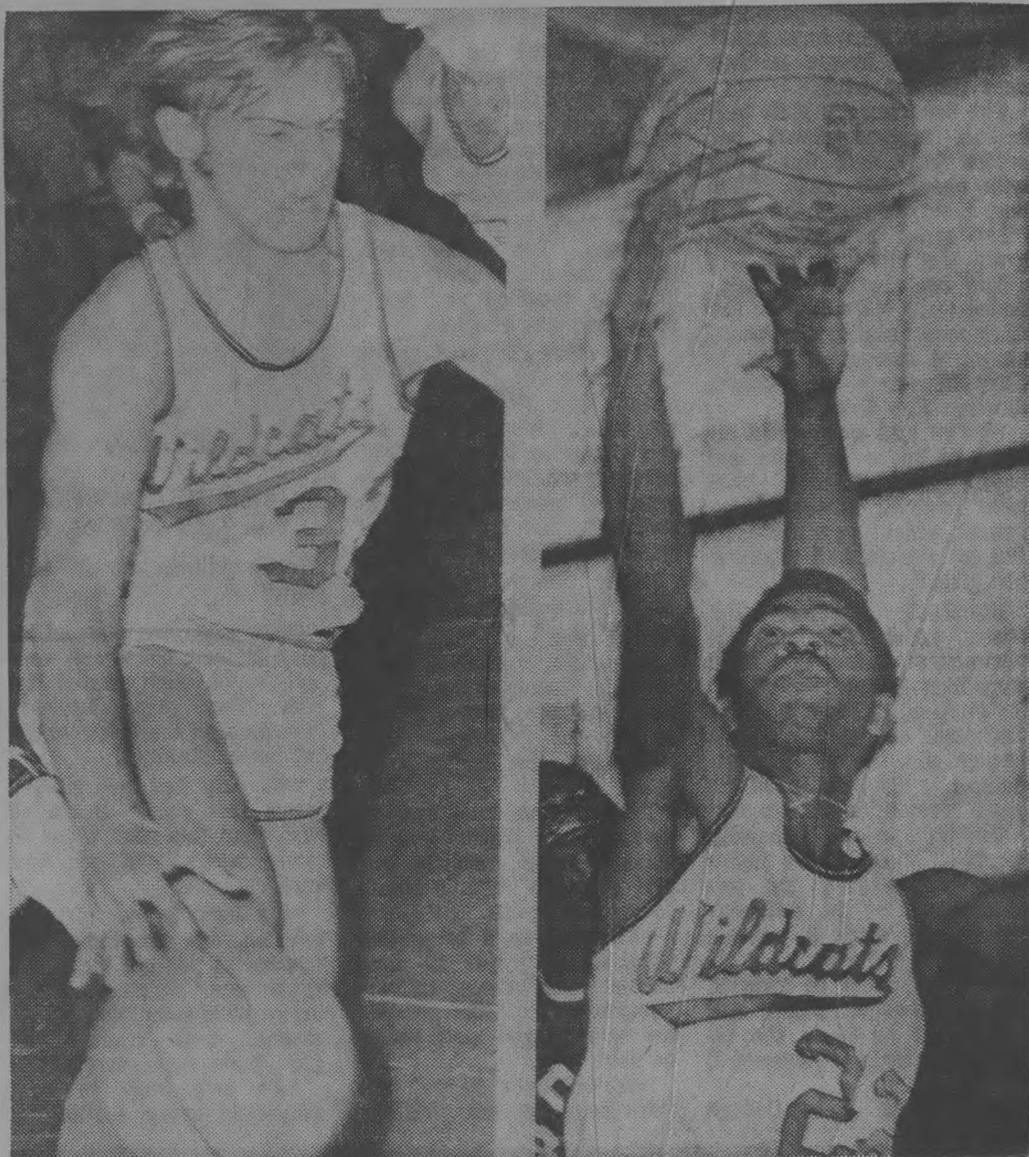
Wilson said the pressing defense forced numerous turnovers from a nervous bunch of players.

"The press did bother us," he said, "and our kids were a little bit off of that large collection."

Veteran coach said the game today should "loosen the reins" for their game tomorrow at 7 o'clock when they meet the defending state champion High School.

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—Times Staff Photos

'Cats on the Prowl: DeMersseman, Left, Fluitt in Earlier Action

Led by 6-10 center Lucius Foster, the Savannah team has compiled a 26-1 record this season.

Foster according to Wilson is the number one player in the state and during the regular season the Savannah team was ranked number two in Georgia.

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This marks the third time in the past four years the VHS squad has made it to the state playoffs as the Region 1-AAA representative.

However, in the two previous years, the 'Cats bowed out in first-round action.

The win ran the 'Cats' overall record to 24-3 while the Laney team, the 4-AAA representative, bowed out with an 11-14 mark.

Winners of both games tonight

advance to the last two rounds of the state tournament next week in Atlanta. Southwest Macon plays Jenkins of Savannah in other sectional action here tonight.

Southwest downed Crisp County 70-50 and Jenkins defeated Columbus Hardaway 55-46 in other Friday action.

Officials of radio station WGAF said the Savannah-Valdosta game is to be broadcast starting at 6:50 p.m.

Valdosta Scuttles Savannah, 49-47

MACON—When Lucius Foster walked onto the court here Saturday night, Savannah boosters gave a sigh of relief.

His appearance meant the 6-9 Foster had shaken off the effects of a severely sprained ankle and was ready to lead Savannah against Valdosta. With Foster in the game, Valdosta wasn't supposed to have a chance.

But Valdosta didn't know that.

So, the Wildcats went out and pulled off the biggest surprise of the state AAA tournament thus far by defeating the defending state champions, 49-47, behind Stan Rome's 20 points.

In the other quarterfinal game played here, Southwest Macon slapped Jenkins of Savannah, 62-50.

Although Foster did manage to score 22 points, he obviously wasn't himself against Valdosta. He hit only 10 of 31 field goal attempts, and had little effect on the boards.

"Foster was slowed up by his ankle, so we were lucky," Valdosta Coach Joe Wilson said. "We thought that they would start going to someone else late in the game rather than just relying on him."

"But when you run a team around one man all year, it's hard to change. And, of course, we saw things from our bench that they wouldn't see on theirs."

The Wildcats won the game for all practical purposes in the first quarter. They outscored Savannah 14-5 as Foster hit only one of nine floor

shots. Savannah never recovered from the poor start.

"We noticed in their game last night that Foster doesn't go to the basket much," Wilson said. "So, we decided not to try to block his shots. We just stuck our hands in his face, and it worked."

"But what saved us was Robin Holley in the third quarter. Savannah was making a run at us, but Holley scored eight points and kept us ahead."

Holley ended the game with 14 points, while Greg Ewaldsen scored 10 in support for Savannah.

Southwest Macon looked overpowering in racing to a 28-16 halftime lead against Jenkins. But that lead kept slipping away all through the second half and midway through the fourth quarter, the score was 44-40.

VALDOSTA (49) — Rome 20, Holley 14, Demersseman 5, Fluitt 4, Roundtree 6, Hughes.

SAVANNAH (47) — Ewaldsen 10, Foster 22, Simmons 4, Clark 5, Brisbane 4, Hernandez 2.

HALFTIME: Valdosta, 29-21.

SOUTHWEST MACON (62) — Ewaldsen 20, Nixon 14, Patrick 13, Daniels 9, Hubbard 6.

JENKINS (50) — Walker 10, Julius Johnson 6, James Johnson 12, Clarke 14, Lutten 2, Eady 6.

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VHS Touchdowners Eye Tradition

School's Gonna Still Be The Same

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Maintaining an old tradition in new surroundings is the biggest job facing the new president of the Valdosta Touchdown Club.

"We have got to convince people that the new school is the same one they've supported so well in the past," said Clabe Chapman, who has succeeded banker George Smith as the club's chief officer.

"Most of our members are graduates of the current Valdosta High School and we're not sure what the attitude will be when they move out to the new one."

Chapman was referring to a new \$4.5 million high school on N. Forrest Street now under construction and planned for occupancy this summer.

He noted the school change comes one season after revered coach Wright Bazemore stepped down after an ultra-successful career.

"I've heard some people say they just aren't as interested in the 'Cats now that Coach Bazemore has stepped down," he said.

"That's just a ridiculous way to look at things. It's our responsibility to support Coach (Charles) Greene the same way we did Coach Bazemore."

Chapman, a 33-year-old Georgia Power field supervisor for agricultural development and youth activities, said the traditional support for the team is to continue.

Among activities sponsored by the club are the 'Cats' summer training camp at the Four-H Club Camp at Twin Lakes and the annual awards banquet.

The camp alone is expected to cost about \$5,000 this year. "And that's buying things at wholesale or getting them through donation," he added.



CLABE CHAPMAN
New Club President

He's set a goal of 800 members this year, an increase of about 50 over last year's membership, said Chapman.

"We want our club to continue to be the best touchdown club in the United States," said the Borden Springs, Ala., native.

"But to do that we've got to have the support of the people. Those activities we sponsor are paid for out of dues we pay."

The \$10 membership fee entitles members to attend film showings of Wildcat games each week, the annual spring fish fry, the awards banquet and training camp scrimmage games.

"We also intend to have at least two ladies nights this year," said Chapman, "and we'll also have a 'future Wildcats night' for midget football players.

"I'm of the opinion the club should be for the whole family."

If sufficient funds are found, he continued, the club will consider equipping the weight room at the new school.

"That's why the 800 membership goal is so important," he explained. "Of course, I still have to present the idea to the club's board of directors."

Chapman was reared in Nashville, Ga., and was graduated from Berrien High School there. He attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton and received his B. S. Degree in agricultural engineering from the University of Georgia at Athens.

He was hired by Georgia Power in 1965, the same year he moved here.

Prior to assuming the presidency, Chapman was TD club vice-president. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club board of directors and a deacon of First Baptist Church here.

Chapman is also a member of the Valdosta Boys Club board of directors and secretary of the Georgia section of American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

He holds memberships in the

ABAC Alumni Association and the Georgia Agriculture Alumni Association.

He is married to the former Grace Bush and they have three sons.

The new football support leader does not limit his sports interest to the gridiron. Chapman coaches a cadet league basketball team and is assistant coach on a Boys' Club league baseball team.

VHS, Laney In Battle At Macon

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

MACON — The South Georgia sectional of the state Class AA boys high school basketball playoffs were to open here this afternoon with Valdosta meeting Lucy Laney of Augusta in the lidlifter.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats, who have a 23-3 record and are the Region 1-AA champs, were to go against coach Norman Boone's Laney Wildcats, who have an 11-13 chart and are the runners-up from 4-AA, at 4 p.m. at the Macon Coliseum.

The remainder of today's slate follows:

Columbus (9-15) vs Savannah (25-1), 5:30 p.m.; Hardaway (22-2) vs Jenkins (19-7), 7 p.m.; Macon Southwest (23-3) vs Crisp County (23-3) at 8:30 p.m.

There will be another round of action Saturday, with the two survivors moving on to Atlanta next week for the final two rounds of the state tourney. The two teams from the top half of the state will furnish the opposition in Atlanta.

This marks the third time in the last four years the Valdosta cagers have made it to the state playoffs. In both 1969-70 and 1970-71 they bowed in the first round.

The 1973 ABC bowling tournament begins March 3 in Syracuse, N.Y. Indianapolis gets the 1974 tournament. Dayton has it in 1975.

DE Students Here Dominate Contest

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta and Lowndes high school Distributive Education students dominated the 8th District competition in Waycross Saturday, putting a total of 18 finalists into State contests later this year.

Coordinators of the vocational education program at the two schools said they expected to have even more finalists when judging of manuals is completed.

"We still don't know who won in the creative contests," said VHS Coordinator Norman Greene. "It'll probably be the end of this week or the first of next week before we know."

The two schools swept student of the year honors for both boys and girls. Charlotte Eanes of VHS and LHS' Judy Rogers both made it to state competition as did their male counterparts, Mark Eane of VHS and Harold Davis of LHS.

LHS coordinator Phil Walden said rulings must be made in two contests in which Lowndes students apparently were finalists.

One was in spelling, Walden said, in which Andy Kannon apparently was eliminated through a misunderstanding by the judges, and the other was in job interview in which Miss Rogers

person she tied with.

"I'm also confident state officials will make Andy a finalist in the spelling contest."

Greene said VHS placed in virtually every "participating" contest. "This is the first time that's happened in the history of our program," he said.

Miss Eanes also was a finalist in the sales demonstration contest and her brother also captured a finalist's spot in the speech contest, said Greene.

Other VHS students who were named finalists in the district meet included Kenneth Gifford in math; Perry Welch, advertising; Janet Parrish, display; Mary Jane Keene, speaker's bureau.

Jeannie Turner, spelling; and Debbie Brown, job interview.

Walden listed other LHS finalists as Johnny Williams, display; Linda Miles, speech; and Nancy Bragg, advertising.

The manuals are listed as "creative" contests, Greene said, and finalists are yet to be named in nine areas in which students gathered information and set it out in manuals.

DE is a sales-oriented course in which students attend school a half-day and receive scholastic credit for parttime jobs they hold after school.

'Dosta Advances To Semi-Finals

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

After one of the most important basketball victories in Valdosta High's history, coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats have advanced to the semi-finals of the state Class AAA tournament.

The 'Cats, with a brilliant performance, knocked off Savannah's tall, talented and heavily favored Savannah Blue Jackets, 49-47, in the second round of the South Georgia sectional playoffs at Macon on Saturday night.

In another outing Macon Southwest's Patriots turned back the Jenkins Warriors from Savannah, 62-50.

Now Valdosta and Southwest will join the North Georgia survivors, Lakeside and Douglas, in the state semi-finals on Friday night at Georgia Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum in Atlanta.

Friday's slate calls for VHS to go against Lakeside at 7 p.m. and for Southwest to duel Douglas at 8:30 p.m. The title game is set for 8:30 p.m. Saturday. There will be a consolation contest at 7 p.m.

The Wildcats will carry a 25-3 record into the semi-finals. They have a 12-game victory streak going. The Savannah team they knocked off Saturday had lost just once in 27 previous starts.

The Blue Jackets won the state "AAA" diadem in 1972 and were favored in many quarters to repeat. The Wildcats, who are Region 1-AAA champs, ended the coast city's quintet's dream.

With defense the key note in the game, Valdosta took an early lead and kept an advantage which ranged between two and 10 points until the final minute of play.

David Demersseman put the ball back into play. He passed to George Rountree. When Robin Holley screened, Stanford Rome got the basketball

and drove around the Blue Jackets' 6-10 Lucius Foster to score with a layup that put 'Dosta ahead 49-47 with just 28 seconds to go. VHS' pressing defense forced a turnover, Demersseman was fouled, sank a free throw with :03 showing on the clock and the Wildcats had their victory and their ticket to Atlanta.

Rome was VHS' top scorer with 20 points and Holley was next with 14. Demersseman, Roundtree, Bob Fluitt and Wade Hughes played major roles in the triumph and Larry Melton and Bobby Graham supplied important relief work.

Foster, with 22 points, was Savannah's leader.

"Our players were great, just great," Wilson said. "It was a defensive ball game and our defense was all that any coach could ask.

"We decided we'd do our best against their biggest man (10) Foster, but really concen-

trate on stopping their two other tall forwards (6-6, Greg Ewaldsen) and 6-7 Ronald Simmons (4). Well, we held them to a combined total of 14 points. That made the difference.

"Every coach says it after an important win, but it's the truth, the real truth. We got a great team effort."

The last time VHS won a state boys basketball championship was in 1947. They claimed the Class B title.

Since moving up to Class AAA they made the state tourney four times. They've failed to get past the second round in three previous tries, but now they are in the semi-finals and still very much in the running.

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| Savannah | 5 | 21 | 32 | 47 |

VALDOSTA (49) — Rome 20, Hughes, Fluitt 4, Holley 14, B. Graham, Demersseman 5, Roundtree 6, Melton.
Team totals: field goals 19, free throws 11 of 17, fouls 7.
SAVANNAH (47) — Clark 5, Ewaldsen 10, Hernandez 2, Brisbane 4, Simmons 4, Foster 22.
Team totals: field goals 21, free throws 5 of 9, fouls 16.

Wildcats Ready For State Battle

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

The South Georgia sectional of the state Class AAA boys high school basketball playoffs are to begin Friday at Macon and two sets of Wildcats, those from Valdosta and Lucy Laney (Augusta), are to tangle in the opening game.

In the sectional test, which is slated for Friday and Saturday at the Macon Coliseum, are the top eight teams from the four Class AAA regions in the lower half of the state.

When the sectional competi-

tion ends there will be four survivors, and they will advance to the state finals to be held next week in Atlanta. The four survivors from North Georgia will furnish the opposition.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats will carry a 23-3 record into their duel with coach Norman Bonner's Laney Wildcats who have an 11-13 mark. The VHS-Laney tilt is slated for 4 p.m.

In other games Friday, Savannah (25-1) is to meet Columbus (9-15) at 5:30 p.m.; Columbus

Hardaway (22-2) is to face Savannah Jenkins (19-7) at 7 p.m. and Crisp County (23-3) is to duel Macon Southwest (23-3) at 8:30 p.m.

Region champions in the field are Valdosta, 1-AAA; Savannah, 3-AAA; Hardaway, 2-AAA, and Macon Southwest, 4-AAA. The other four in the field are region runners - up.

Valdosta has a 10-game winning streak going as it moves into the state playoffs for the third time in the last four seasons. In 1969 - 70 and 1970 - 71, Wilson's 'Cats, bowed in the first round.

'Dosta's probable starters against Laney are 6-4 Stanford Rome, 6-4 Robin Holley, 6-3 George Roundtree, 6-0 David Demersseman and 5-9 Wade Hughes.

Rome, with a 20.52 average, is the VHS quintet's leading scorer. Holley is next with a 14.16 average.

Laney's starters are to come from a group which includes 6-3 Josh Macklin, 6-2 Robert Thomas, 6-3 Johnny Pooser, 5-11 John Wilson, 5-11 B. W. Hill, 6-3 Leroy Stokes, 6-1 Willie Hall and 6-4 Joe Thomas.

While Laney's record at 1 is below the .500 mark, finished their season very strong and they are a school with a tradition for basketball success. This is the Augusta school's fourth appearance in the playoffs in the last seven years.

"We've had a couple of off since the region tournament was played," Wilson said. "I hope we're going to be able to meet a tough foe. It's good, very good, or it will be in the state playoffs."

"The only thing we can do is take the games one at a time. I'm sure our players will do it all they've got."

Valdosta's Back Minus Bazemore

By JOE LITSCH

It seems that everything in Valdosta dates back to Wright Bazemore. Even basketball.

Though Bazemore is known primarily for his football success, you have to dig through the record books back to 1947 before you can find a Valdosta basketball state title.

And, guess who was coach? Wright Bazemore.

"That was the last time we won it all," said Joe Wilson, who now coaches the Wildcats basketball team. "Coach Bazemore had five other teams that were runnersup."

Now, why all this sudden talk about Valdosta basketball?

It was Valdosta that knocked off Savannah, the defending AAA champion and likely successor to the '73 throne. 49-47.

And, those two points have made Valdosta the talk of the AA tournament, which resumes Friday, Mar. 9, with the semifinals at Georgia Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

"I guess we have to be the Cinderella team now," said Wilson. "But, I told the kids before we ever went to Macon that if we could get by Laney, we would beat Savannah. If we could just get over the hump."

The "hump" was caused by a two-week layoff between the 1-AAA region tournament and the first round of the AAA playoffs.

Wilson was right. Valdosta edged by Laney of Augusta, 69-64, and then took Savannah.

"We led them all the way until the last minute. They went ahead, 47-46, but we came back and took the lead again," Wilson said.

Valdosta's upset stole some of the glitter from another upset, in the North. Lakeside knocked off Decatur, 66-60, for the right to meet Valdosta in the semifinals.

In the other two games, Douglass, the No. 1 ranked team in AAA, rolled up win No. 27 with no losses, 69-41 over Clarke-Central of Athens. And, Southwest-Macon best Jenkins, 62-50.

That pits Douglass and Southwest together for the second time this year.

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Lowndes, 'Dosta In 1-AAA Event

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

TIFTON — Lowndes' high-flying Vikettes get a chance to prove why they're seeded number one here this week, as Region 1-AAA holds its annual girls' basketball wars at the Tift County High School gym.

Coach Charles Cooper's Vikettes, number one seed in the 10-team tournament, do not see action until Thursday at 7:30 p.m., by virtue of a first-round bye.

Wednesday's first-round games include Albany Dougherty's Trojanettes vs Valdosta's Kittens at 7 p.m. and Moultrie's Packerettes vs Albany's Squaws at 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Thomasville takes on Albany Monroe at 4:30 p.m., second-seeded Crisp County (Cordele) meets the Valdosta-Dougherty winner at 6 p.m., Lowndes clashes with the Moultrie-Albany survivor at 7:30 p.m. and Bainbridge meets Tift County at 9 p.m.

Semi-finals are to be held Friday, with the championship tilt set Saturday at 8:30 p.m. preceded by a 7 p.m., consolation match.

Following Lowndes and Crisp in the tournament seedings are Thomasville, Bainbridge, Monroe, Tift Moultrie, Valdosta, Dougherty and Albany.

Cooper's Vikettes finished regular season play with an 18-4 overall chart and an 11-1 league ledger. The Lowndes girls lost three times to defending state class AA champs Berrien and once to 1-AAA foe Crisp County.

The second-seeded Cougarettes from Cordele dumped Lowndes 36-33 in the teams' only meeting of the season.

Coach John Booth's Valdosta Kittens will carry a 5-16 record into the tourney. One of the fastest improving teams in the loop, the VHS girls' won four of their last eight games.

The Kittens and the Dougherty Trojanettes closed out regular season play by meeting each other. 'Dosta posted a 62-50 triumph in the game.



JANE FANNING
Surprised To Win



MARY NELL SMART
Future Music Major

Fanning And Smart Get Home Ec Honor

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Jane Fanning and Mary Nell Smart have been named Betty Crocker Homemakers of Tomorrow at Lowndes and Valdosta High Schools here.

The two seniors were among 40 students who took the application tests Dec. 5. They were quizzed on everything from cooking to management and then asked to discuss one topic.

Miss Fanning, an Oklahoma native, said she was surprised at winning the Lowndes contest.

"The test was not as much on home economics as it was more on the general home," she said.

She said she plans to enter Valdosta State College to major in special education and plans to teach the trainable retarded.

The president of the LHS Allied Medical Careers Club, she was also treasurer of the

Beta Club, a member of the science club, and plays the bass, tuba and viola in the band.

Miss Smart, one of the winners in the Elks Leadership Contest this year, plans to attend the University of Georgia in Athens and major in music.

The 17-year-old blonde said she still isn't sure what she plans to do after graduation from college.

The Valdosta native played the clarinet and bassoon in the school band.

Area winners are eligible for the state award, which is accompanied by a 1,500 scholarship and a 20-volume set of "The Annals of America" by Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corp.

Valdosta To Duel Laney In Playoff

Valdosta's Wildcats will go against another set of Wildcats, those from Lucy Laney High at Augusta, in the first round of the south Georgia sectional of the state Class AAA boys basketball playoffs.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Dosta quintet, as the Region 1-AAA champ, will face Laney, the runner-up from 4-AAA, in a game set for 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 2, at Macon.



SAMMY GLASSMAN

Others assured of berths in the south sectional are Crisp County's Cougars from Cordele, the 1-AAA runner-up; Macon Southwest's Patriots, the champs from 4-AAA; Hardaway (Columbus), the 2-AAA titleholder, and Columbus, the second place team in 2-AAA.

Still undecided are the two delegates from 3-AAA. They're holding region playoffs in that loop tonight and Friday with Beach (Savannah) meeting Jenkins (Savannah) and Waycross dueling Savannah in the first round.

There will be two days of action in the south Georgia sectional, then the four survivors from the lower half of the state will go to Atlanta for competition with the best from the north. The dates for this competition is March 9-10.

Valdosta will carry a 23-3 record into the battle at Macon. Coach Norman Bonner's Laney quintet has an 11-13 record, but don't let that fool you.

Laney got off to a very slow start, losing its first seven games. Since then it has gone 11-6 against very strong basketball competition.

And Bonner and his charges are quite familiar with the state hoop playoffs. This is the fourth time they've made them in the last seven years.

Valdosta, incidently, is in the "AAA" basketball playoffs for the third time in the last four years.

VHS' 'Cats and Laney's Wildcats met in the second round of the state football playoffs in 1971, but I don't believe they've ever tangled before on the hardwood.

Pogo On Target

Region 1-AAA statistician Ellwood Moyer of Columbus has done some figuring about the point making in the loop's recent tourney at Albany.

He reports that Tift County's 5-11 jumping jack Pogo Bury was top individual scorer with 95 points in three games. Pogo had totals of 44, 17 and 34 points in the Blue Devils' th outings.

Valdosta's Stanford Rome was second with 90 points. He had individual game marks of 27, 34 and 29. Third was Crisp County's 7-0 Wayne (Tree) Rollins, who nightly tallies of 16, 30 and 15 points for a combined of 61.

Rollins had finished ahead of both Rome and Bury in the regular season scoring race.

Moyer notes that Wilson's Wildcats have amassed 1,970 points this season, leaving them well within distance of the 2,000-barrier.

Four Win National Awards

By WINK DEVANE

Four Valdosta High School Distributive Education students have won the DECA national merit awards by getting to know their bosses and the free enterprise system a little better.

Actually, it was a little more complicated than that, according to their coordinator, Norman Greene.

He said the four seniors, Steve Sumner, Linda Staley, Kenny Gifford and Beverly Kent, put in about 35 man hours each to earn the national honor.

"To show you how difficult it is," Greene said, "only 64 out of 300,000 DE students got the national awards last year.

"I know the number will be larger this year but it's still quite an accomplishment."

The four students had to complete 22 designated activities to win the awards. Greene said 10 were necessary to win the local bronze award and seven were required to win the silver state award.

"Local awards were given for just accumulating information in five competency areas," he said. "The state awards were for interpreting the information they had gathered.

"But they had to analyze that information to get the national gold award."

Miss Staley, for example interviewed her boss, Mary Nell Wells, operator of Brazier Foods, where she works parttime.

"I talked to her about how she went into business and what advice she'd give to other persons who wanted to go into business for themselves,"



LINDA STALEY
Eyes DE Job

she explained.

"Then I got her advice on whether I should."

What did she decide? "It's a good idea but I don't think I should," she said. "The pay is good, of course, but you don't have enough time you can call your own.

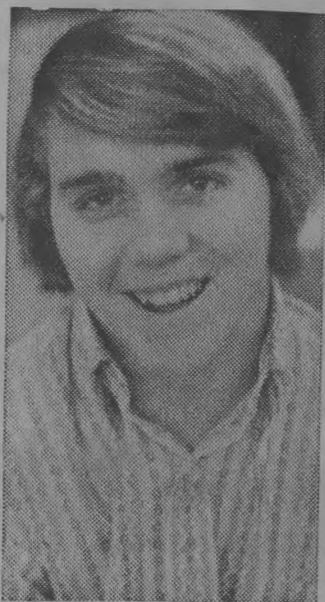
"You don't have any time to enjoy what you've earned."

Sumner took the opposite view. "If you want to kick a trash can, you can kick a trash can when you're your own boss," he said.

"You just have to answer to yourself and your customers. I'll probably go into business for myself."

Miss Staley said she'll likely wind up being a DE coordinator.

Gifford also said he likely would not be self-employed.



STEVE SUMNER
Answer Yourself

An employe of Lee Office Equipment Co., he said he'll likely become a computer technician or repair electric typewriters and adding machines.

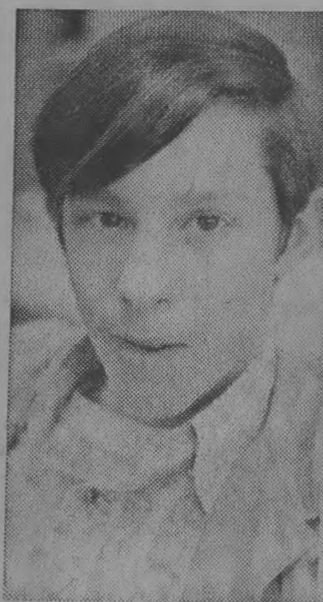
Miss Kent said she learned a lot about prices and profit margins.

"Now I understand why a certain product costs a certain amount," she said. "I know now what the margin of profit is on them and why it's that amount."

All four said they learned an objective way to evaluate possible careers.

Three of the four winners are first-year students in the sales oriented vocational education course. Only Miss Staley is in her second year.

She and Sumner are division vice-presidents in the



KENNY GIFFORD
Likes Computers

club.

Miss Staley is the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Staley of 410 University Drive and is a member of Azalea City Baptist Church.

Sumner, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sumner of 104 Sunnymead Drive, works part time at Zant's Flower Shop and sells fire extinguishers.

The 17-year-old student is a member of the VHS Drug



BEVERLY KENT
Learned A Lot

Council and is on the staff of the school yearbook. He is a member of First Baptist Church.

Miss Kent, an employe of One Hour Martinizing, is the 16-year-old daughter of W.B. Kent Sr. of 413½ E. Magnolia St.

Gifford, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gifford Sr. of 731 Woodlawn Drive and is a member of Azalea City Baptist Church.

SSC Signs Two 'Cats

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Two more members of Valdosta High's 1973 football teams, Robert Daniels and Luther Blue, have accepted the offer of college grid scholarships.

Daniels, a 6-1 205-pound offensive halfback, and Blue, a 6-2, 185-pound offensive end, have "signed" with Savannah (Ga.) State College.

Both Daniels and Blues were

regulars on the '72 VHS team which posted a 9-1 record.

Earlier four members of the team cast their lot with as many different colleges. The earlier signees were offensive guard David Register with Georgia, offensive tackle Wade Johnson with Florida State, defensive back Gary Rowe with Tennessee and defensive lineman Gary Rowe with Appalachian State.

Shootout

Valdosta, Berrien Headed For

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats and Berrien's Rebels head for a shootout at the Lowndes High gym tonight, but the Rebs from Nashville, Ga., had to catch the 'Devils to get there.

Coach John Nix' Rebels squeaked past Tift County's Blue Devils from Tifton, 47-43, here Thursday night in the semi-finals of the 22nd annual Lowndes Invitational Christmas Basketball Tournament, earning the right to meet Valdosta's Wildcats in the fin-

als.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats dumped Lowndes, 77-56. Thursday night in semi-final action to move into tonight's title tilt.

Other semi-final contests saw Berrien's unbeaten, top-seeded girls demolish Tift, 47-24, and Lowndes' Vikettes top Brooks, 43-36.

Tonight's girls' finals, set for 7:30 p.m., find Berrien's Rebelettes (10-0) meeting Lowndes (10-1) with Berrien's Rebels (10-0) taking on Valdosta (8-1) in the 8:45 p.m. boys' championship match.

"It was a typical Berrien-Tift game," Nix said, after watching his top-seeded Rebs come back from a 17-15 half-time deficit. "It was a tremendous defensive game for both teams."

Berrien pulled to a 44-32 lead with 3:08 left to play, when Tift began final surge. Playing without top scorer Joe Burns, ejected from the contest with 2:34 remaining, coach John Rutland's 'Devils cut the mar-

gin to 45-43 with 0:46 left in the game.

Greg Davis layed in a basket with 0:24 to play for Berrien's final points and the victory, as Rutland's squad fell to a 5-6 record.

"Our kids out there did a good job," Rutland said. "One more break and we could have been right up there with them."

The Tift mentor said his squad felt the absence of Burns, a 5-11 forward, late in the game after he had been ejected for rough play.

"He's our bread and butter," Rutland said. "We go to him when we're in trouble and he wasn't there."

Davis, a 6-6 junior, paced Berrien with 17 points, while Ken Shaw added 13 and Terry Bennefield 10.

Valdosta's Wildcats survived a first-period stumble to raise their season chart to 8-1 and gain the finals.

Taking advantage of nine Valdosta first-period turnovers, coach Charles Cooper's Vikings took a 14-11 lead into the second

canto. In the second quarter, however, Lowndes committed seven turnovers of its own, as the 'Cats took a 34-29 margin into intermission.

Valdosta upped the margin to 56-42 in the third stanza and was never headed.

George Roundtree with 21 markers and Stan Rome with 20 led VHS, while Mason Barfield's 19 points paced the now 4-7 Vikings.

"We did a good job on the boards and on Barfield," Wilson said of the effort. "Our kids just generally did a good job."

The VHS mentor said he made an adjustment at half-time to stymie the Lowndes defense. "We spread out a little on offense and tried to go to Rome a little more," he said.

Cooper, meanwhile, wasn't quite so pleased with his Vikings' performance. "We followed our game plan well—for two and a half quarters," he said. "After that we didn't follow it at all."

Mrs. Dona Fields' Rebelettes leaped off to an 11-2 first-quarter lead and a 25-9 gap at the half to romp past Tift, now 4-7.

With Vera Wright scoring 20 points and Debra Smith 12, the Rebelettes, defending state class AA champions easily advanced to tonight's finals.

Cooper's Vikettes had rougher going against Brooks' Trojanettes from Quitman. Coach



Easy Score: Wildcats' David Demersseman (32) Goes Up For Two

GIRLS

Berrien 11 25 41 4
Tift 2 9 14 24

BERRIEN (47) — Harrell 8, Futch 7, Wright 20, Smith 12, Nash, Franklin, Harper, Durrance, Dorsey, Folsom, Barry, Mathis Croft.

Team totals: field goals 19, free throws 9 of 11, fouls 11.

TIFT (24) — Hagan 2, Bruce 6, Smith, Sparks 9, Poole, Tabor, Ross 7, Green, Young.

Team totals: field goals 10, free throws 4 of 5, fouls 10.

BOYS

Berrien 8 15 35 47
Tift 2 17 23 42

BERRIEN (47) — Shaw 13, G. Davis 17, J. Davis 7, Bennefield 10, Jackson, Calder, Ryan.

Team totals: field goals 21, free throws 5 of 15, fouls 16.

TIFT (43) — Thomas 8, Mack 9, Dorniney, Burns 14, Daniels 5, Belfour 5, McClean, Brown, Savage.

Team totals: field goals 17, free throws 9 of 14, fouls 17

GIRLS

Lowndes 9 22 37 43
Brooks 9 24 31 36

LOWNDES (43) — Ard 11, Christie 16, Miles 2, Dickson 11, Biles, Williams 1, Matchett 2, Clanton.

Team totals: field goals 17, free throws 9 of 23, fouls 17.

BROOKS (36) — Evens 17, Bloom 14, Ellsberry 2, P. Williams, Horne, T. Williams, Parsons, Ward, Griffin 3.

Team totals: field goals 13, free throws 10 of 18, fouls 22.

BOYS

Valdosta 11 34 56 7
Lowndes 14 29 42 5

VALDOSTA (77) — Rome 20, Lewis-Hughes 4, Cowart, T. Graham, White 9, B. Graham 2, Demersseman 7, Roundtree 21, Painter, Melton 4.

Team totals: field goals 35, free throws 7 of 17, fouls 18.

LOWNDES (56) — Barfield 19, Miley 6, Sellers 8, Davis 8, Grimes 6, Wright 5, Hunter, Griffin, DeLoach 2, Hightower 2.

Team totals: field goals 21, free throws 14 of 22, fouls 16.

—Times Staff Photo

Berrien Survives Tournament

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Undefeated Berrien shocked powerful Valdosta with a 19-point third-quarter lead, then held on for dear life to nip the Wildcats, 64-63, here Friday night, capturing the boys' division of the 22nd annual Lowndes Invitational Christmas Basketball Tournament.

Coach John Nix' Rebels from Nashville, Ga., opened up a 47-23 third-quarter gap over the Region 1-AAA Wildcats of coach Joe Wilson, then staved off a Valdosta surge for the decision.

In the girls' final, Mrs. Dona Fields' unblemished Berrien Rebelettes romped to a 45-16 decision over Lowndes' Vikings, raising their season chart to 11-0.

The wins marked the fifth time Berrien squads had won both the girls' and boys' titles and the sixth time the Nashville girls had come out on top.

Valdosta's Wade Hughes put the 'Cats in front, 2-0, with 7:30 left to play in the initial quarter, but the Region 2-A Rebs came right back for two quick buckets and a 4-2 lead.

Berrien opened up a 12-6 lead but two free throws by Stan Rome and an outside jumper

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by Bob Fluitt quickly cut the margin to 12-10.

A bucket by Wesley Jackson and Terry Bennefield's long jump shot gave Berrien a 16-10 lead at the end of first-quarter play.

In the second stanza, the two squads traded five baskets, then Berrien hit for six straight points enroute to a 34-22 half-time margin.

The Rebels, now 11-0 on the year, began the third quarter with two more buckets and gradually opened up a 47-28 margin before VHS, now 8-2 on the year, cut the gap to 34-49 entering the final period.

Valdosta outscored Berrien, 29-15, in the fourth canto, but 11 points, the last nine consecutively, by the Rebs Ken Shaw, staved off the VHS assault.

A driving basket by Valdosta's David Demersseman with 9:42 showing closed the Berrien lead to 62-61, but Shaw hit on a layup with 0:30 left in the game for a 64-61 lead.

Rome scored on a follow-up shot with 0:12 remaining to close the final gap to 64-63.

Rome led all scorers with 27 points, while Shaw with 23 markers, Greg Davis with 16 and Joshua Davis with 12 paced

Berrien.

Robin Holley added 12 points to the VHS attack.

In the girls' contest, Berrien's tough Rebelettes allowed Lowndes only eight field goals and not a single free throw attempt.

The Nashville girls, meanwhile, were hitting on 21 free throw attempts for nearly half of their 45 points.

Mrs. Fields' Rebelettes leaped off to a 12-2 first-quarter lead and a 22-8 halftime margin.

The loss dropped coach Charles Cooper's Vikettes to a 10-2 season chart.

Carolyn Futch led Berrien with 12 points, while Vera Wright and Debra Smith chipped in with 11 apiece.

SueAnn Christie topped the Vikettes with six markers.

GIRLS

Lowndes 2 8 10 16

Berrien 12 22 34 45

LOWNDES (16) — Ard 2, Mathcett, Christie 6, Miles 2, Biles, Williams, Dickson 2, Cribb, Wetherington, Cooper 2, Clanton, Millirons, Hunnicutt, Downing 2.

Team totals: field goals 8, free throws 0 of 0, fouls 19

BERRIEN (45) — Harrel 6, Futch 12, Wright 4, Smith 4, Nash 3, Franklin, Harper, Durrance, Dorsey, Folsom 2, Barry, Mathis, Croft.

Team totals: field goals 12, free throws 21 of 24, fouls 9.

BOYS

Berrien 16 34 49 64

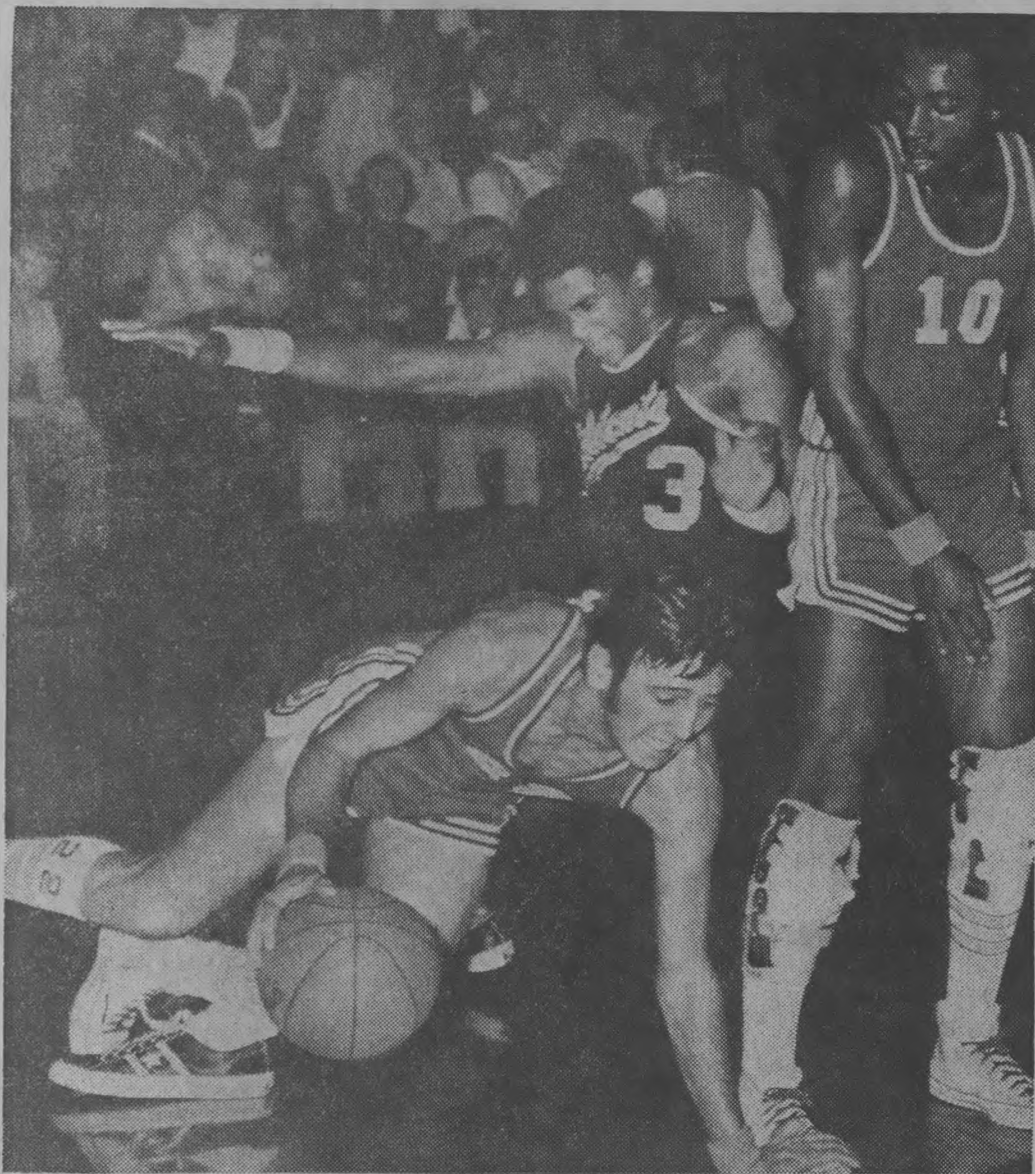
Valdosta 10 22 34 63

BERRIEN (64) — Shaw 23, G. Davis, 16, J. Davis 12, Bennefield 7, Jackson 6, Ryan.

Team totals: field goals 29, free throws 6 of 9, fouls 12.

VALDOSTA (63) — Rome 27, Lewis, Hughes, 7, Fluitt 6, Jonas, Holley 12, Demersseman 7, Roundtree 4.

Team totals: field goals 27, free throws 9 of 15, fouls 13.



—Times Staff Photo

On The Level: Berrien's Terry Bennefield Keeps Dribbling While Falling

Gunfight

'Cats And Kittens Fall To Waycross

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

WAYCROSS — Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens couldn't get cranked up here Friday night, dropping a non-region high school basketball twin-bill to Waycross' Bulldogs and Bulldogettes.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats fell behind early and never caught up, losing a 62-53 decision to coach Allen Johnson's Bulldogs, while coach John Booth's Kittens dropped a 63-34 verdict to the Bulldogettes.

Waycross, now 4-0, took a 15-15 first-period lead and a 36-32 halftime margin over the Region 1-AAA Wildcats, now 2-1.

VHS fought back to within three points, when 6-5 center Stanford Rome fouled out with five minutes to play in the third quarter. After Rome left, Valdosta failed to close the gap any further and was behind by four points with 33 seconds left in the game.

Robin Holley paced the Wildcats with 15 markers.

Carl Rider and Mike McQuaig, each with 15 points, led the Region 3-AAA Bulldogs.

In the girls' contest, Waycross blistered the nets with 92 per cent field goal shooting in the first period, leaping off to a 26-11 lead.

For the game, the Bulldogettes, now 3-0, hit on 26 of 35 attempts from the field.

Elaine Robinson with 12 points led Booth's Kittens, now 1-2.

The Valdosta cagers are to return to action tonight, meeting Tift County in a Region 1-AAA doubleheader at Tifton.

| GIRLS | |
|---|-------------|
| Valdosta | 11 21 29 34 |
| Waycross | 26 39 52 63 |
| VALDOSTA (34) — Robinson 12, Knight 6, Durham 3, Fryslie 4, Mason 2, Hill 4, Graham 1, Moore 2. | |
| Team totals: field goals 11, free throws 10 of 24, fouls 27. | |
| WAYCROSS (63) — P. Baker 21, J. Hughley 6, R. Baker 11, Zachary 10, Brown 3, McClendon 4, F. Hughley 4, Penn 2, Wesley. | |
| Team totals: field goals 26, free throws 11 of 22, fouls 30. | |

| BOYS | |
|--|-------------|
| Valdosta | 15 32 45 53 |
| Waycross | 19 36 46 62 |
| VALDOSTA (53) — Rome 9, Smith 4, Fluitt 5, Jones 2, Holley 15, Demersseman 12, Roundtree 6, Lewis, Hughes. | |
| Team totals: field goals 17, free throws 19 of 33, fouls 19. | |
| WAYCROSS (62) — Wesley 9, Mournoy 10, Rider 15, McQuaig 15, Bird 2, Scott 4, Hughley 5, Speed 2. | |
| Team totals: field goals 25, free throws 12 of 16, fouls 24. | |

Inproving 'Cats Trip Up Packers

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's Wildcats grabbed onto a lead and never let go, but the Kittens couldn't hold on here Tuesday night.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats took the lead for good with 4:13 left in the first period as they romped to a 78-48 decision over Moultrie's Packers, but coach John Booth's Kittens dropped a 32-43 cage tilt to the Region 1-AAA foe in VHS' home opener.

With Stanford Rome blazing for 23 markers and David Demersseman 13, the Wildcats raised their season chart to

4-1. VHS' Robin Holley hit a free throw with 4:13 left in the first period to give Wilson's 'Cats a 6-5 lead, one they increased to 23-9 by the end of the quarter.

"We're improving," Wilson said after the win. "The more we're playing, the better we're looking."

The VHS head coach praised the work of Demersseman and Bob Fluitt. Demersseman, a three-year starter at guard, hit for 13 points, while Fluitt managed eight in a reserve appearance.

"I think the whole team played well defensively," Wilson praised. "Of course, you can't complain too much when you win."

Coach Roy Saturday's Pack fell to a 1-3 overall record with the loss. Charles Benton managed 20 points to lead Moultrie.

In the girls' contest, VHS jumped off to a 14-6 lead, but couldn't hold it against the now 2-2 Packerettes.

Booth's Kittens, now 1-4 on the year, trailed 20-19 at the half, but fell behind, 33-24 in the third period.

Elaine Robinson paced Valdosta with 11 points, while Michael Davidson hit 13 for Moultrie.

| GIRLS | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Valdosta | 15 19 24 32 |
| Moultrie | 8 20 33 43 |
| VALDOSTA (32) — Knight 6, Fryslie | |

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'Dosta Nips Tift In Super Thriller

By Times Staff Writer

TIFTON — Valdosta's Wildcats triumphed by a point in a super-thriller and Tift County's Angels scored a solid win in a Region 1-AAA high school basketball twin-bill played here Saturday night.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats nipped coach John Rutland's Tift Blue Devils, 62-61, in a contest in which the score was tied or the lead changed hands seven times in the last three minutes of play.

The Wildcats' victory margin came on a field goal Bob Fluitt sank from the corner with only 22 seconds showing on the clock.

In the girls game coach John Booth's VHS Kittens trailed virtually all the way as they dropped a 57-26 decision to Tift County's Angels.

The Wildcats now own a 3-1 mark and the Kittens are 1-3. The Valdosta cagers are to play home owners when they meet Moultrie's Packers and

Packerettes is a 1-AAA doubleheader to be played Tuesday night at the Valdosta Junior High gym. Action is to begin at 7 p. m.

Here Friday night, the 'Cats took an early lead, then lost it. The Imps then stayed ahead until VHS closed the gap near the finish and the see-saw windup occurred.

While Fluitt's goal was the clincher, Stanford Rome hit two free throws and Robins Holley scored from the floor at crucial times near the finish. VHS also used a press to successfully halt the Imps twice in their closing bid to pull the game out of the fire.

Rome finished as the Wildcats' top scorer with 21 points and David Demersseman was next in line with 17.

Tempers flared near the close of the game when Demersseman collided with a Tift player attempting a layup. There was some milling around on the court, but the situation was brought under control quickly.

Tift's scoring leading was Pogo Burns, who racked up 24 points.

Charlean Wilkes tallied 24 points to spark the Tift girls to their win, Gwen Durham was the pacesetter for the Kittens with eight.

| GIRLS | |
|---|-------------|
| Valdosta | 6 13 17 26 |
| Tift | 18 30 38 57 |
| VALDOSTA (26) — Durham 8, Robinson 6, Nathan 5, Fryslie 3, Knight 2, Hill 2, Smith, Barker, Brown, Graham, Bell, Strom, Abernathy, Johnson, Nelson. | |
| Team totals: field goals 9, free throws 7 of 24, fouls 24. | |
| TIFT (57) — Charlean Wilkes 24, Hag-an 15, Smith 4, Sparks 10, Poole 1, Tabor 2, Stewart 1. | |
| Team totals: field goals 21, free throws 15 of 26, fouls 20. | |

| BOYS | |
|---|-------------|
| Valdosta | 11 24 44 62 |
| Tift | 16 26 45 61 |
| VALDOSTA (62) — Rome 21, Smith 7, Hughes 2, Fluitt 6, Jones 2, Holley 3, Demersseman 17, Roundtree 5, Lewis, T. Graham. | |
| Team totals: field goals 27, free throws 8 of 19, fouls 15. | |
| TIFT (61) — Thomas 6, Mack 11, Dorniney 7, Daniels 9, Pogo Burns 24, Brown 4, Belflower. | |
| Team totals: field goals 24, free throws 13 of 20, fouls 17. | |

Play For Dolphins

'Dosta Band Wins

By WINK DeVANE

MIAMI, Fla. — The whole nation was to get a chance today to learn what folks in Valdosta, Ga., have known for a long time—the Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats put on a heck of a halftime show.

Winners of the Winternationals Marching Band Contest here Friday night, the VHS band was to provide the halftime show at today's nationally televised National Football League game between the Miami Dolphins and Baltimore Colts.

Contacted by telephone in Miami this morning, band director Frank Butenschon said he was still in the clouds over the win.

"When it was announced we had won, everything turned so wild I still don't know what happened," said Butenschon. "Our kids were just delirious."

They apparently didn't have long to celebrate. Butenschon said most of the time since the win was announced was spent preparing for today's show.

"It rained yesterday," he said, "and it didn't quit until about 30 minutes before the contest started. We've been polishing shoes and iron-



FRANK BUTENSCHON
'Just Delirious'

ing blouses and going over the routine we're going to do with Dolphin officials."

Butenschon said former Miss America Vonda Kaye Van Dyke was to sing at the midpoint of today's show.

"Dolphin officials wanted it to be a little shorter than our usual show," he continued, "but it'll basically be the same show we did for the contest."

The red-haired director said he still isn't sure how the points were awarded but "there wasn't a weak band in the contest."

Dalton, Ga., high school was the second best out-of-state band, he said, and North Miami High School placed second in the overall contest.

Judges had a bonus surprise for Butenschon. "They even had a contest for drum majors that we didn't know about," he said. "Our drum majors won that one too."

The win was the fruition of months of preparation for Butenschon and the largest band he's ever directed.

Knowing in advance that points were to be awarded for the number of people on the field, Butenschon increased the size of the band from its usual 150 to 210 members.

The VHS band won the First Winternationals after twice copping the "Greatest Band In Dixie Contest" in New Orleans, La.

Butenschon said, however, the two contests were entirely different and he was not optimistic about the band's chances to place first among

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the 15 bands competing.

According to Butenschon, Vidor, Tex., was the pre-contest favorite along with Dalton, Largo, Fla., and Bossier City, La.

Chaperone Charles Lyons said the band is expected to leave Miami about 11 a.m. Sunday and arrive in Valdosta between 8-9 p.m.

"That's a loose estimate," Butenschon added. "We'll probably take our time getting home."

Whatever the arrival time, VHS Band Boosters will apparently be ready. The club is planning a welcome home party for them in the VHS cafeteria.

Band Was Seen Way Out West

Sir:

I am sure the great Valdosta High School band has received congratulatory messages from many places. I would like to add my congratulations from "way out here" in San Francisco.

You can't imagine what a thrill it was to see the Marchin' Cats from such a distant vantage point on Dec. 16. We still think of Valdosta as our city and VHS as our school. How proud we are!

I think the Marchin' Cats know their performance was appreciated across the United States.

Capt. J. P. Bracewell
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Presido of San Francisco, Calif.

Chamber Honors Director Of The 'Finest Band In Land'

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Joe Lee, the Chamber of Commerce president, said he was the director of the finest band in the land. With that, a big grin spread across the face of Frank Butenschon, the band

director.

Butenschon was a special guest at a meeting of Chamber of Commerce directors today. There President Lee presented the director of the Valdosta High School band with a special

gift from the Chamber.

"This is for the outstanding job you've done since you've been here," said Lee. "You and your band have done an outstanding job and we want to let you know the Chamber is

proud of you."

Lee pointed out the Marching 'Cats have brought national recognition to Valdosta by winning the Winternationals band competition at Miami, Fla., last Friday and by appearing on na-

tional television during the halftime of the Miami Dolphin-Baltimore Colts professional football game.

In accepting the Chamber's gift, Butenschon said he was "proud to be able to go down there (Miami) and represent the people around here. And we're real proud of the way it came out."

He said he was accepting the gift "on behalf of a lot of people — school administrators, band boosters, my staff and the parents of the 210 band members."

The band director, however,

said he was disappointed in one thing that didn't happen at the Dolphin football game. He had written a special introduction to be used when the band made its appearance in the half-time show. It introduced the Marchin' Cats as the band from the finest town in the land where there were "No Strangers," a reference to the Chamber of Commerce theme.

Butenschon said the introduction was given as he had written it over the Orange Bowl stadium public address system, but it was not given by the television announcer.

Best Band In The Land

We've known for a long time that the Marching 'Cats are the finest high school band in the land. It is always nice, however, to have that affirmed from time to time.

It was affirmed last weekend at Miami where the Valdosta High School band was chosen as the best in the competition at the first Winternationals Marching Band Contest.

The 210 Marching 'Cats played and marched their way to top, winning over 14 other fine bands from throughout the nation. This isn't the first time the VHS band has been cited for its outstanding performances. It has twice in the past won the Greatest Band in Dixie contest during the Mardi Gras festival at New Orleans.

Band director Frank Butenschon and his charges have for months been preparing for the Miami contest. What they have all been through isn't unlike getting a football team ready to play the big game. It takes long, hard hours of practice along with the sacrifice always required of anyone who becomes a winner.

We join with all the others of our community in congratulating Butenschon and the 210 Marching 'Cats for their great performance in Miami and for bringing home the No. 1 trophy. Of course, what they demonstrated is something we've known for a long time—The Marching 'Cats are the best band in the land.

FINAL PREP POLLS

Lakeside Is a Natural as No. 1

By DAVID DAVIDSON
Atlanta Journal Prep Editor

"Will we be No. 1 now?" asked Lakeside running back Jack Bowen in all seriousness, steam pouring off his hot, sweaty uniform in the cold night air at Macon Friday night.

"We've been No. 2 all year and being No. 1 would mean a lot to us. We've talked about it a lot."

Bowen had just gained 185 yards rushing on 25 carries to spark Lakeside past Central High of Macon, 36-25, in the Class AAA state championship football game.

THERE IS NO question about it — Lakeside, with a 14-0 record, is the No. 1 team in Georgia, hands down, in The Journal's final Top Ten rating.

| AAA | |
|------------------|----------|
| 1. Lakeside | (14-0) |
| 2. Central-Macon | (11-1-1) |
| 3. Moultrie | (11-1) |
| 4. Valdosta | (9-1) |
| 5. Griffin | (10-1-1) |
| 6. Avondale | (10-2) |
| 7. Douglas Co. | (10-1) |
| 8. Glynn Academy | (7-3-2) |
| 9. Waycross | (9-2) |
| 10. Cherokee | (10-0) |

At the beginning of the season, Lakeside was second to Moultrie of Region 1-AAA, which has dominated Georgia's high school big league. Then, Valdosta, the defending champion, moved up to the No. 1 spot, before losing to Moultrie, at which time the Packers moved back on top. Lakeside, meanwhile, remained No. 2.

"I think it probably was good for us," said Dwight Norris, the head basketball coach and an assistant football coach. "Our guys set out

| AA | |
|------------------------|---------|
| 1. Southwest DeKalb | (13-7) |
| 2. Gainesville | (12-2) |
| 3. West Rome | (11-2) |
| 4. Southwest Atlanta | (10-1) |
| 5. Central-Thomasville | (11-1) |
| 6. Swainsboro | (9-1-1) |
| 7. Troup | (9-2) |
| 8. Bass | (9-2) |
| 9. Woodward Academy | (9-2) |
| 10. North Springs | (10-1) |

to prove they were No. 1. It gave them something to work toward."

It is the second time in three years a Lakeside team coached by Waymon Creel has been No. 1 among AAA schools. In 1970, the Vikings went 13-0, defeating Richmond Academy in the state championship game.

IN CLASS AA, Southwest DeKalb, unranked in preseason polls, overcame underdog roles in the semifinal round against Central High of

| A | |
|----------------------|---------|
| 1. Carrollton | (13-1) |
| 2. Mitchell Co. | (11-2) |
| 3. Commerce | (11-1) |
| 4. Washington-Wilkes | (11-1) |
| 5. Irwin Co. | (11-1) |
| 6. Cochran | (9-1-1) |
| 7. Lithonia | (10-2) |
| 8. Model | (7-3-1) |
| 9. Rockmart | (8-1) |
| 10. Roswell | (8-2) |

Thomasville and in the finals against powerful Gainesville to win the state champion and No. 1 position in The Journal's final Top Ten.

It marked the third time for Gainesville to reach the finals, only to fail to take the championship.

In Class A, preseason favorite Rockmart lost only one game, but that one loss prevented it from emerging from its subregion.

Instead, Carrollton, winner in Class A last season, rolled

| B | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| 1. Southeast Bulloch | (12-0) |
| 2. Adairsville | (12-1) |
| 3. Hoquansville | (11-1) |
| 4. Duluth | (8-3) |
| 5. Unadilla | (9-3-1) |
| 6. St. Joseph | (7-2-1) |
| 7. Patterson | (8-3) |
| 8. Pacelli | (8-1-1) |
| 9. Trion | (8-2) |
| 10. West Side-Rocky Face | (7-3) |

to a repeat title, losing only to West Rome of Class AA along the way. It was Carrollton's fourth state championship under coach Charlie Grisham.

IN CLASS B, Southwest Bulloch became the only one of The Journal's preseason selections as No. 1 to go all the way.

Coach Fred Shaver's Yellow Jackets scored twice in the fourth quarter to defeat strong but outnumbered Adairsville, 12-9, in the state championship game last Saturday.

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Valdosta's Math Students Win In Okefenokee Tourney

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

It was a hands-down win for Valdosta High School on Saturday when VHS students competing in the Okefenokee Area Mathematics Tournament walked away with three awards...

Mike Rogers, head of the VHS math department and sponsor for the students, said VHS's four-member team won first place in division competition and in overall competition and J. Lee Smart, a VHS senior, won first place in his division on a written test.

Directed by officials of the Okefenokee Curriculum Center, the math tournament had been approved by the Georgia High School Association, according to A. L. Woodard, director of the curriculum center.

Students were to complete first in a morning session in-

volving a one - and - a - half hour exam and an afternoon session in which students were to solve problems flashed on a screen in an assembly area, according to tournament officials.

The 17 schools competing in the tournament were divided into two groups, AAA-AA division and A-B division, Rogers said.

"In our division, which was AAA-AA, we placed first," Rogers said, "and in the overall competition we placed first."

Smart, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Smart, was the student making the highest score on the written test in the AAA-AA division, according to Rogers, and another senior, Bobby Graham, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. B. D. Graham,

placed third in the division.

Also competing in the tournament as part of the VHS team was Richard Dasher, the son of Mrs. Don Dasher, and sophomore Daryl Watts, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Watts.

According to Rogers, Graham placed first in total points scored in the day and Smart placed second.

'Cats And Packers Play Here Tonight

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Pack is coming back.

Moultrie's Packers and Packerettes are in town tonight for a Region 1-AAA twin-bill with Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens, highlighting prep basketball action involving area squads.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats, holders of a 3-1 overall chart and a 1-0 region mark, play host to coach Roy Saturday's Moultrie Packers in VHS' home opener at the Valdosta Junior High gymnasium.

Saturday's Charges are coming off a 55-53 defeat of Low-

AREA HOOP SLATE Tonight

Moultrie at Valdosta
Brooks at GCS
BCHS at Valwood
Hamilton at Bucholtz
Cook at Central
Lanier at Broxton
Brantley at Clinch

des' Vikings and carry a 1-2 overall record into the fray.

Wilson's 'Cats, meanwhile, have lost only to Waycross, 62-53, Friday night. VHS stopped Tift, 62-61, Saturday night in a

1-AAA tilt.

Coach John Booth's Kittens, meanwhile, carry a 1-3 slate into their fray with the 1-2 Kittens.

Action at the VJHS gym is to begin at 7 p. m. with the girls games. The boys contest is to follow.

In other games tonight involving area teams, Brooks County (Quitman) is to be at Georgia Christian (Dasher), Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) at Bacon County (Alma), Bainbridge Christian at Valwood, Hamilton County (Jasper) at Bucholtz (Gainesville, Fla.), Cook (Adel) at Thomasville Central, Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) at Broxton and Brantley County (Nahunta) at Clinch County (Homerville).

Only three teams in the area have managed to make it this far without a loss. Lanier County's Bulldogs own a 6-0 mark and the Rebels and Rebelettes from Berrien have matching 4-0 charts.

'Dosta, Lowndes Meet Foes

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's going to the 'Dogs, but Lowndes is Packing it in.

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens are to pay a non-region visit to Waycross' Bulldogs and Bulldogettes and Lowndes' Vikings and Vikettes are to host Moultrie's Packers and Pack-

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Blackshear at Berrien
Broxton at Clinch
Baker at Hamilton
Valwood at McClay

SATURDAY

Valdosta at Tift
Lowndes at Bainbridge
Lanier at GCS
Brooks at Westover
Coffee at Berrien
Clinch at Charlton
Hamilton at Baldwin

ettes Friday night, highlighting a full slate of high school basketball action involving area

squads.

Other games Friday find Echols County (Statenville) at Cook (Adel), Whigham at Georgia Christian School (Dasher), Norman Park at Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.), Thomasville Central at Brooks County (Quitman), Blackshear at Berrien (Nashville, Ga.), Broxton at Clinch County (Homerville), Baker County (Macclenny, Fla.) at Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.), and Valwood at McClay (Tallahassee, Fla.).

Saturday contests find Valdosta at Tift County (Tifton), Lowndes at Bainbridge, Lanier at Georgia Christian, Brooks at Westover, Coffee (Douglas) at Berrien, Clinch at Charlton County (Folkston), and Hamilton at Baldwin.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats carry a 2-0 chart into the Waycross tilt, but have yet to play a region game. VHS has downed Echols, 80-46, and Cook, 77-51.

Coach Allan Johnson's Bulldogs, meanwhile, haul a 3-0 overall slate into the contest. Johnson's 'Dogs have beaten Savannah Tompkins, Bradwell Institute (Hinesville) and Ludowici.

Waycross' girls squal, coached by John Pike, carries a 2-0 record into its battle with coach John Booth's VHS Kittens, who own a 1-1 slate.

Coach Charles Cooper's Lowndes Vikings and Vikettes, meanwhile, carry identical 3-1 slates into their Region 1-AAA battles with Moultrie's Packers and Packerettes here at the LHS gym.

The Vikings have racked up decisions over Echols, Bainbridge and Brooks, while losing only to Berrien. The Vikettes, meanwhile, got their only loss

at the hands of Berrien's Rebelettes, last season's state Class AA champions.

Coach Roy Saturday's Moultrie Packers enter the fray with an 0-2 record, after losses to Bainbridge and Tift. The Moultrie girls, coached by Travis Allegood, lost to Bainbridge put defeated Tift's Angels for a 1-1 overall mark.

Saturday, Valdosta plays a Region 1-AAA visit to Tifton for a pair of battles with the Blue Devils and Angels, and Lowndes goes on the road to Bainbridge for two 1-AAA tilts with the Bearcats and Kittens, a pair of squads the Vikings and Vikettes have beaten once already this season. Lowndes' boys' toppled Bainbridge, 89-67, while the LHS girls forged a 37-35 triumph.

'Cats, Vikes Top Slate

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens pay a visit to Waycross, while Lowndes stays at home

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Coach Joe Wilson's Region 1-AAA Wildcats carry a 2-0 season record into their tilt with the Region 3-AAA Bulldogs from Waycross. Coach Allan Johnson's Dogs, meanwhile, are 3-0 on the year.

The 'Cats will be without the services of one of their top performers tonight at Waycross. Bobby Graham, a 6-4, senior

forward, broke his nose in practice and will be, according to Wilson, "sidelined for from two to three weeks."

In the girls' contest, coach John Booth's Kittens haul a 1-1 record into their fray with the 2-0 Bulldogettes.

Coach Charles Cooper's Lowndes Vikings and Vikettes take identical 3-1 charts into their Region 1-AAA hosting of Moultrie tonight. Both squads got their only losses at the hands of rugged Berrien.

Coach Roy Saturday's Packers enter the fray with an 0-2 record, while coach Travis Allegood's Packettes come in with a 1-1 chart.

Saturday, VHS goes to Tifton for a 1-AAA twin-bill with the Tift Blue Devils and Angels, and Lowndes goes on the road for a pair of 1-AAA matchups with Bainbridge's Bearcats and Kittens.

The Vikings beat the Bearcats, 89-67, and the Vikettes toppled the Kittens, 37-35, in a meeting here earlier.

They're In Math Tourney

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

WAYCROSS — Eight high school students from Valdosta and Clinch County were to spend today competing with other students in this area for top honors in the first Okfenokee Area Mathematics Tournament.

Officials with the Okfenokee Curriculum Center said two testing sessions were scheduled for today and trophies were to be awarded by the center for each division winning team and medals would go to the top five individual students.

Valdosta High School's entrants in the contest included three seniors, Richard Dash-

er, Jay Lee Smart and Bobby Graham, and one sophomore, Darryl Watts.

Clinch County High School was to be represented by three seniors, Kathy Barnes, Sally Bessometie and Barbara Shell, and one junior, Terry Smith.

School officials said Mike Rogers head of the math department at VHS, would accompany that school's representatives and Bryan McCall, a math teacher at CCHS, would make the trip with the Clinch students although Elice Martin, chairman of the CCHS math department, was actually the sponsor for the students.

The tournament, which offi-

cialists said had been approved by the Georgia High School Association, was to consist of a morning session involving a one-and-a-half hour exam and an afternoon session in which students were to solve problems flashed on a screen in an assembly area.

Each of the 17 participating schools was to be represented by four students with the sum of the three best individual scores and the points scored on the group computation session determining the team score, officials said.

Individual winners were to be determined by written test scores, according to Dr. A. L. Woodard, director of the center.

Every Grid Tilt 'Is A New Deal'

A wise football coach once said "Every game is a new deal, but sometimes it's hard to make your players believe it."

What this mentor meant was that while records, statistics, and form charts may make interesting reading, they don't always give a true indication of how things will go on game night.



SAMMY GLASSMAN

What the Moultrie players discovered was that Thomasville came to play. The Packers didn't pull the game out of the fire until they drove 40 yards for a touchdown in the final seconds.

During it all coach Charles Greene, the Valdosta Wildcats head coach, was on the sideline here at Cleveland Field sweating for two reasons.

Had Hands Full

To begin with his 'Cats had their hands full with Coach Noel George's obviously fired-up Lowndes Vikings.

The 'Cats lone region loss was to Moultrie and what Valdosta wanted was a victory over Lowndes coupled with a triumph by T'ville over the Packers.

That would have left Valdosta and Moultrie tied for first in the final region standings and they would have had to meet again in a playoff.

After a very hard-fought contest, Greene and his 'Cats got the victory they wanted over Lowndes, by a 20-7 margin, but Thomasville's upset bid fell just short and 'Dosta's hopes for another shot at the region title vanished.

When it was over Greene had heard the news about Moultrie and it was obvious he was disappointed.

Almost Did It

"Thomasville almost did it," Greene said. "We almost got another shot at Moultrie. But let me tell you, there were a lot of emotions in the game out here tonight. We had a tough time, a very tough time and I was certainly pleased we won.

Just as T'ville did at Moultrie, the Vikes came to play when they showed up at Cleveland Field, the Wildcats' home stadium. The 'Cats responded, and came away the winner.

The first period was scoreless. VHS went out at the half with a slim 7-0 lead. 'Dosta went ahead 14-0 in the third period and Lowndes promptly cut it back to 14-7. Valdosta scored again mid-way the last stanza and then held on for its 20-7 win.

When the smoke and dust settled Valdosta had closed out its campaign with a 9-1 record and Lowndes had ended its campaign with a 3-6-1 chart.

But believe me this past Friday night there wasn't as much difference between the two teams as the won-loss records might seem to indicate. Remember what the coach said: "Every game is a new deal."

The biggest surprise in the prep grid ranks in these parts this past Friday had to be Moultrie's narrow escape against Thomasville.

Coach Bud Willis' Pack finally won the game, which was played at Moultrie, by a 16-10 margin and with it produced their first unbeaten (10-0) season since 1919 and claimed the Region 1-AAA crown for the first time since 1963.

Although coach Jim Hughes' Thomasville Bulldogs weren't exactly rated as a weak team on the eve of the contest, up until last Friday the Packers, who have a lot of football talent, had run roughshod over everything in sight.

What the Moultrie players

Valdosta Cagers To Open Season

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Ready or not, Valdosta's basketball Wildcats and Kittens will get their 1972-73 seasons underway next Tuesday.

The hoop 'Cats, who will be guided by coach Joe Wilson for the 10th campaign, and the Kittens, under new head coach John Booth, are to open against Echols County in a twin-bill at Statenville.

As in the past the Valdosta cagers are members of tough Region 1-AAA and their first test against a league foe won't come until Dec. 9 when they go against Tift County at Tifton.

Last winter Wilson's hardwood Wildcats compiled a fine 19-5 record and reached the semi-finals in the 1-AAA tourney. They copped the region crown in both 1970-71 and 1969-70.

Missing from last season's team will be regulars Stanley Bounds, Johnny Rowe and William Peterson. Bounds, who averaged about 15 points a game, was one of VHS' top scorers.

The 'Cats return five experienced hands, Stanford Rome (6-4, jr.), Bob Fluit (6-2, sr.), Bobby Graham (6-4, sr.), David Demersseman (6-0, jr.) and George Roundtree (6-3, sr.).

Rome and Roundtree, however, have been busy playing football and haven't been able to devote any time to basketball yet. Rome is a key man in the 'Cats' plans. He was their leading scorer last season with



STANFORD ROME
Cager Leader

an average of just 25 points a game.

Other candidates include Cecil Whitehead (5-9, soph.), Dewayne Smith (5-9, jr.), Archie Lewis (5-8, jr.), Wade Hughes (5-9, sr.), Terry Graham (6-2, soph.), Bruce Hilton (6-0, jr.), Robin Holley (6-4, sr.), Edward Jones (6-2, sr.), E. C. Painter (6-2, jr.), Cowart Stepney (5-10, soph.) and Larry Melton (6-3, jr.).

"Once we have a chance to work our full squad I feel that we should have the prospects for a good team," Wilson said.

"But our region is going to be loaded with strong teams. The region is going to be so tough we could actually have a better team than we did last season and still wind up with a worse won-loss record."

Booth, 25, will be in his first season as head coach of a girls basketball team and the Kittens face a major rebuilding job.

Last time out the VHS sextet had a 2-17 mark and lost from that team are Sharon Flanders, Mickey Folsom, Queen Loving, Lisa Hoyle and Polly Durden.

There are four returnees with playing experience. They are Elaine Robinson (5-7, sr.), Ruby Knight (5-6, jr.), Mala Barker (5-8, sr.) and Kim Smith (5-6, jr.).

Other candidates include Glenda O'Neal (5-4, sr.), Gwen Durham (5-2, soph.), Jamie Fryslie (5-8, sr.), Rose Brown (5-0, soph.), Debra Hill (5-3, soph.), Kay Graham (5-10, jr.), Pat Nathan (5-9, soph.), Mary Alice Bell (5-7, soph.), Joni Abernathy (5-3, soph.), Ann Strom (5-4, sr.), Maureen Stewart (5-6, sr.), Elaine Johnson (5-6, soph.), Barbara Johnson (5-1, jr.), Rachal Nelson (5-2, jr.), Suzie Bell (5-1, sr.), Phyllis Moore (5-0, sr.) and Ethyl Hayes (5-6, jr.).

"We have a fair amount of speed and, of course, we're going to try to use it to our advantage," Booth said. "But we lack height and experience. We have an enthusiastic group of players who will, I'm sure, give it all they've got, but we certainly have our work cut out for us."

Valdosta's schedule follows:

Nov. 14, Echols, away; Nov. 22, Cook, away; Dec. 8, Waycross, away; Dec. 9, Tift away; Dec. 12, Moultrie, home; Dec. 15, Bainbridge, home; Dec. 16, Lowndes, home; Jan. 6, Waycross, home; Jan. 9, Thomasville, away; Jan. 12, Tift, home; Jan. 16, Lowndes, away; Jan. 19, Crisp, away; Jan. 20, Cook, home; Jan. 23, Moultrie, away; Jan. 26, Monroe, home; Jan. 27, Bainbridge, away; Jan. 30, Thomasville, home; Feb. 2, Albany, away; Feb. 3, Macon Northeast, home; Feb. 9, Dougherty, home.

VHS Cage Squads To Open Tonight

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's basketball teams are to get their 1972-73 seasons underway when they go to Statenville tonight to face the Echols County cagers in a twin-bill.

The two schools have similar nicknames so in the boys contest it will be Wildcats going against Wildcats and in the girls game Kittens will be

meeting Kittens. Coach Ashley Deloach's Echols teams, which campaign in Region 2-B (West), will carry matching 0-1 records into tonight's twin bill. Both bowed to Georgia Christian School in their openers.

Coach Joe Wilson has listed the probable starters for the VHS quintet as Edward Jones (6-3 sr.), Terry Graham (6-2, soph.), Robin Holley (6-4, sr.), David Demersseman (6-0 jr.) and Dewayne (Sky) Smith (5-9 jr.).

Wilson is beginning his 10th campaign as the 'Dosta boys basketball coach. His team won the Region 1-AAA titles in 1969-70 and 1970 and reached the semi-finals in the 1971-72 league tourney while posting a 19-5.

Coach John Booth, in his first season as the VHS girls hoop boss, listed his probable starters as rovers Elaine Robinson (5-7, sr.) and Gwen Durham (5-2, soph.), guards Glenda O'Neal (5-4, sr.) and Pat Nathan (5-9, oph.) or Kim Smith (5-6, jr.) and forwards Ruby Knight (5-6, jr.) and Jami Fryslie (5-8, sr.).

The VHS sextet had a 2-17 record last season.

Two Pinevale Pupils Selected

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Two members of the Industrial Arts Club at Valdosta High School-Pinevale Campus have been named to the Devotional, Recreational and Social Functions Committee of the Georgia Association of Industrial Arts Clubs.

Pinevale Club president Jerry Bonner and Gregory Franklin attended the fall planning conference in Macon along with their advisor, Isaiah Isom.

The committee is to make plans for the annual convention scheduled for April 6-8.

'Dosta Still Third In Final AP Vote

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Although the last regularly scheduled high school games failed to alter the Top 10 rankings significantly, St. Pius and Aquinas had some last minute changes to make in the Class A rankings.

St. Pius of Atlanta fought its way into the No. 9 slot by whipping previously fourth-ranked Lithonia 8-7 last weekend. And, Aquinas earned a 10th-place tie with Mitchell

County by shelling Wrens 49-7. Washington-Wilkes remained atop Class A, attracting seven first-place votes in The Associated Press poll of nine sports writers and broadcasters. Irwin County got two first-place votes to edge Commerce out of No. 2.

The most significant change came in Class AAA, where Thomasville failed to make the Top 10 after narrowly missing an upset of top-ranked Moultrie. The Packers had to score in the final 33 seconds to edge Thomasville 16-10.

Lakeside and Valdosta retained the second and third-place rankings.

In Class AA, Southwest Atlanta continued to reign, garnering five first-place votes to stay ahead of undefeated Central of Thomasville, which attracted three first-place votes.

Woodward Academy advanced to third place as previously third-ranked Swainsboro slipped to sixth after tying Statesboro 7-7. Statesboro ranked ninth.

Class A.

Here are the complete rankings by classes:

AAA—Moultrie, Lakeside, Valdosta, Central Macon, Douglas County, Waycross, Griffin, Warner Robins, Laney, Avondale.

AA—Southwest Atlanta, Central Thomasville, Woodward Academy, North Springs, Gainesville, Swainsboro, Southwest DeKalb, West Rome, Statesboro, Shamrock.

A—Washington-Wilkes, Irwin County, Commerce, Carrollton, Rockmart, Lithonia, Putnam County, Louisville, St. Pius, Mitchell County and Aquinas tied.

Valdosta, Echols Divide Twin-Bill

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

STATENVILLE — The Valdosta boys and Echols girls were the winners in a high school basketball doubleheader played here Tuesday night.

The teams from both schools have similar nicknames so it was Wildcats going against Wildcats and Kittens dueling Kittens. With the game the VHS cagers opened their 1972-73 seasons.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta quintet posted an 80-46 victory over coach Ashley Deloach's Echols boys. The Echols girls, also coached by Deloach, turned back coach John Booth's VHS sextet, 50-43.

The Echols boys now have an 0-2 mark and the girls from Statenville are 1-1.

In the boys game a total of 12 Valdosta players broke into the scoring column. The leaders were Robin Hollis, 13; Stanford Rome, 11, and David Demersseman, 10.

Freddy House pumped in 20 points and Danny Brown tallied

19 to lead the way for the Echols quintet.

In the girls game Valdosta's attack was paced by Gwen Durham, who scored 24 points, and Ruby Knight, who accounted for 12.

Scoring leader for the Echols sextet were Jeanne Tutt, 19, and Debbie Ziegler, 13.

GIRLS

| | | | | |
|----------|----|----|----|----|
| Echols | 12 | 27 | 39 | 50 |
| Valdosta | 5 | 2 | 32 | 43 |

ECHOLS (50) — Crosby 1, Ziegler 13, Carter 8, Tutt 19, M. Carter 6, Roven 3, Brown, Hiers, Roberts.

VALDOSTA (43) — Knight 12, Robinson 4, Durham 24, Fryslie, Hill 3, Graham, Mason, Smith, Barker, Bell, Brown, Strom.

BOYS

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|----------|----|----|----|----|
| Valdosta | 21 | 42 | 53 | 80 |
| Echols | 11 | 27 | 35 | 46 |

VALDOSTA (80) — Rome 11, Smith 7, Lewis 2, Hughes 4, T. Graham 6, Flutt 8, Jones 6, Holley 13, B. Graham 5, Demersseman 10, Roundtree 4, Milton 4, Cowart, Hilton, Patiner.

Team totals: field goals 35, free throw 10 of 16, fouls 24.

ECHOLS (46) — J. Towns 2, Strickland 2, Brown 19, Jones 1, Godwin 2, House 20, L. Towns.

Team totals: field goals 13, free throws 20 of 31, fouls 17.

VHS Cage Ducats Now Available

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Season tickets for Valdosta High School home basketball games are now on sale at the VHS office, officials said.

Adult season tickets to the 10 Valdosta home games are to cost \$4.50, while student ducats are on sale for \$2.50.

Wildcats Turn Back Vikings

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Valdosta's Wildcats chalked up a hard-earned 20-7 victory over the Lowndes Vikings as the two cross-town high school football rivals closed out their 1972 seasons here Friday.

A crowd of approximately 9,500 was on hand to see coach Charles Greene's 'Cats who

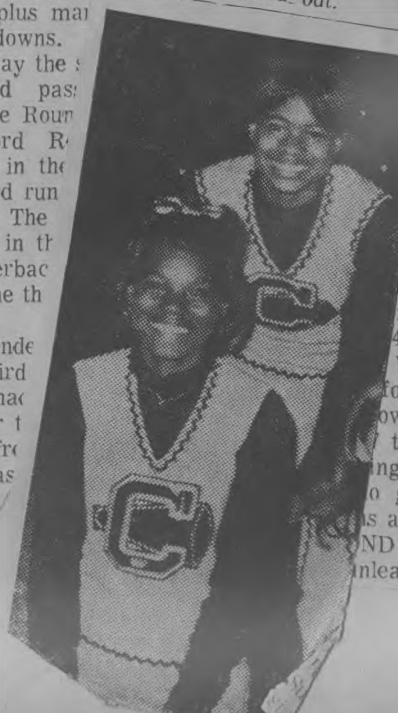
STATISTICS

| | Valdosta | Lowndes |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| First Downs | 11 | 16 |
| Yards Rushing | 96 | 100 |
| Yards Passing | 186 | 78 |
| Passes | 8-15 | 5-19 |
| Passes Intc. by | 3 | 0 |
| Fumbles Lost | 1 | 0 |
| Punting | 4-39 | 4-43.5 |
| Penalties | 9-105 | 7-88 |

were celebrating homecoming, and coach Noel George's Vikes meet in a Region 1-AAA contest.

What the fans saw was a lively duel which remained close from start to finish. The victory was the fifth in a row for the 'Cats over the Vikes since Lowndes moved into 1-AAA. VHS' winning margin, however, was its lowest in the series. The closest game in the string before last night came in 1970 when Valdosta won by a 26-0 margin.

With their triumph the Wildcats closed their 1972 campaign with an overall mark of 3-6-1 in a region slate of 10-0 and 9-0. It was Moultrie's only season. The loss left Valdosta with a 3-5-1 regional record plus major touchdowns. mid-way the 63-yard pass George Roundtree again in the 30-yard run Neal. The came in the quarterbacking one third TD. Lowndes the third VHS had off for the pass from Thomas.



-Times Staff Photo

't Touch Me: 'Cats Stanford Rome (11) Dodges Carl Fillmore

of the first half early in this ed. O'Neal finished it with a 30-yard gallop to paydirt. When Roundtree booted the PAT Valdosta led 14-0 with 3:20 to play in the period.

Less than a minute of playing time later Lowndes struck for a touchdown. From the pole-cat formation, Thomas fired a pass to Clemons who was waiting for it in the end zone 47 yards away. Patrick booted the PAT and Valdosta's lead had been cut to 14-7 with 2:50 to go in the period.

FOURTH PERIOD — Early in this stanza Valdosta was set back by a major penalty had to start a drive from its own 17. But helped along by two major penalties against Lowndes, the Wildcats moved 33 yards in eight plays for their third TD. The key gainer was a 26 yard-loss from Hilton to Savage. The ally came on a three-yard pass

THIRD PERIOD — The Vikes started the second half with a drive from their own 30 to the Valdosta 19. Again the VHS defense forced Lowndes to give up the football on downs. The 'Cats now moved 81 yards in seven plays for their second touchdown. Hilton threw a 19-yard strike of 25 and 21 yards to Rome to get the march start-

from Hilton to Rome.

Lowndes made one more threat, moving from its own 11 to the VHS 33 when Rome intercepted a pass to end the threat on the final play of the game.

Rushing: Valdosta — Hilton 6-3, O'Neal 14-88, Savage 5-4, Daniels 2-3; Lowndes — Howell 11-42, Johnson 14-71, Fillmore 2-7, Washington 6-16, Thomas 3 minus 39, Elledge 1-2.

Passing: Valdosta — Hilton 7-14-123, Roundtree 1-1-63; Lowndes — Howell 3-2-19, Thomas 2-10-39, Johnson 0-1-0.

Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Rome 4-112, Blue 1-11, Daniels 1-28, Roundtree 1-9, Savage 1-26; Lowndes — Washington 1-8, Johnson 1 minus 8, Clemons 1-47, Fillmore 2-13 Elledge 1-9.

Punt Returns: Lowndes — Burgman 1-6.

Kickoff Returns: Valdosta — Rome 1-17; Lowndes — Johnson 5-128.

Defense (Number of Tackles): Valdosta — Sullivan 6, Rowe, 6, Robert Daniels 5, D. Williams 4, Lane 4, Ronald Daniels 4, Irby 3, Cooper 3; Lowndes — Lee 8, Denton 5, Waters, 5, Croft 5, Goble 4, Bryan 4, Shiver 3.

LINEUPS

Valdosta

Ends: Rome, Blue, Johnson, Maseey, Roundtree.
Tackles: Johnson, Brantley, Irby, Mitchell, Wison.
Guards: Ronald Daniels, Sullivan, Christian, Register, Hutchens, Franklin.
Centers: Bankston.
Backs: Hilton, Cooper, King, Lane, Richardson, Williams, Rowe, O'Neal, Savage, Tobie Berrien, Robert Daniels, Emory Williams, Demps, Binford.

Lowndes

Ends: Jones, Washington, Cabral, Clemons, Kertes.
Tackles: Johnson, Goble, Daniels, Croft, Kovach, Day, Shiver.
Guards: Carter, Bryan, Roundtree.
Centers: Thursby, McLeod.
Backs: Elledge, Denton, Sermons, Lee, Johnson, Fillmore, Waters, Hunnicutt, Howell, Burgman, Patrick, Lovelace, Rucker.

Score by Quarters:

Valdosta 0 7 7 6 - 20
Lowndes 0 0 7 0 - 7

Scoring: Valdosta—TDs—Rome 2 (63 yd. pass from Roundtree, (3 yd. pass from Hilton), O'Neal (30 yd. run); PATs—Roundtree 2 (placements), Lowndes — TDs—Clemons (47 yd. pass from Thomas); PATs—Patrick (placement).



Moultrie Retains Top Prep Ranking

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Commerce, Swainsboro and Woodward Academy took giant strides in their respective classes in the latest Associated Press high school football poll.

The top teams in Class AAA changed little from last week. Moultrie topped the class, followed by Lakeside in second place and Valdosta in third. Macon Central and Douglas County tied for the next slot.

In Class AA, Southwest Atlanta was No. 1. Thomasville Central remained in second, but Swainsboro, previously fifth, jumped into third position after the Tigers blanked Screven County 34-0 last week. North Springs dropped a

notch to fourth and Woodward, previously ninth, advanced to fifth after shutting out Headland 30-0.

Washington-Wilkes remained at the top of Class A but Commerce vaulted from last week's fourth position to claim the second spot after a 24-14 victory over Jefferson.

Irwin County dropped a notch to third, Lithonia dropped to fourth and Carrollton remained at fifth.

Moultrie claimed six first place ballots in Class AAA and Lakeside polled one.

In Class AA, Southwest got five first place votes while Swainsboro and Southwest DeKalb each polled one.

Washington-Wilkes polled four first place votes in Class A. Irwin County polled two and Lithonia got one.

Here are the complete Associated Press Poll rankings by classes:

AAA—Moultrie, Lakeside, Valdosta; Douglas County and Macon Central tied; Griffin, Waycross, Warner Robins, Laney, Thomasville.

AA—Southwest Atlanta, Thomasville Central, Swainsboro, North Springs, Woodward Academy, Southwest DeKalb, Gainesville, West Rome, Statesboro; Troup and Shamrock tied.

A—Washington-Wilkes, Commerce, Irwin County, Lithonia, Carrollton, Rockmart, Cartersville, Mitchell County, Louisville, Putnam County.

Vo-Ed Programs Looking Ahead

Planning for vocational education programs which are to be a part of the new \$4.6 million comprehensive Valdosta High School has now reached the point where efforts are centered on getting into the new school, the Valdosta Board of Education was told Thursday night.

James Bridges, vocational director for the city school system, outlined plans for the vocational education programs.

"Right now we're primarily involved in getting into the new programs at the high school," Bridges said. "We're placing a

lot of emphasis on career education."

According to Bridges, important changes in vocational education on a secondary education level have created a highly successful vocational program.

"Up until now, vocational education in high schools has been similar to programs at vocational - technical schools such as the one we have here," Bridges said. "The programs have been similar in that they were very limited programs. But now the 'cluster' program has been developed and Georgia is a leader in this new program."

Bridges said a student under the "cluster" program is taught

Nixon, Nunn Win In VHS Balloting

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

While their parents waited in long lines at Mathis city auditorium to vote in the Tuesday general election, students at Valdosta High School were also marking ballots for their political choices.

The mock election held at the school Tuesday returned Nixon to the White House and sent comparative political newcomer Sam Nunn to Washington with voting percentages running about the same in the presidential race as the actual vote in Lowndes County.

According to Teresa Wetherington, a junior at VHS and president of the student council which sponsored the election, McGovern received 113 votes to 396 votes for Nixon.

McGovern got about 25 per cent of the votes at the high school compared to the 21 per cent he actually received from voters in Lowndes County.

Sam Nunn, however, won a decided victory at the high school although Lowndes County was carried by Rep. Fletcher Thompson who received 51 per cent of the votes here.

VHS students gave Nunn 280 votes to Thompson's 179, Miss Wetherington said, giving Nunn 60 per cent of the votes from students.

According to the student council president, voting began about 9:30 a.m. with the polls closing at 3:15 p.m.

All students at the school as well as faculty members were eligible to vote in the mock election. Miss Wetherington said, and the school used a voting machine available to area schools for educational purposes.

According to Miss Wetherington, both she and student council treasurer Bruce Hornbuckle had been formulating plans for the election for two weeks.

Security Measure

More Lights Are Planned

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

City school officials here have accepted a proposal by Jack Kent, finance director for the system, in an effort to shed a little light on the subject of vandalism at the Valdosta High School-Pinevale Campus.

At the regular meeting Thursday night, the school board voted to add eight security lights to the four on the campus.

Kent said a study by Georgia Power Company recommended adding eight security lights at a cost of \$334 per year.

"There are presently four existing lights which work and these are being paid for by the city," Kent said. "We would like to add eight more lights and this would, in the opinion of Georgia Power Company engineers, adequately light the area."

At the Oct. 14 board meeting, Kent said the school main-

tenance crew was repairing damage done to the Pinevale gymnasium in recent months.

Kent pointed out the gym had been the site of numerous incidents of vandalism but John Morris, principal of the school, said he felt the community would take pride in the school and vandalism would stop once repairs were made.

"I don't think we'll have any trouble at all after the gym is gotten back in shape," Morris said. "If people in the community will take an interest in seeing that the building is taken care of we won't have any problems."

In other action, the board:

—Was told by Supt. Foster Goolsby the city school system Teacher of the Year, Ruth Council, was named first runner-up in the state Teacher of the Year contest.

Goolsby said Mrs. Council, a teacher at W. G. Nunn Elementary School, was presented to the State Board of Education at its meeting Thursday morning.

—Was introduced to Liska Wetherington's staff.

Mrs. Wetherington, who heads special programs in the school system, briefly explain-

ed to the board the purpose of each of the special projects in the system.

—Agreed to call an executive session "as soon as possible to decide whether to add Valdosta High School student school.

The student was reportedly suspended from school causing a disturbance at ball game about a month

—Refused permission members of Lowndes Laymen Against Liquor by the

April Date Set For VHS Completion

Construction work on Valdosta's new \$4.6 million high school is slipping further and further behind schedule, but contractor D. W. Langston of Continental Construction Corporation says his work crews will be finished at the school in time for summer school opening.

Architect Zeb Lackey told the city school board at its regular meeting Thursday night the contractor has assured him he will be out of the building by April of 1973.

Lackey pointed out work on the school is now about 13 per cent behind schedule when computed by using the Dec. 15 completion date. The board, however, met Sept. 14 and set the date for the opening of the new school to coincide with the beginning of summer school next year.

Lackey also told the board Thursday night about 98 per cent of the science equipment for the new school is now in the building.

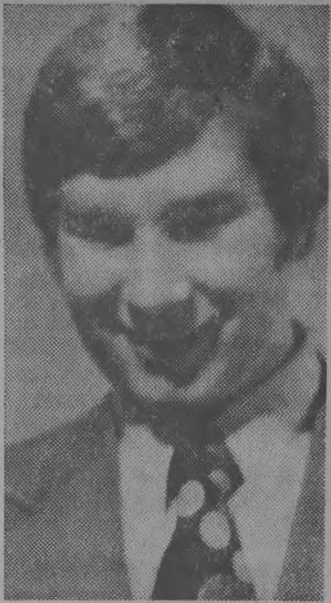
Construction on the new school has continued to average about a four per cent lag each month since August. Lackey told the board Aug. 10 the school was two per cent behind schedule based on the Dec. 15 opening date; on Sept. 14, 5.5 per cent behind schedule and 8.5 per cent behind schedule Oct. 12.

Board officials said County Manager Don Brazeal was asked to attend the board meeting but had to go out of town. Brazeal, however, had a manual earlier paving of the school area by county work crews would be complete when school opens in the summer.

According to school officials in preparation of the area to be paved has already begun. Its to members of Lowndes Laymen Against Liquor by the Drink student handbook.



CHARLOTTE EANES
SOY's Younger Sister



BILLY STARLING
Life Membership Award



MARK EANES
SOY's Older Brother

Brother-Sister 'Team' Wins VHS Club Top Honor

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

For the first time in its history, the Valdosta High School Distributive Education Club has named a brother and sister as students of the year. And a longtime employe of C.C. Varnadoe Co. here was given the honorary life membership award, the club's highest honor for non-members.

Mark and Charlotte Eanes, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. M. (Bill) Eanes of 55 Loganberry Circle, received the awards at the club's 25th annual Employer-employe banquet this morning.

The morning affair was a precedent setting event in itself. This was the first time the banquet was held in the morning.

The selection of the brother and sister team also marked another first for the sales-oriented vocational education club. This is the first time two first-year students have received the outstanding student awards.

Both are to compete at the district level against students of the year selected by other area clubs. The winners there go onto state and possibly national competition.

The DE duo are natives of Greenwood, Miss., who moved here 12 years ago. Their father is a member of the Valdosta Board of Education and manager of the Social Security district office here.

Miss Eanes is a 16-year-old junior and is president of the VHS Future Teachers of America Club. A Beta Club member, she is also a member of the school's student council and treasurer of the Tri-Hi-Y.

Her brother is a 17-year-old senior who is editor of the VHS yearbook, The Sandspur. Young Eanes is vice-president of the Beta Club and is chaplain of the student council.

students received bronze merit awards. They included:

—Kay Colyer, Becky Coombs, Randy Grover, Terry Powers, Linda Staley, Mike Becton, Debra Davis, Roger Ellis, Stan House, Stephen King.

—Joseph Stocks, Steve Sumner, Tommy Smith, Joe Brown, Terrie Fountain, Wayne Hughes, Joyce Jeff, Robin Sheffield.

—Shirlene Worley, Kenneth Gifford, Dale Hughes, Beverly Kent, Jeanne Morton, Steven Nichols, Terry Watson and Lar-

ry Williams.

Coordinator Norman Greene said a second banquet, a traditional evening affair, is to be held in May.

The annual affair honors employers of DE students who attend school a half-day and receive scholastic credit for part-time jobs they hold after school.

Principal speaker at the banquet was J. Foster Goolsby, superintendent of the city school system.

Both are members of the youth organization at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Starling is a 28-year-old native of Valdosta who has been affiliated with Varnadoe's 13 years, having started there prior to his graduation from Lowndes High School.

He recently resigned his job as first floor manager to accept a job with Warner's of Atlanta, a lingerie manufacturing concern.

Married to the former Sherry Fender, he is the father of a son and a daughter and a member of Westview United Methodist Church.

Starling is a member of the VHS DE Club advisory council and has been active in club affairs for several years, according to Ron Butler, former president of Georgia DECA.

A frequent speaker at DE Club meetings, Starling also has been a member of panels which selected students of the year.

In addition to the SOY and life membership awards, 26

'Dosta At Home; Lowndes Travels

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta will be at home, but in a change of plans Lowndes will be on the road for some high school basketball action tonight.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats and coach John Booth's VHS Kittens are to host Dougherty (Albany) in a twin-bill slated

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight
Lowndes at Albany
Dougherty at Valdosta
Jeff Davis at Berrien
GCS at Whigham
St. George at Clinch boys
Irwin at Clinch girls
Saturday
TC at Valwood

to begin at 7 p.m. here tonight at the Valdosta Junior High gym.

Coach Charles Cooper's Lowndes Vikings and Vikettes were to meet Albany's Indians and

Squaws at the LHS gym tonight, but that doubleheader will now be played at Albany. The site of the games was changed in the wake of student unrest at Lowndes High.

"We aren't anticipating any trouble," Cooper said, "but under the present circumstances we felt it best that we move our games to Albany. We asked the Albany High officials if they would allow us to do that and they agreed to the change."

In other games tonight involving area teams, Jeff Davis (Hazlehurst) will be at Berrien (Nashville, Ga.), Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Whigham and St. George at Clinch County (Homerville) boys and Irwin County (Ocilla) at Clinch girls.

In Saturday's lone encounter, Valwood's Valiants and Lady Valiants (Valdosta) play host to Citizens Christian Academy of Douglas.

Valdosta's Wildcats will carry a 19-3 record into their game with Dougherty's Trojans here tonight. The DHS quintet has a 12-10 mark. The Kittens are 4-16 as they get ready to meet the Trojanettes. The VHS cagers will be closing out regular season play tonight.

Lowndes' Vikings have a 5-15 record and the Indians they will be meeting tonight in Albany are 4-16. The Vikettes own a 17-4 chart.

For both Valdosta and Lowndes, the matchups will be Region 1-AAA affairs.

Rumored Threats Worry City BoE

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Board of Education agonized over rumored threats to students and talk of class disruption for more than an hour and a half Thursday night before agreeing to hold school today.

Apparently the rumors were the result of a spillover into the city of racial protests against the county school system by blacks.

Of prime concern to school officials were Valdosta Junior High School and Valdosta High School - Pinevale Campus where the rumors were the strongest.

VJHS Principal James C. (Jim) Hunt was the strongest advocate of closing school following unrest at a park across from the school Thursday.

Hunt said a large group of black students gathered there after school let out and emotions apparently were running high.

Four police cars called to the scene did little to ease the tension, said Hunt, but no one was harmed and no arrests were made. The gathering consisted mostly of chanting and waving

around newspaper editorials with which they disagreed.

"I told parents who called me I could not assure their children's safety," he said.

Valdosta High School Principal Lloyd Mims was the strongest advocate of keeping classes open.

"Maybe it's just the way I was raised," he said, "but I don't believe in giving on anything. If we have a walkout, we have a walkout."

"If 300 - 400 students walk out, I'm in favor of suspending 300-400 students and I don't mean for a few days either. They should be suspended indefinitely — for as long as school officials decide is necessary."

Mims' campus was also the scene of a minor racial incident Thursday. He said about a dozen black students refused tempo-
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rarily to go to class that morning.

"I just told them they had a very few minutes to decide if they were going to class or get off this campus," he said. "All but one returned to class."

"One student's attitude was bad and he was asked to leave the campus. He is suspended until I determine his attitude is right for him to come back to school."

Mims also said one of the youths had a hard time getting back into class. "Some of the black students stopped him at the door and told him, he couldn't come in," he said.

"They said 'You're a troublemaker and we don't want you in here.'"

The board unanimously voted to keep the classes open after being assured by City Manager Phin Horton that police protection would be readily available if any disorders occurred.

"If you close those schools," Horton said, "it will make my job more difficult. It will put more people on the street."

"Also come Monday you will have more people in town who have virtually no interest in the well-being of Valdosta."

Horton said he based his recommendation on prior experience with racial disorders in Asheville, N. C., when he was city manager there and in other towns with which he was affiliated.

"We would be taking cognizance of stress, if we voluntarily closed the schools," said Horton, "and it would open the door to other stresses."

Hunt said he felt closing the schools for one day would be beneficial in two ways. It would allow a counter effort by blacks not associated with the protest a chance to air their side to the demonstrators and school officials could organize a course of action to head off any trouble.

"It would just be a one-day moratorium," he said.

Board Chairman Dr. Robert Quattlebaum at first appeared to favor the one-day closing, a view shared by Joella Blackburn, another board member.

"If he can't assure their safety," she said, "I don't think they ought to have classes."

"Hell," retorted board member Hulyn Smith, "he (Hunt) can never really assure a student's safety."

"We just can't afford to give in on this thing."

Most of the board shared his sentiments. "We can't let a bunch of anarchists come in and take over our schools," said William E. (Bill) Eanes.

"I don't like the idea of giving in to some veiled threat," said Dr. Glenn Herrin.

Capt. R. M. Bass of the police department also said he thought the police could "handle the situation."

After the vote to continue school today, Supt. Foster Goolsby, Assistant Supt. Ralph Brandon, Mims and other school officials huddled to plan their day's activities.

Goolsby and Brandon were to be on campus of both VJHS and VHS - Pinevale. They and the principals were to be on campus of both VJHS and VHS - Pinevale. They and the principals were to jointly decide whether to close the school in the event of trouble.

Mims was given authority to order the closing of VHS.

Reports from the school campuses indicated an exceptionally quiet day.

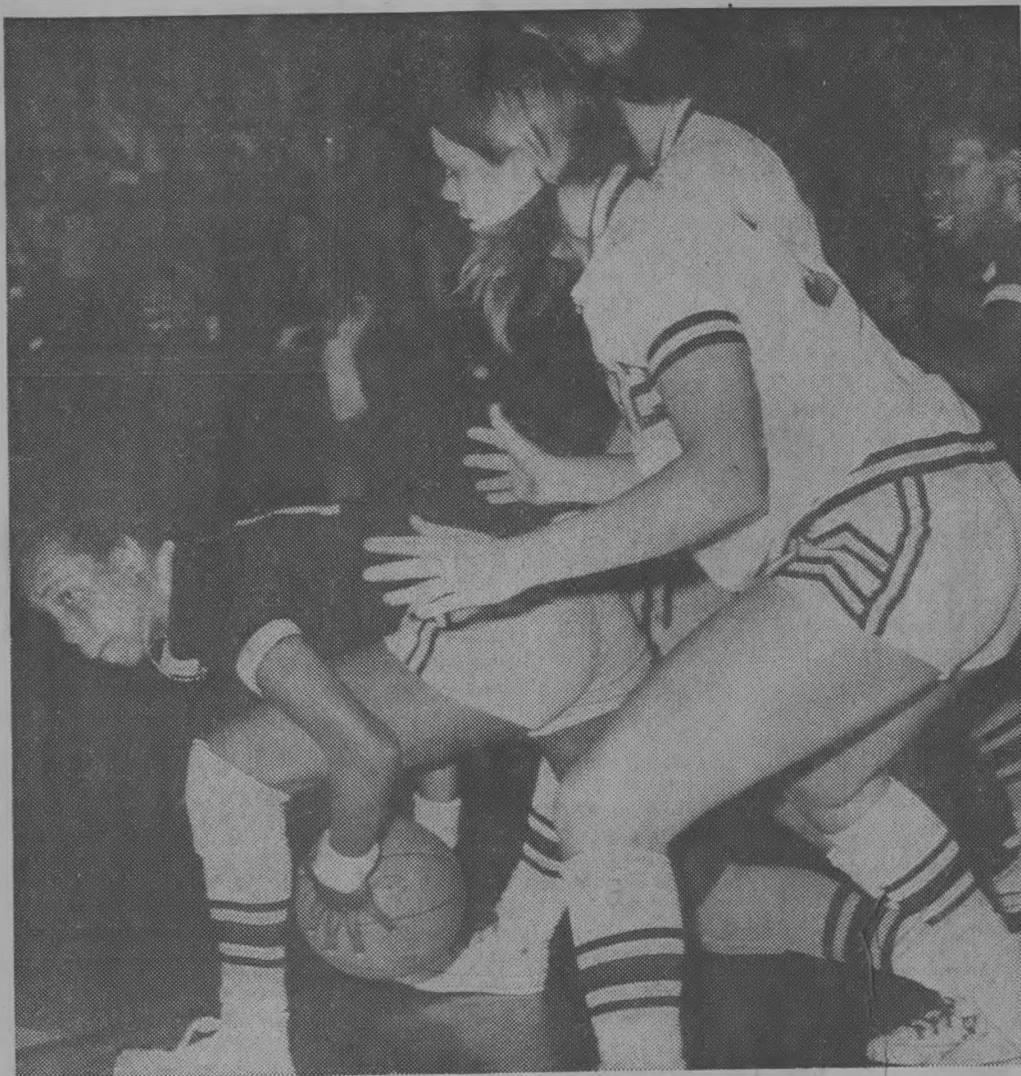
Goolsby said absenteeism at VJHS is more than the usual but nowhere near the 50 per cent figure forecast by some officials.

VHS - Pinevale Principal John Morris said only 50-60 of the 576 students there were absent.

"That's really about normal for a rainy day," he said. Morris also said there had been no incidents of any kind by mid-morning and he had not personally heard any threats to students the day before.

"I had some parents call me and report some they had heard," he added, "but I did not myself see any."

Goolsby said there was no repeat of the Thursday incident as school took in at VJHS. "I am tickled pink at the attitude of the kids, both black and white," he said.



AP Wirephoto

It's Mine: 'Dosta's Gwen Durham Grabs Ball As LHS' Sharon Clanton Watches

'Cats, Vikettes Notch Victories

By Tom Steadman

Valdosta High's Kittens stayed on the court with the Lowndes Vikettes, but the Vikings couldn't handle the Wildcats here Friday night.

Coach Charles Cooper's Vikettes stopped VHS' scrappy Kittens, 43-37, but coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats steamrolled his Vikings, 56-34, here Tuesday night in a Region 1-AAA matchup of cross-city rivals at the LHS gym.

The Lowndes girls, now 14-2 on the season, jumped off to an 11-6 first-quarter lead and a 25-15 gap at intermission.

Coach John Booth's Kittens came roaring back in the third period, however, cutting the margin to 31-24.

The VHS girls, now 1-11 on the campaign, stayed red hot

while Durham with 12 tallies led VHS.

Wilson's Wildcats raised their overall record to 12-2 with the thrashing of the now 5-10 Vikings.

Lowndes, which had lost to VHS, 74-56 and 77-56, earlier in the campaign, kept it close in the early going, then started losing ground.

"We've had a couple of people out with flu," Wilson said, "and they looked like it to-

night. Both teams played like they've played three games against each other this season."

Stanford Rome finished the game with 16 points to lead VHS scorers, while Billy Hunter with 11 and Mason Barfield with 10 paced Lowndes.

"They were just too strong for us," Cooper said. "We couldn't stay with them. Valdosta has a real fine basketball team."

'Dosta At Crisp, LHS Playing Tift

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens are loaded for Cougar and Cougarette, while Lowndes' Vikings and Vikettes are more concerned about 'Devils and Angels.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats are to take on coach Charles Denham's Crisp Coun-

Rollins leads 1-AAA scorers with an average of 25.0 points per game.

Booth's Kittens carry a 1-11 chart into their matchup with coach Frank Smith's Cougarettes, 8-5 on the season.

Coach Charles Cooper's Vikings haul a 5-10 ledger into their contest with coach John Rutland's 'Devils. Tift downed Lowndes, 68-59, earlier this season, but the now 8-9 Blue Devils aren't taking the Vikes for granted.

Cooper's LHS girls dropped Tift, 37-34, in an early - season natchup. The now 14-2 Vik-

ettes would like nothing better than to add another loss onto the 9-8 Tift ledger.

On Saturday, the VHS Cagers will be going for their second wins of the season over Cook's Hornets and Wasps.

Coach Lamar Chapman's Hornets, who carried a 5-13 into their Friday meet with Ware, dropped a 77-51 verdict to Wilson's 'Cats earlier in the campaign.

Coach Bruce Long's Wasps, who sported a 1-12 chart entering their clash with Ware's Gatorettes, lost a 52-38 decision to Booth's Kittens in November.

AREA HOOP SLATE

Friday
 Valdosta at Crisp
 Lowndes at Tift
 Brooks at Norman Park
 Clinch at GCS
 Echols at Broxton
 Ware at Cook
 Charlton at Berrien
 Hamilton at Perry
 Saturday
 Cook at Valdosta
 GCS at Brooks
 Tift at Berrien
 Ware at Lanier
 W. Nassau at Hamilton

ty Cougars at Cordele Friday night, while coach John Booth's Kittens are to tangle with the Cougarettes in a pair of Region 1-AAA clashes.

Lowndes, meanwhile, journeys to Tifton for a pair of 1-AAA tilts with the Blue Devils and Angels, highlighting a full slate of high school cage action involving area squads.

Other Friday games include Brooks County (Quitman) at Norman Park, Clinch County (Homerville) at Georgia Christian (Dasher), Echols County (Statenville) at Broxton, Ware County (Waycross) at Cook (Adel), Charlton County (Folkston) at Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) and Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.) at Perry.

Saturday games find Cook at Valdosta, Georgia Christian at Brooks, Tift at Berrien, Ware at Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) and West Nassau at Hamilton.

Wilson's Wildcats carry a 12-2 record into their fray with Denham's 14-2 Cougars.

Foremost on Wilson's mind will be 7-0 senior center Wayne Rollins, who heads up both the Cougar offense and defense.

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—Times Staff Photo

Wildcats' Stanford Rome (3) Drives Past Monroe's Powland Bivens

'Cats And Kittens Turn Back Monroe

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Valdosta High's Wildcats and Kittens gave impressive performances as they swept a Region 1-AAA basketball doubleheader with Monroe's Tornadoes and Lady Tornadoes here Friday night.

In a game which was rated as a toss-up, coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats sparkled on both offense and defense as they trimmed the Tornadoes from Albany, 92-71.

As for coach John Booth's Kittens they had their best offense night of the campaign and scored their first region victory while pulling off one of the major surprises in the girls' hoop ranks of 1-AAA this season.

With their win the 'Cats boosted their record to 15-3. For the Kittens, the triumph they scored was their third against 13 losses. Monroe's Tornadoes now have a 15-3 mark and the loss for the Lady

Tornadoes was only their fourth against a dozen triumphs.

Both Wilson and Booth called the performances by the VHS teams their best of the year.

The 'Cats and Kittens followed similar routes to victory. They took early leads, really poured it on in the two middle quarter and then went from there to victories.

In the boys game 'Dosta had a 12-point edge at the end of the first period then outscored the Tornadoes 47-34 in the second and third stanzas to build up a commanding advantage.

The Kittens were ahead by just three at the first rest break, but outscored the Lady Tornadoes 36-16, in the second and third periods to go up by 23 markers.

Stanford Rome poured in 31 points to pace the 'Cats' attack. Next in line were Robin Holley, 17; David Demersseman, 16, and Wade Hughes, 10.

Rowland Bivens, with 21 points, was the leader for Monroe.

The Kittens had three players in double figures, Ruby Knight 17; Elaine Robinson, 13, and Gwen Durham, 10. Others who played major roles in the triumph include Jamie Fryslie, Pat Nathan, Kim Smith, Mala Barker, Debra Hill and Mary Bell.

The Valdosta cagers are slated to return to action tonight, meeting Bainbridge's Bearcats and Kittens in another 1-AAA twin-bill at Bainbridge.

GIRLS

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| Valdosta | 13 | 28 | 49 | 56 |
| Monroe | 10 | 16 | 26 | 39 |

VALDOSTA (56) — Robinson 13, Jamie Fryslie 4, Knight 17, Nathan, Smith, Barker 1, Abernathy, Hill 9, Bell 1, Steward 1, Durham 10, Hayes.

Team totals: field goals 18, free throws 20 of 32, fouls 8.

MONROE (39) — Peggy Marshall 22, Jackson 4, Swan 2, Stephens 5, Braswell 4, Patricia Marshall 2, Mathis, Wallace, Penn, Randall.

Team totals: field goals 19, free throws 1 of 3, fouls 29.

BOYS

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|----------|----|----|----|----|
| Valdosta | 24 | 45 | 71 | 92 |
| Monroe | 12 | 30 | 46 | 71 |

VALDOSTA (92) — Rome 31, Hughes 10, T. Graham 2, Fluit 8, Holley 17, Jones 2, B. Graham, Demersseman 16, Roundtree 2, Melton 4.

Team totals: field goals 29, free throws 14 of 20, fouls 15.

MONROE (71) — Anthony 12, Britten 2, Bivens 21, Bryant 4, James 4, R. Reddick 8, J. Reddick, Williams 14, Hatchet 2.

Team totals: field goals 28, free throws 11 of 14, fouls 19.

Transportation At New VHS A Problem Inside And Out

A student at the new Valdosta High School would be wise to use a map in setting up a class schedule. That's to avoid having a class at one side of the building followed by another on the other side.

There's no way a student can get from one end of the building to the other in the normal class-change time unless he's a 10-flat sprint man.

The city Board of Education would be wise to have maps of the building printed for distribution to each student. It would also be wise to place them along the walls at strategic locations with an arrow pointing to the spot and labeled, "You are Here"

Not only is the new VHS building large. It is complex.

Wandering through the huge structure, now under construction, one is impressed by the seemingly endless halls. In one sense they are endless. A person can walk, ending up where he started without realizing it.

The \$4.5 million structure covers almost five acres. Unless a set of plans is consulted, there seems no rhyme or reason to it all. It is though one is caught in a maze. There's a way out, but the challenge is to find it.

The design is seemingly a labyrinth. It seems to be a bewildering tangle of lines.

At one minute you're in the gymnasium. At another you're in a laboratory and then you're back at the gym, although you didn't mean to be.

It is awfully confusing now, and that's because there are workmen all over the place, materials stacked to the ceiling and entire areas without lights.

When the finishing touches are put to the building, however, it will be one of Georgia's most modern educational plants. Whether there is production in the plant will depend on the administration and teachers.

According to construction superintendent Otis Johnson, the building will be completed around April 1. And he admits, "We'll be pushing to make that date."

At the present rate of construction, an April 1 completion date appears a fond



By
**TENNEY
GRIFFIN**

When the student gets to the school, finding his way around the huge, complex building is going to be difficult.

Even those who have automobiles will find it difficult, because there's only one access, N. Forrest Street. The morning traffic jam will be tremendous.

For those who don't have automobiles, getting to the school will be a long walk. It will completely discourage some, unless some sort of public transportation is provided.

Since the city schools system is an independent one, it is prohibited from providing school bus transportation. The state doesn't provide transportation funds to an independent system, as does to a county system.

If the new VHS is to be educational success, it must be made available to all high school age children. As it stands now, some are denied the educational opportunity, because of the distance involved.

That factor could cause some extremely unpleasant moments for our town.

Members of the education are at this pending crisis have to be blind.

They should, as other leaders in the city, be trying to find a solution to the new VHS tation crisis that they face before they

'Dosta, Lowndes Head For Albany

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens and Lowndes' Vikings and Vikettes take to the road tonight, with paths for both squads leading to Albany.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats and coach John Booth's Kittens pay a regional 1-AAA visit to Albany's Indians and Squaws, while coach Charles Cooper's

AREA HOOP SLATE TONIGHT

Lowndes at Monroe
Valdosta at Albany
Echols at Clinch
Brooks at Cook
Brantley at Berrien
St. George at Lanier
Baker at Valwood
Hamilton at Baker Co.
SATURDAY
Northeast Macon at Valdosta
Central at GCS
Perry at Hamilton

Vikings and Vikettes invade Albany Monroe for a pair of 1-AAA tilts with the Tornadoes and Lady Tornadoes, topping off a full slate of high school basketball action.

Other games tonight find Echols County (Statenville) at Clinch County (Homerville), Brooks County (Quitman) at Cook (Adel), Brantley County (Nahunta) at Berrien (Nashville, Ga.), St. George at Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.), Baker Academy at Valwood and Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.) at

Baker County (Macclenny, Fla.).

Saturday tilts include Thomasville Central at Georgia Christian (Dasher), Perry, Fla., at Hamilton and Macon Northeast at Valdosta.

Wilson's Wildcats, in the midst of a five-game win skein, carry a 17-3 record into their fray with the Albany Indians, 4-14 on the campaign.

Booth's Kittens, meanwhile haul a 3-15 ledger into their clash with the 2-14 Squaws.

At Monroe, meanwhile, Lowndes' Vikings sport a 5-19 chart in their matchup with the powerful Tornadoes, 14-5 on the season.

Cooper's Vikettes have a 16-4 chart, while the Lady Torna-

does are 15-4 on the season.

Saturday, Macon Northeast's Region 4-AAA Raiders and Raiderettes invade the Valdosta Junior High gym for a pair of tilts with the Wildcats and Kittens.

The Raiders bring in a 14-4 chart, while the Raiderettes are 15-3 on the season.

Wildcats Defeat Tough Northeast

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Close, hard-fought battles were the rule of the night as Valdosta's Wildcats and the Northeast Raiderettes from Macon posted victories in a high school basketball twin-bill here Saturday.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats trimmed Northeast's highly regarded Raiders, 79-71, and the visiting Raiderettes defeated coach John Booth's home-standing Kittens, 61-48, in a game which was much closer than the final score might seem to indicate.

It was the 'Cats' seventh consecutive triumph and boosted their record to 19-3. The Kittens

now have a 4-16 chart. The loss left the Raiders with a 14-5 mark and the sextet from Macon has a 16-3 record. VHS belongs to Region 1-AAA and Northeast is a member of 4-AAA, so no league honors were at stake.

In the boys game the Wildcats had a torrid first half and went out at intermission with a 17-point lead. In the third period the Raiders' cut VHS advantage to nine - markers. Early in the final stanza the Raiders got within five points of 'Dosta, but the 'Cats held firm, widened their lead again and went on to victory.

Stanford Rome poured in 30 points and grabbed almost as

many rebounds to pace the VHS effort, although he was below par physically with an upset stomach.

Next on the 'Cats' point list was David Demersseman who tallied 15 markers. He got 11 of them in the final stanza when the Raiders were making an all-out effort to catch up.

Others making major contributions to the triumph were George Roundtree, Robin Holley, Bob Fluitt, Wade Hughes and Bobby Graham.

Walter (Tweet) Johnson sparked the tall and talented Raiders' attack with 24 points. He got 20 of his markers in the second half with some dazzling long-range sharpshooting. Northeast's 6-8 forward Gary Greene was held to 14 points by the pressing, ball-hawking Wildcats.

In the girls game the very tall Northeast sextet led from start to finish, but the fast improving Kittens battled them all the way. The Raiderettes took an early nine-point lead, but VHS cut it to three in the second period. The visitors went ahead by 10, but the Kittens stormed back to within two points of them early in the final stanza, before Northeast pulled away again and went on to victory.

Teresa Reid and Carol Williams, each with 17 points, paced the Northeast attack. Ruby Knight, who also got 17 markers, was the top scorer for the Kittens.

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| Valdosta | 10 | 25 | 37 | 48 |
| Northeast | 15 | 30 | 41 | 61 |
| VALDOSTA (48) — Robinson 11, Fryshellie 10, Knight 17, Nathan 1, Smith, Barker, Hill 2, Bell, Durham 7. | | | | |
| Team totals: field goals 18, free throws 12 of 21, fouls 17. | | | | |
| NORTHEAST (61) — Carswell 2, Collins 1, Dean 8, Edwards, Ford, Jones, Reid 17, Williams 17, Reynolds 16. | | | | |
| Team totals: field goals 26, free throws 9 of 19, fouls 18. | | | | |

BOYS

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| Valdosta | 16 | 43 | 57 | 79 |
| Northeast | 6 | 24 | 44 | 71 |
| VALDOSTA (79) — Rome 30, Hughes 6, Fluitt 6, Holley 6, B. Graham, Demersseman 15, Roundtree 12. | | | | |
| Team totals: field goals 31, free throws 17 of 24, fouls 8. | | | | |
| NORTHEAST (61) — Greene 14, Johnson 24, Finney 8, J. Jackson 17, Hightower 8, Williams, Randolph, L. Jackson. | | | | |
| Team totals: field goals 35, free throws 1 of 5, fouls 19. | | | | |

Valdosta, Crisp Top 1-AAA List

Basketball, especially that played at the high school level, is extremely unpredictable. At tournament time, when the pressure is really on, then the picking gets even more difficult.

Still it's fun to look ahead and at least do some guessing about how things might go in various sub-region and region tournaments which are coming up in the immediate future.



SAMMY GLASSMAN

Certainly coach Charles Cooper's talented Lowndes Vikettes, who boast of a 17-4 mark, have to be rated as strong title contenders in the 1-AAA girls ranks. There are, however, other talented sextets, with Monroe and Crisp just two of them.

In Region 1-AA, Cairo's Syrupmakers and Syrupmaids are rated as the teams to beat in the western half, while the Coffee (Douglas) boys and Appling County (Baxley) and Coffee girls top the eastern sub-division's form chart.

Take, for instance, the Region 1-AAA's boys tournament which is to be staged next week at Albany. This one shapes up as a duel between coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats and coach Bub Denham's Crisp County (Cordele) Cougars.

The 'Cats, at 19-3, and the Cougars, at 18-2, have the best records in the loop. They met once during the regular season, with Crisp posting a 57-52 victory.

Should the two front runners falter then that might leave the door open for such other loop toughies at Monroe, Tift County (Tifton), Thomasville and Dougherty (Albany).

Certainly coach Charles

Lowndes, Valdosta Host Albany Foes

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Albany basketball hits Valdosta Friday night, as both Lowndes and Valdosta host Region 1-AAA basketball foes from Albany, highlighting a limited slate of area high school action.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats and coach John Booth's Kittens play host to Albany Dougherty at the Valdosta Junior High gym and coach Charles Cooper's Lowndes Vikings and

AREA HOOP SLATE

TONIGHT

Valwood at Bain Christian

FRIDAY

Dougherty at Valdosta

Albany at Lowndes

Jeff Davis at Berrien

GCS at Whigham

St. George at Clinch boys

Irwin at Clinch girls

SATURDAY

Valwood at Crisp Academy

Vikettes entertain Albany at the LHS gymnasium here Friday night, topping off the area slate.

Other games involving area squads include Jeff Davis (Hazlehurst) at Berrien (Nashville, Ga.), Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Whigham, St. George at Clinch boys (Homer-ville) and Irwin County (Ocilla) at Clinch girls.

Saturday's lone encounter finds Valwood at Crisp Academy (Cordele).

Valwood's Valiants and Lady Valiants get things started tonight, when they pay a visit to Bainbridge Christian Academy.

Coach Marty Lehmann's Valiants haul a 6-11 chart into their fray with the Bainbridge boys, while his lady Valiants sport a 1-15 ledger.

Dougherty's Trojans carry a 12-10 record into their matchup with Wilson's 19-3 Wildcats, who have won their last seven games in a row.

The 'Cats can wrap up the top seed in the Region 1-AAA tournament, to begin next Wednesday 14 at Albany, with a victory over the Trojans.

Wilson's Wildcats have only

one region loss, that a 57-52 defeat at the hands of Crisp County's Cougars, while the Cougars themselves have lost two loop contests.

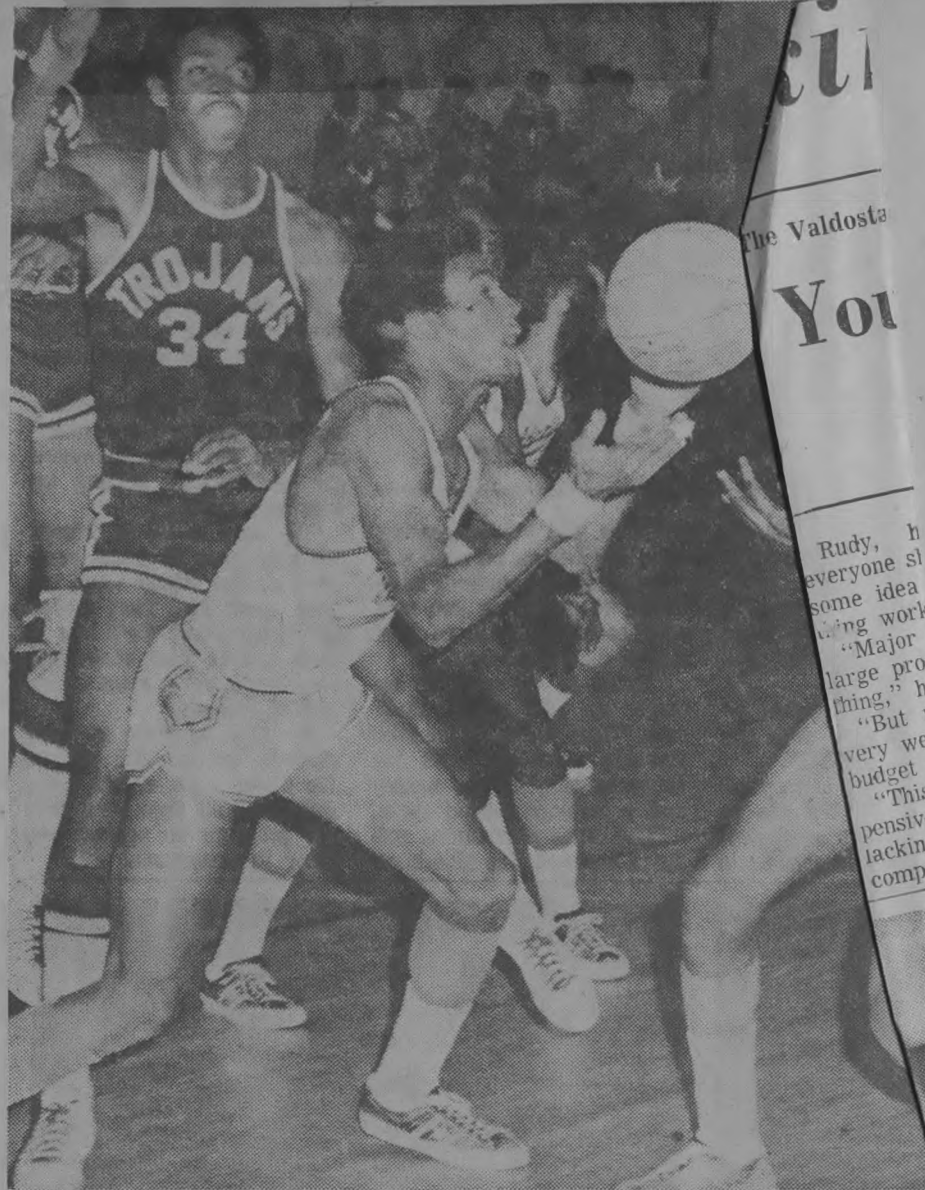
The Trojanettes, meanwhile, are to meet Booth's VHS Kittens, 4-16 on the season.

Over at the LHS gym, Cooper's Vikings, 5-15 on the season, will be taking on Albany's 4-16 Indians.

His Vikettes haul a 17-4 chart into their matchup with the Squaws from Albany.

For both Lowndes and Valdosta, the matchups will be the last of the regular season.

Berrien and Clinch, meanwhile, will also be facing their last regular season foes of the campaign.



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Watch That Ball: 'Dosta's Stan Rome Plays Juggler For Albany Guests

'Cats And Kittens Defeat Dougherty

By TOM STEADMAN

Joe Wilson was glad to get it over with, but John Booth was just glad.

Wilson, head coach of Valdosta's Wildcats, watched his 'Cats stumble to a 65-53 verdict over Albany Dougherty's Trojans, then expressed his relief that the contest was over.

VHS Kitten head coach Booth, meanwhile, was pleased over his girls' 62-50 win over the Trojanettes in a Region 1-AAA high school twin-bill at the Valdosta Junior High gym.

"Whew," Wilson commented after watching his now 20-3 Wildcats come back from a 25-23 halftime deficit to knock off the 10-9 Trojans. "I'm just glad to get that one is over with. We're going to have to play better basketball than that to get anywhere in the region

tournament."

The win assured Valdosta of entering the 1-AAA playoffs to begin next Wednesday at Albany High, as the region's number one seed.

"It's good to get the seed," Wilson commented. "I much better to see both Crisp County and Monroe in the same bracket."

With David Demerssem hitting for 19 points and Stan Rome and George Roundtree 17 apiece, VHS trailed throughout the first half and never held the lead until Roundtree hit a jumper with 7:34 left in the third period.

Wilson's charges went on to build a 49-32 gap early in the final canto, before Dougherty closed to the final 12-point margin.

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Valdosta High DE Club Wins Superior Award

By CAREY CAMERON
T-U Georgia News Editor
VALDOSTA, Ga. — The Valdosta High School Distributive Education Club won a superior award for its com-

petitive showing at the annual Georgia Distributive Education Club leadership conference in Atlanta. The latest award to the Valdosta club came late Tuesday

as three distributive education chapters from Lowndes County brought home a host of honors from the annual state meeting.

Perry Welch was awarded second place in advertising competition as the meeting drew near a close to run the total awards for the Valdosta High School club to 15.

THE LOWNDES HIGH chapter, a comparatively new chapter, and the Valdosta area vocational-technical school chapter also received honors during the meeting.

The Valdosta chapter finished second in chapter-of-the-year competition when North Fulton High of Atlanta edged the South Georgians out. The Lowndes High School chapter was just behind Valdosta with a third place in chapter-of-the-year competition.

Individual students from the three Lowndes County chapters did well in capturing honors.

CHARLOTTE EANES of Valdosta High was elected state secretary while Andy Kannon of Lowndes High was elected state parliamentarian. Entering the first state competition in its history, the Valdosta Tech chapter came up with a state office winner. He is Max Stephenson who was elected junior collegiate vice president.

MARK EANES of Valdosta was named boy DEC student of the year.

The Valdosta chapter placed first in five contests including the boy student-of-the-year award and Eanes also won another first by being named reporter of the year.

Charlotte Eanes won a first place for her studies in marketing of service industries and Jeannie Turner was another dual winner, winning in spelling and merchandising information manual competition.

Letters To Editor

Defends Quality

Sir:
On what do you base the statement in a recent editorial that "Lowndes County's schools are superior to those in the city?"

The quality of education at Valdosta High School is very high. Just take a look at the record accumulated by the students so far this year.

There are five National Merit finalists. The Distributive Education and Distributive Cooperative Training clubs have amassed awards this year in competition. Of the nine students that represented VHS in Macon for the governor's honors program, four were chosen to be finalists while three others were named state alternates.

This is just part of the record. Not included are the blue ribbons won in the science and social science fairs and other individual achievements.

Then there's the VHS administrative staff and teach-

ers. They lend their support to every project that enough observer may get involved in every day.

The school is administered by a fine staff which enforces discipline. There are no disciplinary problems at Valdosta High. I can only speak to myself and for what I said of the high school. I am certain of what goes on at the elementary school.

Wildcats' Streak Halted By Packers

MOULTRIE — A last inning rally fell just short of the mark as the Valdosta High Wildcats dropped a 5-4 Region 1-AAA (South) baseball decision to the Moultrie Packers here Friday.

By TIMES STAFF WRITER
The loss was the first after

eleven consecutive victories by coach Joe Mercer's 'Cats and it left them with a 5-1 sub-region mark. Moultrie is now 10-1 for the season and owns a 6-1 league mark.

Moultrie pushed across two runs in the first inning. Valdosta got one in the fourth, but the Packers stretched their lead to 4-1 with single tallies in the fourth and fifth.

In the seventh and final game the Wildcats' got a rally going, but could produce only two runs, and that wasn't enough to tip the scales in their favor. One of the tallies came on a solo homer by Ed Spell.

Ray Goff went the distance on the hill for the Packers. He allowed just four hits, walked six and struck out six. He was the pitching victor.

Valdosta's Gary Rowe, after a route going performance took the loss and is now 2-1. He was nicked for eight hits, walked two and whiffed 5.

The Wildcats were slated to return to action today, meeting non-region foe Fitzgerald High in a doubleheader at Fitzgerald.

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Diamond 'Cats Have Busy Week

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's baseball Wildcats start what for them is going to be a busy week by scoring a 6-3 victory over the Valdosta State College "B" team here Monday.

With the win coach Joe Mercer's 'Cats boosted their record

to 12-1.

The Wildcats collected eight hits, including a solo homer by Ed Spell in the fourth inning, and a double by Gary Rowe. Other attack leaders were David Demersseman and Mike Atkinson, each with a pair of singles.

Spell went the distance on the hill for VHS. He gave up seven hits as he posted his third pitching victory without a loss.

On Tuesday the Wildcats are to host Bainbridge and on Wednesday VHS will be at home for its final regular season game with Thomasville. Both tilts are to be played at Pendleton Park. Starting time both days in 4 p.m.

Valdosta and Moultrie are hooked up in a torrid battle for the Region 1-AAA (South) title. The 'Cats are 5-1 in sub-league games to play.

Moultrie is 10-1 for the season and 6-1 in sub-division play. The Packers have one more loop tilt.

The 1-AAA (South) winner will earn the right to face 1-AAA (North) victor in a playoff for the region crown. Tift County's Blue Devils appear headed for championship honors in the northern half of the region.

'Cats Not Tangled Up As They Scramble Over Bainbridge

By ROGI

Valdosta High's Wildcats first inning with two honorees defeat the Bainbridge Bears (south) baseball game played

With the win the Wildcats boosted their season record to 13-1 and their sub-region mark to 6-1.

The 'Cats and Moultrie's Packers are now tied for first place in their 1-AAA (South) title race. The Packers are 10-1 in all games and 6-1 in sub-region play. Moultrie is to close its



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Valdosta Coach Gets Extension

By BOB PRICE
Times-Union Sports Writer

VALDOSTA, Ga. — The Valdosta City School Board voted unanimously, 7-0, at a special meeting Saturday to offer Charles Greene another one-year contract as football coach of Valdosta High.

The action dispels rumors that the board was about to fire Greene, who took over last fall from Wright Bazemore and guided the Wildcats to a 9-1 season. The lone loss was to Moultrie, the Region 1-AAA champion.

"NOW ILL HAVE to make a decision," said Greene, who has shaken off the series of rumors with uncanny calmness. In fact, immediately after telling his wife the board's decision he hustled his two sons off for an afternoon in the movies.

There were some reports that Greene was headed for another coaching job. But Greene has stuck with, "There's nothing we can say until I make a decision as to whether to accept the Valdosta challenge again. The first to know of my decision will be my team."

THAT MEANS GREENE will shelter his verdict until at least Monday afternoon, the first possible time he can call a team meeting.

Making the motion to offer Greene another contract was board member Hulyn Smith and issuing the second was Mrs. Joella Blackburn.

Recommending that Greene's contract be renewed, athletic director Bazemore said, "I practically raised Charlie and my recommendation is to retain him for another year. Let me work with him, day and night if necessary, to make him the coach I know he's capable of being," said the man who brought

VHS 15 state championships including one in 1958 on which Greene played.

Dr. Robert Quattlebaum, chairman of the board, had called the special meeting to air the rumors and let the football-conscious city know how things stand.

"THE SCHOOL BOARD doesn't hire and fire teachers and coaches, we act on the recommendation of the school superintendent," said Quattlebaum.

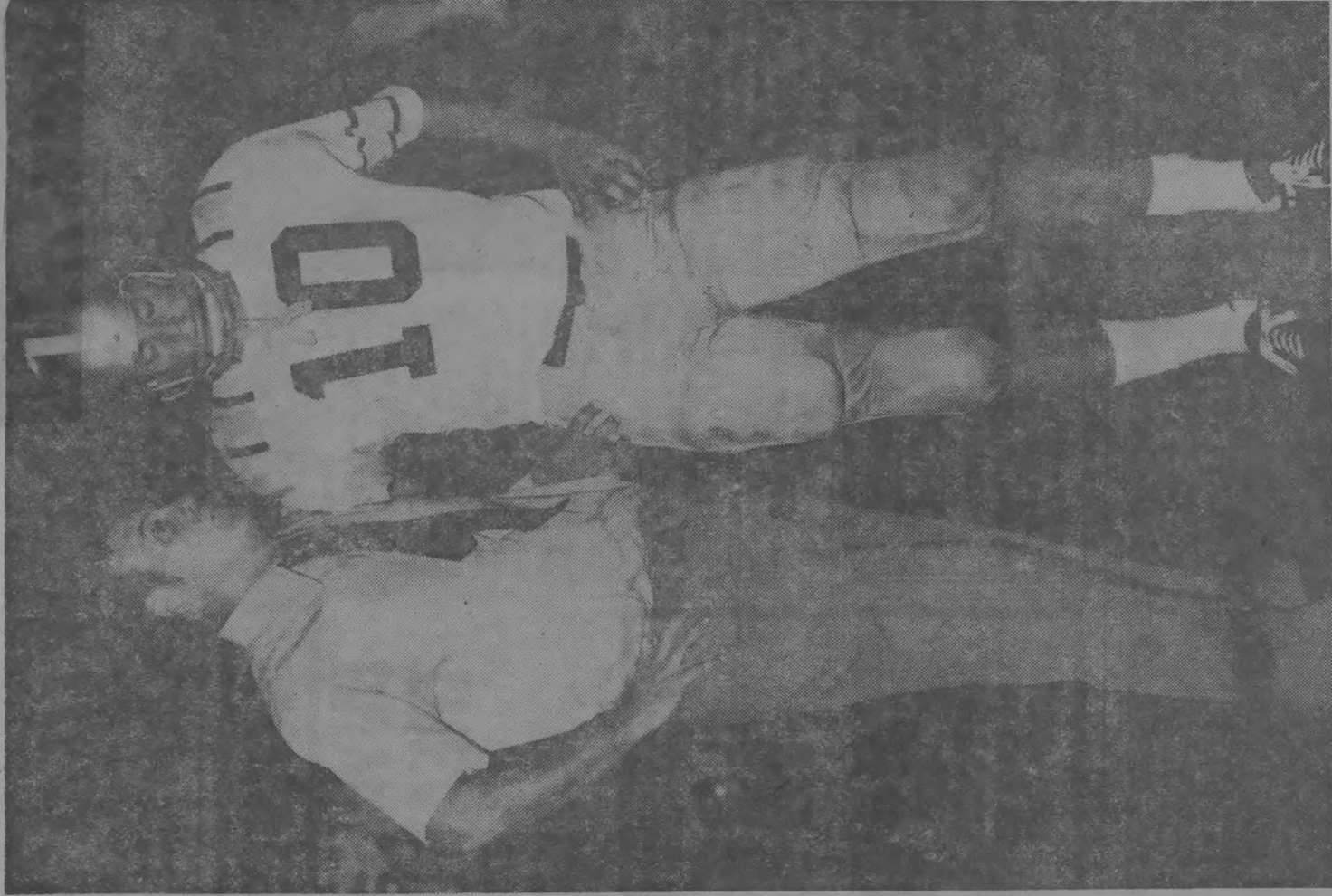
School superintendent Foster Goolsby said that he too acted only on recommendation of principal Lloyd Mims, who in turn admitted he left such recommendations up to athletic director Bazemore.

Foster did point out that "I've not received the first criticism of Coach Greene's won and lost record but there have been complaints of his cohesion of team work and carrying out game plans on Friday nights.

BEFORE MAKING the motion to offer Greene another contract, Smith said, "I want to make it clear that I'm not the culprit. I'm not on a witch hunt. I'm not trying to get Charlie Greene fired. I just want to get things cleared up. I couldn't believe what I was hearing while in the press box during last week's Jamboree. And I just asked 'Where do we go from here?'"

Goolsby also brought up the fact that "Greene stepped into one of the most pressure packed vacancies in high school football that I've heard of."

And since that pressure appears to still be around, one can almost bet that Charlie Greene will accept the challenge and be on that Wildcat bench next fall. Greene isn't the type to run from fire.



—TIMES-UNION/JOURNAL PHOTO

Valdosta Coach Charles Greene Talks with Quarterback

Rally By 'Cats Beat's Bulldogs

By ROGER POWERS

Valdosta High's Wildcats combined a strong defense with some hard hitting in the bottom of the sixth frame to defeat the Thomasville Bulldogs, 3-1, in a region 1-AAA (South) baseball game here Wednesday.

With the triumph coach Joe Mercer's 'Cats closed out regular season play with a 14-1 overall record and a 7-1 sub-region chart.

VHS is now assured of ties in the final 1-AAA (South) standings, Moultrie, which is 10-1 for the season and 6-1 in

league play, was to close its regular season with a league match against Thomasville today.

If Moultrie loses today then VHS will claim the 1-AAA (South) title and move into the region playoffs. If the Packers win today then they will finish in a tie with the 'Cats and a one-game playoff will be staged to break the deadlock.

The sub-region playoff, if necessary, will be Saturday with Thomasville, a neutral site, the probable location of the contest.

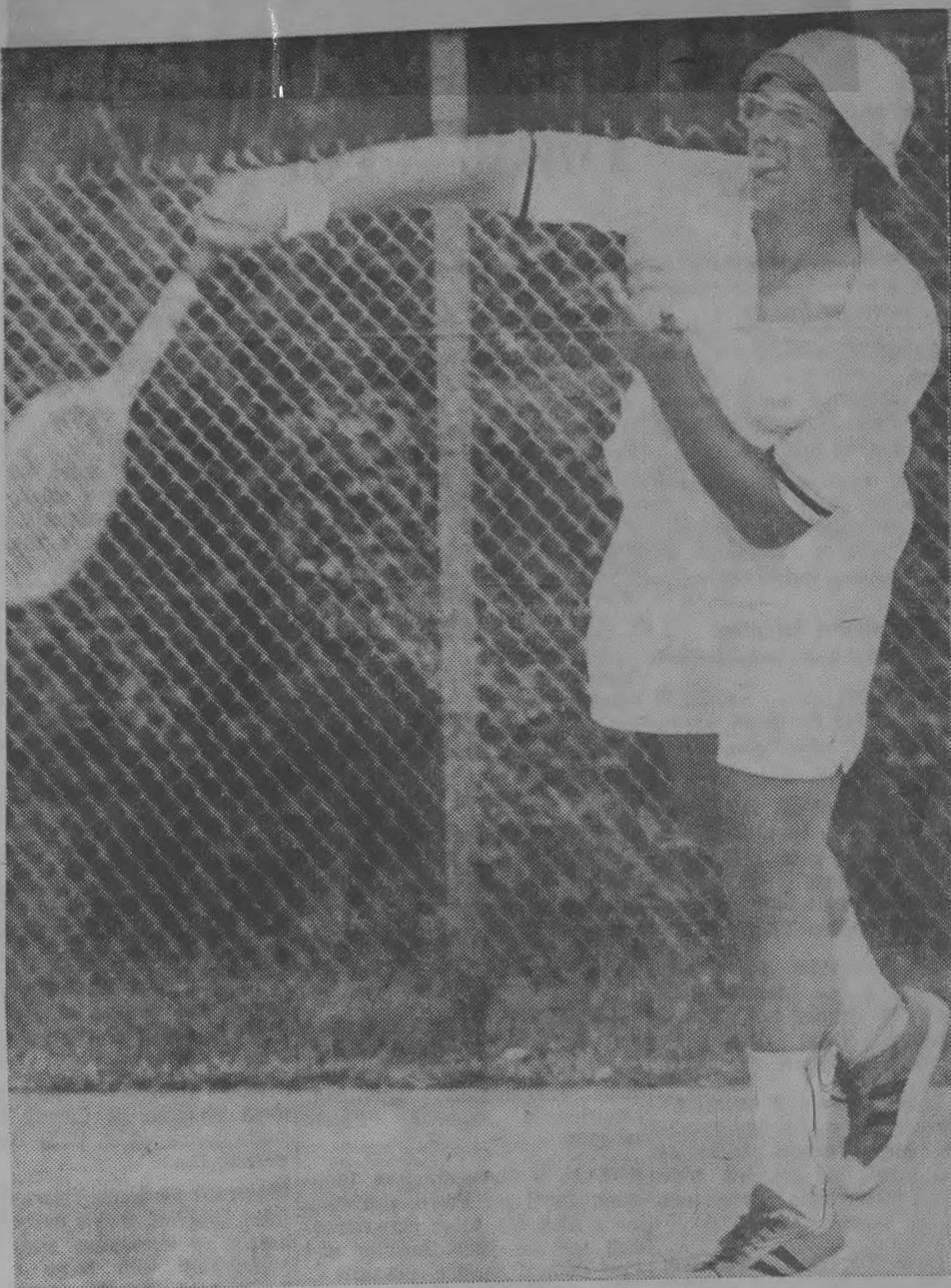
Against Thomasville here

yesterday the 'Cats got one run in the bottom of the second. Cecil Whitehead reached first on an error, stole second and came home when Ed Spell singled.

Valdosta held the lead until the top of the sixth frame, when Thomasville tied the game up at 1-1. But the deadlock was short lived because the Wildcats put their attack into high gear to produce two more runs on hits of Eddie Roberts, Gary Rowe, Spell and Johnny Sansberry and Roberts, with two hits apiece. Lee Ragan was Thomasville's leading hitter with a single and a double.

David Demersseman went the distance on the mound for the Wildcats and gained the hill win. He allowed seven hits, walked three and struck out three. Demersseman has a 3-0 pitching record for the season.

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Valdosta's Scotty Slocum Leans Into A Serve During Title Match

Tennis Winners From 3 Schools

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Players from Moultrie, Thomasville and Crisp County (Cordele) captured championship honors in the Region 1-AAA high school tennis tournament played here Thursday.

The 1-AAA winners earned berths in the state Class AAA tourney which is slated for May 11-12 at Macon.

To reach the boys singles finals Valdosta's Slocum defeated Moultrie's Eddie Abernethy, 6-4, 6-3; Thomasville's Stephen

Moultrie's Walter Harris
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'Dosta, Moultrie In Title Playoff

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's Wildcats and Moultrie's Packers are to clash at Thomasville at 2 p.m. on Saturday in a one-game playoff for the Region 1-AAA (South) baseball championship.

Coach Joe Mercer's Cats closed out regular season play Wednesday with a 14-1 overall record and a 7-1 sub-division chart.

Moultrie ended its regular campaign Thursday by defeating loop foe Thomasville, 8-1. That gave the Pack an overall record of 11-1 and a 7-1 league chart.

During the regular second VHS and Moultrie divided a pair of games. The Wildcats won in a contest here by an 11-1 margin and the Packers triumphed in a contest at Moultrie, 5-4.

The winner of Saturday's game at Thomasville will move into the region playoffs against 1-AAA (North) champion Tift County.

With one more regular season game to play the Blue Devils from Tifton are 8-2 for the season and 7-0 in league.

The region title issue is to be settled in a best-of-three series

which is slated to begin Tuesday in Tifton. The Devils copped the 1-AAA last season and reached season Class AAA playoffs before bowing to Sec-

VHS Hoop Banquet Slated Thursday

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's basketball teams are to be honored at a banquet to be held here Thursday night.

The banquet, an annual event, is being sponsored by the Valdosta Basketball Boosters Club. The banquet is slated for 7:30 p.m. and it is to be held at the VHS lunchroom. Principal speaker will be

Valdosta State College's head basketball coach James Dominey.

Dominey, a 28-year-old native of Vienna, led VSC's basketball Blazers to the NAIA District 25 championship this past season. In the National NAIA tourney VSC knocked off three-time champ Kentucky State in the opening round.

The Atlanta Tipoff Club voted Dominey as Georgia's basketball coach of the year.

Among the honored guests at the banquet will be VHS basketball Wildcats and Kittens and their coaches Joe Wilson and John Boorth.

This past season Wilson's 'Cats posted a 25-5 record, claimed the Region 1-AAA hoop title for the third time in four years and advanced to the semi-finals in the state Class AAA playoffs before bowing to Atlanta Lakeside.

A spokesman for the boosters clubs said members who haven't paid their dues for themselves and their wife may do so the night of the banquet. Reservations for the event aren't necessary.

Moultrie Defeats 'Cats In Playoff

By ROGER POWERS

THOMASVILLE — Moultrie High's Packers jumped off to an early 2-0 lead and went on to defeat the Valdosta High Wildcats 4-3 in a baseball playoff for the Region 1-AAA (South) title here Saturday.

The Wildcats ended their re-AAA playoffs. son with a 14-2 overall record and a 7-2 region chart.

With the win the Packers boosted their overall record to 11-1 and their sub-region chart to 8-1. Moultrie will now face 1-AAA (North) victor Tift County (Tifton) in a best-of-three series for the region crown.

The 1-AAA champ, in turn, will move into the state Class

In the top of the first inning here Saturday, Moultrie got two hits and a walk that produced two runs.

In the bottom of the second frame Valdosta's Whitehead rapped out a triple and a few moments later he scored on a wild pitch.

Moultrie came right back with a Ray Goff single and a fielder's choice to score again and take a two run lead again. Then in the top of the sixth inning Moultrie scored its last run on a triple of Bobby Ethridge.

In the bottom of the sixth and seventh innings Valdosta added two more runs to its credit off the hits of Gary Rowe, Johnny Sansberry and David Demersseman.

Leading hitters for the Wildcats were Demersseman, with a single and a triple, Whitehead, with a single and a triple, Raymond Washington, Eddie Roberts and Sansberry, each with a single.

Ray Goff went the distance on the mound for Moultrie and gained the hill win. He allowed seven hits, walked six and struck out six. Gary Rowe was the losing pitcher. He allowed only six hits, walked two and struck out three. His pitching record for the season is 2-2.

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| RBIs: Moultrie—Ethridge, Lanier, Green, Valdosta—Sansberry, Roberts, Atkinson. | | | | | | |
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| Rowe (L) | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 |

School Board Accused of Secret Meet

By MIKE HILL
Times-Union Staff Writer

VALDOSTA, Ga. — A Valdosta school board member accused the board's executive committee of making decisions behind the back of the full school board, which could be a Sunshine Law violation.

The accusation has been strongly denied by the three members of the executive committee, composed of Chairman Dr. Robert Quattlebaum, vice chairman Hulyn Smith and treasurer Lamar Newbern.

School Board member Dr. Glen Herrin said during the board meeting that he had been told that decisions have been made in unannounced executive committee meetings which bind the entire school board to that decision.

IF HERRIN'S accusations are true, the actions of the executive committee may be a violation of Georgia's "Government in the Sunshine Law" which provides that all meetings of any state department, agency, . . . board of education, or other political subdivisions at which official actions are to be taken are hereby declared to be public meetings and shall be open to the public.

As an example of executive committee action, Herrin cited board action on a contract

for the use of drivers' education vehicles.

Herrin said the contract agreement was handled by the executive committee, but other board members disagreed and pointed out minutes of a previous board meeting where the action took place. Herrin was absent at that particular meeting.

"I picked the wrong example," Herrin said, "but there has been some decisions made by the executive committee and I want them to report their actions to the full board. We've had some decisions made there that I would want to vote against."

DR. QUATTLEBAUM said the purpose of the executive committee is to act on routine business which must be done between the school board meetings. Even then, he said, the committee has no authorization to act without permission from the board.

"I can only remember one time that the committee was authorized by the board to act," said Quattlebaum. He said the specific instance was similar to a situation where bids for a small project had been asked for and hadn't come in.

Quattlebaum said the board authorized the committee to accept the lowest bid within specifications for the project so it wouldn't be delayed until past the next board meeting.

Fusi, Sales, Drought Spell Loss For 'Cats

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

ATLANTA — The one-two scoring punch of Pete Fusi and Larry Sales carried the Atlanta Lakeside Vikings to a hard-earned 77-69 victory over the Valdosta High Wildcats in the semi-finals of the state Class AAA basketball tournament here Friday night.

In the second contest played before a capacity crowd of 6,000 in Georgia Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum, Macon's Southwest Patriots blasted Atlanta Douglass's previously unbeaten Astros 91-65.

That means Coach Dwight scheduled to tangle tonight at 8:30 o'clock in the title contest.

In a consolation game set for 7 p.m., Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats and Larry Cart's Astros are to battle it out for third place.

Lakeside has a 25-4 record while Southwest is 26-3. The 'Cats are now 25-4 and the Astros they are to face have a 27-1 chart.

Valdosta, in its furthest advance in state basketball since it moved into Class AAA in 1958, made it a real contest with Lakeside until the 'Cats ran into a 3½-minute scoring drought midway the final period which proved to be their undoing.

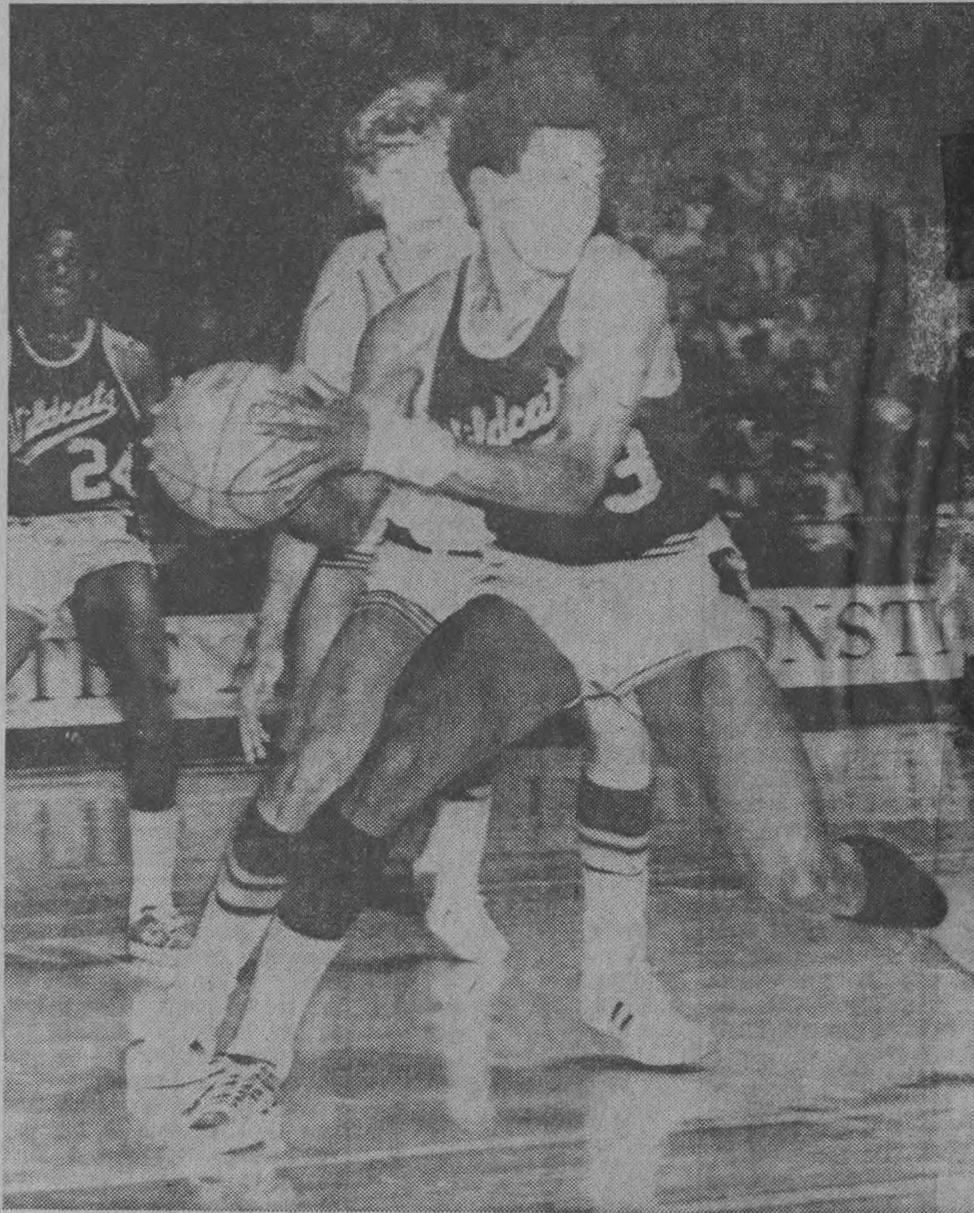
In the first three stanzas the score was tied or the lead hanged hands 16.

With 4:50 left to play, the Vikes held a one point edge at 64-63. Then for 3½ minutes the Wildcats went scoreless while the Vikes boosted their advance to 72-63. VHS scrapped to the end but couldn't make up the lost ground.

Fusi, a 6-5 senior jumping jack who has attracted the attention of many college recruiters, paced the Lakeside attack with 25 points. He scored 19 of his markers in the first half.

When Valdosta slowed Fusi down after intermission, 6-2 senior forward Sales took over. Sales got just two points in the first half but racked up 17 in the last two periods for a total of 19.

Stanford Rome, a 6-4 junior, was the top gun for the Wildcat with 27 points. Others in double figures were Robin Holley, 15.



—AP Wirephoto

Top Scorers: VHS' Rome, Foreground, Guarded by Lakeside's Fusi

"We didn't play a bad game offensively," Wilson said after the contest, "but we couldn't stop their fast break. They broke our press and that was the difference.

"But I'm proud of our players, very proud of them. They have worked very hard and deserve a lot of credit for getting this far."

"Valdosta has a good team and that Stan Rome is a fine athlete," Lakeside mentor Norris said. "We were fortunate, very fortunate to beat them. Fusi and Sales were

19 of 23 charity shots compared to three of 9 for 'Dosta.

Southwest and Douglass had a close game until the third period when the Patriots from Macon poured in 30 points which staked to a 14-marker advantage. From there on Southwest kept padding its lead.

Norman Mixon, a 6-0 senior sharpshooter led the Southwest attack with 28 points. Right behind him was 6-6 junior Miles Patrick with 24.

Douglass' leading scorer was Conroy Williams, 6-0

Student Football Ticket Prices Are Hiked At VHS

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Student season ticket prices for Valdosta High School Wildcat home games have been raised in an effort to bring them into line with prices at other area schools.

School system Finance Director Leland J. "Jack" Kent Jr. said the hike from \$3 to \$5 was based on a survey of prices at other schools and was recommended by the VHS Athletic Association.

"The survey showed we were in line except in our student ticket prices," said Kent. "We were charging 60 cents per game and the minimum we found at other schools was \$1. "Our student prices hadn't

been raised in several years so we decided it would be appropriate to do it at this time."

The \$2 price hike applies to season reserve tickets for VHS students in sections D½ and E, Valdosta Junior High School students who season tickets for the east end zone and students in grades 1-6 who have season tickets for the same section.

"It won't bring in that much more revenue," Kent said, "but it will get us in line with other schools."

Regular season ticket prices remained at \$12.50, end-of-stand section tickets are still to be \$2 and chair seats, when needed, are also \$2.

Also left unchanged were section 1 prices for visiting students, \$1; section J ticket prices, \$2; and VJHS and VHS B-Teach games, \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

The ticket prices were approved at Wednesday night's board of education meeting.

'Dosta Team Is Second In Tourney

A 14-and-under team representing Valdosta finished second in the state basketball tourney staged by the Georgia Recreation and Park Society Saturday at Waycross.

In the semi-finals, Valdosta trimmed Waycross, 51-58. 'Dosta's Danny Donaldson scorched the nets for 39 points.

Valdosta, making its first appearance in this state tourney, dropped a 71-38 decision to Chatham County in the finals. Donaldson was again Valdosta's scorer with 15 points.

'Cats Sparkled

On the high school front coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats had a super season, the best since VHS moved into Class AAA in 1958.

The 'Cats finished with a sparkling 25-5 mark, they captured the Region 1-AAA boys crown and advanced to the state Class AAA semi-finals before dropping a close decision to Atlanta Lakeside.

I've been covering the sports beat in these parts since 1960 and I'd have to rate the Wildcats of 1972-73 as the best Valdosta High quintet I've seen in that span of time.

The 'Cats will lose heavily at graduation time, but expected to return for their fourth straight season are 6-4 forward Stanford Rome and 6-0 guard David Demersseman. Rome is a talented rebounder and scorer, while Demersseman is a swift driver and an excellent playmaker.

'Dosta Gridders Lack Experience

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A lack of experienced players is the big worry for coach Charles Greene as his Valdosta High Wildcats reached the halfway mark of their four-week spring practice session on Friday.

Practice has been pretty good and every player has been giving 100 per cent effort," Green said. But inexperience is hurting us. We've got to fill a lot of holes."

Last season the Cats posted a 9-1 mark. But next fall they must do without 18 players who were regulars. Those no longer in the fold include the following:

Offense — tackles Bernard Morehead, Wade Johnson, and Bobby Brantley, guard David Register, center Jimmy Scruggs, end Luther Blue, halfbacks Robert Daniels and James Savage and fullback Pat O'Neal.

Defense — Tackles David Mitchell and Freddie Wilbon, middle guard Gary Irby, end George Roundtree, linebackers Larry Lane, Ronald Daniels and Emory Williams and deep backs Gary Rowe and Calvin Johnson.

Still in the fold are just eight players with enough experience to be considered returning regulars.

They include end Stanford Rome (190, sr.), who is being tried at halfback; guard Charles Christian (190, sr.), center Norman Bankston (180, jr.), who is sitting out spring practice with an injury; quarterback Bruce Hilton (165, sr.), linebacker Jack Sullivan (175, sr.), who is being tried at fullback; linebacker Arthur Cooper (160, sr.) linebacker Larry Richardson (170, sr.) and deep back David Williams (165, sr.).

The grades for the players listed above are those that they will be in when the 1973-74 school year begins next Sep-

tember.

In Hilton and Rome the Wildcats have Region 1-AAA's most successful pass-catch combo. Last season Hilton hit on 70 of 158 tosses for 1,409 yards and Rome made 35 catches for 826 yards.

While halfback is a new position for Rome, he's accustomed to carrying the football. He was 1-AAA's second leading punt returner in 1972. He hauled back 22 boots a total of 190. Rome also returned six kickoffs a total of 125 yards.

Greene and the members of his staff are working with a squad that includes 109 players. In the group are 35 freshmen.

Next Friday night the Cats are to meet the Has-Beens (graduating seniors) in what is an annual spring affair. That game will be sponsored by the Valdosta Touchdown Club.

Then on Friday, March 30, VHS is to host a four-team football jamboree. Taking part in the jamboree along with the Cats will be Lowndes' Vikings, Waycross' Bulldogs and Thomasville's Bulldogs.

A Lot In Common

Elks Winners Like Music

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Lisa Groover and Richard Dasher have more in common than winning the Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Student" scholarship.

Besides both being interested in music and planning to continue their studies in the subject, both are Valdosta High School Seniors and are president of at least one organization on campus.

The two students were told they won the area honor and cash scholarships of \$75 each last week. The award also makes them eligible for State competition to begin next week.

"This is actually different from the Elk's Leadership award," Miss Groover explained. "This award is based mainly on academic records than extracurricular activities."

Miss Groover, recently named a National Merritt Scholarship Finalist, is president of the Valdosta High School Beta Club.

Although the pretty brunette never joined the band, she plays the piano and hopes



LISA GROOVER

Beta Club Prexy



RICHARD DASHER

VHS STAR Too

to continue studying music in college.

"I have already been accepted to North Carolina State but I'm still not sure which school I want to go to yet,"

she said.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Fred Groover of Valdosta.

Dasher, who was named the Star (Student Teacher Achievement Recognition) a

ward winner for having the highest grade on the college entrance exam is also interested in music.

As president of the Valdosta High Marchin' cats band, he plays the clarinet and won the "Star Musicianship award" for music he had arranged.

Also a National Merit Scholarship finalist, he is president of the VHS Foreign Language Club, assistant editor of the school newspaper, the Outlook, and member of the Beta Club, Math club and debate team.

Dasher, a hopeful symphony orchestra conductor, is likewise still undecided about college. But he says he is leaning toward Florida State University at Tallahassee.

He led the school in the Scholastic Achievement Test with a grade of 14.50 which combines with a high grade average for the first semester of school, brought the STAR award to him.

He is the son of Mrs. Don Dasher of Valdosta.

'Dosta, Lowndes Go Under Lights

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's Wildcats and Lowndes High's Vikings are both scheduled to see some spring football action under the lights tonight.

Coach Charles Greene's 'Cats are to play their annual spring game with the Has-Beens (graduating seniors). Kickoff for that tilt is 8 p.m. and the game is to be played at Cleveland Field.

Meanwhile, coach West Thomas' Vikes are to hold an intra-squad game with 8 p.m. the starting time and Martin Stadium the location.

Both the Wildcats and the Vikings are closing out the third week of their month-long off-season drill sessions.

The 'Cats-Has-Beens duel is being sponsored by the Valdosta Touchdown Club.

At a fish fry held Thursday night by the Touchdowners Green the Wildcats have been working hard this spring.

"Everyone has given a good effort," Greene allowed, "but we have a lot of young players, especially on offense. We have the potential for a good team. What we lack is experience."

The VHS mentor also disclosed that four more members of VHS' 1972 team have accepted the offer of college football scholarships.

Fullback Pat O'Neal and center Jimmy Scruggs have

been signed by the University of Tennessee — Martin Branch, end George Roundtree is going to Albany State College and linebacker Ronald Daniels is headed for North East Oklahoma College.

Valdosta and Lowndes are to end spring practice on Friday, March 30 when they will take part in a four-team jamboree along with Thomasville and Waycross. VHS will host the event.

VHS DCT Students Getting Set For State Competition

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Two Valdosta High School students in the Diversified Cooperative Training program have won at the district level in competition in their specialties, according to Jim Horne, coordinator of the program at VHS.

Debbie Marositz, of 717 Langdale Drive, will represent the second district in Atlanta during state competition April 20-22. Her special training is in the field of nursing aides.

Debbie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.T. Marositz.

Clifford Tooley, of 904 Johns St. will appear at the state level in the area of brick masonry.

Mike Dame, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dame of 104 Star-mountain Drive, won second place in extemporaneous speech.

Jay Carey, son of Mrs. J. R. Carey of 2400 N. Oak St., took second place in the prepared speech category.

Julie Southwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Southwell of 1300 Jo Ree Road, won third place in the job interview contest.

District competition was held at the Ben Hill-Irwin Vocational Technical School near Fitzgerald.

State competition is to take place at the Atlanta area vo-tech school, Horne said.

DCT clubs are similar to Distributive Education programs, Horne said. DE teaches distribution and salesmanship while DCT allows students to work at jobs rang-



DEBBIE MAROSITZ
District Nursing Winner



CLIFFORD TOOLEY
Brick Masonry Contest

ing from crafts to the medical technician field.

DE members also hold outside jobs, as do the DCT students.

DCT is a part of the national Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

While the original intent of such projects was to help prepare a student for a career in crafts or jobs not requiring college training, the concept has changed, according to Horne.

"Sometimes as many as two-thirds of our students go on to college. We probably average 50 per cent going on to college," Horne said.

He said the training is still valuable, whether the student

plans to attend college or not. Students get credit for their work done off campus, which is supervised.

Most go to school four hours and then work about the same amount of time in the afternoon.

"Some work as much as six hours...some don't have much time to play," Horne said.

Horne teaches practical subjects in his DCT classroom. Subjects cover everything from how to fill out income tax forms to business math and how to apply for a job.

Students volunteer for the program, and while in it take all required academic courses, Horne said.

VHS'ers Have Poems Published

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Spring edition of Georgia English Counselor, a publication of the Georgia Council of Teachers of English, contains poems written by 27 Valdosta High School students.

M.D. Pitts of the VHS English department said the poems were submitted for publication in the summer 1972 edition but a mechanical delay stopped it from being printed.

Students whose works were published are Mark King, Nadine Bailey, Ron Butler, Dale Williams, Allen Carpenter, Walter Hamilton, Kenny Thompson, Tommy Smith, Ellen Hardy, Connie Maples.

Al Copeland, Charmaine Thibault, Mike Corns, Mike Bauer, Tony King, Marie Seymour, Cindy Wisenbaker, David Jones, Onnie Phillips, Larry Burgess, Patricia Warren.

Joann Johnson, Joyce Hall, Sylvia Warren, Freddie King, and Bessie Barnes.

All were students in classes taught by Mrs. George Kesler or Mrs. Leo Helms, said Pitts.



-Times Staff Photo

The Wildcats' Bruce Hilton (10) Is About To Escape From the Clutches of Ron Daniels (44) and Freddie Wilbon

'Cats, Has-Beens To Clash Friday

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

There will be a lot of new faces in the Valdosta High Wildcats' starting lineup when they go against the Has-Beens here Friday night.

The annual spring football contest is slated for 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field. The game is being sponsored by the Valdosta Touchdown Club.

The tilt will mark the end of the third week of the 'Cats month-long drill session and coach Charles Greene says a lack of experience is his chief worry.

"We return just nine regulars from our 1972 team and that means we have a lot of positions up for grabs," Greene said. "In some of them we're trying players who will be

sophomores or freshmen next September.

"A lot of our players are inexperienced and they're making a lot of mistakes, the kind that can be costly in a game."

The Has-Beens, who will be directed by coach Bill Aldridge and coach Freddie Waters, are all graduating seniors. They number 18 and most were starters last fall when the 'Cats posted a 9-1 record.

The Has-Beens include the following:

Linemen — Bernard Morehead, Bobby Brantley, Jimmy Scruggs, David Register, Wade Johnson, Luther Blue, Gary Irby, Freddie Wilbon, Calvin Johnson and George Roundtree. Backs — Robert Daniels, James Savage, Pat O'Neal, Larry Lane, Ronald Daniels,

Gary Rowe, Johnny Sandsberry and Emory Williams.

O'Neal was the 'Cats leading rusher in 1972. He picked up 683 yards on a 139 carries. Rowe led Region 1-AAA in pass interceptions. He picked off 11 aerials and returned them a total of 48 yards.

In Bruce Hilton and end-half-back Stanford Rome the Wildcats have 1-AAA's leading pass-catch combo. There is, however a catch. Hilton has a bruised shoulder and may or may not see action on Friday.

During the '72 season Hilton connected with 70 of 148 passes for 1,409 yards. Rome made 35 catches for 826 yards.

The touchdown club has a fish fry slated for 7:30 o'clock tonight at the S. L. Mason Elementary School lunchroom. Greene, Aldridge and Waters will be there to give their views about the game.

On March 30 VHS will close out its spring season by hosting a jamboree. Taking part in the event with the 'Cats will be Lowndes, Waycross and

Wildcats Rally To Beat Seniors

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's Wildcats rallied twice, the last time with only 35 seconds left to play, to nip the Has-Beens (graduating seniors) 13-10 in a spring football outing here Friday night.

The contest, an annual affair sponsored by the Valdosta Touchdown Club, marked the close of the third week of off-

yards for a TD, but it was nullified by penalty.

"We (The 'Cats) won and I'm certainly glad of that," Greene said after the game, "I thought our defense did a good job. I was hoping we could move the ball on offense a little better, but it seems everytime we got rolling we were stopped by a pass interception, a fumble or a penalty.

"We're young, very young. We still have a long way to

go." Berrien finished the night as the 'Cats leading rusher with 56 yards on nine carries. Next in line was Robert Demps with 33 yards on eight tries. Pat O'Neal led the Has-Beens' ground attack with 59 yards on 14 carries. Robert Daniels was next with 53 yards on 13 tries.

Score by Quarters:

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|-----------|--------|---|---|------|
| Wildcats |0 | 7 | 0 | 6-13 |
| Has-Beens |0 | 7 | 0 | 3-10 |

STATISTICS

| | 'Cats | H-B |
|-----------------|-------|--------|
| First Downs | 12 | 12 |
| Yards Rushing | 124 | 130 |
| Yards Passing | 18 | 78 |
| Passes | 11-14 | 6-10 |
| Passes Intc. by | 1 | 1 |
| Fumbles Lost | 1 | 3 |
| Punting | 6-35 | 4-27.7 |
| Penalties | 12-98 | 7-65 |

season drills for coach Charles Greene's 'Cats.

They are to wind up their month-long session by taking part in a four-team jamboree here next Friday night with Lowndes, Thomasville and Waycross.

In last night's duel neither team was able to generate too much in the way of an offense. Both made a dozen first downs. The Cats picked

Squads Complete First-Round Play

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Brooks' Trojanettes were leading, Tift's Blue Devils were relieved, Berrien's Rebelettes were rolling and Lowndes' Vikings were convincing here Wednesday night, as squads completed the first round of play in the 22nd annual Lowndes Invitational Christmas Tourney.

Brooks County's Trojanettes from Quitman topped Georgia Christian's Generalettes from Dasher, 41-24, Tift County's Devils from Tifton squeezed past Brooks' Trojans, 7-60, the Rebelettes from Nashville, Ga., squashed Valdosta's Kittens, 62-16, and the Vikings ripped off GCS' Generals, 71-43 in Wednesday night action.

Tonight's semi-finals in the single-elimination tournament find Berrien's top-seeded Rebelettes (9-0) taking on Tift's Angels (4-6) at 5:30 p.m., followed by Berrien's number one-ranked Rebels (9-0) vs Tift (5-5) at 6:45 p.m., Lowndes' Vikettes (9-1) vs Brooks' Trojanettes (7-3) at 8 p.m. and Valdosta's Wildcats (7-1) vs Lowndes' Vikings (4-6) at 9:15 p.m.

Finals are set for Friday night at the LHS gymnasium, with the girls' championship to be decided at 7:30 p.m. and the boys' title match to be played at 8:45 p.m.

Coach Jamie Felts' Trojanettes from Quitman leaped off to a 20-4 first-quarter lead, scoring 14 markers before the Generalettes could bring the ball past the mid-court line. GCS outscored Brooks, 7-5, in the second period, but could close the gap no further.

Barbara Evans paced the Trojanettes with 19 markers, while Bessie Bloom added 12.

Donna Darwin led the now 2-7 Generalettes with six points.

The Brooks-Tift contest saw the lead change hands six times, with coach Billy Ellis' Trojans jumping out to a 20-16 first-canto advantage.

Coach John Rutland's Blue Devils took the lead for good, 30-29, early in the third period, to move into the semi-final round. Jim Mitchell led the now 4-6 Trojans with 21 points while Joe Burns paced Tift with 20 markers.

"I felt real fortunate to win," Rutland said after the contest. "I was very impressed with Brooks. They're one of the best teams we've played this year despite their record."

Mrs. Dona Fields' Rebelettes, defending state class AA champions, didn't let a second-quarter Valdosta stall keep them from sending coach John Booth's Kittens to a 1-7 season chart.

With four players hitting in double figures, the Nashville squad soared to a 23-4 first-period margin and was never headed.

Debra Smith with 21 points, Vera Wright with 18, Debra Harrell with 13 and Carolyn Futch with 12 paced the Berrien offense.

Ruby Knight with six markers led VHS.

Berrien, charged with only five fouls all night, committed only two infractions while racking up a 28-6 halftime lead.

Valdosta went into a stall early in the second canto, with the score 23-4, Berrien, but abandoned the tactic after the Rebelettes built up a 28-6 halftime lead.

Coach Charles Cooper's Vikings rode the hot hand of Mason Barfield to a semi-final berth, as the 6-6 senior center hit for 29 points.

Lowndes took a 30-16 advan-

tage into the dressing room at intermission and was never slowed down.

Ronnie Crump with 13 paced GCS, now 6-6 on the season.

"I was pleased with my boys tonight," Cooper said. "We had fewer turnovers than we'd been having. I just thought they did a good job."

GCS coach Jon Hazelip, on the other hand, wasn't pleased with his squad's performance. "We just couldn't play under pressure," Hazelip commented. "We choked. We're a short team and we just can't afford to lose our poise like we did tonight."

GIRLS

Brooks 20 25 35 41
GCS 4 11 16 24

BROOKS (41) — Evens 19, B. Bloom 12, Ellsberry 2, P. Williams 2, Horne, C. Bloom 2, T. Williams, Griffin, Parson 2, Ward, G. Williams Barrs.

Team totals: field goals 20, free throws 1 of 3, fouls 10.

GCS (24) — F. Dykes 2, K. Dykes 1, Sheila Copeland 4, Crook 4, Hamm, Sue Copeland, C. Darwin 5, D. Darwin 6

Team totals: field goals 11, free throws 2 of 5, fouls 10.

BOYS

Tift 16 41 49 67
Brooks 20 33 45 60

TIFT (67) — Thomas 10, Mack 18, Dorniney 4, Burns 20, Daniels 8, Brown 7.

Team totals: field goals 29, free throws 9 of 16, fouls 12.

BROOKS (60) — Porter 8, J. Mitchell 21, McMillon 4, Rich 4, Hill 6, Reynolds 2, T. Mitchell 13.

Team totals: field goals 27, free throws 6 of 8, fouls 10.

GIRLS

Berrien 23 28 42 62
Valdosta 4 6 14 16

BERRIEN (62) — Harrell 13, Futch 12, Wright 18, Smith 21, Nash 2, Franklin, Harper 2.

Team totals: field goals 25, free throws 12 of 31, fouls 7.

VALDOSTA (16) — Knight 6, Frysle 4, Durham 4, Smith, Barbara, Robinson 2, Strom, Moore, Hill, Bell, R. Brown, Johnson M. Brown.

Team totals: field goals 8 free throws 0 of 3, fouls 25.

BOYS

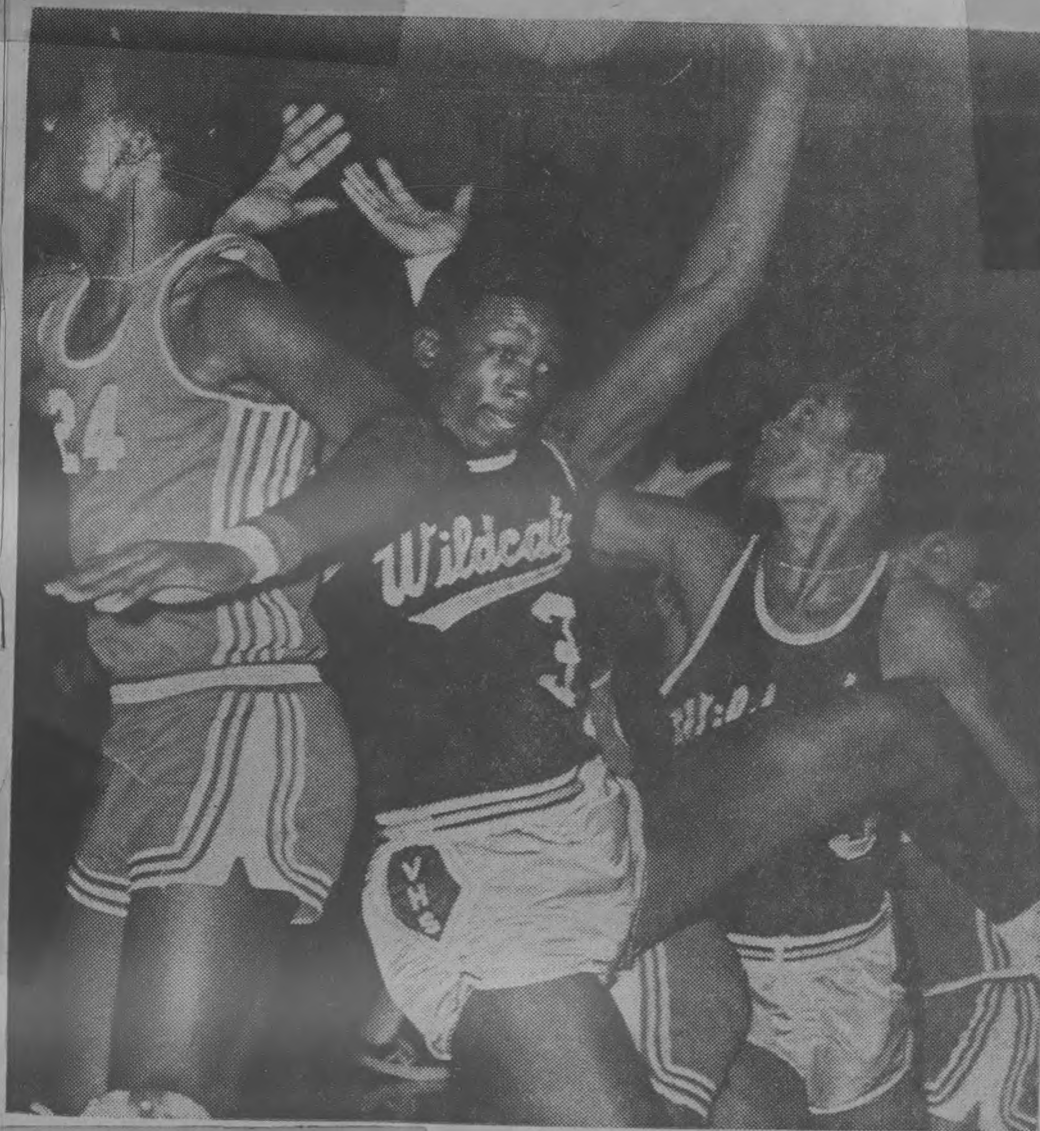
Lowndes 10 30 44 71
GCS 5 16 26 43

LOWNDES (71) — Barfield 29, Griffin, Miley 6, Davis 6, Sellers, Grimes 9, DeLoach, Wright 2, Adams, Hunter, Kovach Kertesz 4, Hightower 8, Thompson 2, Parker, Powell

Team totals: field goals 32, free throws 7 of 18, fouls 19.

GCS (43) — Crump 13, Lewis 9, Naylor 2, Wisenbaker 2, Taylor 4, Hamm 4, Williams 5, Fetters 4, Lavender, Landrum.

Team totals: field goals 15, free throws 13 of 17, fouls 21.



Falling 'Tree: Valdosta's George Roundtree Loses Balance in Clash

-Times Staff Photo

'Cats, Vikes Play At Home

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Bearcat meets Wildcat, Kitten meets Kitten and Viking and Vikette meet Bulldog and Bulldogette here Friday night, highlighting the slate of prep basketball action involving area squads.

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens are to play host to Bainbridge's Bearcats and Kittens,

AREA HOOP SLATE

Friday
Bainbridge at Valdosta
Thomasville at Lowndes
GCS at Mt. Dora
Irwin at Berrien
Valwood at Brookwood
Cairo at Brooks
Cook at Coffee
Lanier at Clinch
Whigham at Echols
Saturday
Lowndes at Valdosta
Tift at Berrien
Valwood at Brookwood
Clay at Hamilton

while Lowndes' Vikings are to welcome Thomasville's Bulldogs and Bulldogettes here Friday in a pair of Region 1-AAA encounters.

Other Friday games involving area squads include Georgia Christian School (Dasher) at Mt. Dora, Irwin County (Ocilla) at Berrien (Nashville, Ga.), Valwood at Brookwood Tournament (Thomasville), Cairo at Brooks County (Quitman), Cook (Adel) at Coffee (Douglas), Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) at Clinch County (Homerville), Whigham at Echols County (Statenville).

Saturday games find Lowndes at Valdosta, Tift County

(Tifton) at Berrien, Valwood at Brookwood Tourney, Clay at Hamilton.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats carry a 4-1 record into their league fray with Bainbridge's Bearcats, 2-4 on the year.

The Kittens of coach John Booth, meanwhile, haul in a 1-4 overall slate against the 2-4 Bainbridge girls at the Valdosta Junior High gymnasium.

Lowndes head coach Charles Cooper sends his girls squad into action against Thomasville (2-2) with a 5-1 overall slate.

Coach Don Hancock's Thomasville Bulldogs, mean-

while, carry a 3-1 chart into their fray with Cooper's 3-4 Vikings at the LHS gymnasium.

Valwood's Valiants (3-1) are to tangle with Southwood of Waycross Friday in the first round of Brookwood's annual cage tourney. Also Friday, the Lady Valiants (0-4) are to take on Brookwood in the rounney's first round.

Saturday, Lowndes pays a Region 1-AAA visit to Valdosta at the VJHS gymnasium, marking the first time the two rivals will meet this season.

Valdosta is to journey to the LHS gym later in the season for a return engagement.

VHS Honor Roll Announced

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

One hundred and sixteen students at Valdosta High School have attained honor roll ranking for the second six-week period, announced the principal, Lloyd Mims.

Honor roll students include:

Seniors — Erika Alcorn, Carol Allen, Nadine Bailey, Dee Cee Barrineau, Sarah Bartholomew, Susie Bell, Thomas Best, Durwood Black, Andrea Bond, Lauri Bonner, Guy Brant, Kent Buescher, Diane Cravey, Richard Dasher, Edward Davis, Dan Davis, Debbie Davis, Henry Dele-sandro, Polly Durden, Barbara Eydon, Bobby Graham, Marticia Griffin, Lisa Groover, Jan Hendricks, Joy Henderson, Becky Herndon, Linda Hobbs, Gary Hutchens, Loretha Johns, Richard Joseph, Claudia Keen, Pam Maturi, Donna McCranie, Larry Mobley, Phyllis Moore, Tom Odum, Katrinia Parrish, David Register, Betty Riggie, Sue Roberson, Eddie Roberts, Freddy Ryals.
John Smart, Mary Nell Smart, Ann Strom, Irvin E. Taylor, Sue Beth Till-

man, Steve Tomlinson, Jeannie Turner, Beverly Vickers, Susan Ward, Randy Williams.

Juniors — Carolyn Adams, Marguerite Booth, Barbara Bowen, Joe Clayton, Lanna Collier, Susan Davis, David Demersseman, Kathy Dyal, Charlotte Eanes, Raymond Espinosa, Sharon Gilmore, Cindy Green, Linda Griner, Von-dean Harris, Mike Haygood.

Beth Hopkins, Cheryl Lester, Debbie Marositz, Jan McGlaun, Rachel Nelson, Patti Norris, E. C. Painter, Becky Parker, Nicola Redman, Kenneth Rushing, Paulette Russell, Kim Smith, Mary Anna Smith, Julie Southwell, Debbie Taylor, Sherre Valenti.

Sophomores — Joanne Abernathy, Scott Alderman, Wilbur Bragg, Anne Bolen, Belvia Corbett, Salter Elliott, Terri Ellison, Linda Floyd, Carla Fountain, Beth George, LaVoe Griffin, Robert Hamel, Teresa Hathaway, Peggy Henry, Sandra Johnson.

Steve Johnson, Kathy Lyon, James Mikell, Pam Moran, Dee Dee Morton, Myrian Murphy, Gail Register, Syd Shephard, Susan Solomon, Susan Sowell, Virginia Stewart, Kathy Strickland, Abbe-man, Mike Thomas, Nicky Valenti, Randy Sweat, Phil Tetteletier, Mary Lou Till-Wilson.

Pinevale Honor Roll Is Listed

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Thirty-two students at Valdosta High School - Pinevale Campus have attained honor roll ranking for the second six-week period, according to an announcement.

Honor roll students include:

Phillip Badley, Billy Berrian, James Bragg, Chris Buckles, Hal Causey, Gina Clayton, Jeff Cox, Connie Dickman, Billy Demersseman, Pam Dennis, Paul Franklin, Gail Gregory, Chris Keeners, Franklin, Gail Gregory, Chris Keeners, Lili Martinez, Judith McGlaun, Lisa McGriff, Gary Mims, Susan Mobley, Pheobe Morrow, Dorothy Murphy, Kathy Reddicks, Tom Ringos, Kathryn Shaw, James Simmons, Clark Stull.
Princess Sturgiss, Michael Thomas, David Threlkeld, Brian Tinney, Timothy Watson, Kathy Wessinger, Thomas Wiatt.

Prep Cage Squads Take Center Stage

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

High school basketball takes the center stage tonight, as both Lowndes' Vikings and Vikettes and Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens host Region 1-AAA opponents.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats and coach John Booth's VHS Kittens are to play host to Bainbridge's Bearcats and Kittens at the Valdosta Junior High gymnasium here tonight, while Lowndes' Vikings and Vikettes are to welcome Thom-

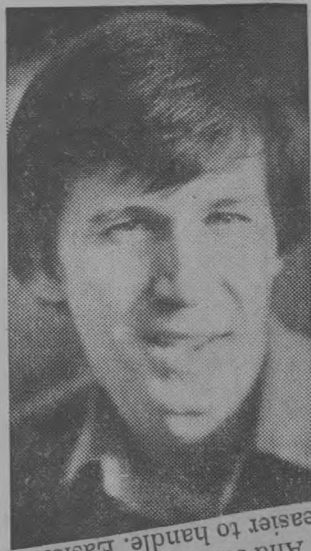
asville's Bulldogs and Bulldog-

ettes at the LHS gym, topping off the slate of games involving area squads. Other games on tap tonight include Georgia Christian School (Dasher) at Mt. Dora, Irwin County (Ocilla) at Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) Valwood at Brookwood Tourney (Thomasville), Cairo at Brooks County (Quitman), Cook (Adel) at Coffee (Douglas), Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) at Clinch County (Homerville,) and Whigham at Echols County (Statenville).

Saturday games find Lowndes at Valdosta, Tift County (Tifton) at Berrien, Valwood at Brookwood Tourney and Clay at Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.).

Valdosta's Wildcats carry a 4-1 record into tonight's fray with Bainbridge's Bearcats (2-4). Booth's Kittens, meanwhile are 1-4 on the year entering their contest with the 2-4 visitors.

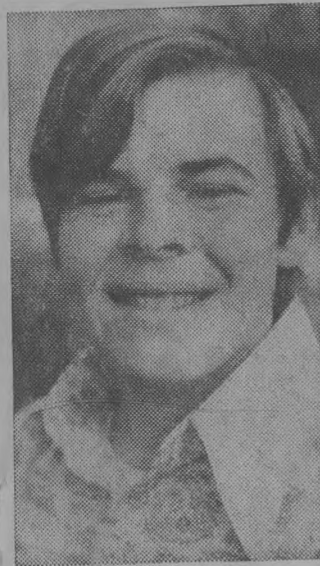
Coach Charles Cooper's Lowndes' Vikings haul a 3-3 chart into their matchup with coach Don Hancock's Bulldogs (3-1). Cooper's Vikettes sport a 5-1 overall chart entering tonight's fray with coach Ben Stephenson's Bulldogettes (2-2). Saturday, Lowndes and Valdosta tangle for the first time this season in a 1-AAA matchup at the VJHS gym. The cross-town foes are to go at it again later this season at the Lowndes gymnasium.



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Scoreboard

Thursday's College Basketball
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Providence 94, Holy Cross 75
Fordham 70, Notre Dame 69
Phila. Textile 82, Del. Valley
Lafayette 70, Rider 60
Rhode Island 67, New Hamp-
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Houston 82, Corpus Christi 70
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Long Beach St. 117, San Jose

Valdosta DE Plans Open House

By TIMES STAFF WRITER
The Valdosta High School Distributive Education Club is scheduled to hold its annual open house for club members parents here Tuesday night. Co-ordinator Norman Greene said the program is scheduled to get underway at 8 p.m. in the school library. The students are to present a program on Distributive Education and explain how the parents can become involved, Greene said.

When you are having a party make extra ice cubes and store them in the freezer in plastic bags.

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Platt Leads NAIA Chart

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jun-
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basketball statistical report.
The Hoosier performer is hit-
ing at a 35.6 clip for 22 games
while Jim Bushkofsky of Upper
Iowa is second with a 33.4
average in 19 games.

Sports Scoreboard

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST

Yale 82, Dartmouth 69
Princeton 51, Columbia 50
Harvard 83, Brown 66
Penn 78, Cornell 68
Rochester 80, NY 65
Assumption Worcester
Tech 81
Pace 76, Pace 39
Fredonia 73, Cortland St.
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Alfred 70, Cortland 62
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RPI 74, Rochester Tech 59
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SOUTH

Knoxville 95, Ill. St. 86
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W. Florida 62, St. Leo 59
Mercer 104, Fla. Tech 68
SE La. 79, Troy St. 47
N. Georgia 101, LaGrange 89
N. Carolina A&T 88, Morgan

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Central Wesleyan 93, Francis
Marion 66
John Carroll 84, Bethany 62
Md.-Balt. Co. 84, South East-
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Howard 76, N. Carolina Cen-
tral 59
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Coe 79, Cornell, Iowa 71
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Simpson 105, Buena Vista 71
Beloit 70, Grinnell 55
N. Dakota 80, Morningside 52
Winona 102, Bemidji 66
Gustavus Adolphus 80, Minn-
Duluth 70
Baker 71, Central Methodist
66

Luther 63, Wm. Penn 62
Cameron 76, SW Okla. 65.
SE Okla. 91, Langston 59.
Loras 100, MacMurray 84
Wayne, Neb. 72, Chadron,
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Oregon 72, Cal 69
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St. 76

UC-San Diego 72, U.S. Inter-
national 71

Biola 64, Cal Lutheran 53
Centenary 78, Hawaii 71

USM Picks

New Coaches

HATTIESBURG, Miss. —
Confirmation of the appoint-
ment of four new assistant fot-
ball coaches at the University
of Southern Mississippi was
announced today by athletic
director Reed Green.

Formal approval of their
appointments was given only
today by the Board of Trustees
of Institutions of Higher Learn-
ing in Mississippi, Green said.
The newcomers to coach

—Times Staff Photo

VHS' George Roundtree (34) And Robin Holley Soar High Above Calvin Bowen

Valdosta High STAR

He's All-Arou

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

An all-around scholar has been named the Valdosta High School STAR student and he's picked a former VHS valedictorian as the STAR teacher.

Richard Dasher, 17-year-old son of Mrs. Don Dasher of Old Clyattville Road, copped the Student Teacher Achievement Recognition award with a 14.50 score on the Scholastic Achievement Test and a high grade average for the first semester of the school year.

Because of her influence on him academically, young Dasher chose Mabel Wolinski, a VHS English teacher, as his STAR teacher.

President of the VHS Marchin' Cats, Dasher said he is eyeing a career as a symphony orchestra conductor.

"I'm really interested in reaching people," he explained, "and music is one way to do this."

He plays clarinet with the band and won the "Star Musicianship Award" this year because of some musical arrangements he did.

Dasher's favorite music is classical but he keeps "an open mind" about contemporary sounds. "I get the most out of classical music," he said, "but I try to understand why others like rock, pop and jazz."

The winner of an Elk Scholarship, the VHS STAR is also a National Merit Scholarship finalist. He said he was considering several colleges but was leaning toward Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla.

Dasher is also president of the VHS Foreign Language Club, assistant editor of the school newspaper, the Outlook, and a member of the Beta Club and the VHS math and debate teams.

In addition to the clarinet, Dasher also plays alto saxophone and trombone.

He won the 1971 Georgia Social Science Fair and is a member of Central Avenue Church of Christ.

Dasher's hobbies include painting, reading "and just walking around." "I know that sounds funny," he grinned, "but I really do enjoy just taking a walk in the woods—alone."

Mrs. Wolinski, the wife of



They'll Represent VHS

retired civil service employe Harry Wolinski, is a native Valdostan who was valedictorian of her VHS graduating class. She received her AB degree from Valdosta State College here and her Master's degree in English from FSU. She also holds a teacher's 6-year specialist's certificate from FSU and is president of the Valdosta Association of Educators.

A STAR teacher 10 years ago, Mrs. Wolinski is a member of the Georgia Association of Educators, National Education Association and American Association of University Women. The mother of a son and a

In Pediatric Wing

Murals Brighten Walls

By EMILY OXFORD

A first time stay in a hospital, especially a prolonged one, can be a traumatic experience for a child.

Some of the patients at South Georgia Medical Center's pediatric wing, however, don't want to leave their favorite storybook characters which are being painted on the walls. Others can't wait to get home and have murals painted on their own bedroom walls.

The South Georgia Medical Center Medical Auxiliary (doctors wives) is sponsoring the project which is being done by Valdosta High School's Art Services Class coordinated by Patsy Smith, VHS Art teacher.

Linda Alexander, who is practice teaching under Mrs. Smith, is also working with students on the project.

According to Janie Shirah, public relations coordinator at the hospital, Mrs. Quentin Lawson and Mrs. Bob Parkhurst, both of whom are former pediatric nurses, were instigators of the project. Both women are married to Valdosta doctors.

Mrs. Parkhurst had worked at a hospital in Michigan where the walls in the pediatric wing were painted with murals.

"The children there seemed to like them and I mentioned this to our auxiliary and they thought it was a good idea," Mrs. Parkhurst said.

When completed, the students will have painted 16 murals which range in size from two by three feet to five feet by eight feet.

About 25 students have been coming to the hospital for one class period a day to work on the murals, according to Miss Shirah. They have been working on the project about four weeks and expect to have it completed in about four more weeks.

The murals are of fairy tale or storybook characters and are painted in bright acrylics. Besides the murals on the walls in each room, a large mural is being painted on the ceiling of the children's x-ray room at the request of Dr. Robert Quattlebaum, radiologist.

"The contact with the chil-



Awed: Sammy Jones Watches Artist Sherry Jones

— Times Staff Photo

dren has meant a lot to the students and the children have been fascinated watching them paint. Some of the children have been amazed and delighted to see their favorite storybook character appear on the walls," Mrs. Shirah said.

monstrators Leave

Quietly After Confrontation

By WINK DeVANE

The first confrontation between demonstrating blacks and lawmen since the issuing of a restraining order over the weekend ended peacefully today.

About 35 blacks dispersed quietly from the shoulder of

a road across from the Lowndes County Board of Education Office shortly after 10 a.m.

The action came after Lowndes Chief of Detectives W. F. (Billy) Cowart had read the court order to one of the demonstration leaders, Joseph Hammonds, an official from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference headquartered in Atlanta.

Hammonds was one of 14 individuals named as defendants in the suit for injunction brought by the board after demonstrators allegedly disrupted classes at county schools Thursday and Friday and attempted to get inside the board's offices Friday.

Also named as defendants were the Black Community Action Group and "all persons in active concert or participation with them."

The order, issued by Lowndes Superior Court Judge George A. Horkan of Moultrie, enjoined the defendants from coming on any campus or school board property and placed a limit of 12 pickets at any one time within 100 yards of school property.

It also enjoined the defendants from any disruption of school operations and from im-

peding the normal flow of traffic on any public road or street or the entrance or exit of any school.

School Supt. A. B. (Sonny) Martin said the board sought the injunction after the school system received several bomb threats, tires on county school buses were punctured and students were enticed away from school.

Martin said some of those involved in the protest lured some students away from Hahira Junior High School last week and put them on the picket lines.

"We didn't know if they (junior high students) had their parents' permission to leave school or not. They certainly didn't have ours," said Martin. "Parents brought a lot of them back the next day."

Hahira was also the scene of the punctured tires incident. Martin added, and at least four schools have received telephoned bomb threats.

The court order restrains the defendants from repeating the alleged acts and from "threatening, intimidating, or attempting to do so, any teacher or employe of the Lowndes County Board of Education and from preventing or impeding

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them from going to, upon and from the premises and property of the school or other property of the . . . board of education."

About 20 lawmen, deputies and state troopers, were at the board office when the pickets began arriving about 8:10 a.m. The first to arrive was a group of about five black teenage girls.

By 9 a.m. the demonstrators' ranks had grown to about 35.

The demonstrators were relatively quiet, chanting only occasionally and verbally goading the lawmen from time to time.

About 10 a.m. the initial contingent of lawmen was joined by about a dozen members of a civil disorder unit of the state patrol.

Officers said they were drawn from the area posts.

The disorder unit formed a line along the front of the board property as the demonstrators talked over alternatives.

A few minutes later they left in several trucks and cars.

Neither Martin nor the lawmen knew whether they intended to return.

Martin said he did not know what was the reason for the picketing. "I honestly haven't heard," he said.

School officials were hopeful they had satisfied protesters last month when they issued a 10-point decision which met some of their demands.

In the decision, the board agreed to hire more black teachers in specific areas and to set up a standing, bi-racial advisory committee of students to evaluate all student elections.

The board also agreed to publish the court order under which the system operates in the newspaper and to allow 71 boycotting students to return to school in the spring quarter.

The boycott began in December following the November suspension of a black student who was allegedly involved in a slapping incident with a white female teacher.

The student, Freeman Ferguson, a junior at Lowndes High School, is also to be allowed to return to class in the spring, said Martin.

After the demonstrators left, lawmen relaxed their vigil a little but most of them stayed near the board office to await the next move by blacks.

Suspension Upheld By State Board

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The suspension of a Lowndes High School student who was involved in an altercation with a teacher in November was upheld Thursday by the State Board of Education.

Freeman Ferguson had been suspended until spring quarter after he allegedly shoved a teacher. The incident has provided the focal point for continuing protests from other black students.

Fred Walker, attorney for the Lowndes County school board, told the state board it was just a case of disciplinary action against a student.

After Ferguson was suspended by the Lowndes board, his mother appealed to the state.

Albany lawyer C. B. King had said he would represent the youth at the hearing.

However, King nor his client appeared at the hearing.

A spokesman today in King's office said he was in court in Cordele today and could not be

reached for comment.

Walker, commenting to the state board on why the local board took the action, said "other students have rights too. Students who assault teachers or attempt to disrupt school acti-

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Parents Of Suspended 24 Want Children Reinstated

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The parents of two dozen suspended Valdosta Junior High School students are organizing an effort to get their children returned to class. School officials meanwhile, have set the length of suspension at 30 days to six weeks.

One parent, who asked not to be identified, said, parents have already held one meet-

ing and another is planned.

"I'm sure," she said, "most of us won't let it go. We feel the school officials brought it on themselves."

The students were suspended Friday after a confrontation with VJHS Principal James C. (Jimmy) Hunt and Assistant Supt. Ralph Brandon.

School officials and parents differ over what triggered the incident. Brandon and School Supt. Foster Goolsby said it was apparently an effort on the students' part to trigger a walkout because of the board of education's dress code and hair length restrictions.

The parent said it was a result of past incidents of "unfair judgment, disciplinary action, disrespect in the form of being bullied, being talked to in a manner unworthy of respect and students being denied the opportunity to make up work they missed when they were out sick."

She also said it was indirectly related to the earlier suspension of a black girl who reportedly was involved in a disagreement with a white youth. The parent said the girl was suspended but the other student was not.

School officials said Monday the incident was not related to an earlier suspension.

Goolsby said 20 of the suspensions are for 30 days and the other four are for six weeks. The suspensions officially began Monday, he added.

The longer suspensions were the result of a heated discus-

sion between Hunt and some of the students at the school cafeteria, Goolsby said.

"Some of these students, during the time school officials were trying to get them to return to class, engaged in disrespectful talk to school officials," he explained.

One student, he added used profanity.

Goolsby also said the students' reentry at the end of the suspensions is "contingent upon adequate and cooperative arrangements being made with the junior high administration."

The absences are to be listed as "unexcused," the superintendent continued, but they will receive credit for any schoolwork they do at home.

The parent said neither she nor the other parents are excusing what the students did. "We don't condone the disruption of classes," she explained.

"But we feel the incident was a result of school officials baiting them into it. Mr. Hunt even told my daughter she didn't have the guts to walk off the campus."

Her daughter was also previously suspended for smoking a cigarette at the school, she continued, and she was teased about it when the suspension was over.

"When she returned," the parent said, "Mr. Hunt asked her if she wanted a cigarette."

Students returning from suspension are forced to go to the principal if they want permission to go to the restroom, she added.

"This just means more time lost from class," he said.

The woman did not know what action the parents would eventually decide on taking. "We're just organizing right now," she said.

"It's sort of a wait and see thing."

However, she did not rule out the possibility of appealing to the State Board of Education or other legal action.

"That school," she continued, "spends half its time with petty disciplinary action. They're not trying to help the student learn."

"They're more concerned with minor offenses they commit."

Goolsby said he had been contacted by about five parents over the incident but he was not invited to the Tuesday night meeting.

"I just had heard they were meeting," he said. "That's all I know."

VHS Lists Honor Roll Students

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Valdosta High School had 153 students to attain honor roll ranking for the third six-week period, announced the principal, Lloyd D. Mims.

Honor roll students include:

Seniors - Erika Alcorn, Syd Alderman, Carol Allen, Debbie Allen, Nadine Bailey, Dee Dee Barrineau, Sarah Bartholomew, Eden Beck, Susie Bell, Peggy Bernard, Billy Berrlan, Tom Best/Durwood Black, Andrea Bond, Sandra Brownlee, Lauri Bonner.

Guy Bryant, Francine Ceasar, Joe Clayton, Diane Cravey, Richard Dasher, Eddie Davis, Kathy DeBenedittis, Ronnie Denson, Polly Durden, Mike Eanes, Elaine Ellis, Barbara Eynon, Daisy Fiveash, Marticia Griffin, Lisa Groover, Angie Henderson.

Joy Henderson, Jan Hendricks, Becky Herdon, Gary Hutchens, Loretha Johns, Richard Joseph, Mary Jane Keen, Peggy King, Gayle Left, Pam Maturi, Donna McCranie, Marion McQueen, Lea McRae, Phyllis Moore, James Moran.

Jeanne Morton, Tom Odum, Janet Parrish, Paul Reddick, David Register, Betty Riggie, Eddie Roberts, Sue Robertson, Elaine Robinson, Vicki Royles, Mary Shearry, Scottie Slocum, Mary Nell Smart, Fred Smotherman.

Maureen Steward, Ann Strom, Denise Sweat, Irvin Taylor, SuBeth Tillman, Steve Tomlinson, Jeannie Turner, Beverly Vickers, Kay Welch, Judy Wetherington, John Whitehurst, Kay Wiggins, Randy Williams, Steven Wilson.

Juniors - Carolya Adams, Julie Beck, Marguerite Booth, Barbara Bowen, Debbie Brown, Francisca Campa, Lavanna Collier, Marcie Cosey, Susan Davis, David DeMerssman, Patti Dorminey, Kathy Dyal, Charloise Eanes, Earl Folsom, Sharon Gilmore, Cindy Green, Cheryl Hackett.

Linda Haddock, Vondean Harris, Cherry Lester, Debbie Marositz, Patricia Norris, E. C. Painter, Becky Parker, Mary Ann Porter, Nicola Redman, Mary Simmons, Kim Smith, Mary Anna Smith, Julie Southwell, Linda Stackhouse, Debbie Taylor, Sherree Valenti, Glyn Webb.

Sophomors - Joni Abernathy, Scott Alderman, Anne Bolen, Wilbur Bragg, Conna Brandon, Denise Campbell, Mayra Colca, Bellvia Corbett, Cheryl Edison, Walter Elliott, Janice Ellis, Terri Ellison, Debbie Federico, Linda Floyd, Caria Fountain, Velma Garland, Beth George, Terry Gaham, La-Voe Griffin, Robert Hamel.

Teresa Hallaway, Peggy Henry, Lane Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Chrystee McDonald, Tamara Mikell, Myrian Murphy, Phillip Painter, Anne Passmore, Gail Register, Syd Shepherd, Susan Solomon, Susan Sowell, Ginny Stewart, Phyllis Stovall, Abbe Sweat, Phil Tettefeller, Mike Thomas, Mary Lou Tillman, Nicky Valenti, Daryl Walter, Stephen Willis, Randy Wilson, Vicki Zeigler.

BofE Meeting

Black Demonstrators Nabbed

By ARCHIE McKEY

About 40 blacks were arrested Monday night outside the offices of the Lowndes County Board of Education and charged with violating a court order forbidding such activity.

While the board met inside a large force of state and county law enforcement officers cordoned off the area.

Lowndes Detective Chief W. F. (Billy) Cowart said officials had been tipped off that some type of protest would be held at the meeting.

Among those arrested was Joseph Hammonds, of Atlanta, an official with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The court order which officers

said the group violated was issued Saturday after school officials complained that black pickets were disrupting school activities.

Superior Court Judge George A. Horkan of Moultrie signed the order, naming several protesters by name also issuing a blanket provision against anyone connected with the school boycott and protest.

Chief Cowart said those arrested around the building were identified by officers having engaged in the protest picketing and were covered by the court's restraining order.

While the arrests were going on outside, the board was meeting in regular session inside.

About 20 blacks had arrived about 7 p.m. and were inside with the board.

After the commotion started outside, about 7:30 p.m., the blacks inside left.

Those inside had listened to proceedings of the board but did not ask to speak.

Board Chairman George Moulton later said he was about to ask the group if they had anything to say when they left.

The protest, which started as a Lowndes High boycott after a black student was suspended in November, has grown to include several demands by a local black organization.

School officials have met with members of the black com-

munity and at one point reached a tentative agreement for settling the dispute.

However, about three points in the 10-point agreement were contested and negotiations fell apart.

The Arrests started about 7:30 p.m. and the commotion was over by 8 p.m.

There was little resistance during the arrests and no violence was witnessed by a newsman at the scene.

While officers restrained several of the group by their arms and legs, no weapons were used in sight of newsmen. There were no reported injuries.

Those arrested were carried away in state patrol vehicles

and vans equipped to haul prisoners.

It was reported today that the group was lodged in various area jails due to its large number.

Judge Horkan, holding court in Echols County, informed The Times that provisions for \$500 bond was written into the restraining order in event of such situations as occurred Monday night.

He said any of the 40 could secure their immediate release on bond and that a hearing on the matter will be called in a short time.

Meanwhile, school sources said a disturbance at Lowndes High early today was broken. See Black — Page 2

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up and about 10 students left the campus.

A school official said about 30 students blocked the halls for a short time. Advised by faculty to either report to class or leave, the disturbance ended. About 20 returned to the classrooms.

The protest had been dormant for several weeks until the picket lines went up two weeks ago.

Hammonds arrived and several of meetings have been held in area black churches.

Last week, school officials said some of the here-to-fore peaceful pickets started disturbing the office and school routine.

In their petition to the court, school officials charged that some students had been intimidated by the protesters and remained home from school.

Officials charged the protesters with trying to enter the board offices to disrupt the routine and with interfering with faculty, students and administrative personnel.

There are two court hearings now expected in the next few weeks.

One will deal with the alleged violations Monday night of the court order.

The second hearing will be on the complaints made by school officials and temporarily upheld when the judge signed his order.

Treatment Of Protesters Protested

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, says state troopers were too aggressive in arresting some 43 black protesters at Valdosta.

"Dr. Abernathy finds it highly inexplicable that state troopers with night sticks and billy clubs would unmercifully beat defenseless citizens of Georgia protesting inequities in the Lowndes County school system," said a statement issued by the SCLC Tuesday.

Members of the Black Community Action Group, most of them teen-agers, were arrested Monday night outside the Lowndes County Board of Education office and charged with violating a court order prohibiting such a demonstration.

Abernathy's charge drew a denial from Col. Ray Pope, commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, who said no physical violence occurred

on the part of the troopers.

One trooper was kicked in the shin by a demonstrator and a Lowndes County deputy was slapped in the face, Pope said, but the authorities made no violent response.

"Dr. Abernathy is highly misinformed," said Pope. "Such charges tend to only inflame an already intense situation in which serious parties are trying to work out the problems."

Meanwhile, some 200 blacks

protesting the alleged brutality of the troopers demonstrated around the courthouse Tuesday afternoon but dispersed when it was announced that arrangements had been made to permit the 43 arrested blacks to be released from jail on bond.

No arrests were reported Tuesday.

Blacks at Lowndes High School arranged a boycott and protest following the suspension last November of a black pupil.

On Saturday, Superior Court Judge George Horkan of Moultrie signed a restraining order when school officials complained that black pickets were disrupting school activities. It was a blanket order against anyone connected with the school boycott and protest.

Lowndes County officials said they had been tipped that a protest would be held at Monday night's school board meeting.

Valdosta Council Delegates Emergency Power to Mayor

By CAREY CAMERON
T-U Georgia News Editor

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Valdosta Mayor James Beck has it in writing now that he has emergency powers to deal with civil disturbances or other problems where quick action might be needed.

City Council, acting in the wake of several days of racial demonstrations here, Wednesday approved the emergency powers for the mayor without debate and also approved a proposal that clarifies the city code provisions regulating parades and crowd control.

"Actually I thought I had the power all along but it's in writing now. Our parade ordinance was previously listed under circuses and this clarifies what you can do in a parade," Beck said.

COUNCIL TOOK the action following a rock and bottle tossing incident Tuesday night. Asst. Police Chief Loyce Arnold said about 150 or 200 blacks "milled up and down" Ashley Street from about 8 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

Police, seeking to avoid violence if possible, made no arrests and did not block off the area. City Manager Phin Horton said traffic was not blocked by the demonstrators but was "impeded" at times.

Horton said the incident was not a riot but some bottles were tossed. Arnold said a bottle hit police officer Willie Bell in the neck but did not injure him.

Bricks were thrown through three plate glass windows at Branch St. Grocery Store in a Negro commercial neighborhood, Arnold said.

Firemen reported three attempts to start fires at commercial buildings, with only one creating much damage.

THE DOWNTOWN demonstrations and the alleged arson attempts apparently developed in the atmosphere created by demonstration

over the dismissal of a Negro student from Lowndes High School. There have also been pickets at the Lowndes school administrative offices and at the Lowndes County Courthouse.

Forty-three Negroes arrested at the school administrative office Monday night were released at 7 p.m. Tuesday on bonds of \$500 each, Chief Lowndes Deputy Sheriff W. F. Cowart said.

They had been charged with violating a court order enjoining them from interfering with school board operations.

City council members did not mention the racial troubles in open session Wednesday but quietly approved the two motions pertaining to the power to deal with such problems.

THE REMAINDER of the meeting was devoted to handling routine matters, which included a mild debate on whether to accept a second low bid from a Valdosta contractor in lieu of a low bid from an out-of-town contractor.

Tommy L. Griffin of Macon submitted a low bid of \$38,736

to install a sewage pumping station and water line extensions. He was awarded the contract when a move to give it to the local firm of D&K Company, \$845 higher, failed.

After lengthy discussion council approved a set of rules and regulations for a new section of Sunset Hill Cemetery which sells only companion lots.

The rules were designed to regulate the placing of monuments and flowers on the lots to make it possible for the cemetery to be maintained with machinery.

Letters To Editor

School Progress Is Costly

Sir:

In your editorial of Jan. 13 you stated that educators are confusing you by insisting on a better education for our children because this could result in some cut back

of the proposed local tax relief.

In your Feb. comment you chide our local boards of education for truthfully saying that federal funds curtailment will hurt. You call for greater efficiency and better service at an even lower tax cost.

Obviously you could not be familiar with the school budget process. Nor do you recognize the extent to which most local expenditures are beyond local control. If your editorial staff would do the necessary research you would find a lot more efficiency and economy than you give credit for.

Why did your financial advisers double the price of your newspaper? Have you not done the very thing you challenge others for doing? You said personal services cost more, so do supplies and equipment. Did this apply on-

ly to your business? What was your argument for a 100 per cent price increase sometime back? Should we say we now get half as much news at twice the price?

Join your public officials when they burn the midnight oil trying to give you what you demand and still keep the cost where you want it to be. You cannot finance progress at bargain prices no matter how hard you try.

Inflation is a fact — let's admit that. Examine our public budgets. Point out specific areas where you can prove there is waste and improper expenditure of funds. Dedicated public servants and the people who keep them in office will thank you for your help.

William M. Eanes
55 Loganberry Circle

NOTE — Mr. Eanes is a member of the Valdosta Board of Education.

3 Valdosta Firms Are Hit by Fires

The Times-Union Bureau

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Valdosta firemen made calls to three places of business where arsonists apparently attempted to start fires in what officials believe is connected with demonstrations at Lowndes County Courthouse and the Lowndes County school board office.

Although no link between the arsons and the demonstrations, which resulted in the arrest of 40 Negroes in the last few days, could be established, it is the general belief that those who set the fires were, to say the least, caught up in the fever of the climate created by the racial

trouble.

FIRE CHIEF Dewey Foster said the most serious of the three fires occurred at Dowling Bag Company's warehouse on Summerlin Street about 8:50 p.m. Tuesday.

"They had been moving large rolls of paper about six feet in diameter out of the warehouse and had left the warehouse open. Somebody ignited about eight of these rolls and it got so heavily involved in smoke that before we could fight the fire the sprinklers went off. There was about \$2,500 in damage and I'm sorry to say it was mostly water damage.

Features

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Virginia Culpepper, Editor



—Times Staff Photo

Practice Makes Perfect

And Trenia Warren, 15, works out under a hot August sun with the Valdosta High School band at the annual band camp at Douglas. Trenia, a sophomore, is one of 230 members of the band which is to perform for the first

time this season Aug. 31 at Thomasville when the Valdosta Wild Cats play Thomasville High School's Bulldogs. Frank Butenschon is director of the Marchin' Cats, award-winning band.

City System

Files Suit

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By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's city school system filed a suit in federal court Friday seeking to alter an "archaic" state law which officials say discriminates against students who attend independent systems.

The suit, filed by Valdosta attorney Rueben Yancey, asked the court to declare the Georgia state law regulating school transportation funding "repugnant to the Constitution to the United States."

The Atlanta school system also filed suit in hopes of prying loose state money for school transportation which would affect some 20,000 pupils there.

Georgia law sets up a formula by which the state pays a portion of the cost for buses, equipment and for the salary of drivers to transport children who live more than a mile and a half from schools to which they have been assigned.

The law specifies only county systems are entitled to such

money, even though city residents pay taxes to the state.

Foster Goolsby, superintendent of city schools here, appeared before the state school board recently and asked that it give him a definite answer to his request for state school bus funds.

Goolsby told the board he had written several requests to state school officials asking for money but had consistently been referred to the state law in response.

Assistant School Superintendent Ralph Brandon said the next step is to get a three-judge panel to act on an injunction against the state until transportation funding could be provided.

Yancey has given the injunction a slim 20 per cent chance of success and a 30 to 40 per cent chance of winning a favorable decision by the panel.

"I frankly can not see how they can not favorably approve a suit which is aimed at treating all students alike," Brandon told the Times today.

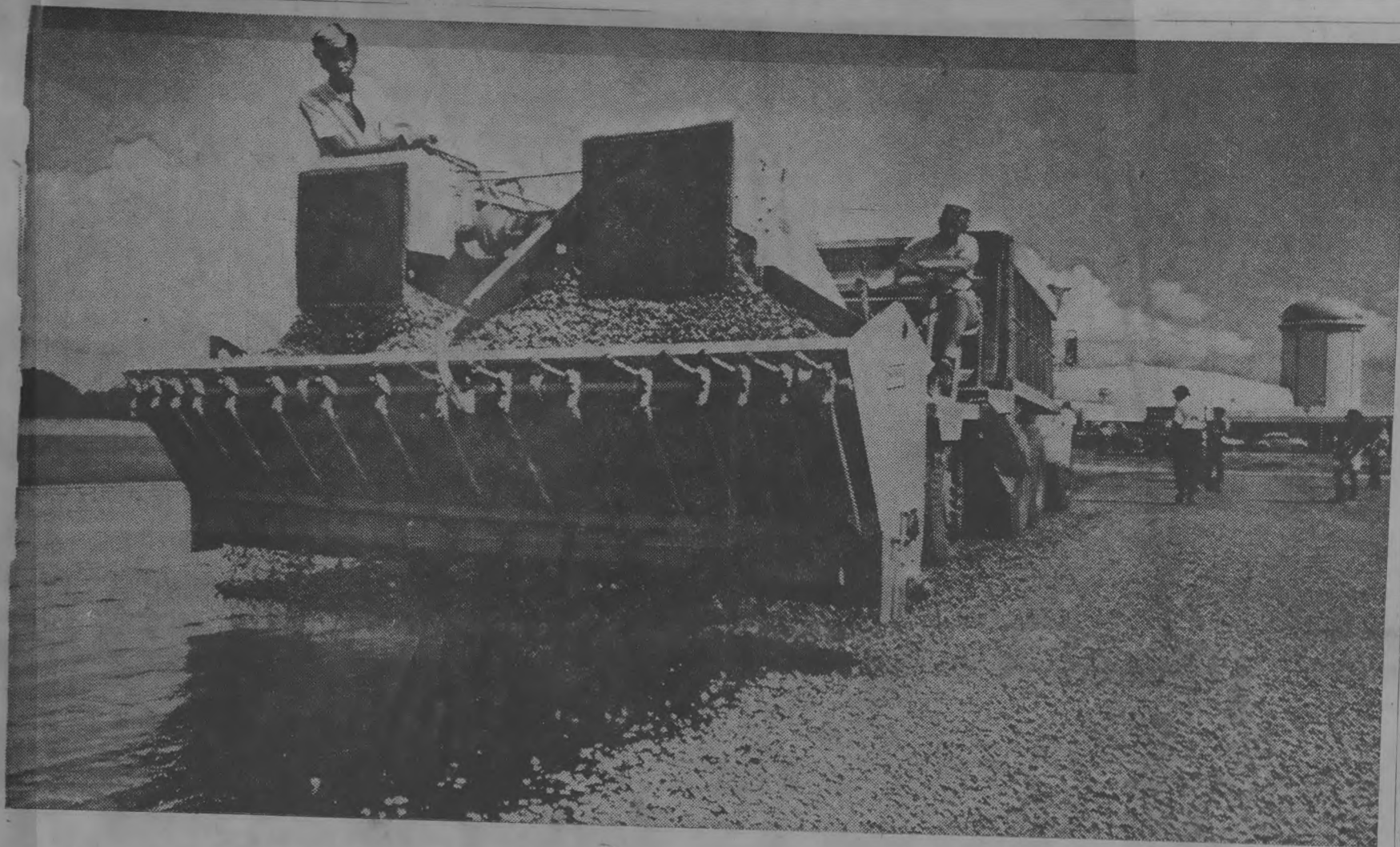
He said the present system created hardships on all pupils going to city schools. There are some 7,300 students attending the city's seven elementary, one junior high and one senior high schools.

"We feel all students should be treated equally and receive the same benefits," Brandon went on.

He said there is nothing racial about the matter "although some people have tried to inject this into it."

"Just as many white students as black live in areas being denied the opportunity for busing," he pointed out.

Valdosta is one of 29 independent school systems in Georgia where children are denied transportation funds because of the law. Brandon said Valdosta was the second-largest independent system in the state next to Atlanta.



The Waiting's Over: Wainer Brothers Paving Crews Lay Gravel In New Valdosta High School Parking Lot

-Times Staff Photo, by Robert Winter III

High School Opens Tuesday With Rest

Fri. Aug 31, 1973

By MARY CROUSE

The new \$4.5 million Valdosta High is to open Tuesday with the rest of the city schools, but the anticipated 2,200 students are being asked to form car pools to get to the campus, Supt. Foster Goolsby said today.

The car pool is an effort to keep down traffic congestion at the school site and to insure a sufficient parking in the lot, which will accommodate about 450 cars.

The superintendent said in a telephone interview from the new comprehensive facility there appears to be no reason why the much delayed paving won't be ready for use Tues-

day.

Goolsby explained he had just talked with Lowndes County officials about the prospect of opening VHS with the rest of the other schools.

The county is doing all the grading and primer work on the school driveways and parking lots.

"Half of the north parking lot and the driveways are ready for Wainer Brothers to begin paving," said Goolsby.

"There appears to be no reason, in the opinion of everyone concerned, that the driveways and part of the parking lot we've been shooting for won't be ready," he said.

"Lowndes County manager Buford McRae and engineer Julian Dupree told me that the problem with the driveway will only take a brief period to fix before Wainer can move in and begin paving," said

Goolsby.

Rains for the last two days have hindered some of the county's progress at the school.

Goolsby said Wainer officials have told him they'll "work as it is necessary to have this thing ready by Tuesday."

The school, which is a year late in opening, is heralded one of the most modern

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