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EYE TRADE SCHOOL

City Getting Head Start In Adult Education Field

EDITORS NOTE: Adult education is a relatively new program in the Valdosta school system but is rapidly picking up steam. The program, its concepts and practices are outlined in this story by Walter Harrison, adult education director.

By WALTER HARRISON

The Valdosta Board of Education is attempting to get a head start in the field of adult education in preparation for the opening of the area vocational-technical school.

When the proposed school becomes a reality, it is anticipated that the greater part of the students attending will be in the post-high-school group.

Adult education is not an innovation for the local school system. Adult classes have been carried out on a limited basis for the past several years. These classes have been primarily of the evening trade extension type. Blue print reading, basic electrical principles, shop mathematics and practical nursing have been offered to adults in evening classes in recent years.

time is the Valdosta Vocational School of Practical Nursing under the direction of Mrs. Charleen Blalock and Mrs. Ann Nix. One class is now in progress with the students scheduled to complete their training in November. A new class will begin in September. Anyone desiring to enroll in this class should make application immediately.

The School of Practical Nursing is located at 314 West College St. and has modern facilities and the finest teaching aids available.

The principal project for the coming year is the electronic technology program. This is the first program on the technical education level to be offered by the Valdosta Board of Education. This course will begin on Sept. 11, and should be well developed by the time the area school is completed. This program, along with the practical nursing program, will move into the area school system as soon as it is completed.

The electronics course is designed to train electronic technicians. The technician is the person who works between the engineer and the skilled craftsman. It is his responsibility to put the ideas of the engineer into practice. This is a wide-open field that will continue to grow with the expansion of our space programs and the automation of industry.

Some \$65,000 have been expend-



—Times Staff Photo

"Now This Is What's Inside . . ."

Instructor Mrs. Ann Nix discusses anatomy at the School of Practical Nursing here. The students are Evelyn Warren, Venessa Hall, Frances McKenzie and Carmen Morris.

ed in equipping this program with the very latest types of training equipment.

Present plans for the electronics program call for full-time and part-time classes of the trade preparatory type. Tentative plans call for utilizing the facilities to the utmost through trade extension programs. This program represents the highest type of training to be offered in the new area school. The course will consist of 2,650 hours of classroom and laboratory work. It will take approximately two years to complete the course on a full-time basis and about four years on a part-time basis. Applications are now being accepted for this program.

Tentative plans at the present call for evening courses in shorthand, typing, and bookkeeping to be offered in the fall. These courses will be offered on the basis of need. Any such courses for which there is sufficient demand will be offered.

Courses for supervisory personnel in industry are under consid-

eration. Tentatively planned for this group are courses in rapid-reading and human relations.

Trade extension training will be offered to any group of employed persons in the fields of trade and industry who have need of it. Present plans call for at least one course — possibly two — in shop mathematics. Others will be established as the need arises.

For the past two years, the brickmasonry program at Pinevale High School has been avail-

able to adults and out-of-school youth on an all-day trade basis. This year cosmetology will be available under the same plan.

Adult education through the public schools is on the increase nationwide. Valdosta will make every effort to stay abreast of the trend and offer the citizens of this area the opportunity to prepare for new and better occupations or to advance their knowledge and skills in their present occupation.



Times Staff Photo

Pretty Petite Mademoiselle Greeted At Station
 "Completely Charming" was Supt. Nunn's Appraisal

IN CITY SCHOOLS

Blue-Eyed Mademoiselle Is New French Teacher

By MARY DICKEY

A petite young mademoiselle with coal black hair and sparkling blue eyes is Valdosta's new French teacher in the city schools.

Miss Josette Cantaloup arrived in Valdosta Saturday after spending a week in Washington, D. C., where she attended an orientation session for all foreign teachers on Fulbright scholarships in the U. S.

She replaces Jean Guitton who taught here for two years.

Miss Cantaloup will teach all sixth grade students for 30 minutes daily and instruct a special French class for the seventh graders.

The young lady from Toulouse, France, received her education at the Ecole Normale de Institutrices in her home town. She attended the University of Paris and special sessions at Exeter in South Hampton, England.

When she returns to France she will be obligated in her country to teach there in return for the scholarship grant.

Her recommendations were excellent and the professors said her work was brilliant. But the most impressive statement to the Valdosta school officials was the fact that she could adapt herself to any situation and "her happy disposition was contagious to anyone around her," according to school officials.

"She has been completely charming from the moment she got off the train," Supt. W. G. Nunn said.

But Miss Cantaloup says it is the people of Valdosta who are charming.

"I am so very happy to be here but I can't express my gratitude properly at this time. Everyone has been so hospitable to me and they seem to be doing everything to make me feel right at home," she said.

The little French girl said when she was met by Nunn, S. L. Mason, Dr. J. Ralph Thaxton, and Miss Helen Hightower she knew she was going to enjoy her stay in this city.

"My teaching will be somewhat different here than it would be at home. You have so much material to work with. In France we do not have all this.

"The children learn faster in American schools because it is presented in a way in which they can more easily understand. I shall enjoy working with all the material," she said.

For the next few days she will be staying with Miss Hightower, the visiting teacher for the city schools.

"I must find a suitable apartment as soon as possible but I shall hate to leave Miss Hightower's cooking. She is so very great a cook. I had fried chicken my first night here and I enjoyed it I hope to have it again soon," she said in her pleasing accent.

Miss Cantaloup said she heard from the counsel in France that America is a pretty country but they failed to say just how beautiful it really is.

"The scenery impresses me and the lovely homes in your city are so large. I especially like the big white columns on the houses," she added.

The pretty French Miss has had a little bit of trouble in understanding the Southern accent.

"You know it really is a drawl because you people speak so slow-

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Teachers Preparing For Classes

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

City and county public school teachers returned to their schools today to prepare for the thousands of local students who will converge on classrooms here Tuesday, Sept. 5.

This was pre-planning week for the teachers, white and Negro, in both systems.

Supt. W. G. Nunn of the Valdosta system called all white city teachers into a general faculty meeting at Valdosta High at 9 a. m. today to lay plans for the new school year.

The Negro teachers who will work in the city system met at 11 a. m. today at Pinevale High School to plan for the new year.

The theme of the city school system pre-planning week is "New Methods of Teaching Mathematics" and the teachers of mathematics and simple arithmetic will emphasize this program, a spokesman said today.

All teachers in the Lowndes County school system reported to their respective schools today.

Many later went to Waycross
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12 New Teachers Added To VHS Staff

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Twelve new teachers have been contracted to fill the vacancies left at Valdosta High School this school term.

A math instructor is still needed to fill the only empty teaching position on the faculty, according to Principal Howard Bridges.

New faculty members and the courses they will head are Mrs. Sam Harris, senior algebra, geometry and trigonometry; Mrs. Harold M. Sloan, chemistry and biology; James P. Horn, DCT; Miss Elizabeth W. Jones, choral group; Mrs. Charolette Owens, Spanish.

Mrs. Joe Wisenbaker, business English and civics; Mrs. Ann Moncus, freshman English; Mrs. Hugh W. Brown, Latin; Miss Sammy Rayle, assistant librarian; Mrs. Rachel Rowan and Mrs. Grace Thompson, home economics; and Mrs. Betty Gooze, junior English.

For the first time in many years, VHS will have an art course. Jack Wooten will head this department.

The class had to be limited to the 25 most talented students in the school.

"With all the talent in the school it's a shame we couldn't have had a class sooner," said Bridges.

Home room registration for the ninth and tenth grades will be held Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Juniors and seniors will register from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. the same day.

Students who have moved to Valdosta this summer and who will enter VHS in September may register any morning between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

"This is not only helpful to the school officials but saves the students a lot of trouble if they will go ahead and register early," added Bridges.

All make-up tests will be given Aug. 29 at 1 p.m. for VHS students.

Those wishing to check out books to study for the test may do so.

The only new change at the

school this year is the time element.

Classes will begin Sept. 5 at 8:40 and run a full schedule that day.

The school day is beginning five minutes earlier at VHS so the students will have a longer lunch period, Bridges said.

Enrollment is expected this year to exceed 950 students.

Some 376 freshmen will make that class the largest in several years while the senior class is one of the smallest.

Football season tickets for all school students will go on sale the first day of school.

VHS students will pay \$2.40 for a ticket while grammar school pupils will pay \$1.20.

All tickets sold at the gate for each of the home football games will be \$1.50 for students and adults and \$1 for children.

Freshman march will be held the second week of school.

College night has been scheduled for October and an armed services program has been planned early this year.

Bazemore, with almost two decades of constant football success behind him, can have a young writer crying in sympathy with him within seconds after meeting him. He has cried "Wolf" so effectively and so often that veteran writers go right ahead and pick Valdosta as the team to beat even on those few occasions when Bazemore doesn't have the horses to win the race.

Hoop Club Honors VHS Coaches

Following what has become an annual custom, the Valdosta Basketball Boosters Club honored members of the Valdosta High coaching staff at a steak supper here Wednesday night.

Coaches honored were Wright Bazemore, Bill Kittrell, Bill Davis, Bill Bennett, J. B. Roland, Joe Wilson and Charlie Green. The supper was held at the home of Earl Mayo.

"While the Basketball Boosters Club is primarily interested in basketball," a club spokesman said, "we just want you coaches to know that we are interested in other sports and will give you all the support possible during the football season."

The VBBC is getting ready to launch its 1961-62 membership drive. The club is open to all in this area who are interested in basketball and other sports.

In addition to the coaches, other VHS school officials were guests at the supper.

Valdosta Top-Ranked In 'AAA'

ATLANTA (AP) — Valdosta, Waycross, Americus, Washington-Wilkes and Coosa lead their respective classes in the initial Top Ten ratings of the new high school football season.

The selections are made by a state-wide board of sports editors and writers. They are sponsored by the Atlanta Journal.

The Top Ten in order:
Class AAA—Valdosta, Richmond Academy, R. E. Lee, Albany, Northside, Savannah, Avondale, Murphy, Willingham, Athens.

Class AA — Waycross, Wayne County, Cairo, Bainbridge, Cedartown, Gainesville, Rossville, Fairburn, Thomasville, West Rome.

Class A—Americus, Ware County, Dublin, Carrollton, Cartersville, Statesboro, Screven County, Swainsboro, Toccoa, Lowndes County.

Class B — Washington-Wilkes, Morgan County, Miller County, Fort Valley, Villa Rica, Terrell County, Dallas, Tucker, Thomson, Hawkinsville.

Class C—Coosa, Bremen, Dade County, Monticello, Chattanooga Valley, Harlem, Putnam County, Lincolnton, West Point, Louisville.

Valdosta First In AAA Poll

By GENE ASHER

Valdosta, Waycross, Americus, Washington-Wilkes and Coosa are leaders of The Journal's first weekly high school football poll.

Coosa, ranked fourth a year ago, was leading vote-getter. It collected eight first place votes and 98 out of a possible 100 points to cap the Class C rankings. Points are awarded on a 10 for first, 9 for second, 8 for third, etc. basis.

Ten sports writers and sports editors, representing newspapers in every section of the state, participate in the voting.

Valdosta, which doesn't open its season until Friday, received seven first place votes and 95 points to top the AAA rankings. Richmond Academy of Augusta was second, three points back, followed by R. E. Lee of Thomaston, Albany, and Atlanta Northside.

Waycross, which opened its season with a 49-0 victory over Appling County last Saturday night, boasted an eight-point bulge in the Class AA rankings but only one point separated Americus and Ware County in Class A. Washington-Wilkes held a three-point margin over region rival Morgan County in Class B.

Coosa won support with its stunning 12-0 upset of Class AA East Rome. Lincolnton, leader in last year's final Class C ratings, dropped to eighth. The defending State champions suffered a 13-0 loss to Washington-Wilkes in its opener.

Four teams unranked in last year's final poll cracked the AAA elite. They were R. E. Lee, Savannah, Atlanta Murphy and Willingham of Macon. Savannah, which opens Friday at Statesboro, took sixth, two spots ahead of Murphy, three ahead of Willingham.

Coach Lawrence (Lefty) Thompson's Murphy Eagles gained stature with their 13-7 victory over preseason city league favorite Southwest while Willingham joined the exclusive set on the strength of its 27-6 triumph over Warner Robins.

CAMPBELL OF FAIRBURN and Cedartown are new faces in the Class AA select circle. Coach Jack Hanson's Fairburn, who opened with an 18-0 rout of Sandy Springs, claimed the eighth spot and Howard (Doc) Ayers' Cedartown Bulldogs, who decked Newnan, 13-6, grabbed fifth.

Screven County, Swainsboro, Toccoa and Lowndes County of Valdosta joined the Class A rankings after spending last year on the outside. Carrollton, which headed the final 1960 poll, dropped to fourth. Dublin, defending state king, was ranked third.

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Gene Asher

TOP TEN

CLASS AAA			
Team	Record	1st Place Votes	Total Points
1. Valdosta	0-0-0	7	95
2. Richmond Ac.	1-0-0	3	92
3. R. E. Lee	1-0-0	0	61
4. Albany	0-0-0	0	47
5. Northside	1-0-0	0	45
6. Savannah	0-0-0	0	44
7. Avondale	1-0-0	0	43
8. Murphy	1-0-0	0	34
9. Willingham	1-0-0	0	33
10. Athens	0-0-0	0	31

CLASS AA			
Team	Record	1st Place Votes	Total Points
1. Waycross	1-0-0	7	94
2. Wayne County	1-0-0	2	82
3. Cairo	1-0-0	0	73
4. Bainbridge	1-0-0	0	62
5. Cedartown	1-0-0	1	47
6. Gainesville	0-0-0	0	46
7. Rossville	1-0-0	0	41
8. Fairburn	1-0-0	0	34
9. Thomasville	0-0-0	0	20
10. West Rome	1-0-0	0	18

CLASS A			
Team	Record	1st Place Votes	Total Points
1. Americus	1-0-0	4	94
2. Ware County	1-0-0	5	93
3. Dublin	0-1-0	0	68
4. Carrollton	0-0-0	0	55
5. Cartersville	1-0-0	0	45
6. Statesboro	0-1-0	0	44
7. Screven County	1-0-0	0	37
8. Swainsboro	1-0-0	1	34
9. Toccoa	1-0-0	0	28
10. Lowndes Co.	1-0-0	0	17

CLASS B			
Team	Record	1st Place Votes	Total Points
1. Wash.-Wilkes	1-0-0	6	93
2. Morgan County	1-0-0	1	90
3. Miller County	1-0-0	3	77
4. Fort Valley	1-0-0	0	59
5. Villa Rica	1-0-0	0	59
6. Terrell County	1-0-0	0	50
7. Dallas	1-0-0	0	29
8. Tucker	0-0-0	0	23
9. Thomson	0-0-0	0	20
10. Hawkinsville	1-0-0	0	19

CLASS C			
Team	Record	1st Place Votes	Total Points
1. Coosa	1-0-0	8	98
2. Bremen	1-0-0	2	90
3. Dade County	0-0-0	0	60
4. Monticello	1-0-0	0	57
5. Chatt. Valley	1-0-0	0	48
6. Harlem	1-0-0	0	39
7. Putnam County	1-0-0	0	35
8. Lincolnton	0-1-0	0	34
9. West Point	0-0-0	0	32
10. Louisville	1-0-0	0	14

Bazemore Ready For Opener

"We've collected some glowing press notices so far, but you know we still don't have a single victory to our credit. So far everything is just talk and an evaluation of how we look on paper. I'm ready for the boys to start showing me something on the field. Maybe they will Friday night against Baker and maybe they won't. I'll tell you I haven't been getting much sleep lately."

This is just a way of showing you the nervous tension which goes with football coaching. Bazemore has been a grid tutor since 1938. He has turned out a long string of successful teams. And as he says, his '61 'Cats do look potent on paper. Still he's worried. You can attribute part of his coaching success to the fact that he never overestimates his own team and never underestimates an opponent. He always gives 100 per cent and demands the same from his players.

So if Bazemore says he's worried, then he's ready for the tiddler with Baker. And here's hoping the Wildcats will give the kind of on-the-field performance needed to ease some of the tension on him. But it's like the coach said, we'll have to wait until Friday night and see.

Wildcats To Stage Drill Under Lights

With a perplexing "problem" he hopes to solve, coach Wright Bazemore has scheduled a game-type scrimmage for tonight for his Valdosta football Wildcats.

The 'Cats, back in town after a two-week stay at the Lowndes County 4-H Club Camp, will start final preparations for their Friday night season opener with a drill session at 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

Valdosta is to meet Region 1-AAA foe Baker of Columbus in its opener here five days from now. But after three weeks of pre-season drills, Bazemore is still looking for what he terms the Wildcats' "best combination."

He is hoping tonight's intra-squad affair will supply what he calls some "unanswered questions."

Last fall the VHS eleven won 12 straight in a march to the state Class AAA crown. With quite a few returning regulars, Bazemore figured picking the "best combination" to go against Baker would be a relatively easy task. However, the mentor says things haven't worked out that way.

"We had good success with a two-unit plan last fall and we want to use the same system again this year," Bazemore said. "But right now I'm just not sure what we are going to do."

"What we figured to be our defensive unit has been showing the best on offense in practice. And we've had quite a few boys who have looked really good one day and only so-so the next. Well, time's running out on us. We've

got to make up our minds soon. Perhaps tonight's inter-squad, game-type scrimmage will supply some answers. Right now all starting assignments are up for grabs."

Bazemore is following a long-standing custom by scheduling a night session. He always likes for

his charges to drill under the lights at least one time before they begin their schedule which calls for all games to be played at night.

Three remaining practice sessions for the 'Cats this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be afternoon affairs.

SAMMY

GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

Coach Throws 'Show Me' Challenge At Wildcats

According to some reports the Valdosta Wildcats' grid boss Wright Bazemore has nothing to worry about in regards to the 1961 football season.

But according to Bazemore's own way of thinking, he has real cause for concern.

Having known the Wildcats' mentor for a number of years I was a little startled to find him taking an optimistic attitude before pre-season drills got underway almost a month ago.

But during a long chat we had earlier this week, I can report that things are back to "normal." He's singing the blues.

"I was at a civic club meeting before we started practice and someone threw me a 'crying towel' and I very foolishly threw it back and said I didn't need one this year," Bazemore said. "Well, I can sure use a 'crying towel' now."

The Wildcats open their 1961 season on Friday night when they meet Region 1-AAA foe Baker of Columbus here. The 'Cats have a 12-game winning streak they would like to extend and they would like to make a successful defense of regional, South Georgia and state championships they won in 1960.

Well stocked with returning regulars, the Wildcats look great on paper and are being rated as the 1-AAA favorites on just about everyone's form chart.

But Bazemore contends there is a lot of difference between the way his team shapes up on paper and the way his charges have been performing in practice. I'll let him give you his own views.

"What has us worried the most is whether we should try to continue with the two-team system which worked so well for us last year or just pick our eleven best and go with them," Bazemore said. "With our first game just a couple of days off I know it's mighty late to be thinking about things like that. But I really don't know what would be the best thing to do."



GLASSMAN

Wildcats Primed For Grid Opener

Valdosta's football Wildcats will start down a road Friday night that their coach Wright Bazemore hopes will carry them to a second straight Region 1-AAA championship.

The 'Cats will open their 1961 grid campaign here against regional foe Baker of Columbus. The game is slated for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

During the '60 season, Valdosta won 12 in a row and earned 1-AAA, South Georgia Class AAA and state AAA crowns. However, their chief concern for the moment is getting by a crew of ambitious Baker Lions tomorrow night.

Since no team has ever lost a regional contest and still won the loop crown, a defeat at the hands of the Lions could very well shatter the 'Cats' 1961 title hopes.

While Valdosta is favored over Baker, the Lions, figuring to have their strongest team since Bubba Ball took over as head coach at the Columbus school in 1958, are

Fans may park their cars during the Valdosta-Baker football game here Friday night at the VHS campus for 25 cents. The VHS student council is sponsoring the project as a way to raise money for Homecoming weekend activity expenses.

primed for an all-out try for victory. The Lions will also be seeking a measure of revenge for the 40-14 licking the 'Cats' handed them last fall.

After having success with a two-unit system in 1960, the Wildcats have been trying to mould defensive and offensive units during almost a month of pre-season practice.

Although not entirely satisfied with the way things have been going in drills, Bazemore has picked probable starters for both the "go - team" and "stop-em crew." They are as follows:

(180, jr.) and Dick Bender (150, jr.), tackles Skipper Prewitte (175, sr.) and Charles Oliver (175, jr.) Garv Minchew (175, sr.) and Frank Wetherington (172, sr.), center Foy Norwood (195, soph.), quarterback Bruce Bennett (165, sr.), halfbacks Kenny Ruffer (165, jr.) and Giles Smith (155, jr.) fullback Walter Zant (150, jr.) or Sirosis Barker (180, jr.).

Defense — Ends Rusty Griffin (160, sr.) and Danny Hendley (170, jr.) tackles Jimmy Robinson (215, jr.) and Larry Dennis (170, sr.), middle guard Bill Schroer (192, jr.), linebackers Butch Luke (165, sr.), Jerry Varnado (155, jr.), Bill Holt (155, jr.) and Cyo Blanton (155, soph.), safetymen Rick Thomas (155, jr.) and Stan Reaves (155, jr.)

Returning "go-team" regulars include Colson, Prewitte, Minchew, Wetherington, Norwood,

turning defensive regulars on the list are Schroer, Luke, Blanton and Reaves.

However, Bazemore has indicated that quite a few of his charges may be called on to play both ways against the Lions.

Just as they were last fall, the Wildcats' will be relatively small, especially in the backfield. However, they boast good speed and in Bennett, Ruffer and Smith they have three backs with proven break-away running talent.

Bennett, Ruffer and Smith. Reaves. A lineman who played a key role in the 'Cats' 1960 success story will be on the sideline watching on Friday. Tackle Bill Myddleton, a 190-pounder who earned All-State honorable mention in '60 as a sophomore, is out with a knee injury.

End Bill Holtzclaw (150, sr.), a returning regular, is hampered by a bruised hip and may see only limited action against Baker.

Baker had a dismal 3-7 record last season, but the Lions are aiming high this year. They have six returning regulars and a total of 21 players with varsity experience. In guard Tomps Gray, a 200-pound senior, they have a lineman who is regarded as a sure bet to earn All-State honors.

Boasting six linemen in the 190 pound and above class, Baker has good size up front. Like VHS, the Baker backfield corps is relatively small, but offers good speed.

Ball has announced plans to platoon his backs and many of his linemen. He listed a total of 23 players among those likely to see extensive action.

Valdosta, Baker Head 1-AAA Slate

Jordan, Moultrie, Lanier Warner Robins Clash Friday

By ELWOOD MOYER
Special to The Constitution

COLUMBUS, Ga.—The second week of play into the 15th season of play in Region-One, Class-AAA will find all 10 machines in action this week with the defending champion, and state titleholder too, Valdosta playing host to Baker in one of the four region games slated for play.

The Wildcats carry over a 12-game win streak into the 1961 campaign.

Two of the region members opened play this past week when the Willingham Rams of Coach Billy Henderson scored a 27-to-6 decision over the Warner Robins Demons in Macon.

This marked the 16th straight game which Warner Robins has failed to win. The Demons now have not won a game since they beat Dodge County 6-0 on October 2nd, 1959.

In a 14-game losing streak, the Warner Robins team has played two tie games, a scoreless tie with Irwin County in 1959, and a 6-6 deadlock with Perry last year.

Other region games this week in addition to the Baker-Valdosta clash at Valdosta will find Jordan playing host to Moultrie while Lanier and Warner Robins clash at Macon. These three games will be Friday meetings.

Columbus and Willingham clash in a region game that will be played Thursday night in Macon.

Two non-region games are also slated for play. Albany's Indians will play host to one of the top powers in Region Two, Benedictine, while LaGrange is at home against Lanett, Ala., in a series-opener that dates back to the 1950 season.

The Willingham win over Warner Robins, a three-touchdown margin, was not as decisive as last year when the Rams posted a 43-0 victory, a six-touchdown difference.

In a pre-season poll of the coaches throughout the region, the Rams were picked as the runner-up machine to Valdosta although only three points separated the Rams, Albany and LaGrange in the voting.

The Rams this week face a Columbus team that was a pre-season pick for a ninth place finish but the Blue Devils could surprise

with the return of two outstanding backs, Stan Stanley and Jimmy Vaughn, to the lineup after a year's absence.

Last year Willingham edged the Blue Devils by a 14-13 score at Columbus.

The Jordan-Moultrie series, which opens play in Columbus, is the oldest of the 1961 openers.

The Red Jackets and the Packers began their play back in 1948 when Jordan scored a 25-12 decision but since that time Moultrie holds a tremendous edge in play with nine wins against but four losses.

Prior to Jordan's 19-12 win last year, Moultrie had taken the measure of the Jackets seven out of the previous eight years.

The LaGrange-Lanett series is also an old one, dating back to 1950. Since that time Lanett holds a 6-5 edge in play although the Grangers have won their last three meetings by scores of 14-7, 15-0 and 13-0.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7TH
Columbus at Willingham (region game).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8TH
Baker at Valdosta (region game).
Moultrie at Jordan (region game).
Warner Robins at Lanier (region game).
Benedictine at Albany.
Lanett at LaGrange.

'Cats, Lions Meet Tonight

Valdosta Puts Win Streak On Line In Season Opener

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

The Valdosta Wildcats, a win'em all team in 1960, will put a 12-game victory streak and possibly their Region 1-AAA title hopes on the line when they meet the Baker Lions of Columbus here tonight.

If fair weather prevails the crowd for the 1961 gridiron opener may top the 7,000 mark. The game is slated for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

It has been 11 years since a team has been able to put 1-AAA championships back-to-back. That's the ambition of coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats, but

Season tickets for high school and grammar school students will be on sale at the boxoffice at the Valdosta-Baker game here tonight. Season tickets for high school students are 2.40 and for grammar school students are \$1.20. Individual game admission for them will be \$1.

they face a crucial test tonight when they meet coach Bubba Ball's Lions tonight.

No team has ever won the loop crown after losing to a regional opponent. So a victory over Baker is a must if Valdosta wants to stay in the title race.

Last fall the Wildcats left the starter's gate ranked in 1-AAA's second division. However, in surprising fashion, they became champs. They won't have a chance to surprise anyone this year. VHS has been top ranked on virtually everyone's pre-season form chart for the tough, 10-team league.

Valdosta will go into the game rated the favorite. However, Ball has tagged his Baker team the strongest in three years and he's already let it be known the Lions are primed for an all-out victory try.

The Wildcats knocked off the Lions, 40-14, last fall, so Baker will have revenge on its mind when it comes to town.

Unless Bazemore makes a last-minute change in plans, the 'Cats will use a two-team system tonight similar to the one which helped carry them to the state "AAA" crown last fall.

Bazemore has announced probable starters for both offense and defense. They are as follows:

Offense — Ends Dick Bender (160) and Wally Colson (180), tackles Skipper Prewitte (175) and Charles Oliver (175), guards Gary Minchew (175) and Frank Wetherington (172), center Foy Norwood (195), quarterback Bruce Bennett (165), halfbacks Giles Smith (155) and Kenny Ruffer (165) and fullback Walter Zant (150) or Sirosis Barker (180).

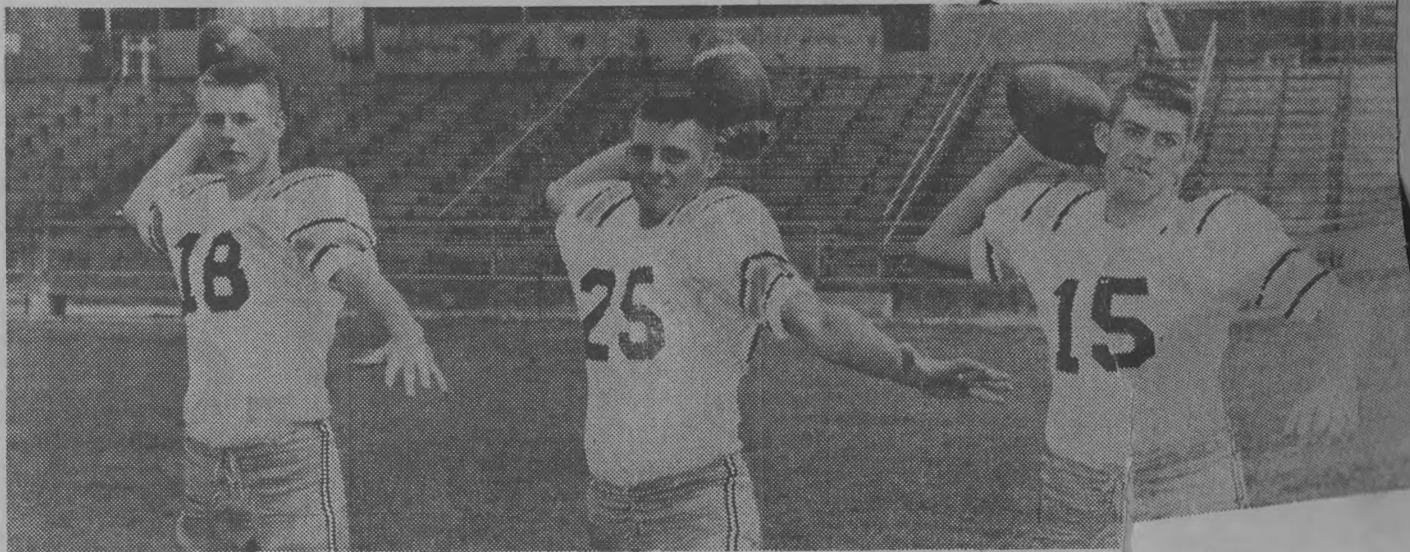
Defense — Ends Rusty Griffin (160) and Danny Hendley (170), tackles Jimmy Robinson (215) and Larry Dennis (170), middle guard Bill Schroer (192), linebackers Butch Luke (165), Jerry Varnado (155), Clyo Blanton (155) and Bill Holt (155) and safetyman Rick Thomas (155) and Stan Reaves (165).

Returning regulars in one group include Schroer, Luke, Blanton, Reaves, Colson, Prewitte, Minchew, Wetherington, Norwood, Bennett, Ruffer and Smith.

The 'Cats have a pair of experienced linesmen on the injured list. Tackle Bill Myddleton is certain to miss the tilt with a damaged knee. A bruised hip has resulted in end Bill Holtzclaw being placed on the doubtful list.

Ball had listed 23 players those likely to see extensive duty tonight. Twenty-one of them have had previous varsity experience. They include the following:

Ends Marion Short (170), Jerry Buchanan (160), George Langworth and Victor Garvey (150), tackles Bill Nelson (200) and Tom Schemepert (200), guards Tomps Gray (200), James Colson (190), Ronald Ogletree (150), John Preston (230) and Tommy Anderson (155), centers Klaus Ford (155), Lewis Roberts (150) and Nick Hayden (150), quarterbacks Larry Gooze (155) and Charlie Horne (145), halfbacks Frank Holbrook (150), Jimmy Boles (130), Dave Ingle (145), John Boles (140) and Carlton Harmon (145) and fullbacks Haskell Garner (155) and Richard Ligon (145).



Wildcats' Quarterback Corps Ready To Go On Fire

Hank Lee, Bruce Bennett, Rick Thomas Set To Start Pigskin Fly

'Dosta Band, Cheerleaders Provide Big Halftime Show

The Valdosta High School Wildcat Band and cheerleaders provided the half-time festivities for the Valdosta and Baker fans during last night's football game on Cleveland Field.

With "Summertime" as the theme, the band marched on the field to the tune "Are You From Dixie".

After performing a silent drill the band faced the Baker visitors' stands and saluted the out-of-town fans with George Gershwin's immortal "Summe time."

Next the band members turned their attention to the home stands and under the direction of head drum major Harry Davis they formed a boat and swayed to the tune of "The Things I Did Last Summer."

Miss Teresa Minchew performed solo majorette routines during the "Mr. Touchdown" number.

After the Alma Mater, the VHS band marched off the field.

The VHS cheerleaders then took the spotlight on the field with the band backing them up.

They gave their own version of "Mr. Touchdown" and led the students in several chants and yells.

VALDOSTA VS. BAKER—

I went along with the Wildcats all the way in 1960 and they won 12 in a row to make me look good. You can bet I'm picking them to win tonight. But from the reports I've heard about the Baker team, the Lions are optimistic this year.

Coach Bubba Ball says his charges definitely have a chance to win. It's going to take a good effort for VHS to triumph, but I feel sure the 'Cats will give it. It's a region 1-AAA game and a victory is a must if Valdosta figures to repeat as league champion.



Cheerleaders Set for Photo
Been Practicing Pyramid For Month



Whoops! Something is Wrong
Stack of VHS Cheerers Begins to Fall



All Piled up, Megaphones and All
What Goes Up Must Come Down, and It Did!

—Times Staff Photos

Girl Cheerleaders Always Stand By Team

By MARY DICKEY

"We're Behind You Wildcats—Let's Go."

This is part of a chant given at every football game by the cheerleaders at Valdosta High School and they mean every word of it.

These eight girls support their football team season after season win or lose.

"They are the one group we can always count on to stand by the boys no matter what. There is a bond between the team and the cheerleaders that isn't found anywhere else. Having their support means a great deal to us coaches also," said a coaching staff member.

"It's all right as long as the team has a successful season, the fans are behind you 100 per cent. When you start losing a couple of games and the outlook for the future doesn't look too bright, the public is reluctant to give their wholehearted support. This is true in any sport. But the cheerleaders have never turned their backs on the Wildcats," added coach Bill Bennett.

And spirit of cheerleaders is contagious at times.

The girls give each yell all they've got and by their enthusiasm the students get worked up.

Other fans notice the "go-team-go" attitude of the boys and girls and soon they join in the next yell.

Meanwhile the team on the field feels this burst of support and they are more determined than ever not to let anyone down. But just what are the ingredients that go into making good cheerleaders.

First they are willing to place their duty to the team and school above everything else. They don't mind the extra practices after school.

The cheerleaders spend the entire month of August practicing and perfecting yells.

This year the girls went to a cheerleading camp in Florida.

"This is one of the best moves we could've done. There we met a lot of new girls and learned different yells to present to the students," said Gail Bazemore, captain of the cheering squad.

Secondly the cheerleaders are friendly and full of pep and vitality. They are respected in school.

The girls never let up in their enthusiasm for the team.

Three seasons ago the cheerleaders started boosting the school spirit with the sale of spirit ribbons.

The students bought the ribbons that bore such slogans as "Trample T'ville," "Beat Baker," and "Clobber Columbus."

The girls are still selling the "spirit boosters" and the enthusiasm is greater than ever after the weekly pep rallies.

Thirdly, they are able to get along with each other.

The cheerleaders must make average or better grades in school.

But the hardest thing they learned to do this summer was to build a pyramid.

"We worked and worked on it and at the last minute we always fell. After we found the trouble we were okay," said Gerrie Amon, who is the top of the stunt.

The girls compared the building of the pyramid to the football team.

It's hard to reach the top and one you attain your goal there is always something that tries to pull you down again. It takes a lot of work and support from everyone to remain at the top, the girls said.

We have even a bigger job ahead of us this year because we are "AAA" champions and everyone concerned would like to see the Wildcats retain the title they added.

"We almost forgot one important thing," said Andy Shenton.

"If the team ever gets too cocky or over-confident we take it upon ourselves to straighten them out. The boys listen to us when they won't listen to anyone else. After all we date them!" she explained.

Other cheerleaders on the squad are Diane Quattlebaum, Lucille Dawson, Cheryl Pelfry, Sally Coleman and Cara Jo Sikes.

French Teacher Returns Home, Misses Valdosta

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A Frenchman, who taught his native language in the Valdosta city schools for two years, is back home but he misses the flowers, homes, football games and hot weather of South Georgia.

In a letter to the Times, Jean Guitton, said he wanted to thank all those here who made his two-year stay in Valdosta so enjoyable.

Here's what Guitton thought of Valdosta as told in his letter:

"I should be most grateful if you would be kind enough to publish this letter in your newspaper."

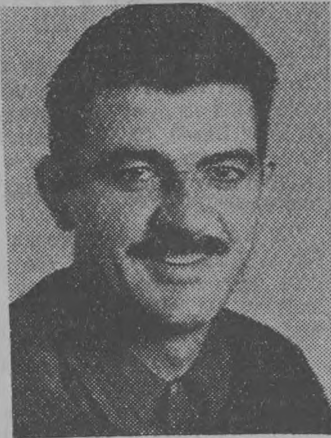
"I am back home in France after having spent two very pleasant years in the city of azaleas. I was so busy during the last few days I spent in Valdosta that I could not possibly find the time to say good bye to all the many friends I believe I made there.

"Now, 'I wish I was in the land of cotton...' I was very happy there but I never thought I would miss it so much. Everybody I met was extremely kind and helpful in all sorts of ways.

"I miss my little students most of all, but I miss also the big pecan trees, the cool porches, the beautiful homes and lawns; I believe I even miss that hot, very hot, South Georgia sun which was so merciless two years ago when I arrived in Valdosta — we could use some of it right here in rainy Brittany — yes sirree!"

"I'm going to miss those colorful football games — 'six bits a dollar... all for 'Dosta stand up and holler!' I'll never forget the first one I saw way back in 1959... I never saw the ball.

"I took hundreds of color slides and the best I took were done in the spring while the azaleas were blooming. I wish you could hear



JEAN GUITTON

my folks, 'Oh and Oh,' when I show them the gorgeous bushes of the very beautiful flowers. 'Maybe one day, 'I shall return' and then it will be wonderful to see all those familiar faces and places again."

SAMMY GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

'Cats Answer Challenge With Victory Over Baker

Last week coach Wright Bazemore threw a "show me challenge" at his Valdosta Wildcats and they did just that in their 35-7 opening game win over the Baker Lions of Columbus last Friday night.

The 'Cats were very sharp during the early going. They built up a comfortable lead and coasted home.

Bazemore, who was in an optimistic mood before pre-season practice started then became gloomy shortly before time for the Baker game, had a smile and kind words for his charges after the contest.

"Considering it was our opening game, I thought we were very sharp during the first half," Bazemore said. "I thought we went very well on both offense and defense. The blocking was good, and that certainly pleased me.

"I'll tell you we were sharper than we have been in practice, and I was glad for that. Just shows the boys can do it when they really want to.

"During the second half, it looked like one of our practice sessions. The boys were just messing around. I know we made a lot of player changes and stuff, but we still messed around. That's a bad habit to get into. In football you can't afford to coast along or the first thing you know when you try to really turn it on you can't.

"But all in all I was satisfied. We made our share of mistakes and the boys will be hearing all about them soon enough. We made a good start, but all it did was make the pressure on us greater. All I can do is repeat what I've been saying all along. We've got to strive for improvement and we can't afford to become overconfident."



GLASSMAN

New Season — Familiar Script

Last fall the Wildcats won 12 in a row with a combination that included a tough defense, a hard-hitting ground attack and a lot of success with kick returns. They offset their lack of size with good speed and a smooth-working, two-team system.

Those same factors paved the way for the 'Cats' triumph over Baker.

Among the backfield stickouts were Bruce Bennett, Giles Smith, Kenny Ruffer, Walter Zant, Sirois Barker, Rick Thomas, Cloy Blanton, Stan Reaves and Jerry Varnado.

Among the linemen attracting notice were Danny Hendley, Butch Luke, Wally Colson, Gary Minchew, Rusty Griffin, Christie Patterson, Skipper Prewitte, Jimmy Robinson, Frank Wetherington, Bill Schroer, Larry Dennis, Bill Holt, Foy Norwood, Charles Oliver and Randy Hunter.

There were three linemen who figure big in the Wildcats' plans who were hampered by injuries. Tackle Bill Myddleton did not suit out. And ends Dick Bender and Bill Holtzclaw got to see only token action.

Such "old hands" as Bennett, Smith, Ruffer, Blanton, Reaves, Luke, Colson, Minchew, Griffin, Prewitte, Wetherington, Schroer and Norwood performed up to par. And several "newcomers" to the ranks of regulars gave notice of good things to come.

VHS Can't Afford To Coast

Thomas did some fancy stepping on a 40-yard punt return that resulted in a TD. The 155-pound junior also threw right on target several times, but the intended receivers failed to hang on to the pigskin.

I thought Hendley, a 170-pound junior, was very aggressive on defense. And Zant, a 145-pound junior, showed running talent.

The crowd-pleasing play was the 85-yard kickoff return by Ruffer at the start of the second half. I counted four good blocks the 165-pound halfback got to let him see daylight and there were probably more. Ruffer certainly gave a fine individual effort to make the play click.

During the second half Bazemore had his "go-team" playing a lot of defense and his "stop'em crew" working most often on offense. But in the first half when the units performed their "regular" jobs the 'Cats' attack worked smoothly and Baker was held firmly in check.

All in all, the 'Cats had a good night. But it's like Bazemore said. Baker is just one of many hurdles they must get over. And as the very wise mentor also said, the 'Cats can't afford to just coast.

Movie Meet Scheduled By TD Club

The Valdosta Touchdown Club has scheduled the first of a series of weekly "movie" meetings for Wednesday morning.

The meeting is slated for 7 a. m. and will be held at the Green Turtle Restaurant, according to TD Club president Joe Griffin.

At the meeting movies of last Friday's game between the Valdosta Wildcats and Baker Lions will be shown. A member of the VHS coaching staff will be on hand to narrate the film and give comments on the game in which the 'Cats posted a 35-7 victory.

Those attending the meeting will be served coffee and doughnuts by the club. For those who wish breakfast, it will be "dutch."

Griffin reminded that the club's 1961 membership drive is still underway. Those who haven't joined the club are invited to attend the Wednesday meeting and join at that time.

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Cats Match Notices, Wallop Baker, 35-7

VHS Takes Up Where It Left Off

By **SAMMY GLASSMAN**
Times Sports Editor

Giving a sharp first game performance that matched their glowing pre-season notices, the Valdosta Wildcats turned back the Baker Lions of Columbus, 35-7, here Friday night.

Coach Wright Bazemore's charges mixed crisp blocking with a hard-hitting ground attack, a tough defense and some dazzling punt and kickoff returns to boost a victory streak carried over from the 1960 campaign to 13 games.

And with the win, earned before some 7,000 fans, the 'Cats got over the first hurdle on a "course" they are hoping will carry them to their second straight Region 1-AAA crown.

The Wildcats scored five touchdowns during a span that covered all of the first half and the opening seconds of the third stanza, then coasted in from there.

Quarterback Bruce Bennett accounted for two of the markers on a one-yard plunge and a nine-yard romp. Halfback Kenny Ruffer scored once on a weaving, 85-yard kickoff return and another time on a 10-yard juant. Quarterback Rick Thomas got a TD on a sparkling 40-yard punt return. Halfback Giles Smith had a perfect five-for-five night in the point after kicking department.

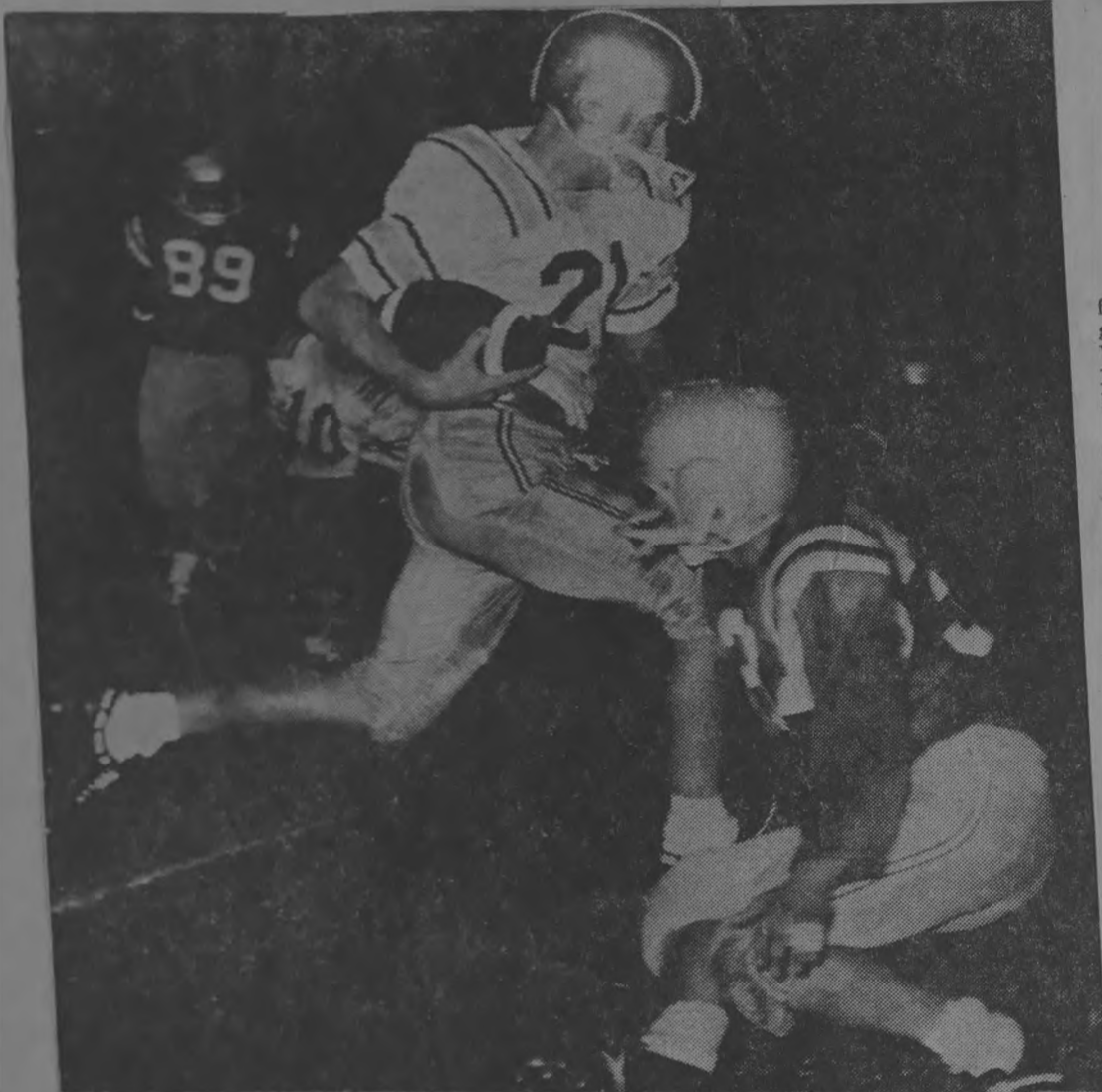
The pointmakers got plenty of backfield help from Walter Zant, Sirois Barker, Stan Reaves, Cloy Blanton and Jerry Varnado.

Up front, Dosta held the upper hand on both offense and defense, especially during the early going. Prime movers in the line included Danny Hendley, Wally Colson, Gary Minchew, Rusty Griffin, Christie Patterson, Skipper Pre-witte, Jimmy Robinson, Frank Wetherington, Bill Schroer, Larry Dennis, Bill Holt, Foy Norwood, Charles Oliver, Randy Hunter and Butch Luke.

Baker, which went into the game with high hopes, only to see them shattered came on in the final period to score against the VHS reserves to avoid a shutout.

Leading rushers for Valdosta were Ruffer, 33 yards on three tries; Zant, 4-32; Bennett, 6-32; Smith, 5-21 and Barker, 5-20. The Wildcats turned the punt and kickoff return into a major offensive weapon. With the help of a lot of good blocking the trio of

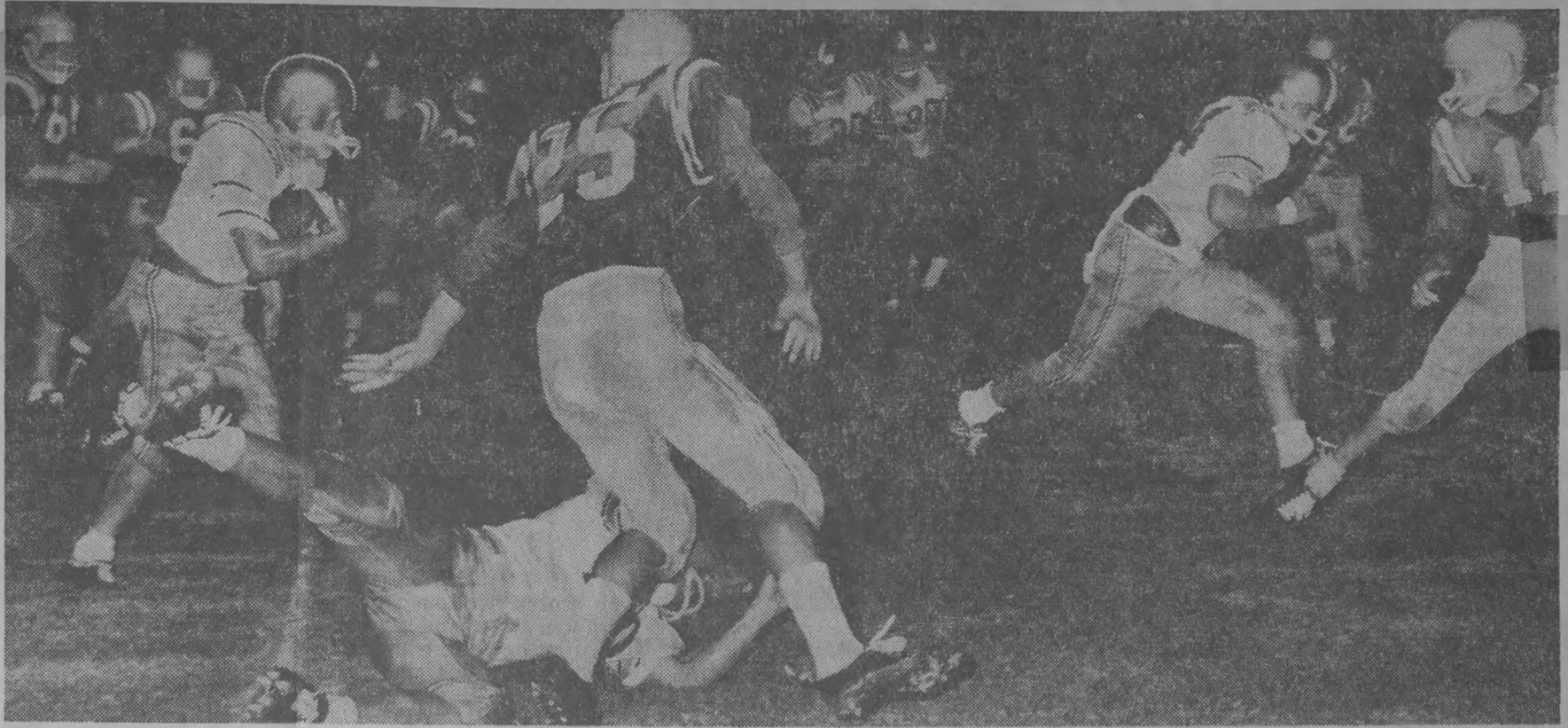
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—Times Staff Photo

VHS Halfback 'Fakes' Baker Defender Off His Feet

Kenny Ruffer Shifts Gears, Lions' Richard Ligon Misses



—Times Staff Photo

Valdosta Linemen Clear Path For Fullback Walter Zant

Gary Minchew Blocks One Baker Defender And Jimmy Robinson Goes After Another



Wildcats' Rick Thomas Has Clear Sailing

Reaches Paydirt After Returning Punt 40 Yards

'Cats Blast Baker

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Thomas, Ruffer and Blanton lugged back six punts and kickoffs a total of 223 yards.

The 'Cats used a two-unit system, but much of the time Bazemore had the "go-team" boys playing defense and the "stop'em crew working on offense.

During the first half, when the units did their "regular" jobs

STATISTICS		
	VHS	Baker
First Downs	11	9
Yards Rushing	175	131
Yards Passing	34	88
Passes Intc. By	3-9	5-18
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	2	4
Punting	3-34.1	6-30.5
Penalties	2-20	5-31

the Wildcats piled up nine first downs to two for Baker and gained 145 yards to a net of just two for the Lions. With the Columbus team making most of its headway in the second half, final statistics for the game were closer.

Smith was credited with eight tackles to lead VHS in that department. Other leaders were Hendley and Wetherington, five each, and Norwood and Bennett, four each.

Baker produced the game's top individual rusher. The Lions' John Bolles took the honor by picking up 72 yards on 16 carries. He accounted for the Lions' tally on an 11-yard run.

Scoring in the game went like this:

FIRST PERIOD — The first time Valdosta got possession of

the ball the Wildcats wheeled 61 yards to paydirt in eight plays. The score came on a one-yard plunge by Bennett. Zant helped the cause with runs of nine and 13 yards. Ruffer chipped in with a nine-yard gainer. Smith picked up four on one carry. Bennett romped for 15 and nine yards. Still in the first period, the 'Cats drove to the Baker five, but lost the ball on a fumble. Baker punted out and Thomas fielded the ball on the 40. He combined some fancy stepping with good blocking to go all the way and score.

SECOND PERIOD — A 29-yard punt return by Ruffer put the Wildcats in business at the Baker 26. It took them just four plays to cover the remaining distance. Reaves went four, Zant nine, Smith three and Bennett nine to tally. Thomas then zipped 25 yards on a punt return and VHS was at the Lions' 25. Just three plays later Ruffer scored on a 10-yard romp. Ruffer set it up with runs of 18 and 10 yards.

THIRD PERIOD — On the kickoff opening the second half, Bennett caught the ball, then handed off to Ruffer at the 15. The swift halfback started up the right sideline, then cut all the way across the field, sidestepped the last defender at the 25 and zipped to paydirt. A string of good blocks let Ruffer see the daylight he needed to go all the way.

FOURTH PERIOD — After getting to the 24, the 21 and again to

the 24 during the earlier going, the Lions tallied on a swift, four-play march that covered 50 yards. Bolles tallied on an 11-yard run after a 13-yard gallop by Richard Ligon and a 21-yard air strike from Charles Horne to Marion Short set it up.

LINEUPS

Valdosta
 Ends — Bender, Hendley, Bue, DeLoach, Holtzclaw, Colson, Griffin.
 Tackles — Prewitte, Schroer, Dennis, DeCasare, Oliver, Hunter.
 Guards — Minchew, Patterson, Hall, Haddock, Wetherington, Tendall, Holt, Martin.
 Centers — Robinson, Gunter, Norwood.
 Backs — Zant, Barker, Pearson, Thomas, Blanton, Varnado, Lee, McLeod, Ruffer, Luke, Luke, Reaves, Bennett, Smith.
 Baker
 Ends — Short, Langworth, J. Buchanan, Garvey, Patterson, Edge.
 Tackles — Nelson, Schumpert, Preston, Ledbetter.
 Guard — Gray, Anderson, Ogletree, Purtle.
 Center — Ford, Haick, Pittman.
 Backs — Googe, Horne, John Bolles, Jimmy Bolles, Ingle, Harmon, Holbrook, Garner, Ligon.

Score by quarters follows:
 Valdosta 14 14 7 0—35
 Baker 0 0 7 7—14
 Scoring — TD's — Valdosta — Bennett 2 (1, run, 9, run); Ruffer 2 (10, punt return); Thomas (40, punt return). Baker — John Bolles (11, run). PAT's — Valdosta-Smith 5 (placements), Baker-Pittman (placement).

WARE CO. CAPTURES CLASS A LEADERSHIP

Valdosta, Waycross Retain AAA, AA Top Spots

By GENE ASHER

Ware County of Waycross took over the Class A top spot and nine new teams cracked the "Top Ten" in The Journal's second weekly high school football poll.

Coach Tommy Gullebeau's Ware Gators received five first-place votes and 92 points from The Journal's 10-man Rating Board to unseat Americus, 21-13 loser to Bainbridge last weekend.

The Journal Rating Board consists of 10 sports editors and prep sports editors representing newspapers in every section of the state.

Valdosta (AAA), Waycross (AA), Washington-Wilkes (B) and Coosa (C) retained their No. 1 rankings, although Washington-Wilkes held only a one-point margin over Morgan County of Madison.

Jenkins of Savannah, LaGrange and Atlanta Brown moved in with the AAA elite, Commerce made its debut into the Class A exclusive circle, Blakely-Union and Atlanta Lovett gained Class B prominence and Tallapoosa, Gordon Military and Jones County of Gray won support in Class C.

New teams were admitted to the "Top Ten" in every classification but AA. Biggest shakeups were in AAA and C ratings.

Valdosta captured 99 out of a possible 100 points in tightening its grip on the AAA leadership. The Wildcats impressed last week-

end with a 35-7 opening victory over Baker High of Columbus.

JENKINS AND Lovett are ranked for the first time in the five-year-old Journal poll. Jenkins, onetime Region 2-AAA whipping boy, shocked Wayne County of Jesup, 27-0, and took eighth in Class AAA. Wayne County dropped from second to 10th in the AA ratings.

LaGrange claimed ninth and Brown 10th in AAA. The Grangers flattened tough Lanett, Ala., 6-0, and Brown upended Atlanta Bass, 39-6. Willingham of Macon, on the strength of its 26-0 rout of Columbus, jumped from ninth to sixth. Savannah, Atlanta Murphy and Athens, rated sixth, eighth and 10th last week, plummeted.

In Class AA, Cairo replaced Wayne County in the No. 2 position but trailed leader Waycross by 19 points. Waycross, idle last weekend, received eight first-place votes and 98 points. It defeated Appling County, 49-0, in its only outing.

State Class A champion Dublin, ranked third last week, lost its stature after suffering its second straight setback, 20-0, to Class B Fort Valley. Carrollton, 33-0 winner over Villa Rica, leaped from fourth to second and Americus fell from first to eighth.

Commerce made its Class A "Top Ten" debut at the No. 10 post, formerly held by Lowndes County of Valdosta. Lowndes, which thrashed Jeff Davis of Baxley, 36-0, vaulted to third.

Coach Jimmy Thompson's Lovett Lions, playing their second varsity season, grabbed 10th in Class B with their second win in as many outings. They stunned Rockdale County of Conyers, 13-7.

The first-place votes were split. Washington-Wilkes received five, Morgan County three, and third-ranked Fort Valley and fifth-ranked Terrell County of Dawson one apiece.

Blakely-Union was awarded the No. 9 seat after crushing Pelham, 27-0. Fort Valley, ranked fourth last week, swapped places with Miller County of Colquitt.

Villa Rica and Tucker were eliminated following losses to Car-

Wildcats, Bulldogs To Clash At T'ville

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

Valdosta will face a traditional foe while Lowndes County and Hahira are to meet regional opponents in high school football games this week involving area teams.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats are to go against Thomasville's Bulldogs at Thomasville on Friday night in a game that will renew a series which dates back to the early 1900's.

Coach Carlton Adams' LOHI Eagles will go to Ocilla for a Region 1-A (East) duel with Irwin County's Indians while coach Warren Alexander's Hahira Tigers and coach Lamar Wynn's Clinch County Panthers square off at Homerville in a 1-B (East) test.

In other games involving area teams, Berrien County (Nashville) will be at Cook (Adel), Cairo at Brooks County (Quitman) and Jennings, Fla., at Atkinson County (Pearson).

Both VHS and Thomasville opened their campaigns last week with solid victories. Valdosta turned back Baker of Columbus, 35-7, while Thomasville was a 27-7 victor over Berrien County. The game with Thomasville is the only non-regional affair on VHS's 10-contest slate.

LOHI's Eagles will be gunning for their third straight triumph and second 1-A (East) win at Ocilla on Friday night. While Irwin County's Indians have started slowly, bowing to Coffee County (21-12) and to Cook (20-0), the Tribe is rated dangerous. Victories for the Eagles have been over Hahira (61-0) and Jeff Davis (36-0).

The Hahira Tigers will be returning to action after being idle

last week. They lost to LOHI two weeks ago in their only start this year.

Clinch's Panthers will be out to halt a two-game losing skid. The Panthers have fallen before Miller County (33-7) and Camden County (34-0). The game with Hahira will be the "home" opener for the Clinch eleven.

Berrien's Rebels will be trying to break into the victory column and Cook's Hornets hope to improve on a 1-1 record when they clash at Adel.

Last week's losing effort to Thomasville was the first try of the new season for Berrien. Cook was beaten by Ware County (20-7) in its lidlifter, but rebounded last week for a 20-0 triumph over Irwin County.

For the second week in a row Brooks County's Class A Tigers will be facing a higher classification foe. Last Friday coach Walter Foy's Tigers were beaten by "AA" Tifton, 20-0. In Cairo, they will be meeting another "AA" opponent.

Two weeks ago the Syrupmakers from Cairo romped past Bacon County (Alma), 26-0. Cairo had an open date last week, giving the Syrupmakers extra time to prepare for the Tigers.

Among the other games this week are the following:

THURSDAY — Moultrie at Lanier (Macon).

FRIDAY — Columbus at Albany, Jennings, Fla., at Atkinson County, Waycross at Bacon County, Willingham (Macon) at Baker (Columbus), Jeff Davis at Blackshear, Tifton at Fitzgerald, Fer-

nandina Beach, Fla., at Folkston, Crisp County at Ft. Valley, Richmond Academy at Glynn Academy, Jordan (Columbus) at LaGrange, Camden County at Patterson, Marist at R. E. Lee, Statesboro at Ware County, Perry at Warner Robins and Appling County at Wayne County.

'Dosta Tops 'AAA' List; Lowndes Third In Class A

ATLANTA (AP) — Ware County of Waycross ousted Americus from leadership in the Class A Top Ten and nine new teams entered the select group at lower levels in other classifications this week.

Valdosta, Waycross, Washington Wilkes and Coosa continued to ride the crest in their respective classes in the second weekly rating of the young football season.

Ware's resounding 20-0 rout of Central of Thomasville over the weekend was enough to convince the 10-member rating board that it deserved the nod over Americus, 21-13 loser to Bainbridge.

Moving into the Top Ten of their

classes were Jenkins of Savannah, LaGrange and Brown of Atlanta, AAA: Commerce, A: Blakely-Union and Lovett of Atlanta, B: and Tallapoosa, Gordon Military and Jones County of Gray, C.

The Top Ten selections are sponsored by the Atlanta Journal. The Top Ten in order by classes:

AAA — Valdosta, Richmond, Academy, R. E. Lee, Albany, Northside, Willingham, Avondale, Jenkins, LaGrange, Brown.

AA — Waycross, Cairo, Bainbridge, Cedartown, Gainesville, Thomasville, Rossville, Campbell-Fairburn, West Rome, Wayne County.

A — Ware County, Carrollton, Lowndes County, Cartersville, Screven County, Swainsboro, Statesboro, Americus, Toccoa, Commerce.

B — Washington - Wilkes, Morgan County, Fort Valley, Miller County, Terrell County, Dallas, Thomson, Hawkinsville, Blakely-Union, Lovett.

C — Coosa, Bremen, Chattahoochee Valley, Putnam County, Lincoln, Louisville, Tallapoosa, Gordon Military, Jones County, Dade County.

THS Hopes To Snap Two 'Dosta Streaks

By **SAMMY GLASSMAN**
Times Sports Editor

Thomasville's football Bulldogs have aspirations to halt two streaks when they go against the Valdosta Wildcats in a gridiron outing Friday at Thomasville.

First they would like to snap the 13-game winning streak coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats have built up over a two season span.

Second, the Bulldogs would like to end a string of eight straight losses to the Wildcats which dates back to 1957.

When you turn the page over and look at the other side, the Wildcats will have similar ambitions to keep both streaks going

when they play their first "road" outing of the '61 campaign at Thomasville.

While Valdosta, a member of 1-AAA and Thomasville, which belongs to 1-AA are in different regions and won't be battling for league honors, they are traditional rivals. Their series dates back to the early 1900's and is one of the oldest in the state.

In recent years the 'Cats have dominated. They've licked the Bulldogs 16 times in the last 17 tries since 1946. Valdosta has been successful in its last eight outings against Thomasville. Last fall VHS turned back THS, 37-6.

Although Valdosta will go into this year's game as the favorite, coach Joe Sumrall's enthusiastic Bulldogs hope to give a performance similar to the one they gave in Thomasville in 1956 that resulted in T'ville's last triumph in the series.

"You can certainly never take a game with Thomasville for granted," Bazemore said. "They are especially tough on their home field and that's where we will be playing them. Year in and year out Thomasville has one of the best teams in South Georgia, regardless of classifications. Our scout report shows they are plenty tough this year."

After winning the 1-AA crown five years in a row, coach Joe Sumrall's Bulldogs were knocked out of their league's title race by Bainbridge last season. They finished with a 5-4-1 record, their worst showing in eight years.

The Bulldogs are aiming to get back in the 1-AA title picture again this year and have sounded a warning they may do just that. They opened last week with a 27-7 triumph over league foe Berrien County (Nashville). Valdosta has also gotten started in the right direction as it goes after its second 1-AAA crown. The 'Cats thumped Baker of Columbus (35-7) in their lidlifter.

In recent years Thomasville has had teams which boasted good size but offered limited speed. The Bulldogs are smaller this time out but are fleet. In that respect, they are similar to Bazemore's VHS crew.

Probable starters for T'ville are ends Terry Colvin (161) and James Richards (165), tackles Dallice Law (221) and Steve Ashton (180), guards Hilton Lee (163) and Buddy Meeks (153), center John Collins (157), quarterback Tommy Vann (141), halfbacks Dickie Thompson (160) and Sonny Thompson (140) and fullback Tommy Adams (146). Others likely to see extensive duty are end Bobby Parker (145), fullback Dick Taylor (154) and quarterback Justin Baldwin (146).

Flankman Richards and tackle Law are three-year veterans. Both are rated All-State caliber linemen. Vann is a newcomer at quarterback but he showed poise, passing ability and running talent against Berrien last Friday.

The Bulldogs have a brother combination at halfback in Dickey Thompson and Sonny Thompson. While Dickey is just a sophomore, he's already attracted the notice of college scouts. He scored three TD's in Thomasville's opener, offering a sample of his ability.

Dickey Thompson is regarded as the fastest back to turn up at Thomasville since speed-merchants Bryant Harvard and Joel Arrington romped for the Bulldogs in the mid 1950's. Both went on to become college stars. Harvard at Auburn and Arrington at Duke.

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Times Sports Editor

Early Prep Grid Action Follows Expected Lines

Now that all of the teams have at least gotten a taste of action, let's take a look and see how the pre-season form charts for various regions are holding up.

Starting with 1-AAA, Valdosta's top-ranked Wildcats and Willingham's second-ranked Rams, have opened on successful notes.

The Wildcats, in their only outing so far, got by Baker of Columbus.

Willingham, with wins over Warner Robins (26-7) and Columbus (26-0), has taken an early lead in the title race. The Rams' triumph over Robins took on added importance when the Demons surprised highly regarded Lanier (13-7) last week.

Moultrie, expected to make a strong comeback after a dismal 2-8 record in 1960, showed a potent attack in a 27-20 triumph over Jordan.

Albany, under new coach Pat Fields, got by a tough Benedictine crew, 7-0. The Savannah outfit averaged 245 pounds from tackle to tackle. But the Indians, who are heavyweights themselves, handled the big Benedictine forward wall without too much trouble.

The Albany fans are starting to talk about championships. They are comparing the current Albany team to the one which captured the state Class AAA title in 1959.

Since coach Oliver Hunnicutt faced a rebuilding problem, there was an air of uncertainty about the LaGrange team. But it is reported the Grangers looked sharp in a 6-0 triumph over always-tough Lanett, Ala. The word is the '61 Grangers are a typical LaGrange team. That means it's plenty tough.

So far the only major surprise has been Warner Robins' victory over Lanier. But the indications are that the region, as usual, is well stocked with strong teams. It looks like anyone's race with Valdosta, Willingham, Moultrie, Albany and LaGrange rated a slight edge after the first round.



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'Cats, Bulldogs Have Title Hopes

A pair of teams with championship ambitions in different regions will be trading blocks and tackles when Valdosta's Wildcats go against Thomasville's Bulldogs Friday. The game, which is slated to start at 8 p. m., is to be played at Thomasville's Veterans Memorial Stadium.

It will be the first "road" outing of the 1961 campaign for coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats. Coach Joe Sumrall's Bulldogs will be playing their first "home" game of the new campaign.

While the Wildcats campaign in 1-AAA and the Bulldogs belong to 1-AA, they are traditional rivals. The Valdosta-Thomasville

gridiron series dates, back to the early 1900's.

Both got their seasons underway last week with victories and both are ranked among the top ten in their classifications.

Valdosta turned back Baker of Columbus (35-7) and Thomasville clipped Berrien County (27-7).

Last season in an outing here, the Wildcats beat the Bulldogs, 34-7. With some new faces in the lineup and improved team speed, the Bulldogs are rated stronger this season than they were in '60.

"Thomasville is always tough," Bazemore said. "We are going to be playing our first 'road' game and they will be at 'home' for the first time. That certainly gives them an advantage.

"It's a non-region game for us, but our boys certainly can't afford to let up. If they do we are likely to be in real trouble."

Except for an uncertain situation at end, the 'Cats will probably go with the same offensive and defensive starting lineups they used against Baker.

Flankmen Wally Colson (offense) and Danny Hendley (defense) are ready to go. However, Dick Bender (Defense) and Bill Holtzclaw (offense) have injuries that puts them on the doubtful list. Rusty Griffin, Butch Luke and Jerry Varnado worked at the terminal posts last week and are likely to be called on for similar duty this week.

Other probable starters are as follows:

Offense — tackles Skipper Pre-witte and Charles Oliver, guards Gary Minchew and Frank Wetherington, center Foy Norwood, quarterback Bruce Bennett, halfbacks Kenny Ruffer and Giles Smith, fullback Walter Zant.

Defense — Tackles Jimmy Robinson and Larry Dennis, middle guard Bill Schroer, linebackers Luke, Varnado, Bill Holt, and Cloy Blanton, safetymen Stan Reaves and Rick Thomas.

As he did last week, Bazemore is likely to call on many of his charges to go both ways.

The 'Cats got some good news this week when tackle Bill Myddleton rejoined the fold. The 192-pound junior has been out for almost a month with a knee injury.

However, Myddleton isn't expected to play against Thomasville. He has not taken part in contact work during practice this week but has concentrated on trying to get back into proper playing condition.

A sharp running attack was the 'Cats' chief offensive weapon against Baker. They are hoping to make their ground attack click again this week.

Valdosta, Albany Win Openers; Jesup Upset

By BOB PRICE, Times-Union Sports Writer

Valdosta and Albany hit the South Georgia football picture as expected, with victories, but the big area noise Friday night was the 27-0 bouncing Jesup took Savannah's Jenkins.

Valdosta, with halfback Kenny Ruffer and quarterback Bruce Bennett showing the way, joustled Columbus Baker, 37-7, while Albany squeaked past a huge Benedictine eleven, 7-0.

Other Friday results were: Lowndes County 36, Hazlehurst 0; Moultrie 27, Columbus Jordan, 20; Ware County 20, Thomasville Central 0; Thomasville 27, Nashville 7; Folkston 25, Pearson 6; Bradwell 38, Patterson 0; Adel 20, Ocilla 0; Cordele 6, Baxley 6; Camden County 34, Homerville 0; Bainbridge 21, Americus 13; Blakely 27, Pelham 0.

In Valdosta's 1961 opener, Ruffer returned the second half kickoff 85 yards for one score after running 10 yards for another

TD in the second period. Bennett engineered the Wildcats on a game-opening 61-yard march and climaxed it with a one-yard plunge. Bennett also scored on a nine-yard run in the second period.

The other Valdosta touchdown came on Rick Thomas' 40-yard punt return in the first period. Baker's lone TD came in the final quarter when John Bolles skirted end from the 11-yard line. Giles Smith kicked all five of Valdosta's extra points.

Tricky Dickie Thompson was Thomasville's big gun in the 27-7 victory over stubborn Nashville as he scored three touchdowns. Berrien scored first on a one-yard keep by Butch Alexander. Thomp-

son tied the score on a two-yard run and then added six-pointers from 14 and four yards out on second half runs. Tommy Adams scored the other Thomasville TD on a 12-yard scamper.

The fired-up Jenkins Warriors made plenty of mistakes in the opening half, but came back strong to score 14 in the third period and 13 in the final stanza as the Warriors rolled up 212 yards on the ground to 118 for Jesup. The victors added 55 through the air.

Woody Bagley accounted for two Jenkins scores. He tallied first on a 10-yard pass play from Bud Hanneman and then scooted 58 yards for another. Halfback Noel Wells furnished the game's most dazzling run, a dash of 81 yards on which he received some clever blocking.

Jesup's most serious threat of the game came in the third period when the Yellow Jackets rolled from their own 45 to the Warrior six. On fourth down halfback Kenny Cowart was nailed by Jenkins guard Don Platt, and the ball went over to Jenkins.

Benedictine ruled the statistics, but Albany produced the most points at Albany. BC gained 179 yards from scrimmage to 108 for the victors and added 21 by passing to 13 for the Indians. Albany's score came in the second period when Jimmy Gibbs recovered a BC fumble at the Cadets' 21. Quarterback Rodger Beaver gained 14 on a keeper and then after Steve Knight picked up two Jimmy Gray moved over for the TD. Albany's alert line was the big difference and leading the movement was Steve Heidt and Beaver.

Blackshear collected its second straight victory of the infant campaign at Alma's expense. Colin Kelly and Jimmy Bowen were Blackshear's big guns, as both scored twice. Bowen picked up 157 yards from scrimmage and Kelly 53.

VALDOSTA TOPS THOMASVILLE

Smith's 80-Yard Touchdown Run Gives Wildcats 33-6 Decision

Special to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

THOMASVILLE, Ga., Sept. 16—Valdosta's Wildcats battled their way past a fired-up Thomasville Bulldogs football crew, 33-6, here Friday night with a late scoring surge that was touched off by halfback Gile Smith's sensational 80-yard pass interception return for a TD.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Valdosta charges ran their two-season winning streak to 14 games and licked their non-regional, but traditional rival for the ninth straight time before a crowd of approximately 5,500.

While the 'Cats finished with a comfortable victory margin, they had their anxious moments. Thomasville scored first early in

the opening stanza on a 71-yard romp by sophomore halfback Dickey Thompson and held a 6-0 lead until just before the half. This was the start of a super one-man performance by the fleet T'ville back.

Valdosta moved ahead 7-6 on a 55-yard scoring march and Smith's perfect PAT boot with less than four minutes to go until intermission.

At the start of the third period the Wildcats had their backs to the wall trying to protect their slim lead as the Bulldogs got within striking distance of pay-dirt twice. A pass interception at

VALDOSTA	THOMASVILLE
14	6
210	181
77	9
4-30	2-10

the five by quarterback Bruce Bennett nipped off one threat.

Then Smith came up with the play that turned the tide completely.

Thomasville had a fourth and five yards to go situation at the Valdosta 22. The Bulldogs tried a pass. Smith picked off the pigskin in the flat and raced 80 yards back up the field for a TD without a Thomasville player getting within five yards of him.

Just a little over a minute later quarterback Rick Thomas, got some good blocking and did some fancy stepping to give the 'Cats their third tally on a dazzling 82-yard punt return.

VALDOSTA, now in command, struck for two more quick TD's at the start of the final period. The Bulldogs gambled for a first down at their own 41 and a stout Wildcat defense made it backfire. Bennett tossed to Smith on a well executed pass that covered 34 yards and went to the five. The hard-running quarterback took it in from there.

The Wildcats headed goalward again when linebacker Butch Luke intercepted a T'ville pass and returned it 13 yards to the Bulldogs' 45. Thomas threw one to end Bill Holtzclaw which was good for 31 yards and put 'Dosta at the six. Three plays later Thomas plunged across the goal line from two yards out.

The Bulldogs' Dickie Thompson put on a one-man show that will be long remembered by those who saw it. Thomasville accounted for 181 yards rushing. Thompson got 115 of those yards on 15 carries. He boomed a quick kick 43 yards in the first period and blasted a punt 52 yards in the second stanza. His fine defensive work included a pass interception that stopped the Wildcats when they were on the move in Bulldog territory.

Brown	13	13	7	0-33
Roosevelt	0	7	0	0-7
Brown Scoring:	TDs—Kinard 2	(79	run);	King (3, run); Sharpe (2, run); King (3, run); Green (1, run).
PAT—May 2	placement	kicks,	King 1	run.
Roosevelt Scoring:	TD — Tankersley	(77,	run).	PAT—Chance 1 placement
kick.				
Grady	6	0	12	6-24
Smith	0	0	0	7-7
Grady Scoring:	TDs—Dwoskin, 2	(1,	run);	17, run); Graham (2, run); Fible-
korn (35,	return of intercepted pass).			
Smith Scoring:	TD—Taylor (1, run).			
PAT—Boyer	(kick).			

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VHS, Jordan May Stage Point Duel

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

In a manner of speaking, Valdosta's Wildcats may end up having to fight fire with fire when they go against Jordan's Red Jackets at Columbus on Saturday night.

Jordan, sparked by a hard-to-stop passing attack, has a reputation for offensive brilliance.

While coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats have been spending extra time polishing their defense this week, it could be their hope for a triumph in the crucial Region 1-AAA game will depend on how well they can make their own attack click. The game could turn out to be a scoring duel.

The Wildcats have clicked for wins over Baker (35-7) and Thomasville (33-6) and run their two-season winning streak to 14 games with the help of a balanced attack and some fancy kick-off, punt and pass interception returns.

Attack leaders for the 'Cats so far have been quarterbacks Bruce Bennett and Rick Thomas, halfbacks Kenney Ruffer, Giles Smith and Stan Reaves and fullback Walter Zant. Ruffer will miss the Jordan game because of a knee injury, but the others are set to go.

Bennett has gained 88 yards on 15 carries and completed four of eight passes for 67 yards. He's the 'Cats' leading scorer with 24 points.

Thomas has picked up 23 yards on six carries, and hit on three of nine passing tries for 46 yards. He's scored TD's on punt returns of 82 and 40 yards.

Smith has gained 46 yards on 15 running tries and went 80 yards for a tally after intercepting a pass in the Thomasville game. Reaves has 51 yards to his credit in 10 tries. Zant has picked up 65 yards on 11 carries.

But making headway against Jordan may not be so easy. Coach Bob Donaldson's charges have experience, size and speed going for them in the line.

Offensive forward wall starters for the Red Jackets are ends James Bailey (175) and James Hurston (175), tackles Larry Jones (170) and Ross McCain (215), guards Joe Allen (175) and Charles (Sonny) Buchanan (225) and center Bob Kischkowski (160). When Jordan goes on defense Larry Buchanan (270), John Simpson (230) and Charles Skinner (180) are called on for help.

Sonny Buchanan, Jones, Allen, McCain and Hurston are returning regulars.

Although he tips the scales at 225, Buchanan has the speed of

a back. A sharp blocker and standout on defense, he is regarded as a sure bet for All-State honors his year.

The 'Cats beat the Jackets, 27-0 last fall but they had their troubles making headway against the Columbus outfit.

In two starts this year Jordan dropped a 27-20 decision to Moultrie and played LaGrange to a 7-7. Valdosta scouts who saw both games, said Jordan showed enough offensive power to score several more times against both the Packers and Grangers had the breaks been with the Red Jackets.

Jordan Major Test For 'Dosta Eleven

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

When Valdosta's Wildcats go against Jordan's Red Jackets at Columbus on Saturday night coach Wright Bazemore's charges will be trying to make football history repeat itself.

It was a triumph over Jordan in 1960 at this same stage of the season that really got the 'Cats started on a course which led them to an unbeaten season and the state Class AAA crown.

And the way Bazemore sees it tomorrow night's battle in Columbus' 25,000-seat Memorial Stadium could very well be a make-or-break affair for the Valdosta crew.

After winning 12 in a row last fall, the 'Cats have tacked on two more triumphs this year. They've beaten Region 1-AAA foe Baker (35-7) and non-league opponent Thomasville (33-6). However, Jordan represents 'Dosta's first major test of the new campaign. And since it is a regional game, a lot of blue chips are riding on the outcome.

"We beat Jordan last season, but it took one of our best efforts of the year to do it," Bazemore said. "I feel that win gave us the spark to get rolling. The question now is can we do it again? Jordan has a big, experienced team with a very dangerous passing attack. They have the home field advantage and believe me all of the Columbus schools play their best in their big stadium."

If the weather is clear and the field is dry, the Wildcats and coach Bob Donaldson's Red Jackets could very well hook up in a scoring duel.

With a pair of slick passers, Lawton Garnto and Mike Welch, and a half dozen talented receivers the Jackets are ready to unleash an aerial barrage from their hard-to-defense, TCU-spread formation.

In earlier starts Jordan bowed to Moultrie (27-20) and tied LaGrange (7-7). In those two outings Garnto and Welch hit on 18 of 35 passes for just under 400 yards. Garnto and Welch are also talented runners along with other backfield regulars James Elkins, Sammy Fulford and Gene Burkett.

The Wildcats offer a balanced attack, with the emphasis on speed. One of their offensive mainstays, halfback Kenny Ruffer, is on the shelf with a knee injury. But other attack leaders, Bruce Bennett, Rick Thomas, Walter Zant, Stan Reaves and Giles Smith, are set to go.

Following what for them is usual procedure, the 'Cats will employ a two-team system. Probable starters by units are as follows:

Offense — Ends Wally Colson and Bill Hotzclaw, tackles Skipper Prewitte and Charles Oliver, guards Gary Minchew and Frank Wetherington, center Foy Norwood, quarterback Bennett, halfbacks Smith and Reaves and fullback Zant.

Defense — ends Rusty Griffin and Danny Hendley, tackles Bill Schroer and Jimmy Robinson, middle guard Bill Myddleton, linebackers Civo Blanton, Butch Luke, Bill Holt and Jerry Varnado and safetymen Reaves and Thomas.

Reaves is down for full time duty on both offense and defense and quite a few others are likely to be called to play both ways.

In addition to Ruffer, tackle, Larry Dennis and end Dick Bender will sit out the game in Columbus. Bender has an injured ankle and Dennis is out with an infected knee.

Myddleton is listed as a starter, but he's still hampered by a knee injury which forced him to miss Valdosta's first two games. If he does play, he won't be able to go full speed.

Last season, Valdosta trimmed Jordan, 27-0. But the 'Cats had the home field advantage. The last time the Wildcats met the Red Jackets in Columbus, Bazemore's charges gained a 7-6 win on a last-second pass interception and 98-yard TD run by Bennett.

Jordan Air Attack Has 'Cats Worried

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

With Jordan's Red Jackets ready to send a talented two-man pitching staff against them, Valdosta's football Wildcats are de-

voting more than just a little of their practice time this week to pass defense.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats are to meet coach Bob Donaldson's Red Jackets in a crucial Region 1-AAA outing at Columbus

on Saturday night.

And Bazemore has made no secret of the fact that he's plenty concerned about Jordan's vaunted aerial attack.

The Red Jackets have not just one, but two talented "pitchers." One is Lawton Garnto, a 185-pounder who throws them right-handed. The other is Mike Welch, a 155-pound lefty.

Between them they've connected on 18 passes in 35 tries for 329 yards. Jordan has piled up this big aerial yardage in just two games.

Jordan uses a multiple attack. The Jackets run from the TCU-spread, the straight-T, unbalanced-T, double-wing and single-wing. Their favorite is the TCU-spread. For this the passer lines up 10 to 12 yards back and takes the ball on a direct snap from the center. It takes a very nimble and determined defender to get to the passer before he can get the ball off.

If the defense doesn't rush but drops back to cover the receivers, then Garnto and Welch set sail on foot. Both are talented runners. Against LaGrange last Friday, Garnto picked up 85 yards on nine running tries.

Besides two good passers, Jordan is well supplied with talented pass receivers. Just one of Garnto's and Welch's favorite targets is end James Hurston, a 175-pounder who stands 6-5. Another is fleet halfback Sammy Fulford, a 150-pound, go-all-the-way type runner.

Jordan likes to throw and borrowing a page from the pros, the Jackets will take to the air from any place on the field, even from deep in their own territory.

Donaldson's charges have an 0-1-1 record after two starts. But there's more to the story. Jordan's loss was by a 27-20 margin to Moultrie. The tie was 7-7 affair with LaGrange in LaGrange. Both Moultrie and LaGrange rate high on the 1-AAA form chart. And in both games Jordan had other opportunities to score, but failed to cash in on them.

"They've got a big, experienced team and they can throw that football," Bazemore said. "Certainly we need to improve our own offense, but the big problem is trying to come up with a defense which will at least slow them down. If our defense doesn't work they could pitch us right out of the ball game in a hurry."

In 1960 the Wildcats beat Jordan 27-0 in a game here. To earn that triumph they gave one of their finest defensive performances of the season. According to Bazemore's way of thinking, the 'Cats are going to have to come up with another standout defensive job this year if they are to withstand Jordan's passing rage.

Loop Foe Jordan Next For 'Dosta

Lowndes To Face Central; Hahira Plays At Pearson

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

The Valdosta Wildcats, Lowndes County Golden Eagles and Hahira Tigers have gotten the word to keep their bags packed this week.

All three played away from home last Friday and they are scheduled for more action on the "road" this week.

Hahira is to go against Atkinson County at Pearson on Friday night. Then on Saturday night, Valdosta will meet Jordan at Columbus and LOHI will tackle Central at Thomasville.

Other Friday night games involving area teams are as follows:

Brooks County (Quitman) at Berrien County (Nashville), Patterson at Clinch County (Homer-ville), Cook (Adel) at Tifton, Jasper, Fla. at Williston, Fla.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats will be meeting a Region 1-AAA foe when they go against coach Bob Donaldson's Red Jackets at Columbus on Saturday.

It will be a familiar story for the 'Cats. Their regional title hopes and a two-season winning streak which has now reached 14 games will be on the line.

In two starts this year, Valdosta has turned back Baker of Columbus (35-7) and Thomasville (33-6). Jordan has an 0-1-1 record, but that's no indication of the Red Jackets' strength. The loss was by a 27-20 margin to Moultrie.

The tie was a 7-7 affair with LaGrange at LaGrange. Jordan came within a whisker of winning both games. And the Packers who beat the Red Jackets and the Grangers who tied them both rank very high on the form chart for 1-AAA.

Coach Carlton Adams' Lowndes County Eagles will be gunning for their fourth straight win when they go against coach Moe McClung's dangerous Central Yellow Jackets at Thomasville on Saturday.

LOHI has clicked for triumphs over Hahira (61-0), Jeff Davis (36-0) and Irwin County (20-12). The Jackets have bowed to Seminole County (7-0) and Ware County (20-0). They are hungry for a victory. With an open date last Friday, Central will have extra time to prepare for the Eagles.

While LOHI and Central are both in Region 1-A, they belong to different sub-divisions. So their game won't count in league standings.

Coach Warren Alexander's Hahira Tigers and the Atkinson County Rebels will be trying to break into the victory column when they tangle at Pearson on Friday. Their game will be a 1-B (East) affair.

The Tigers have bowed to LOHI and Clinch County in two starts. Atkinson has fallen before Folks-ton and Jennings, Fla.

Brooks County will be trying to halt a two-game losing skid and Berrien County will be gunning for its initial triumph when they

'Cats Face Jordan; Lowndes At Central

Valdosta's Wildcats and the Lowndes County's Golden Eagles will both be risking winning streaks when they go against tough opponents in "road" contests tonight.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats are to meet Jordan's Red Jackets at Columbus in a Region 1-AAA affair. With 12 straight wins last year and two so far this season, Valdosta has a 14 - tilt victory string going.

Coach Carlton Adams' Eagles

are slated to go against Central's Yellow Jackets at Thomasville. The LOHI crew is off winging this year with three triumphs in as many starts. The game won't count in league standings since LOHI and Central are members of different sub-divisions of Region 1-A.

For Bazemore's Wildcats, a victory tonight is virtually a must if they are to fulfill their hopes of repeating as 1-AAA champs.

No team has ever won the regional crown after losing to a league foe.

The game in Columbus' big, 25,000 - seat Memorial Stadium shapes off as an offensive duel.

Coach Bob Donaldson's Red Jackets offer a slick, TCU-spread style passing attack led by the double-trouble passing combo of Lawton Garnto and Mike Welch. This accurate throwing twosome has hit on 18 of 35 passes in two games for almost 400 yards.

While Jordan has bowed to Moultrie (27 - 20) and tied LaGrange (7-7) it has flashed offensive brilliance. With the "home" field advantage and a decided weight advantage, the Red Jackets could prove hard to handle.

The Wildcats have devoted extra time to pass defense this week and hope to counteract Jordan's aerial attack with some offensive fireworks of their own. The 'Cats move best along the ground and depend more on speed than brute power while trying to make headway.

Fleet halfback Kenny Ruffer will miss the game because of a knee injury. But other attack leaders like Bruce Bennett, Rick Thomas, Stan Reeves, Giles Smith and Walter Zant are set to go.

Spearheading Jordan's big, experienced forward wall is Charles (Sonny) Buchanan, a 225-pound guard who is regarded as a sure bet to earn All-State honors.

Wins for the Wildcats this year have been over Baker (35-7) and Thomasville (33-6). Valdosta trimmed Jordan 27-0, in a game here last time. But in 1959 during a battle in Columbus, the 'Cats were hard pressed to come off with a 7-6 win.

LOHI will be meeting a winless but still dangerous gridiron opponent at Thomasville tonight. Coach Moe McClung's Yellow Jackets have taken it on the chin from Seminole County (7-0) and Ware County (20-0).

However, Central has had two weeks to get ready for the Eagles and the Thomas County crew is hungry for the taste of victory.

In building its three-game victory string, LOHI has beaten Hahira (61-0), Jeff Davis (36-0) and Irwin County (20-12).

Attack leaders for Central are quarterback Emmett McEachin and halfback Woodrow Scott. McEachin is a track star and is a go-all-the-way type runner. Scott weighs only 160 pounds and hits with more power than his poundage might indicate.

The Yellow Jackets have eight regulars in their starting lineup. The other three spots are filled by boys who played enough last season to be rated as experienced players.

Calvin VanVlake, a 170 - pound senior, has led LOHI's offensive ventures so far and is being counted on to help make the Eagles' attack click tonight. The hard - hitting LOHI line crew, which has been sharp all the way this year, will also be called on to carry a heavy burden.



—Times Staff Photo

Portia Thomas With VHS Band Trophy

Girl Sophomore Is Selected Outstanding Band Member

Portia Thomas, 15-year-old sophomore at Valdosta High School, has been selected the school's outstanding band member of the year.

Miss Thomas was elected by band members to receive the Ken Stanton Bandsman of the Year Award, presented to VHS by the Ken Stanton Music Company of Marietta.

The trophy, the only one presented in South Georgia this year, will bear Miss Thomas' name and will be on display in the band trophy case.

Miss Thomas will receive an engraved plaque as a personal

award. Band Director Frank Butenschon said the award will be made annually to the outstanding VHS band student and names will be added to the large standing trophy each year.

Miss Thomas is the daughter of Maj. and Mrs. J. L. Thomas.

An "A" student, Miss Thomas is first chair solo clarinetist in the band. She is also band librarian, a member of the newly organized Valdosta Civic Orchestra, member of the Beta Club, Latin Club, Future Teachers of America, pianist at the Northside Baptist Church here, and sings in the church's youth choir.

Cats Battle Past Thomasville, 33-6

Second-Half Surge Buries Bulldogs

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

THOMASVILLE — Valdosta's Wildcats battled their way past a fired-up Thomasville Bulldogs football crew, 33-6, here Friday night with a scoring surge that was touched off by halfback Giles Smith's sensational 80-yard pass interception return for a TD late in the third period.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Valdosta charges ran their two-season winning streak to 14 games and licked their non-regional, but traditional rival for the ninth straight time before a crowd of approximately 5,500.

However, the triumph may have been a costly one for the Wildcats. Halfback Kenny Ruffer, an offensive mainstay, suffered a knee injury early in the game. Ruffer was taken to the hospital at halftime in an ambulance. But he returned to the field on crutches, before the game ended.

Ruffer damaged ligaments in his right knee, and Bazemore expressed fear that the injury "might be bad enough to keep Kenny out of action for quite sometime."

While the 'Cats finished with a comfortable victory margin, they had their anxious moments. Thomasville scored first early in the opening stanza on a 71-yard romp by sophomore halfback Dickey Thompson and held a 6-0 lead until just before the half. This was the start of a super one-man performance by the fleet T-ville back.

Valdosta moved ahead 7-6 on a 55-yard scoring march and Smith's perfect PAT boot with less than four minutes to go until intermission.

At the start of the third period the Wildcats had their backs to the wall trying to protect their slim lead as the Bulldogs got within striking distance of paydirt twice. A pass interception at the five by quarterback Bruce Bennett nipped off one threat.

Then Smith came up with the play that turned the tide completely.

Thomasville had a fourth-and-five-yards-to-go situation at the Valdosta 22. The Bulldogs tried a pass. Smith picked off the pigskin in the flat and raced 80 yards back up the field for a TD without a Thomasville player getting within five yards of him.

Just a little over a minute later quarterback Rick Thomas got

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Valdosta's Rick Thomas About To Go Down

Bulldogs' Steve Ashton Goes Low to Make Tackle

Cats Go Against Bulldogs

Traditional Rivals Clash In Contest At Thomasville

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor



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Wildcats' Men In The Middle Of The Line

Centers Jimmy Robinson, Foy Norwood, Engene Gunter

The Valdosta Wildcats will be out to keep a pair of football winning streaks going when they square off against the Thomasville Bulldogs at Thomasville tonight.

The contest, which will renew one of the state's oldest prep gridiron series, is slated for 8 p. m. at Thomasville's Veterans Memorial Stadium.

After a win'em all season in 1960 and an opening game triumph this year over Baker of Columbus, coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats are unbeaten in their last 13 starts. That's streak number one the 'Cats want to extend.

Starting with a playoff game in 1956, Valdosta has licked Thomasville eight times in a row. That's streak number two 'Dosta wants to keep going.

For the first, and only time this year, the Wildcats can forget about the Region 1-AAA race. Thomasville is a 1-AA (South) entry, so the results of tonight's game won't figure in league standings for either team.

But the Wildcats and the Bulldogs are traditional rivals. And considering the football honors at stake, the game figures to be a spirited affair.

Valdosta has been rated the favorite, but Thomasville has some psychological factors in its favor. It will have the "home" field advantage. And since the Bulldogs have lost eight in a row to Valdosta, they have a strong desire to reap a measure of revenge.

Last season the 'Cats trimmed the Bulldogs, 34-7. This year Thomasville has a lighter team, but one which is rated much faster than its '60 edition. The Wildcats are cut from a similar pattern, depending more on speed on speed than brute power to make both its offense and defense click.

Like Valdosta, Thomasville opened its new campaign last week with a triumph. The Bulldogs trimmed Berrien County (Nashville), 27-7.

The Bulldogs' forward wall is anchored by a pair of three-year veterans, end James Richards and tackle Dallice Law. Richards, a 165-pounder, is a sharp defender, a good blocker and a fine pass receiver. Law, at 220-pounds, combines both speed and power. Both are regarded as All-State caliber performers.

One of T'ville's attack leader is sophomore halfback Dickey Thompson. The fleet, 160-pounder scored three times against Berrien.

The Wildcats will follow what for them is a familiar pattern and employ a two-team system.

Valdosta's offensive and defensive starters will probably come

from a group that includes the following players:

Ends Danny Hendley, Rusty Griffin, Wally Colson, Dick Bender and Bill Holtzclaw; tackles Bill Schroer, Larry Dennis, Skipper Prewitte and Charles Oliver; guards Frank Wetherington, Gary Minchew and Bill Holt; centers Foy Norwood and Jimmy Robinson and backs Bruce Bennett, Kenny Ruffer, Giles Smith, Walter Zant, Butch Luke, Jerry Varnado, Cloy Blanton, Stan Reaves and Rick Thomas.

Bender and Holtzclaw are hampered by injuries, so they are actually on the doubtful list. Last week against Baker, Luke and Varnado saw some action at end.

Tackle Bill Myddleton, out for almost a month with a knee injury, rejoined the fold this week, but isn't expected to play against the Bulldogs tonight.

VALDOSTA VS THOMASVILLE

— Valdosta's Wildcats are being rated as the favorite in this one. But Thomasville will have the home field advantage, and the Bulldogs are always at their best in T'ville. It's a non-regional affair for coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats, but he has cautioned them to be prepared for a tough game. The contest will renew one of the state's oldest prep gridiron rivalries. I'm giving the nod to Valdosta.



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Valdosta Tackle 'Testing' Knee Bill Myddleton Hopes To Return To Action

Ruffer Out, Myddleton May Return

The Valdosta Wildcats Monday got some bad news concerning halfback Kenny Ruffer and an encouraging report in regards to tackle Bill Myddleton.

Word from coach Wright Bazemore is that Ruffer won't get to play against Jordan on Friday, but there is a chance Myddleton might.

Ruffer suffered a knee injury in a game at Thomasville last Friday. He was still on crutches yesterday and Bazemore said the fleet junior halfback is being counted out of plans for the Saturday night battle with the Red Jackets at Columbus.

"The doctors still aren't sure just how badly Ruffer's knee is injured," the VHS coach said. "However, it isn't likely he will be ready to go against Jordan. We are, by necessity, having to figure him out of our planning for the game."

Myddleton, a 195-pound junior, has been on the shelf for more than a month with a knee injury. He missed the Wildcats' first two games with Baker and Thomasville. But last week he began conditioning drills and Bazemore said he will be allowed to take part in contact work this week.

"We will just have to wait and see how Myddleton's knee holds up in practice this week," Bazemore said. "Then we will decide whether he can go against Jordan."

Myddleton, a defensive specialist, earned All-State honorable mention in 1960 as a sophomore.

With Ruffer out, Stan Reaves is being groomed to take his place at halfback on the "Go-Team." Actually Reaves played most of the way on offense against Thomasville last Friday and drew praise from Bazemore for his performance. Since Reaves is also a talented defender, he's sure to be called on for extensive two-way duty against Jordan.

And if Myddleton is able to get back in harness, it will only balance the scales at tackle. Defensive unit regular Larry Dennis has a bad case of boils and it's doubtful at this time that he will be ready for action by Saturday night.

Valdosta Tops Jordan, 46-14, Behind Smith

VALDOSTA, Sept. 24—The Valdosta Wildcats, sparked by the long-haul running of speedy Giles Smith, smothered the Jordan Red Jackets Saturday night, 46-14 at Valdosta. The win was the Wildcats' third of the year, and 15th straight without a defeat.

The Cats, who moved into a tie with Albany and Moultrie for the 1-AAA lead, put together a 74-yard drive for their first score. Walter Zant did the honors from four yards out.

Two more Valdosta scores came in the second period, giving the Cats a 20-0 halftime lead. Butch Luke set up the first with a pass interception on the Jacket 16, and Bruce Bennett drove over four plays later from the one. Bennett added the third Wildcat score on a three-yard buck, following a 53-yard drive.

After Jordan broke the scoring ice in the third period on a 13-yard heave from quarterback Ron Welch to Gene Burkett, Smith started his one man show. The speedy halfback faked a punt and scooted 53 yards for the fourth Valdosta score, and minutes later put another six-pointer on the boards for the Cats with a weaving 34-yard run.

Gary Hamilton scored the final Jordan touchdown on a one-yard line buck, and Sirois Barker and Zant added final period scores for Valdosta.

Stickouts in the Wildcat line were Andy Harvill, Reggie Vickery and Frankie Jenkins.

Valdosta	7	13	13	13-46
Jordan	0	0	7	7-14

TDs: Valdosta—Bennett, 2 (1, run; 1, run); Zant, 2 (2, run; 4, run); Smith, 2 (34, run; 53, run); Barker (1, run). Jordan—Burkett (13, pass from Welch); Hamilton (1, run). PATs: Valdosta—Smith, 4 (placement); Jordan—Welsh, 2 (placement).

PREP GRID RATINGS

Valdosta Tops AAA List; Lowndes 2nd On A Chart

ATLANTA (AP) — With a preponderance of second place votes, Carrollton has pushed Ware County to third place and shaded Lowndes County for first place in the Class A Top Ten of Georgia high school football.

Valdosta in Triple-A, Waycross in AA, Washington-Wilkes in B and Coosa in C continued at the helm in their respective classes.

It was the second time in as many weeks for the A leadership to change. Ware County had ousted Americus last week on the strength of its 20-0 thumping of Central of Thomasville.

Ware's 13 - 13 deadlock with Statesboro in its latest outing, however, weakened its standing in favor of Carrollton, which topped the class much of last season, and Lowndes, another strong contender.

Although Carrollton, a three-time winner this season, received only two first place votes from the 10-member rating board, its second choices were enough to give it 75 points to 73 for second-place Lowndes and 68 for Ware.

There was quite a lot of jockeying for position on down the line in all five classes and six teams gained Top Ten rating for the first time this season. Among

the latter was Tifton, which moved into the AA group on the wings of its 21-12 win over Fitzgerald.

Marietta and Decatur gained the charmed circle in AAA; Claxton and West Gwinnett in B and Georgia Military College in C.

The rating board is made up of sports editors and writers of all parts of the state.

The Atlanta Journal sponsors the ratings.

The latest lineup by classes:

AAA—Valdosta, Richmond Academy, Albany, Willingham, Avondale, R. E. Lee, Northside, Brown, Marietta, Decatur.

AA — Waycross, Bainbridge, Rossville, Gainesville, Cairo, Cedartown, Fairburn, Thomasville, Wayne County, Tifton.

A—Carrollton, Lowndes County, Ware County, Screven County, Cartersville, Swainsboro, Commerce, Toccoa, Americus, Statesboro.

B—Washington-Wilkes, Fort Valley, Miller County, Hawkinsville, Morgan County, Dallas, Thomson, Blakely - Union, Claxton, West Gwinnett.

C—Coosa, Bremen, Chattahoochee Valley, Putnam County, Gordon Military, Jones County, Louisville, Lincolnton, GMC, Dade County.

Bulldogs Gave Wildcats Hint Of Future Troubles

When Valdosta's football Wildcats invaded Thomasville on Friday night to play the Bulldogs they got a sample of what they can expect in every game from now on out.

Coach Joe Summral had his Bulldogs primed and ready for a do-or-die battle. Thomasville was the underdogs and was playing Valdosta—the champ.

To say that the Bulldogs got off to a spirited start is putting it mildly. For almost three quarters they gave coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats just about all they could handle.

After Giles Smith turned the tide late in the third stanza with an 80-yard TD romp after a pass interception, the 'Cats got their scoring machine in high gear and finished with a comfortable 33-6 victory margin.

But it was no cake walk. Just ask the Valdosta boys who played.

"They were ready to play and we weren't," Bazemore said. "I'm talking about mental attitude now. I've been telling the boys they've got to be ready to go all out from the start in every game. Well, maybe they understand what I mean now.

"Everyone we play is going to be primed up just like Thomasville. If our boys go out there at the start expecting to coast we are going to be in trouble just like we were for almost three quarters last Friday night.

"I'll say we were lucky to beat Thomasville. They carried the fight to us during the early going. Had they scored again in the third quarter when they got so close, the game might have had a different ending. As fired up as they were, had they gotten the lead again we might not have been able to catch up.



GLASSMAN

Sophomore Halfback Sizzled

"Giles Smith's interception and score was definitely the turning point. It changed the complexion of the whole game, to our advantage I'm happy to say. It took the wind out of their sails and gave us the boost we needed to get rolling. But I'll say again, we were lucky."

Just as Bazemore pointed out the 'Cats had their troubles with the fired-up Bulldogs. They had particular trouble with a 160-pound sophomore halfback named Dickey Thompson. He put on a one-man show of such note that Bazemore made a special trip to the Thomasville dressing room after the game to shake his hand and commend him for his performance. Thompson got loose for a 71-yard TD run and came within a whisker of getting loose on several other runs from scrimmage and kick returns. He was tough on defense and got off punts of 43 and 52 yards.

The T'ville boys deserve some credit. By the same token so do the Wildcats. I know Bazemore was disappointed by their slow start. But while things were going against them, they refused to panic.

They ground out a touchdown just before the half ended, to go ahead, and they stopped the Bulldogs at close range early in the third period with a determined defensive stand. They withstood all of the Bulldogs' fury, held their ground and then finished strong. And as a very wise person once said, all's well that ends well.

It takes a good team effort to triumph. The Wildcats, especially near the close, gave that.

Several Gave Something Extra

But I thought several of the 'Cats gave a little extra. In that group I would include Smith, quarterbacks Rick Thomas and Bruce Bennett, halfback Stan Reaves and tackle Bill Schroer. They saw heavy duty on both offense and defense and all did their jobs well.

Reaves, an experienced hand on defense, got his first major test on offense when Kenny Ruffer went out with a knee injury. His work with the "Go-Team" earned him a verbal pat on the back from Bazemore.

As for Ruffer's injury, it's still a question mark.

"With knee injuries you are never sure," Bazemore said.

"I do know that if he's sidelined for any length of time it's going to hurt us. When you lose boys with Kenny's talent it's rough."

The Thomasville game is now history. It has been recorded in the book as the Wildcats' 14th consecutive triumph over a two-season span. It also proved without a doubt that the 'Cats still have a long and bumpy football journey ahead of them this season. For you see there are quite a few foes to be met who are stronger than the Thomasville crew which submitted to defeat so stubbornly.

VALDOSTA, WAYCROSS RETAIN TOP RANKINGS

Carrollton Replaces Ware Co. As Class A Poll Leader

By GENE ASHER

An ex-king returned to the throne and six new teams joined the "Top Ten" in the Journal's third weekly high school football poll.

Carrollton's Trojans, No. 1 in the final 1960 Class A ratings, reclaimed the top spot as the lead changed for the second straight week. Ware County of Waycross fell to third.

Valdosta (AAA) retained its No. 1 ranking as did Waycross (AA), Washington-Wilkes (B) and Coosa (C).

Marietta and Decatur gained AAA prominence, Tifton cracked the AA exclusive circle, Clax-

ton and West Gwinnett moved in with the B elite and Georgia Military College won Class C support.

Coach Charles Grisham's Carrolltons, who have won three straight, polled only two first-place votes from The Journal's 10-man Rating Board but accumulated enough second and third-place votes to edge Lowndes County. Carrollton collected 75 points, Lowndes County 73. Points are awarded on a 10 for first, 9 for second, 8 for third, etc. basis.

Richmond Academy of Augusta closed the gap on Valdosta in Class AAA and Bremen pulled within one point of Coosa of Rome in Class C. Richmond, which trailed the AAA leaders by nine last week, reduced the margin to six, 97-91. Coosa had 81 points, Bremen 80.

Marietta made its AAA "Top Ten" debut in the No. 9 position, one place and one point ahead of newcomer Decatur. Marietta won its third last weekend, beating Russell, 12-0, and Decatur took its second straight, 20-13, over Cross Keys.

Jenkins of Savannah, blanked by Benedictine of Savannah, 14-0, plummeted from eighth, and LaGrange dropped from ninth after being held to a 7-7 deadlock by Jordan of Columbus.

Albany, which thrashed Columbus, 33-0, advanced from fourth to third. Willingham of Macon leaped from sixth to fourth. Avondale from seventh to fifth and Atlanta Brown from tenth to eighth. Willingham routed Columbus Baker, 26-7, Avondale shutout Gordon, 26-0, and Brown thumped Atlanta Roosevelt, 33-7.

Waycross, averaging 53 points per game, received seven first-place votes and 93 points in the AA chart. Second-place Bainbridge was 20 points back. Ross-ville vaulted from seventh to third and trails Bainbridge by only two points.

Tifton moved into 10th place on the strength of its third victory, 21-12, over Fitzgerald. Wayne County of Jesup jumped to ninth and West Rome, ninth last week, lost its rating. The Romans were upset by Class A Tifton, 20-6.

No new teams were admitted

TOP TEN

CLASS AAA			
Team	Record	1st Place Votes	Pts.
1. Valdosta	2-0-0	7	97
2. Richmond Acad.	3-0-0	3	91
3. Albany	2-0-0	0	75
4. Willingham	3-0-0	0	53
5. Avondale	3-0-0	0	45
6. R. E. Lee	3-0-0	0	37
7. Northside	3-0-0	0	33
8. Brown	2-0-0	0	27
9. Marietta	3-0-0	0	17
10. Decatur	2-0-0	0	16

CLASS AA			
Team	Record	1st Place Votes	Pts.
1. Waycross	2-0-0	7	93
2. Bainbridge	3-0-0	0	73
3. Ross-ville	3-0-0	3	71
4. Gainesville	2-0-0	0	52
5. Cairo	2-0-0	0	49
6. Cedartown	2-1-0	0	34
7. Fairburn	3-0-0	0	29
8. Thomasville	1-1-0	0	28
9. Wayne County	2-1-0	0	26
10. Tifton	3-0-0	0	25

CLASS A			
Team	Record	1st Place Votes	Pts.
1. Carrollton	3-0-0	2	75
2. Lowndes Co.	3-0-0	3	73
3. Ware Co.	2-0-1	4	68
4. Screven Co.	3-0-0	1	57
5. Cartersville	3-0-0	0	49
6. Swainsboro	2-0-0	0	48
7. Commerce	3-0-0	0	46
8. Toccoa	3-0-0	0	44
9. Americus	1-1-0	0	43
10. Statesboro	0-1-2	0	34

CLASS B			
Team	Record	1st Place Votes	Pts.
1. Wash.-Wilkes	3-0-0	5	86
2. Fort Valley	3-0-0	1	66
3. Miller County	3-0-0	2	63
4. Hawkinsville	3-0-0	0	57
5. Morgan Co.	2-0-1	0	47
6. Dallas	3-0-0	0	43
7. Thomson	1-0-1	0	38
8. Blakely-Union	2-0-0	0	35
9. Claxton	3-0-0	1	34
10. West Gwinnett	2-0-0	0	16

CLASS C			
Team	Record	1st Place Votes	Pts.
1. Coosa	3-0-0	6	81
2. Bremen	3-0-0	1	80
3. Chatt. Valley	3-0-0	0	76
4. Putnam Co.	3-0-0	2	72
5. Gordon Military	2-0-0	0	49
6. Jones County	2-0-0	1	47
7. Louisville	2-1-0	1	34
8. Lincolnton	2-1-0	0	31
9. G.M.C.	1-0-0	0	18
10. Dade County	1-1-0	0	14

in Class A. Biggest gain was made by Commerce which catapulted from 10th to seventh after stunning Central Gwinnett of Lawrenceville, 19-7.

In Class B, Claxton took ninth and West Gwinnett 10th, replacing Terrell County of Dawson and Atlanta Lovett. Claxton, although receiving only 34 points, pulled one first-place vote.

Wildcats Passed Jordan Test With Flying Colors

Valdosta's Wildcats have taken and passed their first major football exam of the 1961 season with flying colors.

The "test" was against Jordan's Red Jackets at Columbus last Saturday. The Wildcats' "grade" was an impressive 46-14 victory which put their usually tense coach, Wright Bazemore, in a momentarily relaxed mood.

Several future opponents loom as higher hurdles for the 'Cats to try to get over, but there was a lot of pre-game talk about the possibility of the Red Jackets ending Valdosta's winning string which has now stretched to 15 games over a two-season span.

But the Wildcats went to Columbus ready to play, and play they did. With team effort the keynote, they were sharp on both offense and defense right from the opening whistle. I would certainly rate the overall job they did against the Red Jackets as the 'Cats best performance of the still young 1961 campaign.

Bazemore, flashing a big grin, expressed a similar opinion during a chat I had with him right after the game.

"This is the first time I've felt like relaxing all week," the VHS grid boss said. "I'll have to start worrying about our next game on Monday, but tonight I'm going to relax and sleep."

"The boys were ready to go at the start of the game and they did virtually everything as well or better than we hoped for. I was especially pleased with our pass defense. And our offense went very well. It was a good team effort all the way."

In the Valdosta camp, the major emphasis in practice for the meeting with coach Bob Donaldson's crew was put on devising a defense that would stall Jordan's vaunted TCU-spread style aerial attack.

Luke Certainly Did His Share

Jordan did manage to complete four passes in 15 tries and one went for a TD. But the Wildcats intercepted four Red Jacket aeriels and turned three of them into Valdosta tallies. Meanwhile, VHS kept its own attack in high gear, and the result was a comfortable victory margin for Bazemore's charges.

A list of those who helped the cause greatly would include Walter Zant, Sirosis Barber, Rick Thomas, Cloy Blanton, Jerry Varnado, Butch Luke, Stan Reaves, Bruce Bennett, Giles Smith, Dick Bender, Danny Hendley, Bill Holtzclaw, Wally Colson, Rusty Griffin, Bill Myddleton, Skipper Prewitte, Jimmy Robinson, Gary Minchew, Frank Wetherington, Billy Schroer, Bill Holt, Foy Norwood and Charles Oliver.

It's hard to single out individuals for extra praise, but certainly it should be noted that Luke did his share. He's a 165-pound senior who is a linebacker on the 'Cats' "Stop'em Crew."

Luke intercepted two passes and led both teams in tackles with nine. His first "theft" came early in the game when the issue was still very much in doubt. It set up Valdosta's second TD and proved that Jordan's highly regarded passing game could be stopped. Holt and Varnado also picked off Jordan passes.

Minchew and Wetherington, a pair of senior guards, are offensive specialists. But with speed needed on defense, they also saw duty with the "Stop'em Crew." Both did a fine job as the 'Cats kept the pressure on the Red Jacket passers all the way.

Smith Had A Big Night

Bennett turned in one of his usual good performances and Smith had quite a night for himself. Smith tallied on long runs of 34 and 53 yards and helped set up a TD with a one-handed grab of a pass on a play that gained 28 yards. He also got off punts that went 47 and 68 yards. He boomed the 68 yarder out from his own end zone. It was one of the longest punts I've ever seen in a high school game.

Holtzclaw caught two passes and turned them into 28-yard and 59-yard gainers.

And, well, you could go on and on. Let's just say again it was a good team effort.

Like their coach, the Wildcats earned the right to relax on Saturday night. But also like their coach, they have gone back to working and worrying about their next foe, which happens to be Lanier's Poels from Macon.

And when Friday night rolls around they've got to be ready for an all-out effort again. As the 'Cats very well know there's no such thing as a "breather" in 1-AAA.



GLASSMAN

Wildcats' Bennett, Smith On Star List

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A performance that lived up to pre-season predictions gave Benedictine an upset 22-0 victory over Waycross and earned honors for the entire Cadet squad.

Benedictine had been touted as a major stumbling block in the path of Richmond Academy which appeared headed for a second Region 2AAA championship—and possibly the state title that barely eluded the Augustans last season.

But the Savannah Cadets led the season opener to Albany and got out with a two touchdown win over Jenkins High. At the same time Waycross was piling up 49-0 and 52-7 triumphs over Appling County and Bacon County. The Bulldogs seemed to be as strong as the team which won the Class AA state championship last year.

Waycross may repeat, but the loss to Benedictine takes off the luster they had last season. Singled out for Roll Call of Stars

Others making the list:

Here are the others nominated for honors this week:

BRUCE BENNETT, GILES SMITH, Valdosta—Both scored twice in 46-14 victory over Jordan while Smith also kicked four PATs.

LARRY ROBERTS, BUTCH GREER, Tifton—Roberts intercepted a key pass and played outstanding defensive game despite injury. Greer scored lone touchdown in 7-0 win over Cook High.

STANLEY GRIFFIN, LARRY SIRMANS, Cook—Tackle Griffin was outstanding defensively while Sirmans, a 134-pound halfback, gained 51 yards in 9 carries.

JIMMY CLANTON, EMMETT MCEACHIN, Central of Thomasville—Line-man Clanton led defensive charge that held highly-touted Lowndes County while Central piled up a 33-6 decision. Quarterback McEachin scored two touchdowns and led Central offensively.

BOYD TAYLOR, LaGrange—Scored both touchdowns in 13-6 win over previously unbeaten Willingham of Macon.

CLYDE ISOM, Moultrie—Scored three times, including an 85-yard return with an intercepted pass, as the Packers downed Thomasville 33-6.

FORREST INGLETT, Richmond Academy—Made touchdown runs of 27 and 12 yards in Richmond's 32-0 ramble over Riverside and punted for a 46-yard average.

BOBBY MANGUM, R. B. GAINOUS, Cairo—Mangum scored touchdown and PAT and Gainous got a pair of TDs and a point after in 26-19 victory over rugged Leon High of Tallahassee, Fla.

ABE VARNER, JACKIE PILAND, Bainbridge—Varner ran 30 and 65 yards for touchdowns and Piland had 49-yard run that led to an early score in the 38-0 romp over Crisp County.

WOODROW FINCHER, Lanier—Scored touchdown on 42-yard return of kickoff as Poets trimmed Columbus 9-6.

DOUG JACKSON, Columbus—Picked up Lanier fumble and raced 90 yards to give Blue Devils short-lived lead.

JIMMY GRAY, JOHNNY PALMER, Albany—Gray scored first TD in 26-13 win over Warner Robins and was big ground gainer while Palmer was outstanding defensively.

'Cats Drop To Second On AAA List

ATLANTA (AP)—Valdosta and Waycross have been bumped off the No. 1 spot in their respective classifications in this week's Georgia High school football ratings.

Both drew plenty of support from sports editors participating in the poll, however, and dropped back only to the second slot.

Taking over at the top of Class AAA is Richmond Academy of Augusta, which has not lost in 23 regular season games. It missed a chance at the state championship last year when Valdosta was awarded the South Georgia crown on the penetration rule.

There were seven new teams in the Top Ten in the poll sponsored by the Atlanta Journal: Benedictine and Savannah High ousted Marietta and Macon Willingham from AAA; Hart County replaced Thomasville in AA; Blackshear and Treutlen took over from Hawkinsville and West Gwinnett in B; and Savannah Country Day took Dade County's place in C.

Here's the way they line up:

Class AAA: No. 1 Richmond Academy; 2. Valdosta; 3. Albany; 4. R.E. Lee; 5. Avondale; 6. Northside; 7. Brown; 8. Benedictine; 9. Decatur; 10. Savannah.

Class AA: No. 1 Bainbridge; 2. Waycross; 3. Gainesville; 4. Cairo; 5. Tifton; 6. Cedartown; 7. Rossville; 8. Wayne County; 9. Campbell Fairburn; 10. Hart County.

Class A: No. 1 Carrollton; 2. Ware County; 3. Screven County; 4. Cartersville; 5. Lowndes County; 6. Commerce; 7. Toccoa; 8. Americus; 9. Statesboro; 10. Trion.

Class B: No. 1 Washington-Wilkes; 2. Fort Valley; 3. Miller County; 4. Morgan County; 5. Dallas; 6. Thomson; 7. Claxton; 8. Blakeley; 9. Blackshear; 10. Treutlen.

Class C: No. 1 Coosa; 2. Bremen; 3. Putnam County; 4. Lincoln; 5. Jones County; 6. Chatanooga Valley; 7. Gordon Military; 8. Ga. Military College; 9. Louisville; 10. Savannah Day.

VHS, Hahira, LOHI At Home This Week

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats, Lowndes County's Golden Eagles and Hahira's Tigers, all a little travel weary, get a chance to play before the home folks this week.

All three have played their last two games on the "road." But it's their turn to have the "home" field advantage this time out.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats will host Region 1-AAA foe Lanier of Macon. Coach Warren Alexander's will make their first "home" appearance against Seminole County (Donalsonville). Both these games will be played Friday night.

Then in a Saturday night contest here, coach Carlton Adams' LOHI Eagles will tangle with the Brooks County Tigers from Quitman.

Other Friday night games involving area teams are as follows:

Berrien County (Nashville) at Bainbridge, Americus at Cook (Adel), Folkston at Madison, Fla., Clinch County (Homerville) at Jeff Davis (Hazlehurst), Branford, Fla. at Jasper, Fla.

The 'Cats will be seeking their fourth triumph of the current season and 16th straight win over a two-season span when they go against coach Jim Nolan's Poets.

Lanier, which rated high on the pre-season form chart, started slowly under new coach Jim Nolan. The Poets bowed to Warner Robins (13-7) and Moultrie (0-7). But Nolan shuffled his player deck and last week the Poets responded by knocking off Columbus (9-6). With a big and experienced line, the Macon team is regarded as a dangerous foe by Bazemore.

Hahira will go against Seminole County's Indians fresh from a 24-0 triumph over Atkinson County. The Tribe has a 2-2 record. It's victories have been over Central of Thomasville (7-0) and Terrell County (6-0). This will be a non-regional affair since Hahira and Seminole belong to different subdivisions of 1-B.

Both Lowndes and Brooks will be trying to rebound when they clash here Saturday night. After winning three in a row, Adams' Eagles were upended by Central 33-6, last week. Meeting nothing but Class AA opponents, Brooks has lost three in a row. In LOHI, the Tigers will be playing someone in their own classification and the Quitman eleven is hungry for a victory. Again, no league honors will be at stake. Lowndes and Brooks are in different sub-divisions of 1-A.

Berrien County's Rebels will carry a 1-1-1 record into its 1-AA (South) test against the unbeaten (4-0) Bainbridge Bearcats. The Bearcats are the state's top-ranked "AA" team.

Cook, with a 1-2-1 chart will be meeting an Americus team which has a 2-1 mark. Region 1-A (West) honors will be at stake. It will be the first regional start for the Hornets from Adel. Americus blasted Worth County 51-6, in its only league test so far.

Clinch's Panthers will be seeking their second triumph of the season when they go against Jeff Davis' winless Yellow Jackets at Hazlehurst. However, this will be a battle in which a Class A team (Clinch) will be going against an

"AA" entry (Jeff Davis).

Jasper will be out to improve on a 1-1 record when it plays Branford at Jasper.

Other games this week include the following:

Thursday—Central, Ala., at Columbus.

Friday—LaGrange at Albany, Bacon County at Appling County, Aquinas at Benedictine, Camden County at Blackshear, Central

(Thomasville) at Cairo, Crisp

County at Fitzgerald, Coffee

County at Jenkins, Willingham

(Macon) at Jordan (Columbus),

Baker (Columbus) at Moultrie,

Atkinson County at Patterson,

Groves at Richmond Academy,

Avondale at R. E. Lee, Tifton at

Thomasville, Waycross vs. Ware

County (Waycross), Mitchell

County vs. Worth County.

Saturday—Jesup at Savannah.

VHS Not Sure What Lanier Might Try

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats have started preparing for their Friday night football meeting with Lanier's Poets not exactly sure what to expect when the Macon team comes to town.

An air of mystery surrounds the Poets who in past years have always been a power in Region 1-AAA grid circles.

To begin with the Poets have a new head coach, Jim Nolan. That leaves the VHS staff uncertain as to just what type offense or defense Lanier will try. In earlier games Nolan has had the Poets running from the straight-T, winged-T, double-wing and I-formation. He may have still another plan of attack up his sleeve to try out against the Wildcats.

Since the campaign got underway, Nolan has been constantly shuffling his player deck. A total of 23 different players have started for the Poets in one or more of the three games they've played. That leaves the VHS mentors wondering who will be Lanier's starters against the 'Cats.

With good overall size and a veteran forward wall crew, the

Macon eleven rated high on the pre-season form chart. But it became the region's first upset victim when it bowed to lowly ranked Warner Robins, 13-7, on opening night.

Then the Poets reversed course. They went down stubbornly before title contender Moultrie, 7-0, and came on strong last week to knock off Columbus, 9-6.

"We aren't sure who the Poets will start against us," Valdosta grid boss Wright Bazemore said. "But you can bet any combination they pick will be big. Out of the 23 boys who have seen the most action for them so far, 19 weigh 175 pounds or better. This includes backs and everybody. They've got a pair of tackles that go 225 and 215.

"Nolan may be a new head coach, but he's been associated with the game for a long time. He knows his football and he knows how to get the most from his players.

"From the reports we've gotten Lanier has been going through a period of adjustment. They have come a long, long way since they lost to Warner Robins on opening night.

"They are very tough defensively, as their record indicates. They started the season lacking experience in the backfield. But now, with three games under their belt, their offense is much improved. Lanier has a tradition for playing good football. Someone has voiced the opinion that Lanier may be a 'sleeping football giant.' I'll have to agree with that opinion."

The 'Cats will be out to extend

their 1961 winning streak to four games, to boost their current 1-AAA record to 3-0 and chalk up their 16th consecutive triumph over a two-season span when they tackle the Poets. Trouble is they are not exactly sure what is the right way to go about getting ready to try to attain those goals.

"We are working on basic things — blocking and tackling," Bazemore said. "On defense we'll work trying to get ready for the various offenses we know Lanier has already used. I do know we've got to be ready for a tough ball game."

Victories for the 'Cats this season have been over Baker (35-7), Thomasville (33-6) and Jordan (46-14).

They came out of the Jordan game in apparently good physical condition.

However, halfback Kenny Ruffer, who was hurt in the Thomasville game two weeks ago, is still on the shelf. He's still troubled by a knee injury and this week he was hit by a virus. Ruffer isn't being counted for action against Lanier.

Gamma Tri Hi-Y Holds Induction Ceremony

The Gamma Tri Hi-Y held its first meeting of the year recently at the home of Miss Kate Culpepper.

Miss Elaine Pitts, president, called the meeting to order. Miss Russell Martin gave the devotional. An induction ceremony was held, and plans made

for the new school year. The Tri Hi-Y recently put on a program at a local nursing home. Halloween collections for UNICEF, hospital work, and a weekly prayer group are among future plans.

Miss Mary Laura Deakins assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

2 Local Students Named Scholarship Semifinalists

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A student from Valdosta High School and one from Lowndes County High have been named semifinalists in the 1961-62 National Merit Scholarship competition.

They are Angela K. Wall and Tommy Anderson. Both are 16.

Miss Wall is the daughter of Principal Tom H. Wall of Lowndes County High School.

Her mother is librarian at LOHI. The Walls live at 2104 Azalea Dr.

Anderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Anderson, Eager Road.

Miss Wall and Anderson are among approximately 10,000 seniors throughout the United States who attained semifinalist status through their high scores on the qualifying examinations.

As semifinalists, both will take another rigorous examination, the three-hour Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board. This exam will be given Dec. 2, 1961.

Students whose scores on the second test substantiate their performance on the qualifying test and who are endorsed by their high schools will become finalists in the competition.

If both Miss Wall and Anderson become National Merit finalists, they will be eligible for scholarship awards.

Each Merit Scholarship is a four-year award ranging from \$600 to \$1,500 per year.

Both Merit semifinalists here are active in extracurricular activities.

Miss Wall is president of the VHS Beta Club, and senior editor on The Sandspur, the school yearbook.

She has been a member of the VHS Band.

In addition, she is active in youth work at the First Baptist Church. She also plays the piano.

Anderson plays first string end on the LOHI football team.

This summer he won the singles championship in the Valdosta City Tennis tournament for 18-year-olds and under.

He is a member of the LOHI Beta Club, the Senior Hi-Y and is a representative to the LOHI Student Council.



TOMMY ANDERSON



ANGELA WALL

VHS FHA Breakfast

The Valdosta High School Future Homemakers of America Club entertained its new members recently.

A Come As You Are Breakfast was held at the home of Margaret Speed on Eager Road.

The group was assisted by the chapter mothers, Mrs. Henry Speed, Mrs. Jimmy Miller, and Mrs. Forrest Fulghum; and the FHA sponsors, Mrs. Rachel Rowan and Mrs. Grace Thompson. The guests were awakened at 6 o'clock by the older FHA members and taken to breakfast.

Tables, decorated in the Halloween motif were set up for the 44 members of the FHA, at which the girls were seated and served a delicious breakfast prepared by Mrs. Speed.

Afterward, the girls assembled in the living room of the hostess and the new members were featured in a pajama fashion parade.



Class Presidents Look To the Future Leo Wells and Mark Holloway Have Big Jobs Ahead

WELLS, HOLLOWAY GET TOP VHS CLASS POSTS

Leo Wells has been elected president of the senior class at Valdosta High School, the Student Council announced Friday.

Voting was held last week but results of the ballots cast were kept a secret even from the candidates until Friday.

The tall sandy-haired senior with a slow smile, feels that this is the highest honor his classmates could bestow upon him.

"The office has a lot of responsibility and I just hope I can do all that is expected of me. I've never been so surprised, though, when I was told that I was heading my class this year," Leo commented.

Leo has been active during his three years in high school. He is a member of the Student Council, the Hi-Y, Key Club, and a member of the basketball team.

Holding down the next most important office is junior class president, Mark Holloway.

Some feel that the junior president has a larger load to carry than anyone at VHS except for the president of the Student Council.

With Mark's position comes the gruelling task of directing the beauty contest, which includes such things as getting sponsors

and decorating for the pageant.

Money the juniors make on this event will go toward financing the annual Junior-Senior Dance held in the spring.

This production also comes under Mark's jurisdiction.

"I'd be telling a story if I said I wasn't a little nervous about the whole thing, but the students elected me and I am not going to let them down. This year's beauty pageant and junior-senior will be the best ever. With the cooperation I know I will receive from my classmates, this junior class will work harder than ever," Mark said.

Mark is a member of the baseball team, the Hi-Y, Homecoming escort last year, a member of the Student Council, and was president of the sophomore class.

Other senior class officers are Gale Bazemore vice president; Mike Watson, secretary; and Mike Giles, treasurer.

Gale is captain of the cheerleaders, a member of the Seventeen club council, the Tri-Hi-Y basketball team, and a member of the guidance staff.

Mike is president of the Student Council, served as president of the junior class, is a member of the basketball team, the Key Club, Homecoming escort last year, the Hi-Y, and was awarded a scholarship sweater this year.

Treasurer Mike Giles is a member of the Hi-Y, was in the class Who's Who, and has served as a Homecoming escort.

Junior officers elected to serve with Mark are Beverly Gunter, vice president; Darlene Smith, secretary; and Charles Barker, treasurer.

Joe and Matt will return Sunday to their home in Cairo, Egypt.

Mrs. W. J. Morton and sons, Joe and Matt, will return Sunday to their home in Cairo, Egypt.

Mrs. Ralph Thaxton left today for Athens to be with her mother. Mrs. E. F. Clarkson for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell Oliver, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Oliver are attending the Georgia-Vanderbilt football game today in Athens.

'Cats' Play Against Poets

Valdosta High grid boss Wright Bazemore is not a greedy man. His Wildcats' licked Lanier's Poets, 21-0, here Friday night and the margin of victory more than satisfied him.

Still he thought the performance given by his charges left something to be desired.

"Seems we are a team of moods," the VHS coach said just after the game. "And the boys just didn't seem to be in the mood to play good football tonight."

"We won, so of course we weren't had all the way. However, we stumbled along in the second half. The down field blocking was terrible. Some of the penalties we drew were needless. All in all the defense was pretty good."

"The boys can take this as a warning. It's going to take a much better effort than we gave if we hope to have a chance against some of the teams we will be meeting in the future."

The trend of the game was this. The Wildcats were solid on defense all the way. They didn't let the Poets get across the midfield stripe until the last play of the game. So the Macon crew never really offered a scoring threat.

The 'Cats' got a touchdown in the first period after tackle Bill Schroer had blocked a Lanier quick kick. Valdosta started the drive from the 33, and needed eight plays to tally. In the second stanza they ground their way 75 yards in 14 plays for another TD. Short gains were the rule rather than the exception in both marches. In the second half the officials played "drop the handkerchief" and the VHS attack sputtered. A 53-yard scoring romp by Giles Smith in the third period was nullified by a clipping penalty.

The Wildcats were penalized eight times for a total of 90 yards in the last two periods. They lost the ball once on a pass interception and another time on a fumble. Finally, with less than two minutes to go, they got their third marker.

Troubled By Missed Chances

It was the missed scoring chances which troubled Bazemore the most.

"In any given ball game you get just so many chances to score," the coach said. "Against a really tough ball club you've got to take advantage of every chance or else. We certainly didn't make our opportunities pay off. It was fortunate that we were able to contain Lanier and didn't need many points to win. On another night against another team it could be quite a different story."

Bazemore urges his boys to strive for perfection. He has a light weight crew which does not have the poundage to overpower an opponent. For the 'Cats to be sharp, they must have near perfect play execution all the way. According to their coach's thinking, the Wildcats were far from perfect against Lanier.

However, let it be said the Poets applied defensive pressure. The play of their ends and corner linebackers was very good. They were responsible for halting Valdosta on its attempts to run wide.

Lanier is regarded as a good defensive ball club, and showed it here Friday night.

Defensive Unit Did Good Job

In my book the 'Cats defensive unit deserves a tip of the hat for its work against the Poets. Lanier was limited to five first downs, 56 yards rushing and 45 passing.

Seeing most of the action on defense were Rusty Griffin, Danny Hendley, Bill Schroer, Bill Myddleton, Jimmy Robinson, Larry Dennis, Jerry Varnado, Cloy Blanton, Butch Luke, Bill Holt, Stan Reaves and Rick Thomas. They worked well as a unit.

Schroer had a very good night. He blocked a punt, recovered a fumble and made six tackles. Luke intercepted a pass, and also made a half dozen stops.

The most important thing is that the Wildcats triumphed to keep their two-season victory string going and stay very much in the running for the 1-AAA crown.

This coming Friday they must play Albany's Indians at Albany. It could very well be a make-or-break affair for Valdosta. The 'Cats have got to be sharp that night or face the possibility of having their football scalp lifted.



GLASSMAN

'Dosta To Meet Improving Poets

Valdosta's football Wildcats will make their first "home" field appearance after two "road" outings when they go against Lanier's improving Poets here Friday night.

The Region 1-AAA grid battle is slated for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats will be going after their fourth triumph of the current season and their 16th straight win over a two-year span.

The Poets, under new coach Jim Nolan, have a 1-2 record, but are rated one of the loop's fastest improving teams. The Macon eleven has a reputation for defensive toughness and will own a weight advantage over Valdosta.

Wins this year for 'Dosta have been over Baker (35-7), Thomasville (33-6) and Jordan (46-14). Lanier was upset by Warner Robins, 13-7, in its opener. Then it went down stubbornly before title contender Moultrie, 7-0. Last week the Poets clicked for a 9-6 win over Columbus.

In three games, Nolan has started 23 different players. They include the following:

Ends Pete Riddenberry (175),

Don Burton (175), Tommy Burnett (175) and Paul Bassett (175), tackles Sidney Lanier (175), Paul Ward (225) and Phil Durden (215), guards Roy Squires (180), Tommy Seward (180), Tommy Williams (180) and Jack Jones (180), centers Henry Bowden (175) and Ross Hatcher (180) and backs Pee Carstarphen (170), Joe Robinson (165), Buster Hardy (170), Billy Emanuel (165), Bob Carter (160), Terry Collinsworth (160), Woodrow Fincher (180), Rene Ginepri (170), Larry Williamson (180) and Ken Clark (175).

Hardy, a fullback, ripped for 131 yards against Columbus last week. Fincher has a 45-yard kick-off return to his credit. The Poets use a multiple offense with the straight-T, winged-T, double-wing and I-formation featured.

The Wildcats will follow their usual two-team plans with probable starters as follows:

Offense — ends Bill Holtzclaw and Wally Colson, tackles Skipper Prewitte and Charles Oliver, guards Frank Wetherington and Gary Minchew, center Foy Norwood, quarterback Bruce Bennett, halfbacks Giles Smith and Stan Reaves and fullback Walter Zant.

Defense — ends Rusty Griffin and Danny Hendley, tackles Bill Schroer and Jimmy Robinson, middle guard Bill Myddleton, linebackers Cloy Blanton, Jerry Varnado, Bill Holt and Jerry Varnado and safetymen Rick Thomas and Reaves.

VALDOSTA VS LANIER—

After playing two games on the "road" it's the Wildcats' turn to have the "home" field advantage. The Lanier team VHS will be meeting here tonight is hard to figure. The Poets ranked high on the pre-season form chart, but started the season slowly. However, they've shown talent on defense and will own a weight advantage over the 'Cats. VHS rates the edge in the speed department. I'm picking the Wildcats, hoping they don't get caught napping tonight after a sharp performance against Jordan last week.



Quarterback Bruce Bennett
One Of 'Wildcats' Attack Leaders

'Dosta-Albany Fray Has Title Overtones

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Valdosta's Wildcats will meet Albany's Indians at Albany on Friday night in a mid-season contest that the coaches, players and fans on both sides are treating like a championship affair.

The Region 1-AAA title issue won't be settled for several weeks yet, but the 'Cats and Indians could very well be risking their title hopes this week.

Valdosta grid boss Wright Bazemore and Albany football chief Pat Field have both termed the game a "crucial test." Add in the fact that the Wildcats and Indians are traditional rivals, and it's easy to understand why fan interest is running high.

Valdosta will put a two-season victory string that has reached 16 games on the line at Albany. It needs a win to keep its 1961 regional record unblemished so it can stay with the league's front-runners.

A loss won't knock the 'Cats out of the title picture but it would leave them with their backs to the wall and with tremendous odds to try to overcome if they are to make a successful defense of the 1-AAA crown they won last fall.

The Indians, rated as good as or better than Albany's state championship crew of 1959, has a 3-0-1 chart after three league outings. Despite last week's 14-14 tie with all-ways tough LaGrange, the Tribe is very much in the title scramble. But Albany must also win if it wants to stay up at the head of the pack.

As the Wildcats prepare for the game, Bazemore outlined the job facing his small but spirited crew.

"Albany is bigger than any team we've faced and it has fine team speed," he said. "They have both a strong running attack and passing attack and certainly one of the roughest defenses of any team in the state. They have experience and depth and they will have the 'home' field advantage. And they want revenge.

"Albany is a good, tough and talented foot ball team in all respects. It took one of our best games and a lot of good breaks for us to just get by them in 1960.

Believe me, we are going to have to be lucky to stay with them this time."

Spearheading the Albany attack is the veteran backfield crew of quarterback Rodger Beaver (175, sr.), halfbacks Lester Watley (165, jr.) and Steve Heidt (185, sr.) and fullback Jimmy Gray (185, sr.). Beaver, Heidt and Gray are returning regulars. Watley saw enough front line action last fall to be classified as an experienced performer.

They've set the offensive pace while the Tribe scalped powerful Benedictine (7-0), Columbus (33-0) and Warner Robins (26-6). It was a last second pass by Beaver that allowed Albany to pull even with LaGrange last week.

In addition to being a pin-point passer, Beaver is a talented runner. Watley and Heidt are both go-all-the-way scooters and Gray is a power runner deluxe.

The 'Cats will counter with a backfield crew that is likely to include quarterbacks Bruce Bennett (165, sr.) and Rick Thomas (150, jr.), halfbacks Stan Reaves

(165) and Giles Smith (155) and fullbacks Walter Zant (145) and Sirois Barker (180).

There is a chance that halfback Kenny Ruffer (165, sr.) will be available for duty after missing two games with a damaged knee. Ruffer is testing the knee in practice this week, and decision on whether he will or will not play won't be made until later.

Bennett, Thomas, Reaves, Smith, Zant, Baker and Ruffer, when he was physically able, were attack leaders, while the 'Cats were beating Baker (35-7), Thomasville (33-6), Jordan (46-14) and Lanier (21-0).

The Wildcats had trouble making their offense click against a big Lanier team last week. The Albany crew they will go against on Friday is both beefier and swifter than the troublesome Poets.

Last fall the 'Cats edged the Tribe, 7-0. They did it by striking for a quick TD, then making the lead standup with a super defensive performance. But Albany has the notion that it can revenge that licking this time.

'Dosta 2nd; LOHI Fifth On Grid List

ATLANTA (AP)—Waycross is back in the No. 1 spot in Class AA of the weekly high school football ratings today.

The Bulldogs reclaimed the top position with seven first-place votes as compared to two for Bainbridge, last week's leaders. The swap in positions came despite Bainbridge's impressive 46-7 victory over Berrien County of Nashville. Waycross won 21-0 over Ware County, No. 4 in Class A.

Richmond Academy (AAA), Carrollton (A), Washington-Wilkes (B) and Coosa (C) held on to their No. 1 ratings.

Missing from the Top Ten in Class AAA is Avondale which lost 26-7 to Thomaston's R. E. Lee, now rated No. 3; Savannah High, with a 3-0-1 won-lost-tied record, moved into the elite company in the tenth spot. And Albany dropped from No. 3 to No. 5 after a 14-14 tie with unranked LaGrange.

Here's the way the rating board, sponsored by the Atlanta Journal, placed them this week based on 10 for first, 9 for second, etc.:

Class AAA—No. 1 Richmond Academy; No. 2 Valdosta; No. 3 R. E. Lee; No. 4 Northside; No. 5 Albany; No. 6 Benedictine; No. 7 Brown; No. 8 Moultrie; No. 9 Decatur; No. 10 Savannah.

Class AA—No. 1 Waycross; No. 2 Bainbridge; No. 3 Gainesville; No. 4 Cairo; No. 5 Cedartown; No. 6 Rossville; No. 7 Fairburn; No. 8 Troup; No. 9 Tifton; No. 10 Thomasville.

Class A—No. 1 Carrollton; No. 2 Screven County; No. 3 Cartersville; No. 4 Ware County; No. 5 Lowndes County; No. 6 Commerce; No. 7 Americus; No. 8 Toccoa; No. 9 Trion; No. 10 Dublin.

Class B—No. 1 Washington-Wilkes; No. 2 Fort Valley; No. 3 Miller County; No. 4 Morgan County; No. 5 Dallas; No. 6 Claxton; No. 7 Thomson; No. 8 Blakeley; No. 9 Blackshear; No. 10 Treutlen.

Class C—No. 1 Coosa; No. 2 Putnam County; No. 3 Lincoln; No. 4 Jones County; No. 5 Bremen; No. 6 Chattahoochee Valley; No. 7 Savannah Country Day; No. 8 Warren County; No. 9 Gordon Military; No. 10 Hepzibah.

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Bennett, Schroer On Prep Star List

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There were stars galore on Georgia's high school gridirons this past weekend—making runs of 50 to 93 yards, throwing last second passes that won or tied games or performing outstandingly on defense.

Since there were so many stellar contributions, the accolade is bestowed this week on all who battled for their school—win, lose or draw.

Among the teams, LaGrange, Thomasville, R. E. Lee of Thomaston and Gainesville stood out. Lee and Gainesville won over previously undefeated opponents, while keeping their own records spotless. Thomasville came back from a loss to Moultrie to knock Tifton from the unbeaten ranks.

However, LaGrange is picked as the week's top team for tying undefeated Albany 14-14. The Grangers old Albany, ranked No. 3 in Class AAA last week, until just before the final gun when the Indians clicked on a 70-yard pass play that produced a tie game.

Here are the players nominated for this week's Roll Call:

BILL SCHROER and **BRUCE BENNETT**, Valdosta—Tackle Schroer blocked first score in a 21-0 victory and made a Lanier punt that set up Valdosta's six individual tackles; quarterback Bennett, a 165-pound senior, picked up 82 yards in 18 tries and hit 4 of 10 passes for 72 yards.

BOB TILLER, LaGrange—Halfback who sparked the Granger's offense and racked up 47 yards in one sprint in first touchdown drive.

MIKE PHILLIPS, LaGrange—A rugged guard whose recovery of a fumble led to the second touchdown.

RODGER BEAVER, Albany—His running and passing set the pattern in the Indians' first touchdown drive and his pass to Larry Almand was good for 70 yards and the tying TD.

JIMMY GIBBS, Albany—A guard who sparkled on defense, quite often throwing LaGrange backs for losses.

DICKIE THOMPSON, Thomasville—His 58 yard gallop scored Thomasville's second touchdown and he amassed 115 yards on offense.

JAMES RICHARDS and **PERRY COLVIN**, Thomasville—Richards' recovery of a fumble led to the clinching score while Colvin was outstanding on defense.

BUTCH GREER and **RAY BROOKS**, Tifton—Led the Blue Devils offensively. Greer reeling off a 40-yard run and hitting on 5 of 10 passes, including one touchdown; Brooks was on the receiving

end of a 36-yard pass play.

JIM CAVAN JR., R. E. Lee—Carried for 43 yards in seven tries during one drive and caught 12-yard touchdown pass.

MARVIN HURST and **BOBBY SMITH**, Waycross—Hurst scored on 80-yard kickoff return and on 22-yard run in 27-0 win over Ware County while Smith was a defensive standout.

EDWIN POPE and **LANGFORD LEE**, Ware County—Pope ran for 61 yards in 15 carries before leaving game because of an injury; Lee good on defense.

BUTCH BROWN, **WAYNE TUCKER** and **SONNY DAVIDSON**, Moultrie—Brown scored three touchdowns in Packers' 28-0 romp over Baker of Columbus, including a 76-yard punt return; Tucker caught pass that set up first touchdown and was the middle man on a pass-lateral play for another; the 205-pound Davidson, a senior tackle, was the outstanding lineman on the field.

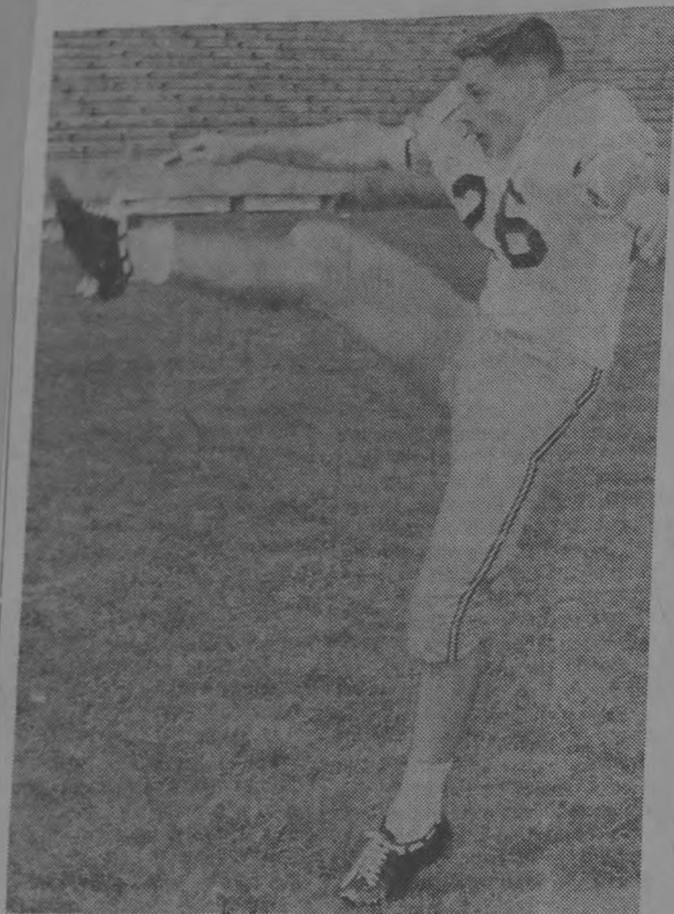
FORREST INGLET, Richmond Academy—Scored on 54 and 5-yard runs as the Musketeers made it 24 regular season victories in a row with a 33-0 victory over Groves of Savannah.

LARRY GREEN, Cairo—Rolled up 208 yards and three touchdowns in 21 carries as Cairo won over Thomasville Central 19-7.

WOODROW SCOTT, Central—A line-backer, he played best defensive game of anyone on the field.

PAUL NIX and **JACKIE PILAND**, Bainbridge—Halfback Nix scored on 70-yard run from scrimmage and on 85-yard sprint with intercepted pass as the Bearcats trounced Berrien County 46-7; Piland scored on 7-yard end run and made an 85-yard kickoff return good for another TD.

JOEL DICKENS and **RANDY WHEELER**, Willingham—Their running led Rams of Macon to 28-12 decision over Jordan.



Giles Smith Booms One Out
VHS Halfback 1-AAA's Top Punter

—Times Staff Photo

Valdosta, Lanier Play Here Tonight

By **SAMMY GLASSMAN**
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta goes against Lanier here tonight with the Wildcats hoping to make their swift attack click against the Poets' rugged defense.

The Region 1-AAA outing is slated for 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats will go into the game with their sights on their fourth win of the current campaign and their 16th consecutive triumph over a two-year span. Valdosta also needs a victory to keep its league record unblemished.

After meeting three regional foes, the Poets from Macon have a 1-2 chart. But they've yielded only four touchdowns to three opponents. Offense-minded Moultrie which is a 1-AAA title contender, managed to solve the Poets' defense for only one TD.

Lanier, under new coach Jim Nolan, will come to town fresh from a 9-6 triumph over Columbus. The Poets will be shooting for an upset win over the 'Cats to help make up for an unexpected slow start that saw them dumped by Warner Robins, 13-7, on opening night.

Victories for the 'Cats were over Baker (35-7), Thomasville (33-6) and Jordan (46-14).

Tonight's game shapes up as a match between Lanier's power and Valdosta's speed. The Poets have a decided weight advantage. The Wildcats rate the edge in team speed.

So far Lanier has thrown up a rugged defense with the help of a veteran line. The Poets faced a backfield rebuilding problem at the start of the campaign, but appear to be on their way to getting the problem solved.

Fullback Randy Hardy, a 170-pound senior, flashed the kind of offensive sparkle against Columbus that made Nolan smile. Hardy ripped for 131 yards. Halfbacks Billy Emanuel, a 165-pound senior, and Woodrow Fincher, a 180-pound senior, are two other backs that have shown running talent. Fincher went 45 yards for a TD on a kickoff return to prove his go-all-the-way ability.

The Wildcats have piled up 114 points in three games with a balanced attack. Backs Bruce Bennett, Rick Thomas, Giles Smith, Stan Reaves and Walter Zant have been the leaders.

The 'Cats employ a two-unit system, and team effort has been the secret of their success so far.

With Lanier tough up front, Bazemore has cautioned his forward wall crew to ready for a

busy night.

"We were sharp last week against Jordan, but we can't afford to let down this week," Bazemore said. "Our scout report shows Lanier has greatly improved since that opening game loss to Warner Robins."

Valdosta Faces Crucial Test In Game At Albany

Valdosta's Wildcats and Hahira's Tigers face crucial regional tests this week, while Lowndes County's Golden Eagles have an open date.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats will go against Albany's king-size Indians at Albany on Friday night in a game that will attract statewide attention.

Both Valdosta and Albany have Region 1-AAA championship ambitions. The 'Cats are 4-0 in all games and 3-0 in league play so far this year. Albany has a 3-0-1 chart after four loop starts and is still very much in the title picture.

The Wildcats and Indians are traditional gridiron rivals and fan interest in the duel is running high. Last season VHS edged AHS, 7-0, in a game played here. This time Albany will have the home field advantage and a strong motive for revenge.

Coach Warren Alexander's Hahira Tigers will host another set of Tigers from Blackshear on Friday night. While Hahira has a 1-4 record in all game, it has a 1-1 Region 1-B (East) chart. Blackshear will come to Hahira with a 5-0 record and ambitions

to fulfill the pre-season prediction that it would win the 1-B (East) crown. Blackshear is 2-0 in loop play so far.

In other games involving area teams on Friday night, Brooks County (Quitman) will be at Americus, Folkston at Clinch County (Homerville), Berrien County (Nashville) at Tifton and

Madison, Fla., at Mayo, Fla.

Like LOHI, two other area teams have open dates this week and will be idle. They are Cook (Adel) and Jasper, Fla.

Next outing for Lowndes will be on Friday, Oct. 13, against 1-A (East) opponent Bacon County (Alma). That one will be played here.

Brooks' Tigers, after four losses to non-regional opponents, will get their first 1-A (West) test against Americus' high-riding Panthers. Americus is 3-1 in all games and has a 2-0 regional chart.

Clinch will be trying to improve on a 1-4 record when it meets Folkston, a team with a 1-3 mark. This is a 1-B (east) test.

Berrien bowed to 1-A (South) opponent Bainbridge last week and will be going against another league toughie at Tifton. Berrien is 1-2-1 for the season while the Blue Devils of Tifton have a 4-1 record.

Madison will be gunning for its third straight win of the season at Mayo.

Other games this week include the following:

Thursday — Jordan vs Baker

at Columbus.

Friday — Wilcox County at Atkinson County, Perry, Fla., at Cairo, Benedictine at Coffee County, Moultrie at Columbus, Jeff Davis at Irwin County, Warner Robins at LaGrange, Savannah at Lanier (Macon), Camden County at Screven County, R. E. Lee at Southwest DeKalb, Bainbridge at Thomasville, Crisp County at Waycross, Glynn Academy at Jesup, Central (Thomasville) at Worth County.

Saturday — Willingham (Macon) at Groves (Savannah), Bacon County at Ware County,



Hahira Tumbles To Blackshear

One-Man Gang Bowen Accounts For 33 Points

By TOMMY NEWSOM
Times Staff Writer

HAHIRA—A scrappy Blackshear back named Jimmy Bowen beat Hahira at football here Friday.

He scored five touchdowns and three extra points leading his team to a 33-12 win over the Tigers.

In addition, he picked up 117 yards rushing, handled kicking off duties and turned in good defensive play.

The 185-pound senior's sparking of the Blackshear team proved

STATISTICS	Blackshear	Hahira
First Downs	19	7
Yards Rushing	286	68
Passes Att.	9	11
Passes Comp.	6	4
Yards Passing	56	127
Penalties	65	30
Punts	0	25
Fumbles	2	0

too much for Hahira, who unleashed an effective passing attack for the first time this season.

The Tigers looked good on several passing plays, but were not consistent enough to close the

scoring gap.

One of their two tallies came on a pass play.

Coach Warren Alexander had young Jimmy Shiver, a 118-pound left hander, tossing.

Shiver, who is just a freshman, completed one jump pass over center to Gerald Chason which gave Hahira its second score. He threw several other good passes during the game.

Quarterback Jimmy Kutzli and backs Jackson Keel and Larry Davis carried heavy rushing duties for Hahira.

Chason, a former back who is still bothered by a bad ankle, played end.

Hahira's defense failed to contain the wide slashing runs of Blackshear's Bowen, a smooth broken field runner.

The flashy fullback first scored early in the first quarter. He touched paydirt from 15 yards out, then kicked the PAT.

Handling heavy running duties all night, Bowen led in a Blackshear drive which put them on the Tiger three later in the first quarter.

He scored from there and kicked another PAT.

Hahira roared back to score in the second quarter and make it 14-6.

Recovering a Blackshear fumble on the foe's 36 yard line, Kutzli gave to Keel who turned on the steam for 35 yards before he was halted.

Kutzli then bucked the line and scored. The point after failed.

Bowen scored his third TD before the half by slashing three yards off tackle after a run-pass field drive had put Blackshear at the Hahira three.

In the third quarter, Bowen took a handoff from quarterback Evan DeLoach at the Hahira 49, then set sail to score.

He made the final Blackshear tally short minutes later by intercepting a Shiver to Kutzli pass at the Hahira 35 and scoring

Roy Frost 'Chills' Brooks

By TIMES CORRESPONDENT

AMERICUS—With touchdown twins Roy Frost and Loveard McMichael spearheading the effort, Americus' Panthers trimmed Brooks County's Tigers, 33-6, here Friday night.

Frost scored three times for Americus and McMichael got a

STATISTICS	Amer.	Brooks
First Downs	8	8
Yards Rushing	364	79
Yards Passing	23	12
Penalties	55	20

pair of TDs as the Panthers boosted their record to 5-1 and improved their 1-A (West) record to 3-0. The loss was the fifth in as many outings for Brooks.

Frost, a 165-pound speed merchant, tallied on a 75-yard punt return and runs scrimmage of 89 and 73 yards. McMichael got his two markers on a pair of five-yard jaunts.

One of McMichael's tallies was set up by a Frost punt return that was good for 45 yards.

Brooks' only score came on a 67-yard drive that was climaxed when Tommy Yeomans' dived over from the two. Yeomans finished as the Tigers' leading gainer with 49 yards on 19 carries. He averaged 36 yards on nine punts.

Score by quarters follows:
Americus _____ 12 0 14 7—33
Brooks _____ 0 0 0 6—6

Men's Golf Meet Slated On Monday

A meeting of the Valdosta Country Club's Men's Golf Association is scheduled here Monday.

The meeting is slated for 7 p.m. at the VCC. The meeting's agenda calls for consideration of several important matters, takes on Cochran.

In Region 2-C, Lincolnton took command of the lead last week with a victory over Louisville while Evans fell to Hephzibah. Lincolnton meets Wrens in a region clash Friday night as Warren County also pushing Lincolnton for the lead, clashes with Wadley.

Bennett Keeps Eyes on Albany Defenders

Speed to Elude Rodger Beaver (18) and Leonard Odum (70)

Cats 29-0

made key stops before scrimmage. effectiveness of the use, Albany's lead-gainer was quarter-back Gray, and he picked yards on 10 runs managed to complete 13 passes for

decided weight advantage came out a poor in the duel which the line. the game went like

QUARTER — Valdosta and Albany ran just then fumbled, with recovering at the Zant zipped 15 yards, and plunged over me for a TD. The only three minutes and old when VHS got its r. Smith booted the time Valdosta got the red 67 yards in nine ly again. Bennett, af- lose for gains of 12, yards, wheeled eight and right end to reach with's extra point boot- the mark this time.

QUARTER — The attempted to punt from 6. The snap from cen- nigh over Tom Rhodes' went back into the end retrieve the errant pig- he could start back Hendley knifed him as a safety and tack- ts on Valdosta's scor- Albany got a free kick 0 and the 'Cats went usiness at the Indians' started throwing as 'Cats began a race lock which was about corner in



Coaches Talk About Game

Albany's Pat Field, VHS' Wright Bazemore

at the scoring door, but was not admitted. The 'Cats moved from their own 40 to the Albany 20, but were set back to the 37 by a penalty. They finally lost the ball on downs at the Indians' 20.

with Reaves knocking down the last two Albany defenders with one crisp block. Smith was on target with his PAT boot and Valdosta had its victory total of 29 points.

Pinevale Bows 18-0 To Center

Pinevale High's line couldn't close the gaps on a rambling ground attack by Center High of Waycross and the Valdosta school got its first dose of defeat this year, 18-0, here Friday night.

Center dominated play in the game by picking up 224 yards on the ground and 113 in the air.

While Center was scoring three times on a pass and two runs, Pinevale gained only 130 net yards during the football game.

Jordan Perry was the big man for Center. The fast half back

STATISTICS	Pinevale	Center
First Downs	4	11
Yds. Rushing	63	224
Yds. Passing	67	113
Passes	4-11	8-17
Passes Int'pled By	0	1
Fumbles	1	2
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Punts	9-38	5-30
Penalties	30	10

picked up 110 yards in 10 carries

which emerg as champion and issue is still uncertain at s point.

The only surprise in the gue is the failure of Lanier make a run for the crown. s have found the go- and are out of con-

A (East), Ware Coun- rates as the team to spite a loss and a tie st non-league foes. County's Golden Ea- th a 4-1 record in all and a 2-0 loop chart, oved into the position of one challenger.

Cericus' Panthers, living up to their pre-season notices, are o be difficult to stop in 1-A (West). If Americus' champion- press is to be derailed, Central of Thomasville appears to best bet to do it.

Bainbridge's Bearcats were the class of 1-AA (South) last and coach Spencer Davis' charges are off winging again far. But Thomasville and Cairo are still in this race. Fact is plays Bainbridge this week, and the Bulldogs could very well off the Bearcats.



GLASSMAN

Wildcats, Tribe Clash At Albany

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats are to meet Albany's Indians at Albany tonight with both ready to pull out all the stops for a much sought after football victory.

The game is a crucial Region 1-AAA test and will renew a series which had its beginning in 1922.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Valdosta crew has a 4-0 record in all games and a 3-0 regional chart so far this year. It also has a 16-game victory string going which extends back to the start of the 1960 campaign.

The 'Cats have their sights on the 1-AAA crown again this year, but unless they can get past the Albany road block tonight they may find their path to the throne room closed off.

Albany, under new head coach Pat Field, has a team that is ranked on a par with or even better than its 1959 outfit which won the state Class AAA crown.

The Tribe has a 3-0-1 record and is at a crossroad. A win over Valdosta tonight will keep it on the championship trail. A loss will leave the Tribe virtually out of the title scramble.

Fans in the area, well aware of the excitement the game promises, are expected to turn out in mass. If weather is fair, a crowd that will number at least 10,000 and may go as high as 15,000 is expected to jam every seat and all the standing room space in Albany's Mills Memorial Stadium.

Triumphs for the 'Cats this year have been over Baker (35-7), Thomasville (33-6), Jordan (46-14) and Lanier (21-0). Albany victories have been over Benedictine (7-0), Columbus (33-0) and Warner Robins (26-13). The Tribe and LaGrange's Grangers battled to a 14-14 tie.

Both teams favor the ground route while on the attack. With a lightweight backfield crew and modest size in the line, the Wildcats depend more on speed than power to make their offense click.

Albany, with plenty of bulk in both the line and backfield, combines power and speed.

Both teams also boast better than average passing attacks and can and will take to the air when the occasion demands.

Albany is at full strength for the game. It has a decided weight advantage in the line and backfield. The Indians also have the "home" field advantage, which

most grid experts figures is worth at least one touchdown.

The Wildcats and Indians both use two-unit systems and rate even in the depth department.

Valdosta is regarded as having a slight edge in the speed department. Bazemore is not at all sure this is a correct assumption, but hopes it is true.

"We certainly aren't a match for them in size," Bazemore said. "If we aren't quicker than they are we are going to be in real trouble."

Last fall, Valdosta edged Albany, 7-0. But the last time the 'Cats visited Albany, which was in 1959, the Indians powered their way to a 26-6 victory. Fact is Albany has beaten Valdosta twice in the last three tries.

The 'Cats may have to do without the services of talented halfback Kenny Ruffer, but otherwise are in good physical shape for the game. Ruffer is still troubled by a knee injury he suffered in a game with Thomasville three weeks ago. It is doubtful if he will be ready to go against the Indians tonight.

Attack leaders for Albany are quarterback Rodger Beaver, halfbacks Steve Heidt and Larry Watson and fullback Jimmy Gray. The lightweight in the foursome is Watson, who at 167, weighs two pounds more than Valdosta's heaviest backfield regular.

Quarterbacks Bruce Bennett and Rick Thomas, halfbacks Stan Reaves and Giles Smith and fullback Walter Zant and Sirois Barker have been VHS' offense leaders so far.

The Cats boast the best rushing average in 1-AAA. On the other hand Albany has a defensive crew which is fronted by a line that averages 221 pounds per player and the Tribe owns the loop's best defensive record.

Each side has a standout pun-

er. Valdosta's Smith has a 41-yard average on seven boots. Tackle Tom Rhodes boots them for Albany and has averaged 38.23 yards per try on 13 punts.

THE PREP BEAT

Valdosta High's Bennett Makes Back of Week

By GENE ASHER

Valdosta High School Coach Wright Bazemore, who never has had anything but "po, little, old boys who couldn't beat anybody," says he would not swap his Bruce Bennett for any college quarterback in the country.

For Mr. Bazemore, who never has been known to overstate the situation, to make a statement such as this Mr. Bennett must be somewhat greater than Johnny Unitas.

"He's one of the greatest football players I have ever coached or seen," Bazemore said. "He can do everything there is to do on a football field. If we played him at tackle, he would be the finest tackle in the state."

Bennett is a 5-11, 170-pound senior. Last week against third-ranked Albany, he completed 10 of 15 passes (an off night, Mr. Bazemore reports) for 180 yards. He gained 395 yards rushing this season and 426 yards passing. He plays safety on defense.

Last season he guided the Wildcats to the State Class AAA championship. Under his command, the Wildcats have not tasted defeat in 18 games.

This is no way written to help Mr. Bennett obtain a college scholarship. He has been pursued by college recruiters since his sophomore days.



Gene Asher

LOWNDES SIXTH

Wildcats Back Atop 'AAA' Rating Chart

ATLANTA (AP)—Valdosta administered a 29-0 defeat to a ranked Albany team and regained its top place among Georgia's Class AAA high school football teams.

The Wildcats edged out Richmond Academy, idle last week, for the No. 1 spot as the 10-man rating board sponsored by the Atlanta Journal split 6-4 on which should be first. Valdosta had 96 points and the Musketeers had 92 under the system which gives 10 for first, 9 for second, etc.

Bainbridge bumped Waycross off the No. 1 spot in Class AA and the Bulldogs barely held onto the second spot as Gainesville challenged. But the board gave Waycross a one-point edge, 84-83, with the majority of its points coming on five first place votes. Bainbridge and Gainesville had two each and Cedartown, which has lost once, got the other.

Here's the way the board rates them:

Class AAA—No. 1 Valdosta; No. 2 Richmond Academy; No. 3 R.E. Lee; No. 4 Northside; No. 5 Moultrie; No. 6 Benedictine; No. 7 Brown; No. 8 Avondale; No. 9 Albany; No. 10 (tie) Murphy and

Campbell Smyrna.
Class AA—No. 1 Bainbridge; No. 2 Waycross; No. 3 Gainesville; No. 4 Cairo; No. 5 Cedartown; No. 6 Rossville; No. 7 Campbell Fairburn; No. 8 Tifton; No. 9 Milton; No. 10 Hart County.

Class A—No. 1 Carrollton; No. 2 Screven County; No. 3 Americus; No. 4 Commerce; No. 5 Ware County; No. 6 Lowndes County; No. 7 Trion; No. 8 Cartersville; No. 9 Toccoa; No. 10 Dublin.

Class B—No. 1 Washington-Wilkes; No. 2 Fort Valley; No. 3 Claxton; No. 4 Morgan County; No. 5 Dallas; No. 6 Blakely; No. 7 Blackshear; No. 8 Treutlen; No. 9 Thomson; No. 10 Miller County.

Class C—No. 1 Coosa; No. 2 Jones County; No. 3 Lincolnton; No. 4 Putnam County; No. 5 Chattanooga Valley; No. 6 Warren County; No. 7 Savannah County Day; No. 8 Bremen; No. 9 Gordon Military; No. 10 West Point.

Moultrie Wildcats Prep for Showdown

Unbeatens Clash Oct. 20; Albany, Rams Game of Week

By ELLWOOD MOYER
Special to The Constitution

COLUMBUS, Ga.—The Valdosta Wildcats and the Moultrie Packers continued on their undefeated ways this past week as the 'Cats stopped Albany, 22-0, and the Packers won over Columbus, 35-13, and these two machines now pace Region One, Class AAA football play with 5-0 season records and 4-0 region totals.

The Wildcat win last week dropped Albany out of the unbeaten ranks. Meanwhile, undefeated but twice-tied LaGrange outclassed Warner Robins, 34-13, and thus remained in third place

in the region standings at the halfway point in the 1961 schedule.

Valdosta has now won 17 straight games during the past two seasons of play and the Cats will be gunning for their 18th straight this week here at Memorial Stadium Friday night as they meet winless Columbus.

Both the Wildcats and the Packers have their big opponents yet to play. However, the Cats have one big factor in their favor in that they meet Moultrie, Willingham, Warner Robins and LaGrange in the order named.

Moultrie on the other hand is on the road to both Valdosta and LaGrange and closes out at home against Willingham and Albany. This week the Packers face Warner Robins at home.

Valdosta continues to run ahead of the record of the 1960 Region 1, Class AAA and state champions.

The Cats this past week downed the Albany Indians, 22-0, and thus ran their point total for the season to 157 points. Last year at the same time, Valdosta had only 130 points.

The region figures follow:

Teams	W	L	T	Pts.	Opp. Pts.
Valdosta	5	0	0	157	27
Moultrie	5	0	0	130	39
LaGrange	3	0	2	74	40
Willingham	4	1	0	113	38
Albany	3	1	1	80	49
Lanier	2	3	0	28	54
Warner Robins	2	3	0	32	94
Jordan	1	3	0	72	115
Baker	0	5	0	21	111
Columbus	0	5	0	32	124

Teams	W	L	T	Pts.	Opp. Pts.
Valdosta	4	0	0	124	21
Moultrie	4	0	0	97	33
LaGrange	2	0	2	68	40
Willingham	4	1	0	113	38
Albany	2	1	1	73	49
Jordan	1	3	1	72	115
Lanier	1	3	0	16	47
Warner Robins	1	3	0	45	94
Baker	0	4	0	21	108
Columbus	0	4	0	19	103

Note: Does not include Willingham-Groves game.

Teams	G	TD	Exp	Totals	Ave.
Valdosta	5	23	17	157x	31.40
Moultrie	5	19	16	130	26.00
Willingham	5	17	11	113	22.60
Albany	5	12	8	80	16.00
LaGrange	5	11	8	74	14.80
Jordan	5	11	6	72	14.40
Warner Robins	5	8	4	52	10.40
Columbus	5	5	2	32	6.40
Lanier	5	4	2	28x	5.60
Baker	5	3	3	21	4.20

Teams	G	TD	Exp	Totals	Ave.
Valdosta	5	4	3	27	5.40
Willingham	5	6	2	38	7.60
Moultrie	5	6	3	39	7.80
LaGrange	5	6	4	40	8.00
Albany	5	7	5	49x	9.80
Lanier	5	8	6	54	10.80
Warner Robins	5	14	10	94	18.80
Baker	5	16	12	111xx	22.20
Jordan	5	17	13	115	23.00
Columbus	5	18	14	124x	24.80

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK
Albany at Willingham, LaGrange at Baker (Thursday), Valdosta at Columbus, Jordan at Lanier (Saturday), Warner Robins at Moultrie.

Hendley, Zant Make Star List

ROLL CALL OF STARS
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Yellow Jackets — Wayne County variety — came through with a victory over Brunswick's Glynn Academy and took team of the week honors.

Heading up the weekly Roll Call of Stars, however, was a back from Avondale, Gary McKee. He was a narrow choice over Wayne County's Billy Richardson who scored the Jesup team's touchdown and kicked the winning point after in a 7-6 decision over traditional rival Glynn Academy.

Avondale, dropped from the Top Ten after a drubbing by Thomaston's R. E. Lee, had to have a victory over Decatur, ranked No. 9, to keep its hopes for a regional title alive. McKee raced 63 yards for the touchdown that iced the game for the Blue Devils who won 20-7.

Here are the stars:

ROBBIE PLOEGER—Glynn Academy quarterback who set up the Terrors' touchdown with 20 yard run on a fake pass.

WOODROW SCOTT, EMMETT MCEACHIN and **WILLIAM MILAM**—These three led Thomasville Central to 31-0 victory over Worth County. Scott, a halfback, picked up 164 yards in 15 tries; quarterback McEachin tossed two touchdown passes; and lineman Milam blocked pass and made several key tackles.

HAROLD TILLMAN—Savannah High quarterback, completed 8 of 14 passes for 94 yards and touchdown in 12-7 loss to Lanier of Macon. Also made seven individual tackles and punted three times for 33 yard average.

WALTER ZANT—Valdosta fullback, powered 20 yards in three plays for Wildcats' first TD and joined in drive that led to a second score.

DANNY HENDLEY—Played outstanding defensive game in Valdosta's 22-0 victory over Albany, tackled Indian punter in end zone for safety.

JIMMY GRAY—Albany fullback who was "about the only offensive weapon Albany had," observers reported.

BUTCH GREER—Tifton quarterback who picked up 63 yards in seven carries, including two TDs, hit on five of seven passes and one touchdown and kicked three PATs in 20-6 victory over Berrien County.

ELLIOTT GARNER—Berrien tackle who was outstanding defensively, showing good speed and determination.

FRANKIE DAVIS and **FRANK RICHTER**—Cairo guard and end who played outstanding defensive games in 12-12 tie with Perry, Fla.

LARRY GREEN—Cairo halfback who caught 63 yard pass from Don Hancock for Syrupmaker's first score and scampered 31 yards to set up tying TD.

PAUL and **BILLY NIX**—Bainbridge brothers who paced way to 9-0 win over tough Thomasville. Paul recovered fumble to set up touchdown and picked up 148 yards from his halfback post; Billy named for defensive work.

DICKIE THOMSON—Thomasville halfback who ran for 44 yards on one trip and kept the Bulldogs in the game with his always-dangerous runs.

JOEY MCQUAIG—Waycross back who picked up 53 yards in six carries and scored twice in 46-0 victory over Crisp County.

BOBBY SMITH—Center for Waycross who was defensive standout with eight individual tackles.

CHARLIE PIPPIN and **WAYNE TUCKER**—This quarterback-fullback combination led Moultrie to a 35-13 romp over Columbus High.

ROY FROST—Scored three touchdowns as Americus defeated Brooks County 33-6; picked up 192 yards in seven tries and 167 yards in returning kickoffs and punts.

LOVEARD MCMICHAEL—Added two TDs and 3 PATs in Americus' victory.

ROBERT MARTIN—Returned punt 64 yards for Cuthbert's score in 6-0 win over Turner County.

SAMMY

GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

Hard-To-Please Bazemore Liked 'Cats' Performance

Valdosta grid boss Wright Bazemore is a man who sets high standards for his football players to try to attain. But the Wildcats' chief can be pleased.

The 'Cats did it Friday night with the performance they gave during a 29-0 victory over Albany's Indians at Albany.

It was a crucial Region 1-AAA game against a big and highly regarded foe. The Wildcats met the challenge with their best all-around showing of the season.

"What is there to say," Bazemore beamed after the game. "They are a fine group of boys and I'm proud of them. All deserve equal credit."

Earlier this season Bazemore said the 1961 Wildcats are "moody." If that is really the case, then they certainly were in the right mood for their meeting with coach Pat Field's Indians.

Valdosta struck for a pair of quick touchdowns, then kept Albany with its back to the wall the rest of the way.

The defense was solid against both the Indians' running and passing attacks. The 'Cats made their ground game work smoothly during the first half. When the going got rough along the overland route, they took to the air and kept wheeling and dealing.

Valdosta finished with 13 first downs, 148 yards rushing and 181 passing. The 'Cats racked up 29 points.

The defensive job the Wildcats did is reflected in these facts and figures. Albany never got closer to the goal line than the 42. The Indians made just five first downs, gained only 48 yards rushing and 46 passing.

As Bazemore said, the credit belongs to many boys. In that group are backs Walter Zant, Bruce Bennett, Sirois Barker, Cloy Blanton, Jerry Varnado, Hank Lee, Butch Luke, Stan Reaves and Giles Smith and linemen Dick Bender, Danny Hendley, Bill Holtzclaw, Wally Colson, Gary Minchew, Rusty Griffin, Christie Patterson, Bill Myddleton, Skipper Prewitte, Jimmy Robinson, Frank Wetherington, Bill Schroer, Larry Dennis, Bill Holt, Foy Norwood and Charles Oliver.

All Gave 'Extra Effort'

According to my way of thinking the keynote of the Wildcats' performance was the "extra effort" they all gave. This is a pet phrase with Bazemore. He uses it to urge his boys to give all they have and then that little extra that can mean so much.

Certainly Bennett, Smith, Zant, Myddleton, Schroer, Hendley and Luke gave "extra effort plus."

Good performances are the rule with Bennett. But I've never seen him better than he was against Albany. He rushed for 78 yards on 15 tries. He completed 10 of 15 passes for 181 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Bennett threw one TD pass with Albany defenders so thick around him he was almost lost from sight. One one play he went back to pass, dropped the ball, caught it on the bounce then, cool as you please, got off a 44-yard air strike.

Smith was on the receiving end of two scoring passes. He averaged 36.4 yards on four punts. Zant, a small, but determined young man, zipped for 54 yards on 14 carries.

Foursome Led Defensive Charge

Hendley, Luke, Schroer and Myddleton led the defense charge. Schroer recovered a fumble that set up Valdosta's first TD. Luke intercepted a pass during the early going when the issue was still in doubt. It was his fifth aerial "theft" in as many games. Between them these four players accounted for more than 20 individual tackles. They all shared in other "stops."

In the final analysis it was the Wildcats' balance and overall team performance which tipped the scales. As advertised, the Indians were big. However, they didn't strike any harder than Bazemore's spirited charges.

I would say the 'Cats reached a new peak of efficiency at Albany on Friday night. The task now is for them to remain at that level and not backslide. The pressure is still on and it will continue to mount as the 1-AAA race heads into the second half and moves ever closer to the time when the championship issue will be decided.



GLASSMAN

Number Of 1-AAA Title Contenders Cut To Four

Notes On This And That:

The battle for the Region 1-AAA football crown has now narrowed down to a four-team race.

Atop the list are Valdosta and Moultrie. They both are 5-0 in all games and have matching 4-0 regional charts. Still very much in it are LaGrange and Willingham.

LaGrange has a 3-0-2 record for the season and a 2-0-2 mark in league play. Willingham is 5-1 for the full distance and 4-1 against regional competition.

Some have asked how tie games are figured. They count as half a win and half a loss. On that basis LaGrange is, for the purpose of figuring percentages, 3-1 in the regional standings.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats still must play Moultrie, Willingham and LaGrange. Like they say, don't go away 'cause the issue is not settled yet.

For two weeks Iowa was rated the nation's top collegiate team. After watching (on TV) the Hawkeyes just get by Southern Cal, 35-34, Iowa must have earned its lofty rating with its offense. The Corn State representative certainly didn't show any defense against the Trojans.

Albany school officials guessed the crowd at last Friday's Valdosta-Albany football duel at 10,000 on the night of the game. Last I heard they were still checking the receipts and had upped the estimate to 12,000.

Looks like the prediction that no Southeastern Conference team will finish the season undefeated may hold up. After just three weeks of play only two members of the Dixie Dozen, Alabama and Ole Miss, haven't already tasted defeat.

Georgia Tech's Bobby Dodd came out with a gem. After his Engineers dropped a 10-0 decision to LSU, he said every fan should see the Tigers play at Baton Rouge on Saturday night, but it was no place for coaches to go. You know Tech is supposed to be able to work a magic spell every time it meets someone on Grant Field in Atlanta. Dodd commenting on this allowed, "I think the press would make us the favorite if we were meeting the Baltimore Colts at Grant Field."



GLASSMAN

VHS, Hahira, LOHI Face Regional Foes

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats, Lowndes County's Golden Eagles and Hahira's Tigers will all be meeting regional football opponents this week.

Coach Wright Bazemore's unbeaten Wildcats are to go against Columbus' winless Blue Devils in a 1-AAA outing at Columbus. LOHI will face 1-A (East) foe Bacon County (Alma) here and Hahira plays Patterson in a 1-B (East) duel at Patterson. All are slated for Friday night.

Fact is, all the area teams will be in action on Friday. Other games call for Cairo to play at Berrien County (Nashville), Blakely-Union at Brooks County (Quitman), Clinch County (Homerville) at Jasper, Fla.; Worth County (Sylvester) at Cook (Adel) and Madison, Fla., at Greenville, Fla.

Valdosta, which has a 5-0 record, began preparing for its duel with Columbus (0-5) with Bazemore warning his charges "not to let down or to look ahead, but be ready for Columbus."

"We played a fine game to beat Albany last week, but we can't af-

ford to let down," the VHS coach said. "We have an important game with Moultrie coming up next week, but we can't look ahead. We play Columbus this week and that's the team we've got to focus our attention on."

Coach Carlton Adams' Lowndes County crew will carry a 4-1 record in all games and a 2-0 regional chart into its battle at Cleveland Field with coach Arnold Gutierrez's Bacon County Red Raiders. The Alma eleven has a 1-4 chart for the season and an 0-2 league mark. A win is a must for the Eagles if they want to remain in position to challenge title favorite Ware County for the sub-division championship.

LOHI met a Bacon team with a similar 1-4 record at this same stage in 1960, and the Raiders trimmed the Eagles, 21-20. "I just hope the boys remember what happened last year and don't let it happen again," Adams cautioned.

Coach Warren Alexander's Hahira Tigers will carry a 1-4 overall record and a 1-2 regional chart into the game with the War Eagles at Patterson. Patter-

son is 2-3 for the year and 2-2 in league play. It beat Clinch, a team which in turn licked Hahira. So that means the Tigers will be the underdogs.

Brooks has ambitions to break into the victory column when it meets traditional foe Blakely-Union. While the Bobcats are a Class B entry, they have clicked for five straight wins and rate the edge over the Class A Quitman eleven which has lost five in a row.

Clinch, which has a 2-4 record, will go down across the state line to meet a Jasper, Fla., team that has a 1-2 chart.

Cook's Hornets and Worth County (Sylvester) will be meeting in a 1-A (West) tussel. The home-standing Hornets are 1-3-1 for the season and 0-1 in regional play. Worth is 1-5 in all games and has dropped two league decisions.

Region 1-AA (South) honors will be on the line when Berrien County's Rebels host the high-riding Cairo Syrupmakers. The Rebs are 1-3-1 in all games and 0-3 in regional play. Cairo has won four and tied one against five non-regional opponents. The Syrupmakers will be aiming to make their 1-AA (South) debut a successful one.

Other games this week include the following:

Thursday—LaGrange at Baker, Miami, Fla., at Benedictine.

Friday—Statesboro at Americus, Tifton at Bainbridge, Irwin County at Thomasville Central, Richmond Academy at Coffee County, Blackshear at Folkston, R. E. Lee at Forest Park, Savannah at Glynn Academy, Warner Robins at Moultrie, Jeff Davis at Treutlen, Thomasville at Waycross, Fitzgerald at Jesup, Albany at Willingham.

Saturday—Jordan at Lanier.

CONSTITUTION RANKINGS

VALDOSTA SNAGS LEAD; WRIGHTSVILLE MOVES UP

By CHARLIE ROBERTS

Valdosta's state defending champions moved to the pinnacle of the Class AAA heap, and seven new teams forged into the "Big Ten" in The Constitution's Georgia high school football rankings over the weekend.

Wright Bazemore's Wildcats humbled powerful Albany, 27-0, and claimed the top step in AAA from idle Richmond Academy by a hair.

Newcomers to the rankings included Murphy and Willingham in AAA, Milton of Alpharetta and Forest Park in AA, Central Gwinnett in A, Tucker in B and Wrightsville in C.

Murphy and Willingham settled in ninth and tenth spots after 40-0 and 34-0 shellings of East Atlanta and Groves. Unbeaten Milton and once-nicked Forest Park upset Hapeville and Newnan, 19-14 and 14-6, to gain the same slots in AA.

Central Gwinnett, rugged all year, owes its tenth place in A to a 54-0 thrashing of South



Charlie Roberts

Roberts' Ratings

CLASS AAA

1. Valdosta (5-0-0)
2. Richmond Academy (5-0-0)
3. Thomaston's R. E. Lee (6-0-0)
4. Benedictine (4-1-0)
5. Northside (5-0-0)
6. Moultrie (5-0-0)
7. Avondale (5-1-0)
8. Brown (5-0-0)
9. Murphy (5-1-0)
10. Willingham (5-1-0)

CLASS AA

1. Gainesville (5-0-0)
2. Waycross (4-1-0)
3. Bainbridge (6-0-0)
4. Cedartown (5-1-0)
5. Cairo (4-0-1)
6. Fairburn Campbell (4-0-1)
7. Rossville (4-1-0)
8. Westminster (5-1-0)
9. Milton (4-0-1)
10. Forest Park (4-1-1)

CLASS A

1. Carrollton (5-0-0)
2. Americus (4-1-0)
3. Screven County (6-0-0)
4. Commerce (6-0-0)
5. Dublin (3-2-0)

Gwinnett. Tucker rode a 34-0 belting of West Gwinnett into B's number 10 spot. And Wrightsville teed off on Hephzibah, 28-20, to claim the last place in C.

Gainesville and Waycross retained one-two status in AA on 48-0 and 46-0 pummelings of Gordon and Crisp County. And Carrollton, Americus and Screven County continued to single file at the head of the A parade after 33-7, 33-6 and 25-7 dustings of Cartersville, Brooks County and Camden County.

The top four elevens in Class B held what they had as Fort

CLASS B

6. Trion (5-1-0)
7. Ware County (4-1-0)
8. Toccoa (5-0-0)
9. Atlanta's St. Pius (5-0-1)
10. Central Gwinnett (3-2-1)
1. Fort Valley (5-0-0)
2. Washington-Wilkes (6-0-0)
3. Madison's Morgan County (5-0-1)
4. Claxton (6-0-0)
5. Thomson (4-0-1)
6. Manchester (4-1-0)
7. Soperton's Treutlen County (5-0-0)
8. Blakely (5-0-0)
9. Blackshear (6-0-0)
10. Tucker (4-1-0)

CLASS C

1. Coosa of Rome (6-0-0)
2. Lincolnton (4-1-0)
3. Gray's Jones County (5-0-0)
4. Eatonton's Putnam County (5-0-1)
5. Chattanooga Valley (5-1-0)
6. Warren County (4-1-0)
7. Bremen (4-2-0)
8. Trenton's Dade County (2-2-1)
9. Davis of Avans (4-2-0)
10. Wrightsville (3-2-0)

Valley, Washington-Wilkes, Morgan County and Claxton dusted off Mary Persons, 34-6; Washington County, 37-7; Jefferson, 26-0, and Reidsville, 52-6.

In Class C, it still was Coosa and Lincolnton leading the way after 13-2 and 52-21 downings of tough Bremen and not-so-tough Wrens.

Northside, Moultrie, Avondale and Brown all moved up a notch or two in AAA with convincing wins, Avondale taking two giant steps to seventh on a 20-7 rocking of Decatur.

Bainbridge, Cedartown and Fairburn Campbell inched upward in AA. Commerce and Dublin did the same in A. Ditto for Thomson, 13-0 winner over Rockdale, and idle Manchester in B and Jones County, Chattanooga Valley and Warren County in C. Chattanooga Valley shocked Dade, 13-7, and Jones walloped GMC, 25-7.

Valdosta Rips Albany, Keeps Lofty Rating

By BOB PRICE, Times-Union Sports Writer

Valdosta, supreme ruler of Georgia AAA football, upheld its lofty rating with an impressive 29-0 trouncing of previously unbeaten, although once tied, Albany on the Indians' reservation.

While the Wildcats were clawing out their one-sided (score-wise) victory, Moultrie kept in step with the 1-AAA defending champions by routing Columbus, 35-13.

Bainbridge, the South Georgia AA powerhouse which was rated the state's best AA team last week, notched its sixth consecutive triumph at the 9-0 expense of Thomasville.

Blackshear, the 1-B East leader, was another South Georgia eleven which posted that big No. 6. The Tigers turned their scoring demons loose on Hahira, 33-12.

Hurst Leads Waycross

Waycross, which had a pair of earlier victories taken away from it Thursday due to the use of an ineligible player, overwhelmed Crisp County of Cordele, 46-0, with Marvin Hurst leading the TD parade.

A pair of surprises cropped up in South Georgia when the mighty Cairo Syrupmakers, who are expected to make Bainbridge hump-and-go if the Bearcats repeat as 1-AA champions, were tied by undefeated Perry, Fla., 12-12, and Folkston fell before Clinch County of Homerville, 7-0.

Another mild upset was the 7-6 victory Jesup scored over Glynn Academy of Brunswick.

Elsewhere, where the scores went as predicted, Americus bounced Quitman, 33-6; Ocilla whitewashed Hazlehurst, 28-0; Fitzgerald 31, Baxley 6; Tifton 20, Nashville 0, and Savannah Benedictine 31, Coffee County of Douglas 0.

Over 10,000 were on hand for Valdosta's gallant effort which was helped along by the brilliant line play of Billy Schroer, Butch Luke, Skipper Prewitte, Gary Minchew, Bill Holt, and Billy Holtzclaw.

Bennett, Zunt Sparkle

Bruce Bennett, the trigger-fingered quarterback, and fullback Walter Zunt powered the Wildcat offense, although Giles Smith was the big point producer with two touchdowns on pass plays of 31 and 44 yards. Smith also connected for three PATs from placement.

For Albany, Rodger Beaver, at quarterback, showed the courage which only those not willing to be beaten can demonstrate. Beaver was thrown for losses consistently by the fast charging Valdosta line, but he came back for more each time. Jimmy Gray was an Albany offensive standout while tackle Johnny Palmer, guard Leonard Odum and end Bobby Wallis were top defensive hands.

Waycross was saddled with the rough task of having to win its last three region games or bow out as 1-AA North kingpin when victories over Appling County, a regional affair, and Bacon County had to be forfeited due to the playing of halfback John Wainwright. Wainwright enrolled at Waycross from Blackshear High,

according to the investigation, while the Wainwright residence is still maintained in Pierce County. The ruling is: For an athlete to be eligible, the parents must transfer their residence into the school district. Otherwise, the athlete must sit out one year's eligibility.

Brennan Provides Power
Savannah All-City halfback candidate Tommy Brennan powered Benedictine past Coffee County, by scoring on runs of 26, three and 18 yards. However, he received big help from Waldo Skipper Spence, who scored once on a 72-yard pass play from Vince Saunders and on a three-yard plunge.

Jimmy Bowen and Colin Kelly were the big wheels carrying Blackshear past willing, but outmanned, Hahira, only in its second full year of 11-man football.

Quarterback Billy Richardson furnished the spark Jesup needed to come from behind to nip Glynn Academy. Richardson scored on a five-yardkeeper play and then kicked the extra point. He was also Jesup's top defensive performer. Halfback Osborne Smith produced Glynn's TD on an end sweep from the five-yard line.

VAUNTED VALDOSTA WHITEWASHES TRIBE

Wildcats Record 17th Straight; Bennett Magic Melts Albany

Special to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

ALBANY, Ga., Oct. 7—The Valdosta High Wildcats met the challenge of the Albany High Indians here Friday night and almost immediately squashed any intentions of an upset by the previously unbeaten, but once-tied, Tribesmen as Coach Wright Bazemore's Valdostans smashed their way to a one-sided 29-0 victory over Albany in a Region 1-AAA contest.

It gave Valdosta a record for the year of five consecutive wins against no defeats, and extended the 'Cats winning streak to 17 games, counting the 12 victories which the Wildcats pocketed last season in their march to the Class AAA state championship.

For Albany, coached by Pat Field, the record for the season now stands at three victories, one loss and one tie. Both the loss and the tie game in 1-AAA games, virtually eliminating the Indians from title contention. LaGrange tied Albany last week, 14-14. Two of the three wins are from 1-AAA teams.

Valdosta quickly let the some 10,000 football fanatics on hand for this important game know where it stood. And it stood strong and mighty, as any patron might tell you.

The Wildcats recovered a fumble

at the Indians' 20-yard line right after kicking off to Albany. Fullback Walter Zunt picked up 10 yards, then nine more before scoring from the Albany one-yard stripe. Giles Smith added the extra point on a placement kick to put Valdosta ahead, 7-0, with only 2:50 minutes gone in the game.

The next time Valdosta got the ball the Wildcats drove it down to the Albany eight-yard line where star quarterback Bruce Bennett, on a keeper play, went around right end for the TD. Smith's kick for the extra point failed this time, but Valdosta possessed a 13-0 margin over the hometowners.

In the second quarter, Albany's Tom Rhodes was back in punt formation on fourth down. But the snap from center went over his head at the 16-yard line and into the end zone. Rhodes attempted to run it out, but end Danny Hendley stopped him in the end zone for a Valdosta safety. The two-pointer ran the tally up to 15-0.

Albany kicked off and the Wildcats were on the move once more. From the Albany 45, the Valdosta eleven moved to the 31 where Bennett hit Smith in the end zone for the touchdown. Smith's PAT kick was good, and the score stood 22-0, with the visiting Valdostans ahead.

The final score did not come until the fourth quarter when Bennett completed two passes, one for nine yards and another

THE YARDSTICK		ALBANY (0)
VALDOSTA (29)	First Downs	7
12	Yards Rushing	36
127	Yards Passing	48
169	Yards Penalized	27
20		

good for a 44-yard touchdown. Bennett completed the TD pass to Smith once more—with 4:40 minutes remaining to be played. Smith's extra point was good, and the final score of 29-0 was on the boards.

OUTSTANDING LINE play made the difference. Valdosta's defense limited Albany to only 36 yards rushing and 48 yards passing as both the line and secondary turned in an excellent game. Singled out among the many outstanding Valdostans are tackles Billy Schroer and Skipper Prewitte, guards Gary Minchew and Bill Holt, ends Hendley and Billy Holtzclaw.

Bruce Bennett at quarterback and Walter Zunt at fullback carried the club on offense.

For Albany, Roger Beaver at quarterback showed the courage which only those not willing to be beaten can demonstrate. He was thrown for losses consistently by a charging Valdosta line, but Beaver still came back for more. Jimmy Gray at fullback stood out among the Albany runner, guard Leonard Odum and mre, guard Leonard Odum and end Bobby Wallis showed good defensive ability.

The summary:
Valdosta 29 13 9 0 7-29
Albany 0 0 0 0 0-0
Scoring: Smith 2 (passes from Bennett, 31 and 44 yards); Zunt (run, 1 yard); Bennett (run, 8 yards). Safety (tackled by Danny Hendley). PATs: Smith 3 (placement kicks).

Lions Succeed

Special to Atlanta Journal-Constitution

HINESVILLE, Ga., Oct. 7—The Bradwell Institute Lions calmed Waynesboro High's Purple Hurricanes 20-0 in a Region 2-B East football game played there on Friday night.

A 25-yard pass from freshman quarterback Allen Brown to Butch Fulton in the second quarter accounted for the Lion's first touchdown. Cal Dykes plunged over for the extra point. Two other markers were tallied by Bradwell in the third period. Sophomore Jerry Barton sprinted 35 yards for the first which was followed by Fulton's sweep around end for the extra point. Then Dykes bulled over from five yards out for the final touchdown.

Waynesboro threatened in the second period when Tommy Reeves nailed a pass on the Lions' goal line, but a 15-yard penalty on the play against the Hurricanes took the Bradwell eleven out of danger. Bradwell's regular quarterback Fulton, a senior and co-captain of the team, was believed to have received a broken collar bone in the third quarter and will be out of action for awhile.

1-AAA ROUNDUP

Wildcat's Bennett Leads Ground Gainers for Week

By ELLWOOD MOYER
Special to The Constitution

COLUMBUS, Ga.—Bruce Bennett, Valdosta's outstanding backfield ace, came up with his top offensive game of the season this week against Albany as he picked up a total of 239 yards rushing and passing against the Lions as the Wildcats ran their 10-year winning streak to 17 games.

Bennett carried the ball 15 times in the Albany tilt and netted 70 yards to bring his season total to 285 yards which places him fifth place in the region One, Class AAA standings.

At the same time he hit on nine out of 16 attempted passes for a total of 169 yards and two touchdowns, both to Giles

Smith on plays of 31 and 44 yards. Bennett thus ran his passing yardage for the campaign to 395 yards.

Bennett, now in second place in the region in passing, has an over-all offensive total of 680 yards.

Lawton Garnto of Jordan however still holds the top over-all offensive total in the region.

Garnto came up with 63 yards in six carries in the Baker game to give him a 293-yard rushing total for the campaign which places him in third place here.

He also completed seven out of 12 passes for 78 yards which ran his passing record for the season to 30 completions out of 69 attempted passes for a 443-yard total.

Garnto thus has a 736-yard total which is 56 yards more than Bennett.

Randy Harvey of Moultrie carried the ball but four times against Columbus last week and gained 16 yards which boosted his total to 310 yards for the season. Harvey, in five games, is now 132 yards behind Joel Dickens of Willingham, the region leading ground gainer.

Last season Harvey finished third in the region as he netted 671 yards for the campaign.

Meanwhile Dickens' statistics for the Groves game played Saturday night in Savannah did not arrive in time to be included in this week's statistics and the same situation held true for the LaGrange-Warner Robins game.

Lanier's Buster Hardy finished second in the rushing totals for the week as he had 67 yards in 10 trips in the Savannah game and thus sent his totals to 229 yards which placed him eighth in the region.

Clyde Isom of Moultrie had fourth place honors for the week as he gained 60 yards in 14 carries in the Columbus game and moved into fourth place in the region season rushing totals with a 286 yardage.

Other leading ground gainers included Mike Welsh of Jordan who had 54 yards in nine trips against Baker, Moultrie's Butch Brown who had 48 in eight against Columbus, John Bolles of Baker who had 45 in 12 against Jordan, and Walter Zant of Valdosta who had 44 in 11 against Albany.

In the passing game, Charles Pippin of Moultrie followed Bennett as the Packer quarterback hit on eight out of 12 passes for a total of 83 yards

and three of these completions were good for touchdowns, two to Wayne Tucker, the other to Isom.

Rodger Beaver of Albany completed six out of 15 against Valdosta for 48 yards and Barry Mitchell of Columbus had 29 yards as he completed three out of seven against Moultrie.

The Valdosta Wildcats became the first team in the region to hit the 1,000-yard net rushing total in five games. However Willingham also hit the four-column total in the Groves game although this would be the sixth game of the season for the Rams.

Moultrie is only eight yards away with a 992 total for five games.

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

Player, Team	G.	Car.	Yds.	Net Avg.
1. Dickens, Willingham	5	68	442	6.50
2. Harvey, Moultrie	5	54	310	5.74
3. Garnto, Jordan	5	37	293	7.91
4. Isom, Moultrie	5	65	286	4.40
5. Bennett, Valdosta	5	60	285	4.75
6. Brown, Moultrie	5	30	234	7.80
7. Smith, Valdosta	5	35	233	6.65
8. Gray, Albany	5	48	221	4.60
9. John Bolles, Baker	5	54	217	4.01
10. Zant, Valdosta	5	37	188	5.08
11. Ashley, LaGrange	4	33	184	5.57
12. Boyd Taylor, LaGrange	4	51	180	3.52
13. Hardy, Lanier	4	28	162	5.78
14. Welsh, Jordan	5	35	143	4.08
15. Beaver, Albany	5	59	141	2.38
16. Bob Taylor, LaGrange	4	26	139	5.34
17. Reaves, Valdosta	5	25	124	4.96
18. Heidt, Albany	5	30	122	4.06
19. Bowden, Columbus	5	26	110	4.23
20. Brown, Willingham	5	31	106	3.41
21. Bryant, Willingham	5	20	105	5.25
22. Genevri, Lanier	4	22	102	4.63
23. McLure, Warner Robins	4	33	98	2.96
24. Hamilton, Jordan	5	14	98	7.00
25. Garner, Baker	5	29	97	3.34
26. Burkett, Jordan	5	30	90	3.00
27. Jackson, Columbus	5	31	89	2.87
28. Gard, Warner Robins	4	19	85	4.47
29. Barker, Valdosta	5	21	79	3.76
30. Wuller, Albany	5	19	76	4.00
31. Mitchell, Columbus	5	27	76	2.81
32. Smith, Moultrie	5	16	73	4.56
33. Fulford, Jordan	5	23	73	3.17
34. Jim Bowles, Baker	5	19	72	3.78
35. Duffy, Willingham	5	8	71	8.87
36. Nixon, Warner Robins	4	31	70	2.25
37. Gordon, Lanier	4	17	67	3.94
38. Emmanuel, Lanier	5	10	60	6.00
39. Whatley, Albany	5	18	56	3.11
40. Ruggerio, LaGrange	4	14	53	3.64

Valdosta, R. E. Lee Keep Winning Ways Intact

By GERRY CHATHAM

The 1961 high school football season passed a milestone this weekend—it reached the halfway point and at this stage no less than 23 teams are off and running toward subregion or region titles.

Region 1-AAA powerhouse Valdosta leads the chase by virtue of its 17th consecutive win, and probably its most impressive, a 27-0 pasting of highly regarded and undefeated Albany. Moultrie kept pace once again with the defending State AAA kings by thumping Columbus, 35-13.

Richmond Academy emerges the clear-cut favorite in Region 2-AAA by virtue of Savannah's surprising 12-7 loss to 1-AAA foe Lanier. Savannah went into the game undefeated and Lanier had suffered three losses in five games. Is this an indication of the relative strengths of the regions?

R. E. Lee of Thomaston and a member of Region 4-AAA rolled to its sixth straight, 14-0, over Southwest DeKalb. The Rebs did it without No. 1 halfback Jimmy Cavan, who sat out the game with a leg injury.

Northside protected its undefeated and untied mark by the narrowest of margins over West Fulton. The Tigers held four plays inside its own two for a 7-0 win. Murphy looked more and more like the class of the City with a 40-0 waltz over East Atlanta.

In Class AA, Waycross, which had to forfeit two games including one region contest

because of an ineligible player, kept region hopes alive with a 46-0 pounding of Crisp County.

Bainbridge passed its first severe test of the season, turning back Thomasville, 9-0. Region 2-AA took a sudden, surprising turn when Max Dowis' winless North Clayton Eagles knocked off Troup's unbeaten, 25-13. Doug McGee was the difference offensively and defensively.

Cedartown made it three down and one to go in 3-AA South circles by nipping West Rome, 13-6. LaFayette nosed by Calhoun, 7-6, to keep track with the men of Doc Ayers.

Gainesville threw its fourth shutout of the season at Gordon of Decatur, 48-0. The Elephants have scored 202 points in five games while allowing seven.

Screven County, coached by former Georgia Tech line star Bill Fulcher, raced to its sixth in a row, 25-7, over Camden County. Carrollton eliminated its second straight from the unbeaten list in thumping Cartersville, 33-7.

Americus back Roy Frost had the best offensive night of any back in the state to date. He scored on runs of 75, 89 and 73 yards and set up another TD on a 45-yard run. He had a total of 370 yards counting punt returns, kickoff returns, and seven carries.

Terrell County sprang one of the state's shockers by smacking previously undefeated Miller County, 25-7. Claxton's future All-American fullback Johnny Jenkins touched the ball three times and scored three times in leading his mates to their sixth straight, 52-6, over Glennville. The Jenkins-led Claxton offense has scored 224 points while the defense has permitted only 12.



Gerry Chatham

Bennett 2nd In 1-AAA's Yardage Race

By ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS — Valdosta quarterback Bruce Bennett, with a standout showing against Albany last week, has moved into second place on the Region 1-AAA's total offense list.

Against Albany, Bennett ran and passed for 239 yards. His total in both departments for the season is now 680 yards. Still holding down first place is Jordan's Lawton Garnto with 293 yards rushing and 443 yards passing for a total of 736.

Willingham's Joel Dickens is the ground gaining leader with 442 yards. Garnto's 443 yards passing gives him first place in that division.

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18. Barker, Valdosta	5	21	79	3.76
19. McLeod, Valdosta	5	10	26	2.60
20. Lee, Valdosta	5	7	24	3.42
21. Pearson, Valdosta	5	5	22	4.40

PASSING RECORDS

	AH.	C/pl.	Yds.	Avg.
1. Garnto, Jordan	69	30	443	4.34
2. Bennett, Valdosta	41	19	395	4.63
3. Pippin, Moultrie	40	23	284	5.75
4. Hammond, Warner Robins	34	17	261	5.00
5. Beaver, Albany	32	12	186	3.75
6. Googe, Baker	49	14	144	2.85
13. Thomas, Valdosta	11	4	63	3.64

PASSES INTERCEPTED

	G	Inter.	Yds.
1. Isom, Moultrie	5	2	87
2. Smith, Valdosta	5	1	80
3. Raffield, Willingham	5	1	63
4. Luke, Valdosta	5	5	60
5. Bradberry, Moultrie	5	2	28

PASS RECEIVING

	G	C	Yds.	Td's
1. Fulford, Jordan	5	15	217	0
2. Holtzclaw, Valdosta	5	6	180	0
3. Henderson, Jordan	5	5	140	2
4. Bowen, Willingham	5	6	121	2
5. W. Tucker, Moultrie	5	9	120	3
6. Short, Baker	5	8	110	0
7. Bailey, Jordan	5	6	100	0
8. Muha, Warner Robins	4	8	99	0
9. Allmand, Albany	5	2	70	1
10. Isom, Moultrie	5	4	66	1
11. Holbrook, Baker	5	5	57	0
12. Reaves, Valdosta	5	5	50	0
13. Burkett, Jordan	5	5	47	0
14. Hamilton, Jordan	5	4	46	0
15. Brown, Willingham	5	4	45	2
16. Burton, Lanier	4	5	39	0
17. Colson, Valdosta	5	2	39	0

PUNTS

	G	K	Yd.	Avg.
1. Darnell, Columbus	5	8	304	38.00
2. Smith, Valdosta	5	11	414	37.63
3. Cason, Jordan	5	5	187	37.40
4. Rhodes, Albany	5	24	888	37.00
5. Crawford, LaGrange	4	18	660	36.66
6. Beck, Lanier	4	16	563	35.19
7. Hammond, Warner Robins	4	16	562	35.12
8. T. Tucker, Moultrie	5	7	245	35.00

PUNT RETURNS

	G	Ret.	Yds.
1. Beaver, Albany	5	15	231
2. Thomas, Valdosta	5	8	181
3. Brown, Moultrie	5	4	149
4. Duffy, Willingham	5	6	101
5. Bob Taylor, LaGrange	4	6	88
6. Bryant, Willingham	5	7	79
7. B. Taylor, LaGrange	4	5	67
8. Ruffer, Valdosta	5	2	53

KICK-OFF RETURNS

	G	Ret.	Yds.
1. Langford, Columbus	5	9	190
2. Fulford, Jordan	5	8	176
3. Fincher, Lanier	4	7	166
4. Bowden, Columbus	5	8	159
5. Beaver, Albany	5	6	125
6. Horne, Columbus	5	2	114
7. Ruffer, Valdosta	5	2	99

Winless Columbus Next Foe For VHS

'Dosta Coach Isn't Taking Imps Lightly

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats, co-holders of first place in the Region 1-AAA standings, will be taking on the loop's last place team when they go against Columbus' Blue Devils at Columbus on Friday.

However, 'Dosta grid chief Wright Bazemore isn't taking the Imps lightly and he's trying to convince his boys they better be ready.

The Wildcats have clicked for five straight wins this year. Four of their triumphs have been over 1-AAA foes, giving them a share of first place in the standings with Moultrie.

On the other hand coach Fred McManus' Blue Devils have reached the mid-way point of their 10-tilt campaign without a win. They occupy the 1-AAA "basement" with Baker.

Valdosta has been established as a favorite in the game. Still, Bazemore is concerned.

"In this league everyone is tough, and that certainly includes Columbus," Bazemore said. "I remember in 1959 we went to Columbus as the favorite. The boys know what happened, we got licked 6-0.

"What I fear is that we will have a let down after the fine game we played last week against Albany. If we do that we could get into real trouble.

"We also seem to be following and up and down cycle. We were sharp in our opener against Baker, then only so-so against Thomasville. We looked good against Jordan, then had our troubles with Lanier. We were definitely 'up' for Albany last week. I hope it won't happen, but if the cycle continues we could be 'down' this week."

While rolling to five victories this year and extending their two-season winning streak to 17 games, the 'Cats have beaten Baker (35-7), Thomasville (33-6), Jordan (46-14), Lanier (21-0) and Albany (29-0). Setbacks for Columbus have been against Willingham (0-26), Albany (0-33), Lanier (6-9), Phoenix, Ala. (13-21) and Moultrie (13-35).

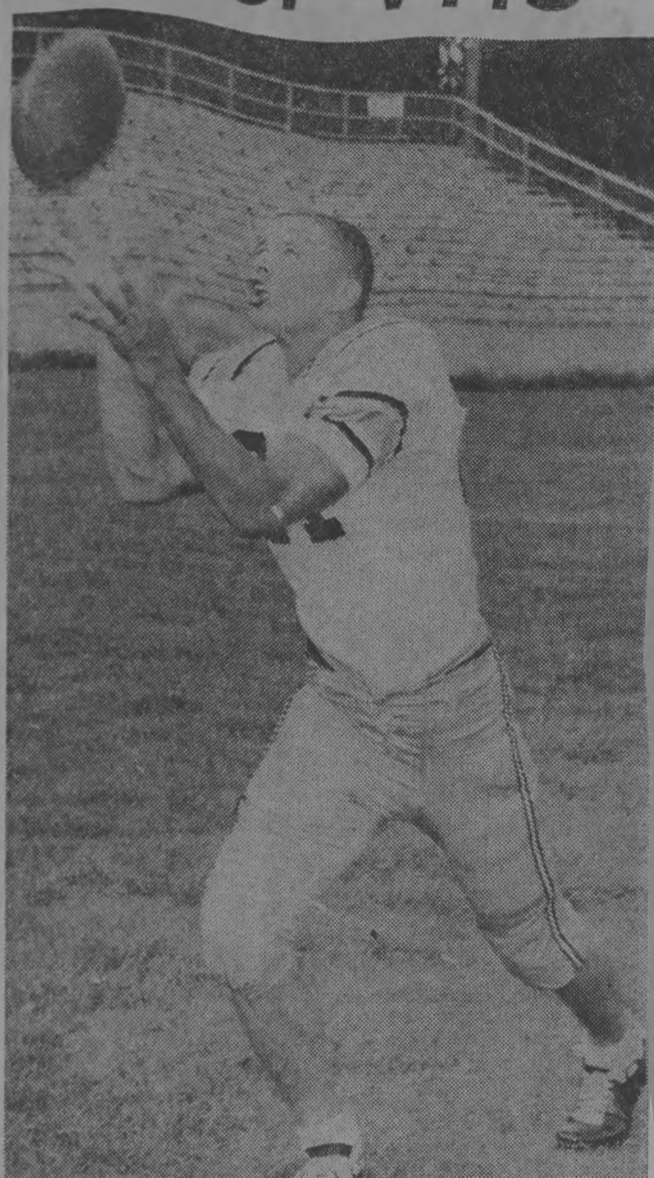
The Wildcats came out of last Friday's battle with Albany with senior halfback Jerry Varnado on the injured list. Varnado, a 165-pound linebacker on the defensive unit, aggravated an old back injury. He is being held out of practice this week and Bazemore reports he won't see action against Columbus.

Quarterback Hank Lee, a 145-pound sophomore, is being groomed to replace Varnado at the linebacking post. Lee has seen some front line action this year, but has never drawn a starting assignment.

While the 'Cats have lost the services of one halfback, they are hoping another will be ready to return to action.

The VHS coach reports there is a "good chance" halfback Kenny Ruffer will be ready to go against the Imps. A knee injury has kept Ruffer on the sideline during the Wildcats' last three games. An offensive leader for the 'Cats last fall as a sophomore, Ruffer has played in just two games this year and run with the ball only four times from scrimmage.

"It depends on how Kenny's knee holds up in practice this week," Bazemore said. "He be-



Testing Injured Knee In Practice Kenny Ruffer Hopes To Return To Action

gan working out last week, had trouble with his knee and had to slow down. If he's ready, he will play at Columbus. If not he will just have to wait longer." Except for Varnado and Ruffer, the Wildcats are in good physical condition.

VALDOSTA VS COLUMBUS — The unbeaten Wildcats are favored over the winless Blue Devils. But as VHS coach Wright Bazemore, a man wise in the ways of football, has said, in Region 1-AAA all the teams are tough. But I don't look for the 'Cats to be caught napping. My pick is Valdosta.

Wildcats Aiming For 18th Victory

Go Against Blue Devils At Columbus On Friday

Valdosta's Wildcats will meet Columbus' Blue Devils on Friday night hoping to make a clean sweep in their 1961 series with three Chattahoochee Valley area representatives.

The game will be played at and Wally Colson, tackles Skipper Columbus and it will be the final "road" outing for coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats before a string of four "home" games.

Starting time for the game is 8 p. m. It will be played at Columbus' 25,000-seat Memorial Stadium.

Valdosta has already trimmed two Columbus representatives, Baker and Jordan. Fact is the 'Cats have won five in a row since the '61 campaign started and 17 straight over a two-year span.

The game will be a Region 1-AAA affair. Although coach Fred McManus' Imps are winless so far, they have shown improvement in recent outing and will be aiming to surprise the Wildcats and turn what has started as a dismal season into a successful affair.

"It's a region game and one we must win if we are to stay in contention for the 1-AAA championship," Bazemore said. "Columbus has good size and a solid ground attack. Last time we played them in Columbus we got beat.

"The boys know the reputation of our league. Any team can beat any other team on any given night. We've got to be ready.

With victories over Baker (35-7), Thomasville (33-6), Jordan (46-14), Lanier (21-0) and Albany (29-0), Valdosta rules as the favorite. Columbus has bowed to Willingham (26-0), Albany (33-0), Lanier (9-6), Phoenix, Ala. (21-13) and Moultrie (35-13).

Probable starters for Columbus are ends Calvin Stanley (170) and Don Tiller (165) or Guy Wilson (170), tackles Ronnie Brown (190) and Ralph Leary (200) or Lee Gill (190), guards Al Hood (170) and Jim Ware (170), center Bobby White (170), quarterback Barry Mitchell (165), halfbacks Charlie Langford (160) and Larry Hughes (165) or Skipper Patterson (155) and fullback Doug Jackson (165).

Probable starters for the Wildcats are as follows by units:

Offense — End Bill Holtzclaw

Defense — Ends Danny Hendley and Rusty Griffin, tackles Bill Schroer and Jimmy Robinson, middle guard Bill Myddleton, linebackers Cloy Blanton, Butch Luke, Bill Holt and Hank Lee and safetymen Stan Reeves and Rick Thomas.

Ruffer will start at halfback with the "Go Team" provided an injured knee permits. If he can't go on offense, Reeves will see two-way duty as he has been doing in recent weeks.

Lee will be starting at one of the linebacker posts in place of the injured Jerry Varnado.

Cats Face Imps; LOHI Plays Alma

Hahira Set For League Contest At Patterson

While Valdosta's Wildcats and Hahira's Tigers hit the "road" tonight, Lowndes County's Golden Eagles will be showing their football wares before the homefolks.

The 'Cats are to meet Columbus' Blue Devils at Columbus in a Region 1-AAA outing. Hahira's Tigers will be at Patterson for a 1-B (East) duel with the War Eagles.

Meanwhile, here at Cleveland Field, LOHI's Golden Eagles will take on Bacon County's Red Raiders in a 1-A (East) affair. Starting time is 8 p.m.

These are just three games on a crowded area gridiron slate. Others include Cairo at Berrien County (Nashville), Blakely-Union at Brooks County (Quitman), Jennings, Fla., at Clinch County (Homerville), Worth County (Sylvester) at Cook (Adel), Madison, Fla., at Greenville, Fla., and Mayo, Fla., at Jasper, Fla.

Valdosta hopes to remain on the victory trail at Columbus tonight. Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats have a 5-0 mark in all games this year and a 4-0 regional chart. They have a string of 17 victories which had its start at the beginning of the 1960 campaign.

Columbus is winless after five outings this year. Coach Fred McManus' Blue Devils are hoping to trip the Wildcats and turn what

has been a dismal campaign into a successful one. However, Valdosta rules as a solid favorite.

Lowndes County's Golden Eagles will be risking their 1-A (East) title hopes against the Red Raiders from Alma. At least coach Carlton Adams' Lowndes County eleven must win to stay in a position to challenge Ware County for the crown later in the season.

LOHI has a 4-1 record and Bacon has a 1-4 chart. Last fall the Raiders trimmed the Eagles, 21-20, so Lowndes will have revenge on its mind tonight.

Patterson's War Eagles rule as the form chart favorite over coach Warren Alexander's young, but spirited Hahira crew. However, the Tigers will be shooting for a victory that would improve their current 1-4 mark. Patterson has a 2-3 chart. Since Patterson licked Hahira, 41-14, last year, the Tigers also have an old account they would like to avenge.

Beside the games involving area teams tonight's slate calls for Statesboro to play at Americus, Tifton at Bainbridge, Irwin County at Thomasville Central, Richmond Academy at Coffee County, Blackshear at Folkston, R. E. Lee at Forest Park, Savannah at Glynn Academy, Warner Robins at Moultrie, Jeff Davis at Treutlen, Thomasville at Waycross, Fitzgerald at Jesup and Albany at Willingham.

In a Saturday night affair, Jordan will be at Lanier.

VALDOSTA CAN TIE WIN STREAK

By KEN WYNN

With a victory over Columbus Friday night, Valdosta High School can tie Albany for the longest Class AAA winning streak in its five-year history.

Albany started its 18-game streak with a 27-0 victory over Valdosta in 1958 and it halted after winning the Class AAA state football crown in 1959.

Valdosta, the defending AAA 1960 champion and top team in the state at the present, carries a 5-0 record into the game against Columbus' 0-5 chart.

Even though Columbus has not posted a victory for the 1961 season, they have a psychological advantage over the Wildcats. The game is scheduled for Memorial Stadium in Columbus and the Blue Devils always give their opponents a hard time on their home field. The Imps have been at home twice this season and both times lost by close margins, once to Lanier, 9-6, and to Central, Ala., 21-13.

RICHMOND Academy, ranked second in The Journal's state poll, shoots for its 25th regular season victory against Coffee County High Friday night. The Musketeers, the only unbeaten team in region 2-AAA, carry a 5-0 chart into the region battle.

Moultrie, now tied with Valdosta for the region 1-AAA title, meets Warner Robins at home. The Packers, fresh from a 35-14 victory over Columbus, hope to push their record to 6-0.

Savannah, which had a perfect slate in the region but forfeited two region games because of ineligible players, meets Glynn Academy at home in hopes to climb back to the top of the standings.

In the Class AA circles Bainbridge pits its undefeated record against Tifton in an effort to take a commanding lead of the 1-AA South region.

Wayne County of Jesup can take over the lead of the 1-AA North region with a victory over Fitzgerald Friday night. Waycross, which was riding on top before forfeiting to Appling County for using an ineligible player, meets nonregion opponent Fitzgerald.

Cairo, after battling Perry, Fla., to a 12-12 tie last week to preserve its undefeated streak, takes on its first region opponent with Berrien at home.

In Class A Dublin will try to extend its region record to 4-0 in what will probably be a tight defensive battle with Swainsboro. Swainsboro, 1-0 in the region, stands 4-1 for the season, while Dublin stands 3-2. Screven County, the only undefeated team in the South Class A area, meets Washington County, while Statesboro travels to Americus.

Fort Valley and Manchester will be the biggest battle in Class B circles Friday night. Fort Valley, behind the aerial attack of quarterback Tee Faircloth, has rolled up a 6-0 chart. Manchester, a pre-season favorite to cop the title, lost its opener to West Gwinnett, but has since rolled up four straight victories, including three region contests. Blackshear is a solid favorite to run its undefeated string to seven against Folkston and Blakely Union guns for No. 7 against Brooks County.

Three undefeated teams in region 4-B South get a real test this Friday. Washington-Wilkes, the Class B defending state champion, pits its unbeaten streak against Thomson, also undefeated. Morgan County, the other unbeaten team in the region, takes on Monroe in a non-region tilt.

Wildcats Roll On, Devils, 42-0

18th Straight Victory Ties State AAA Record

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

COLUMBUS—With machine-like precision, the Valdosta Wildcats rolled to a 42-to-0 victory over the Columbus Blue Devils Friday night and in the process tied the Class AAA state record for consecutive victories.

The win was the 18th in a row over a two-year span for coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats and matched a mark set by Albany in 1958-59.

During the current campaign, the Valdostans have won six straight and own a 5-0 Region 1-AAA mark. The setback was the sixth in as many outings for coach Fred McManus' Imps.

Valdosta piled up a total of 509 yards rushing and passing while limiting Columbus' combined ground and air offense to just 75. These figures, plus the score, tell the story of the game which was an all-Wildcat show.

A slim crowd of not more than 1,000 was on hand for the game, and quite a few of the fans left before the one-sided contest was over.

Quarterback Bruce Bennett and halfback Giles Smith led VHS' scoring parade. Bennett tallied on runs of three and four yards to climax long drives.

Then Bennett and Smith teamed up on three scoring passes. Bennett did the pitching and Smith did the catching, plus some fancy stepping. They clicked for aerial strikes on plays that covered 75, 60 and 15 yards. Smith also made good on six straight PAT boots giving him a total of 24 points for the night.

An eight-yard jaunt by Stan Reaves accounted for Valdosta tally number six. The 'Cats would have had a seventh on the board, but a sparkling 39-yard scoring run by fullback Walter Zant in the third quarter was nullified

Others defensive stickouts include Foy Norwood, Jack Martin, Billy Schroer, Stan Reaves, Danny Hendley, Cloy Blanton, Wally Colson, Bill Myddleton, Bo Hall and Rick Thomas.

Bazemore cleared his bench before it was over and all who saw action in the game shared in the triumph.

Individual offensive figures for the 'Cats are as follows:

Rushing — Bennett, 9-71; Bark-

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WHAT'S WHAT?

The circus has come and gone, but you'd never know it by the looks of a number of buildings in the city's central business district.

For still plastered across windows, doors and walls are the repulsive signs announcing the circus' coming.

"Property owners ought to see they are taken down so the business district doesn't look so trashy," is the way one city businessman put it.

United Fund Kicks Off 1961 Drive Wednesday

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Lowndes County United Fund will kick off its 1961 drive for \$126,046 next Wednesday when volunteer workers and UF officials join the Valdosta Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon.

"We'll make it," said the Rev. John Clelland, UF drive chairman, "there's no question about it."

The Rev. Mr. Clelland says the many volunteer workers and drive organization is such the \$126,000 goal should be cleaned up in a couple of weeks.

The drive will be kicked off with a new approach this year, meeting with the Rotary Club at 1 p. m. at the Valdosta Country Club.

The Rev. Mr. Clelland has already sent out pleas for his workers to be on hand to hear the

Gibboney as guest speaker, James Hannahan, UF president said:

"Dr. Gibboney is one of the best speakers it has been my good fortune to hear and I urge every United Fund worker to be present next Wednesday at the Country Club to hear him.

The Rev. Mr. Clelland added, "Dr. Gibboney will give us a lively and inspiring talk."

The Rev. Mr. Gibboney has not only been active in the affairs of the Augusta and North Augusta, S. C., United Funds, he has also been speaker at a number of UF conferences and district sessions.

The \$126,046 budget of the UF will go to its 10 agencies which include: Boys' Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Salvation Army, USO, Child Welfare Clinic, Valdosta - Lowndes County Mental Health Association, Negro Youth Center, Girls' Club and the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

Rayburn Begins His 12th Day In Hospital

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Speaker Sam Rayburn, apparently fully recovered from pneumonia but still battling cancer, which doctors call incurable, began his 12th day in Baylor Hospital today.

Former President Harry S. Truman, a long-time political pal, visited him briefly Friday and reported the veteran speaker in fine spirits.

The hospital issued this bulletin late this morning:

"Mr. Rayburn's condition to-

Region 1-AAA Title Race Nearing Showdown Phase

After knocking off Columbus, 42-0, with a crisp performance last Friday night at Columbus, coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats are now ready to move into the showdown phase of the Region 1-AAA race.

Bazemore feared that his charges might "let down" for their duel with the winless Blue Devils. But they sailed past the Imps with a smooth performance on both offense and defense.

During the contest every VHS player who was physically able saw action. Those who usually play offense got a taste of defensive work and the "Stop'em" crew got a chance to move the football. The Valdosta reserves also got a chance to play.

While Bazemore's system calls for a defensive unit and an offensive unit, he demands that all his players be ready to play both ways. He knows from long experience that the unexpected can happen, and unless a team is ready in case of an emergency it can find itself in serious trouble against a tough opponent.

Speaking of tough opponents, the Wildcats will be meeting three of them in their next four outings. This coming Friday night the 'Cats go against Moultrie's Packers. Next up is a match with Willingham's Rams. On the following Friday the Warner Robins Demons turn up on the schedule. Then in the final regular season affair, the Bazemoremen will be facing LaGrange's Grangers.

All four games will be played here in Valdosta. It is fortunate indeed that the 'Cats will have the "home" field advantage. They are going to need all the good fortune they can muster for the rugged journey to the finish line.

Moultrie will come to town this week with a 6-0 record that matches the Wildcats' spotless chart. Willingham has a 6-1 mark and LaGrange has a 4-0-2 chart. All three are still very much in the running for the 1-AAA crown. While Robins is out of the title picture, it has its best team in several years and the 'Cats can't afford to take the Demons lightly.

The Wildcats have four weeks of rugged football before them. Thumbnail sketches of the four teams still on the VHS slate are as follows:

Packers Boast Speed

MOULTRIE — The Packers gave the Wildcats plenty of trouble last fall. Moultrie has all regulars back in the fold except two tackles. They have team speed to match the Wildcats and more than a half dozen backs who are capable of going all the way on any play.

WILLINGHAM — The Rams were also very hard to handle during the '60 campaign and are loaded this year with experienced performers. This is a new school with its first chance to win a football championship. The Rams showed their talent with a 21-7 romp over highly regarded Albany last week. They have an open date this week, so will have extra time to prepare for their game with the Wildcats.

WARNER ROBINS — While not a title contender, the Demons are stronger than they have been in many years. They have beaten Lanier and have given several of the 1-AAA "big boys" plenty of trouble. The 'Cats can't afford to relax against the Robins crew.

LAGRANGE — This is a rebuilding year for the Grangers and veteran coach Oliver Hunnicutt, as usual, has done a masterful job. LaGrange always plays "hard-nose" football. This year it has a solid attack and a super-tough defense.

Pressure Mounting

Since the season started the Wildcats have been playing under tremendous pressure. They started the campaign as the region's form chart favorite. Most of the way they have been rated the top Class AAA team in the state.

So far they have come through in fine fashion. But the four-game test before them is a more difficult assignment than they have drawn so far. Actually Bazemore isn't thinking about four games at the present time.

"We have four tough ones coming up, but we've got to play them one at a time," the Valdosta grid boss said. "Each week we've got to concentrate on the team we are playing that Friday night. With a team like Moultrie coming to town this Friday night we can't afford to think about anyone but the Packers."

The 1-AAA race is getting down to the crucial stage. From here on in the Wildcats must be sharp or they could very well bow out of the championship scramble.

Moultrie, Willingham, Warner Robins and LaGrange. As we said earlier, the 'Cats are going to need all the good fortune they can muster if they are to remain on the victory trail.



GLASSMAN

PREP RANKINGS

Valdosta, Ft. Valley Hold Top

By CHARLES ROBERTS

Valdosta, Gainesville, Carrollton, Fort Valley and Coosa held firmly to their number one rungs on the Georgia high school football ladder over the weekend.

And only Tifton, West Rome, Lowndes County and Hawkinsville dislodged teams ranked the week before in the "Big Ten" of the Constitution's ratings.

Tifton regained the number nine spot in Class AA while losing a 12-7 squeaker to Bainbridge, which retained its third spot. West Rome clobbered Pepperell, 36-7, and moved into tenth place as Milton and Forest Park dropped from listing after falling to Headland and R. E. Lee, 28-6 and 31-14.

Lowndes belted Bacon County, 33-7, for its fifth triumph in six outings and snagged ninth spot in Class A as idle Central Gwinnett dropped from tenth to make way for Commerce, which tumbled from fourth when shelled by Toccoa, 33-6.

Hawkinsville, girding for a



Charlie Roberts

Roberts' Ratings

- CLASS AAA**
1. Valdosta (6-0-0)
 2. Richmond Academy (6-0-0)
 3. Thomaston's R. E. Lee (7-0-0)
 4. Northside (6-0-0)
 5. Murphy (6-1-0)
 6. Moultrie (6-0-0)
 7. Avondale (6-1-0)
 8. Brown (6-0-0)
 9. Willingham (6-1-0)
 10. Benedictine (4-2-0)
- CLASS AA**
1. Gainesville (4-0-0)
 2. Waycross (5-1-0)
 3. Bainbridge (7-0-0)
 4. Cedartown (6-1-0)
 5. Cairo (5-0-1)
 6. Fairburn Campbell (5-0-1)
 7. Rossville (5-1-0)
 8. Westminster (5-1-0)
 9. Tifton (5-2-0)
 10. West Rome (4-2-0)
- CLASS A**
1. Carrollton (6-0-0)
 2. Americus (5-1-0)
 3. Toccoa (6-0-0)
 4. Screven County (7-0-0)

5. Dublin (4-2-0)
 6. Trion (6-1-0)
 7. Ware County (4-1-0)
 8. Atlanta's St. Pius (6-0-1)
 9. Lowndes County (5-1-0)
 10. Commerce (6-1-0)
- CLASS B**
1. Fort Valley (7-0-0)
 2. Claxton (7-0-0)
 3. Washington-Wilkes (6-0-1)
 4. Madison's Morgan County (6-0-1)
 5. Thomson (4-0-2)
 6. Soperton's Treutlen County (6-0-0)
 7. Blakely (6-0-0)
 8. Blakely (7-0-0)
 9. Hawkinsville (6-1-0)
 10. Tucker (5-1-0)
- CLASS C**
1. Coosa of Rome (7-0-0)
 2. Lincolnton (5-1-0)
 3. Gray's Jones County (6-0-0)
 4. Chattahoochee Valley (5-1-0)
 5. Warren County (5-1-0)
 6. Eatonton's Putnam County (5-1-1)
 7. Bremen (5-2-0)
 8. Trenton's Dade County (3-2-1)
 9. Davis of Avaus (5-2-0)
 10. Wrightsville (5-2-0)

weekend showdown with Fort Valley, claimed ninth slot in B on a 34-12 victory over Vidalia.

Manchester plummeted from sixth out of rating after being whacked by Fort Valley, 26-0.

Valdosta, Gainesville, Carrollton and Coost, pace-setters in AAA, AA, A and C humbled Columbus, Elbert County, Jonesboro and McEachern, 42-0, 52-0, 31-0 and 37-13.

Richmond Academy, 50-0 winner over Coffee County, and R. E. Lee continued to march behind Valdosta and there were few significant changes in AAA. Northside pummeled Therrell, 40-0, and took a giant stride ahead to fourth as Benedictine plummeted to 10th on a 16-0 setback to Miami High.

Murphy vaulted four spots to fifth after a 48-15 shellacking of Bass, and Moultrie, Avondale and Brown held the next three spaces on 49-14, 25-0 and 26-7 triumphs over Warner Robins, Cross Keys and West Fulton. Willingham advanced a peg to ninth with a 21-7 thrashing of tough Albany.

Not a change took place in the first eight spots in AA. Behind Gainesville come Waycross, Bainbridge, Cedartown and Cairo, who dumped Thomasville, Tifton, LaFayette and Berrien, 15-0, 12-7, 34-14 and 14-7. Behind them, and ahead of the newcomers, come Fairburn Campbell, Rossville and idle Westminster, Campbell and Rossville disposed of College Park and West Fannin, 22-0 and 19-16.

Class Officer Nominations Made at Valdosta High

By TIMES STAFF WRITER
Nominations for class officers here held Thursday at Valdosta High School.

Run-offs will be held the first of the week and later the Student Council will announce the new officers.

Also selected this week were the seven new members of the Choraliers.

This group is hand picked each year by the music instructor at the school.

Winners of the try-outs were Libba Winston, Fan Dewar, Freddie Guest, Carolyn Stallings, Sally Tillman, Arthur Alexander, and

Jimmy Lineberger, according to Miss Elizabeth Jones, instructor of the VHS choral groups. "These seven students will join the 10 outstanding singers we had last year," Miss Jones said.

VHS DE Club Names Officers

The Valdosta High School Distributive Education Club has elected new officers for the current school year.

Elected to hold the top spots in the club are:

Shirley McDonald, vice president; Elizabeth Pritchard, secretary; Marilyn Rykard, treasurer; Elaine Alligood, reporter; Eva Ladrow, historian; Larry Price, parliamentarian; James Wetherington, sergeant at arms.



VHS Seniors Get Scholarship Awards

Eighteen seniors at Valdosta High School received scholastic sweaters at a recent chapel program. They had a scholastic average of 90 or better for the past three years. Front row, left to right, Lynne DiMascio, Elva Grey Johnson, Marilyn Rykard, Elaine Pitts, Kay Potts, and Betty Blankenship; second row, Kay Powell, Sharon Smith, Tillie Yow, Suzanne Saunders, Sandra Babcock, Angelia Wall, and Sherry Richards; third row, Bill Wisenbaker, Bud Bridges, Mike Watson, Alvie Steele, and David Atkins.

PARENTS INVITED

VHS Sets College Night Oct. 26 For Students

By TIMES STAFF WRITER
College night at Valdosta High School will be held Oct. 26.

This is an annual project sponsored jointly by the student council and guidance office under the direction of Miss Marguerite Ford, dean of girls.

School officials will register in the guidance office at 7:30 p. and orientation for students and parents will be at 7:45 p. m. in the auditorium.

Each student may attend three conferences to learn more about universities, business schools or armed services they are most interested in.

High schools invited to participate in college night are Lowndes County, Berrien County, Cook County, Brooks County, Lanier County and Douglas.

Colleges and other schools to be represented include Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Berry College, Charron Williams Commercial College, Crawford W. Long Hospital, David Lipscomb College and Emory University.

Emory at Oxford, Georgia Business Institute, Georgia Southern College, Georgia Tech, Georgia Military College, Georgia Southwestern College, School of Nursing at Grady Memorial Hospital

and Greenleaf School of Business, Jones Business College, LaGrange College, Massey Business College, Mercer University, Norman College, North Georgia College, Oglethorpe University, Perry Business College, Shorter College, Southern Technical Institute, South Georgia Trade and Vocational School.

St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Stetson University, Tift College, the military branches, University of Georgia, Valdosta State College, Warren A. Candler School of Nursing, Wesleyan College, Woman's College of Georgia and Young Harris College.

Sharon Smith and Leo Wells To Reign At Homecoming

Sharon Smith and Leo Wells, popular Valdosta High School seniors, have been elected by the student body as king and queen for the homecoming festivities next week.

Mike Watson and Jeannie Hoyle are the senior representatives.

Junior attendants are Darlene Smith and Mark Holloway.

Sophomore members of the queen's court will be Starr Howell and Roger Milam while Tad Coleman and JoAnn Beck will represent the freshmen.

The VHS Wildcats will tangle with the unbeaten Moultrie Packers on Cleveland Field next Friday night.

The queen and her court will be presented during halftime.

Thursday the football team will announce their selection of Miss Flame who will preside over the pep rally and bonfire that night on the campus.

"Around the World" will be this year's homecoming theme.

A homecoming parade will start at 4:30 p. m. Friday and an informal dance will be held in the school gym after the game.

"China Town" will be depicted in the decorations for the semi-formal dance at 8 p. m. Saturday at the Valdosta Junior High School.

The Chantels of Valdosta State College will provide the entertainment.

Report Cards

Report cards will be given out in the city schools Thursday.

Parent visitation day at Valdosta High School will be Oct. 23 from 3:15 to 4:30 p. m.

"This gives the parents a chance to talk over the student's grades with the teachers," said principal Howard Bridges.

Sandspur Staff Attends Clinic Meet At Macon

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Four members of the Valdosta High School Sandspur staff attended the Taylor Publishing Company's high school year book workshop at Mercer University in Macon.

Representing the annual were Angla Wall, senior editor; Virginia Wright, editor; Peter Van Horn, assistant editor; Sandra Babcock, business manager; and Mrs. Billy Selph, advisor.

The staffers were divided into groups according to position on the annual and sent to special clinics.

"We learned so much from that one trip. This year's Sandspur will be better than ever we feel, because of the helpful advice we got from the workshop," said Betty Babcock.

Special Course Slated At VHS

A parliamentary procedure course will be held at Valdosta High School next week.

This project is sponsored by the Government Club and Mrs. Ralph Finney will be the instructor.

Any student who holds an office in the school is invited to take the course.

VHS DE Club Officers Set Augusta Trip

Valdosta High School DE officers will be making a trip to Augusta Sunday to the State Leadership Conference.

Officers attending will be Elizabeth Pritchard, secretary; Billy Rowe, president; Elaine Alligood, reporter.

They will participate in a workshop concerning their duties as officers of their club.

The Valdosta Distributive Education Club is a program in which high school students may participate in the field of distribution and marketing.

HI-Y SLATES BUS TRIP TO COLUMBUS

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

When the Valdosta High School Wildcats meet the Jordon Red Jackets under the lights tonight in Columbus, VHS students will be right there supporting their team despite the 170 mile trek.

More than 80 students are making the trip today in chartered buses sponsored by the Hi-Y.

Many of the other students will be going in cars so the Wildcats will not be lacking in support tonight.

"The idea of chartered buses and trains provides an excellent way for students who are not able to take their cars.

"This also eliminates the traffic problem on the highway after the game. Two chaperones are on each bus so the students are well taken care of," said principal Howard Bridges.

Junior Tests Set At VHS

Preliminary scholastic aptitude tests will be held for juniors at Valdosta High School Tuesday in the VHS library.

They will enable the students to see their weak and strong points scholastically and give them an idea as to how they will do on their college board exams next, said Miss Maugerite Ford, Dean of Girls.

The tests will be \$1.

College Night Set Thurs. At Valdosta High

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

"College Night" at Valdosta High School will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m., according to Miss Marguerite Ford, dean of girls.

Each year the guidance office and the Student Council at the school sponsor this affair.

"I have had to turn down several schools around here because the response has been so great by the other schools invited to come that we can't possibly handle any more," said Miss Ford.

"This is the largest crowd we have ever had and the event should be a huge success," she added.

The students will meet in the school auditorium for orientation at 7:45 p.m. that night.

Mike Watson, president of the Student Council, will welcome the students and school representatives.

Principal Howard Bridges will make the necessary announcements.

Each student may attend three conferences to learn more about the colleges they are most interested in.

Boys and girls interested in the University of Georgia may have their interviews necessary for admission to the school that night.

"Students have been able to obtain scholarships to universities because of College Night. We encourage the parents to come also," said Miss Ford.

Sandspur Sales Are Set Oct. 30

Sales for the 1962 Sandspur will be initiated Oct. 30 at Valdosta High School announced editor Virginia Wright this week.

This year the annual staff is offering a free year book to the student who comes the nearest to guessing the correct number of Sandspurs in a large jar.

The sales campaign will last two weeks and each Sandspur is \$5.

Other members of the staff are Peter Van Horn, assistant editor; Angelia Wall, senior class editor; Elaine Pitts, junior class editor; Bill Wilson, sophomore class editor; Lynn DiMascio, freshman class editor.

Tillie Yow, art editor; Alex Morgan, photographer; Sharon Smith, organizations editor; Kate Culpepper, faculty editor; Sandra Babcock, business manager; and Alvie Steele, sports editor.

Mrs. Bill Selph and Mrs. Mable Wolinski are the advisors.

VHS Seniors Eye Money Raising Plan

The senior class at Valdosta High School had a class meeting Thursday to discuss fund raising projects for the junior-senior banquet this spring.

"What we want to do is cut down on expenses as much as possible for the whole junior-senior affair. In the past the cost of the banquet has been up to the individuals. If we can get some money in the treasury just for this, we'd be able to help defray the cost," said senior president Leo Wells.

Having a class play in the winter or early spring was suggested.

The dedication of the 1962 Sandspur was discussed and the seniors will vote in two weeks on who the annual is to be dedicated to.

FORT VALLEY'S ELEVEN EYES STATE'S 'B' TITLE

Valdosta Retains AAA Lead Widens Margin on Richmond

By GENE ASHER

Fort Valley High School, which already has won one state championship this year, may be headed for another.

The Green Wave, winner of the state Class B basketball crown last March, won its seventh straight football game last weekend, and took over first place in Class B in The Journal's seventh weekly prep grid poll.

Fort Valley received four first-place votes and 75 points to edge Claxton which had 74 points. Points are awarded on a 10 for first, 9 for second, etc., basis. Ten sports editors and prep editors, representing newspapers throughout the state, participated in the voting.

The new Class B leader is coached by Norman Faircloth, who turned out the basketball champion.

Washington-Wilkes, which led all six previous ratings, plummeted to fifth after being deadlocked, 6-6, last weekend by Thomson.

Valdosta retained its leadership in Class AAA as did Bainbridge in AA, Carrollton in A and Coosa

in C. Six new teams cracked the "Top Ten."

Willingham (7th) returned to the AAA elite, Westminster (8th), Wayne County (9th) and Headland (10th), joined the AA select circle, Saint Pius (10th), moved in with the A elite, and Davis (10th) gained Class C status.

Valdosta widened the margin on Richmond Academy, capturing seven first-place votes to Richmond's three.

Willingham impressed with a stunning 21-7 upset of Albany, knocking the Indians out of their top ten berth.

The voting was split widely in Class AA. Waycross, ranked second, received four votes, Bainbridge three, third-ranked Gainesville two and fourth-ranked Cedartown one.

Hugh Schutte, member of The Journal rating board from the Associated Press, voted for Waycross. He explained, "Waycross' 15-0 victory over a good Thomasville team illustrated its comparative strength with Bainbridge which downed Thomasville, 9-0."

Don Biggers of the Rome News-Tribune, voted for Cedartown. He pointed out, "Not many teams can spot a fine club like LaFayette 14 points in the first quarter and then come back to completely dominate the game as Cedartown did last Friday." Cedartown decked LaFayette, 34-14.

IN CLASS A, Carrollton claimed six votes, Screven County, Americus, Toccoa and Ware County one apiece. Carrollton accumulated 89 points and second-ranked Screven County 85.

Saint Pius won recognition on the strength of its 26-7 thrashing of Class AA Chamblee.

"I'm prouder of this team than

Valdosta, Lowndes Hold Places On AAA, A Lists

ATLANTA (AP)—Valdosta in Class AAA and Coosa in Class C dominate their Georgia high school divisions in the weekly poll to determine the Top Ten football teams.

The Wildcats drew seven first-place votes but still held only a 96-91 point margin over Richmond Academy which had the other three first-place ballots cast by sports writers over the state.

Coosa also had seven firsts but piled up a 95-83 point spread over second-place Jones County in Class C. Jones had two first and the other went to Lincoln.

Carrollton had almost as good a showing in Class A, gathering six of the top votes. The others were divided among Screven County, Americus, Toccoa and Ware County.

Several different names were listed this week. Willingham returned to the Top Ten on the basis of a 21-7 win over Albany which also knocked the Indians out of the rankings. Westminster, Wayne County and Headland moved into the AA elite; St. Pius gained a ranking in Class A and Davis took 10th place in C.

Here's the way the Top Ten shape up:

Class AAA—No. 1 Valdosta, No.

2 Richmond Academy, No. R.E. Lee, No. 4 Moultrie, No. 5 Northside, No. 6 Brown, No. 7 Willingham, No. 8 Avondale, No. 9 Benedictine, No. 10 Murphy.

Class AA—No. 1 Bainbridge, No. 2 Waycross, No. 3 Gainesville, No. 4 Cedartown, No. 5 Cairo, No. 6 Rossville, No. 7 Fairburn Campbell, No. 8 Westminster, No. 9 Wayne County, No. 10 Headland.

Class A—No. 1 Carrollton, No. 2 Screven County, No. 3 Americus, No. 4 Toccoa, No. 5 Trion, No. 6 Lowndes County, No. 7 Ware County, No. 8 Cartersville, No. 9 Dublin, No. 10 St. Pius.

Class B—No. 1 Fort Valley, No. 2 Claxton, No. 3 Blackshear, No. 4 Blakely, No. 5 Washington-Wilke, No. 6 Treutlen, No. 7 Morgan County, No. 8 Miller County, No. 9 Thomson, No. 10 Dallas.

Class C—No. 1 Coosa, No. 2 Jones County, No. 3 Lincoln, No. 4 Chattahoochee Valley, No. 5 Warren County, No. 6 West Point, No. 7 Ppntnam County, No. 8 Savannah Country Day, No. 9 Bremen, No. 10 Davis.

AP Scribe Tabs VHS Prep 'Team of Week'

By HUGH SCHUTTE
Associated Press Staff Writer

Valdosta, power-housing its way toward another high school football crown, and Clyde (Piggy) Isom of Moultrie share top honors this week in the Roll Call of Stars.

The Wildcats rang up a record-tying 18th straight victory Friday night when they romped in a 42-0 victory over Columbus. Albany had compiled a mark of 18 straight in class AAA play. Richmond Academy scored its 17th consecutive triumph in regular season play in rolling over Coffee County 33-6. Richmond, however, lost a playoff game last year.

Valdosta and Moultrie, both with 6-0 won-lost records, tangle this week and the winner stands a better-than-even chance to win ups as a champion in Region 1AAA. Trying to overcome the odds

against his team will be Isom, a regular nominee on the Roll Call. He has been a big factor in the Packers' all-winning season thus far. He scored twice Friday as Moultrie turned back a battling Warner Robins team 49-14.

Should Isom and his backfield mates and a well-manned line led by 205-pound tackle Sonny Davis succeed in upsetting the favored Wildcats, Moultrie still will have to get by such potential power-houses as LaGrange, Macon's Willingham and Albany before they could claim even the regional title.

Valdosta also must beat Willingham and LaGrange in addition to Warner Robins.

MARVIN HURST—Waycross halfback, raced 49 yards for the Bulldogs' clinching touchdown in 15-0 "must" win over Thomasville and made 109 yards in nine tries.

LARRY JORDAN—Waycross guard who made 10 individual tackles and led a strong line rush that kept the tough Thomasville backs in check.

DICK TAYLOR—Thomasville linebacker who stopped several Waycross scoring drives by his terrific defensive action.

WOODROW SCOTT—Thomasville Central linebacker, was outstanding on defense, filling in for ailing Wayne Milam.

EMMETT MCEACHIN—Thomasville Central, ran opening kickoff back 72 yards for touchdown, scored on runs of 70 and 72 yards in 33-19 victory over Irwin County.

JIMMY MIXON—Irwin County quarterback, hit on 11 of 21 passes and set up all of the Indians' touchdowns.

ELLIOTT GARNER—Berrien County's 190-pound tackle who led the charge that held heavily-favored Cairo to a 14-7 victory; captured one fumble and raced 84 yards for a touchdown, and recovered another on the one that halted Cairo drive.

EDSEL WATKINS—Cairo fullback, outstanding on offense and defense in victory over Berrien County.

CLYDE (PIGGY) ISOM—Moultrie halfback, scored on 24-yard run and then returned intercepted pass 60 yards for another TD in 49-14 victory over Warner Robins.

SONNY DAVIS—Moultrie 205-pound tackle outstanding on defense and led the charge that opened wide holes in Warner Robins line.

BOBBY GARD—Warner Robins halfback, returned a kickoff 84 yards for a touchdown.

GREGG GREEN—Lowndes County halfback, rushed for 100 of 308 yards and scored touchdown in 33-7 victory over Bacon County.

PAT HARRELL—Lowndes fullback, scored twice and kicked two extra points.

JERRY CARTER—Bacon Co. halfback, was only offensive and defensive weapon in Red Raiders' arsenal; rushed for 50 yards and made half of tackles.

ROY FROST and JOHN SHIVERS—Americus, scored two touchdowns each in 32-12 win over Statesboro.

RICKEY JOHNSON and BILLY FOREHAND—Americus tackle and guard who played outstanding game both on offense and defense.

TERRY DUFFY—Willingham halfback, carried opening kickoff back 81 yards to touchdown that started Rams toward 21-7 victory over Albany.

BRUCE BENNETT—Valdosta quarterback, scored twice and threw three touchdown passes in the Wildcats' 42-0 romp over Columbus.

GILES SMITH—Valdosta halfback, on receiving end of passes of 72, 59, and 14 yards that were good for TDs; kicked six extra points.

FORREST INGLET—Richmond Academy, scored on 24-yard run as the Musketeers rolled over Coffee County, 33-6.

VHS - Moultrie Tilt Given Top Billing

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats and Moultrie's Packers will tangle here Friday night in a game that rates top billing on both the area and state wide high school football slates this week.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcat and coach Knuck McCrary's Packers both own perfect 6-0 records. They currently share first place in the Region 1-AAA standings and will be dueling for undisputed possession of the lead. Lowndes County's Golden Eagles will also be at home this week, meeting the Berrien County (Nashville) Rebels in a tilt here Saturday night.

Friday's schedule also calls for Folkston's Indians to meet Hahira's Tigers at Hahira in a 1-B (East) outing. Other games that night involving area teams are Cook (Adel) at Brooks County (Quitman), Jennings, Fla., at Camden County (Woodbine), Madison, Fla., at Florida High (Tallahassee) and Jasper, Fla., at Chiefland, Fla.

One area team, Clinch County (Homerville), has an open date this week.

In addition to the fact that both Valdosta and Moultrie are unbeaten and are rated among Georgia's top - ten Class AAA teams, the Wildcats and Packers are traditional rivals. It all adds up to a football offering that is sure to draw an overflow crowd to Cleveland Field.

Lowndes has a 5-1 record and Berrien has a 1-4-1 chart, but their game figures to be a close one. LOHI is a Class A entry, while Berrien competes at the "AA" level. Last season the Eagles trimmed the Rebs, 20-12, so Berrien will come here this time with revenge on its mind.

Hahira and Folkston have matching 1-5 records and their contest is being rated a tossup. Coach Warren Alexander's Tigers are hoping to trip the Indians from Folkston and halt a three-

game losing skid.

Cook (2-3-1) and Brooks (0-6) will be meeting in a 1-A (West) affair at Quitman. Madison will be gunning for its fifth consecutive triumph when it goes to Tallahassee to play Florida High. Jasper will play at Chiefland, hoping to snap a three-tilt losing streak.

Other games this week include the following:

Thursday — Central, Ala., at Jordan (Columbus).

Friday — Thomasville Central at Americus, Savannah at Aquinas, Southwest DeKalb at Avondale, Richmond Academy (Augusta) at Benedictine (Savannah), Atkinson County at Blackshear, Cairo at Quincy, Fla.; Glynn Academy at Groves, Ware County (Waycross) at Irwin County (Ocilla), Appling County at Jeff Davis, Lanier (Macon) at LaGrange, Worth County at Terrell County, Monticello, Fla., at Thomasville, Columbus at Warner Robins, Coffee County (Douglas) at Waycross, Bacon County (Alma) at Wayne County (Jesup).

Saturday — Albany at Baker (Columbus).

'Cats, Packers Win Easily In Tuneups for Key Clash

By BOB PRICE
Times-Union Sports Writer

Valdosta and Moultrie set the stage for their 1-AAA football showdown next Friday night by

knocking off Columbus, 42-0, and Warner Robins, 49-14, respectively, in the key South Georgia high school games Friday night.

Bainbridge, ranked as the top

Class AA team in the state, had to pull out all stops to gain a 12-7 victory over the battling Blue Devils from Tifton.

Blackshear made Folkston its seventh straight victim in a 26-12 contest on the Indians' reservation.

Cairo Triumphs

Cairo, which had its perfect showing blemished last week in a 12-12 tie with Perry, Fla., was hardpressed to outlast Berrien County of Nashville, 14-7.

Waycross High, which faces a must win task in its remaining regional games if it is to repeat as AA king, moved outside the region for a 15-0 victory over Thomasville of 1-AA South.

Jesup and Fitzgerald, the teams which are hoping to replace Waycross as the 1-AA North champion, had to settle for a 20-20 tie in their Wayne County joust.

Patterson, which couldn't buy a win in early season, won its third straight at the 20-0 expense of Hahira.

Richmond Academy, rated as the No. 2 Class AAA team in the state, kept in the perfect ranks by besting Coffee County of Douglas, 33-6.

Thomasville Central, making a bid to rule the 1-A in its first year as a region member, knocked off Irwin County of Ocilla, 33-19.

In the week's lone inter-state affair, Clinch County of Homerville outlasted Jennings, Fla., 14-7.

Albany Beaten Again

Willingham handed Albany its second straight defeat in a 21-7 contest at Macon. The Indians fell before mighty Valdosta last week.

Terrell County took the measure of Pelham, 16-6, and Treutlen County outdistanced Hazlehurst, 48-6, in other South Georgia encounters.

Americus kept its hold on the first spot in Region 1-A West by defeating Statesboro, 32-12.

Among the South Georgia stars Friday night were:

Patterson's Murphy Sapp, Gordon Raulerson and Billy Taylor; Cairo's Don Hancock, Kenneth Bass and Larry Green; Nashville's Eliot Garner; Moultrie's Piggy Isom; Glynn Academy's George Stevens; Blackshear's Jimmy Bowen; Folkston's Roy Lloyd; Terrell County's David Christie and Reece Cross; Pelham's Randall Barfield, and Bainbridge's Jackie Piland.

Wisconsin Harriers

Cop Big Ten Crown

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 14 (UPI). Led by Rolf Nielsen, a transfer student from Norway, the University of Wisconsin's cross country team defeated defending Big Ten champion Michigan State, 23-32, for its third consecutive victory.

Nielsen took first place in the four-mile event with a time of 20:9.2 Michigan State ace Jerry Young was runnerup, three seconds back, and Badger Capt. Don Dooley took third.

Young was the Big Ten champion in the event last year.

VALDOSTA'S 18TH WIN MATCHES AAA RECORD

Wildcats Pile Up 509 Yards In 42-0 Shelling of Columbus

By GENE ASHER
Atlanta Journal Staff Writer

COLUMBUS, Ga., Oct. 14—Valdosta High School's Wildcats tied a state Class AAA football victory record Friday night but in so doing showed several obvious weaknesses.

For one thing, their third team was not nearly as strong as their first two and there was a big drop between the third and fourth units.

And something else, there was a slight flaw in their huddle. One of the players was a little out of line.

They defeated Columbus all right, 42-0, before 1,000 fans in Memorial Coliseum for the 18th consecutive win, tying a standard set by Albany in 1959, but back in 1957 they won 31 straight.

ALTHOUGH THEY scored 28 points in the first half against

THE YARDSTICK COLUMBUS	
Yards Rushing	25
Yards Passing	59
First Downs	5

Columbus, their offense really wasn't too sharp. They failed to score every time they had the ball. They missed once.

And even though Giles Smith kicked six straight extra points, including one from the 24-yard line, he did not seem to be hitting the ball squarely in the middle.

And quarterback Bruce Bennett wasn't all he was cracked up to be. Maybe he did score touchdowns on runs of three and four yards and maybe he did throw three touchdown passes to Smith for 72, 59 and 14 yards but on one of his passes, Smith had to reach slightly for the ball. It was not 100 percent perfect like the seven others he completed.

Bennett did not even get 250

yards total offense. He got only 248, 71 rushing and 177 passing.

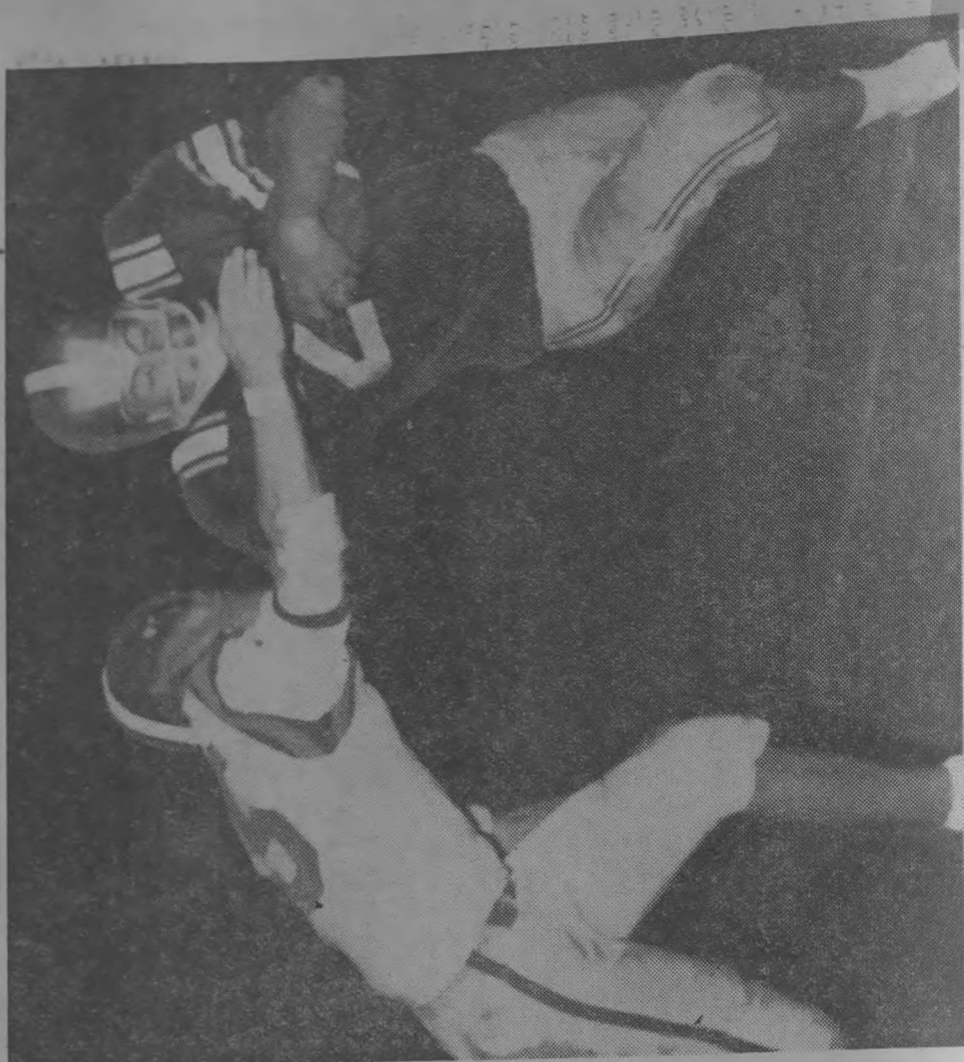
Any way you look at it, it wasn't entirely fair. Every time a Columbus player ran with the ball he was hit by five or six Wildcats. Columbus never had more than two players hitting a Valdosta ball carrier. Something else, Valdosta coach Wright Beze-more cleared his bench, using 47 players, more than twice as many as Columbus used.

IF THE GAME had lasted another quarter Columbus might have won. Valdosta moved for 509 yards and sooner or later they would have tired while Columbus netted only 75 yards and wasn't on the go as much.

The first down chain gang was kept extremely busy. When Valdosta had the ball, it no sooner got the chain down than it had to move it. Valdosta made 25 first downs.

But Region 1-AAA scouts were convinced you could whip Valdosta, defending state AAA champion. All you had to do, they agreed, was cancel the game.

Valdosta scoring: Touchdown—Bennett 2 (runs of 3, 4), Smith 3 (72-yard pass from Bennett, 59-yard pass from Bennett, 14-yard pass from Bennett), Reaves (run, 8), PATs—Smith 6 (placements).



VALDOSTA'S QUARTERBACK BUDDY BENNETT RESORTS TO STIFF ARM Columbus Tackler Tries in Vain to Stop Flying Wildcat Back Staff Photo—Charles Bennett

BY AP SCRIBE

Valdosta, Richmond Picked In Key Games

By HUGH SCHUTTE
Associated Press Staff Writer

This week brings a "moment of truth"—if we may borrow the vernacular of the bull ring—to the top four teams in South Georgia.

Valdosta, defending Class AAA high school football champions and currently ranked No. 1, takes on a likewise undefeated Moultrie team, rated No. 4, that will be fired-up for the effort to upset the Wildcats and take over the lead in Region 1AAA.

Richmond Academy, top team in Region 2AAA last year and the No. 2 ranked team in the state this week, faces a big Benedictine aggregation that will have the advantage of playing on its home field in Savannah. The Musketeers are 6-0 for the season while Benedictine has won four while losing (7-0) to Albany and (26-0) to strong Miami, Fla. However, both have 3-0 region records and the winner Friday night will be favored to go on to the regional championship.

The top team in Class AA Bainbridge, takes the week off, but Waycross (No. 2) and Gainesville (No. 3) take on AAA foes. The Bulldogs meet Coffee County and Gainesville journeys to Smyrna Campbell.

Last week's picks turned out 34 right, 6 wrong and 2 ties for an 850 percentage. For the season it has been 209-60 for a .777 percentage.

There's only one game of note Thursday night and the winner should be Central (Ala.) over Columbus Jordan.

Getting into Friday's tough ones first: Valdosta over Moultrie and Richmond Academy over Benedictine. A pair of upsets here and we'll all turn in our "expert" badges.

In other games: Americus over Thomasville Central, Savannah over Aquinas, Athens over Decatur Gordon, Avondale over Southwest DeKalb, Cairo over Quincy, Fla., Calhoun over North Whitfield, Panama City, Fla., over Cedartown, G.M.A. over Cherokee, Sandy Springs over College Park, Marist over Cross Keys, Decatur over Druid Hills, Dublin over Dodge County, Chamblee over Forsyth County, Ware County over Irwin County, LaGrange over Lanier of Macon and Griffin over Marietta.

Newnan should take Jonesboro, Fairburn Campbell over North Clayton, Baldwin over Putnam County, LaFayette over Ringgold, Rossville over East Rome, R.L. Osborne over Russell, Sprayberry over South Cobb, Thomasville Monticello, Fla., Warner Robins over Columbus, Waycross over Coffee County, Wayne County over Bacon County, Dalton over West Rome, and, in Atlanta area schools, Dykes over East Atlanta, Northside over O'Keefe, Southwest over Sylvan and Westminster over Hapeville.

The Saturday games should go like this: Glynn Academy over Groves, Albany over Baker, Lowndes County over Berrien, Forest Park over Troup, Cartersville over Pepperell, and, in Atlanta games, Grady over Bass, Brown over George, North Fulton over Smith, and West Fulton over Therrell.



VALDOSTA'S RICK THOMAS ROLLS 25 YARDS Columbus' Center Bobby White Tackles on Devil 15 Staff Photo—Charles Bennett



Times Staff Photo

Valdosta Halfback Corps Ready For Game With Moultrie

Wayne Pearson, Stan Reaves, Jerry Varnado, Clyo Blanton, Giles Smith, Kenny Ruffer

TD 'Fireworks' Expected When 'Cats Meet Packers

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

A lot of angles concerning the coming football battle between Valdosta and Moultrie are hard to figure, but if the field is dry when they meet here Friday night it's a pretty safe bet the Wildcats and Packers won't play to a scoreless tie.

At least the records of the two unbeaten Region 1-AAA co-leaders indicates some offensive fireworks are in the offering.

While rolling to victories this year over Baker, Thomasville, Jordan, Lanier, Albany and Columbus, coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats have scored a total of 206 points, an average of 34.3 per tilt.

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The figures on Moultrie are just as impressive. While beating Jordan, Lanier, Thomasville, Baker, Columbus and Warner Robins, coach Knuck McCrary's Packers have accounted for 179 points, average of just a shade under 30 per game.

Both teams offer swift ground attacks and both have talented passers.

Attack leaders for the Wildcats include quarterbacks Bruce Bennett (165) and Rick Thomas (155), halfbacks Giles Smith (155), Stan Reaves (165), Kenny Ruffer (165), and fullbacks Walter Zant (145) and Sirois Barker (180).

Moultrie can counter with a talented eight-man backfield combo that includes quarterback Charlie Pippin (165), halfbacks Clyde (Piggy) Isom (180), Brad Bradberry (165), Randy Harvey (155), Butch Brown (150) and Jimmy Strickland (150) and fullbacks Tommy Tucker (180) and Jerry Smith (145).

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Valdosta's Bennett has made 356 yards on 69 running tries and has completed 23 of 50 passes to help account for 572 more. He has scored 60 points.

Smith has gained 272 yards rushing on 44 carries and is one of the Wildcats' most talented pass receivers. He's also an excellent punter and place kicker. Smith is 1-AAA's leading scorer

Harvey has ripped for 406 yards on 35 runs and accounted for 24 points. Brown has picked up 294 yards on 36 tries and tallied 30 points. Pippin has connected on 27 of 44 passes for 322 yards. A knee injury has limited Tucker's action, but he has scored three touchdowns and booted 16 PAT's for a total of 34 points.

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Beside the offensive leaders, Valdosta has other backs who help the cause on defense. They

include quarterback Hank Lee (145), fullback Butch Luke (165) and halfbacks Clyo Blanton (150) and Jerry Varnado (155). Thomas and Reaves are double-duty men who go both ways when the occasion demands.

Most of the Moultrie backs are two-way performers and all are talented defenders.

McCrary has made no bones about the fact that he considers Moultrie's present backfield corps the best since he began coaching

the Packers. This is an opinion shared by Bazemore.

The Wildcats have been devoting extra time to defense in preparations for the game, hoping to come up with an answer to how to at least slow down the Packers' powerful attack.

"Moultrie has eight backs, count 'em, who can 'hit the home run' with either a long run or pass," the Valdosta mentor said. "We can't afford to set our defense to just try to stop one or two key backs. If we do that it's going to leave the door open for someone else. Frankly, I don't know what the answer is. I do know we are going to have to give a flawless defensive effort or they are going to rip us up."

McCrary has also been spending extra time trying to figure a way to check the Valdosta attack which up to now has been potent.

Neither coach has said it, but the game could very well turn into a scoring duel.

with 78 points. Figures on the others are: Rushing — Zant 190 yards on 38 carries; Reaves, 135 yards on 28 carries and Barker, 142 yards on 34 carries. Thomas has hit on seven of 14 passes for 85 yards. Ruffer has been hampered by a knee injury and seen only limited action.

Moultrie's Isom is a back with many talents. He has gained 338 yards on 41 carries and tallied 60 points, making him 1-AAA's fourth leading scorer. He's also an excellent passer and pass receiver.

TELLTALE WEEK FOR UNBEATENS

Valdosta to Battle Moultrie; Richmond-Benedictine Clash

By GERRY CHATHAM

Friday night is the live or die night for many of the state's remaining 18 undefeated, untied prep football teams.

The biggest game in the state is Valdosta, winner of its 18 games and defending Class AAA champion, and Moultrie (6-0) at Valdosta. The winner will earn the inside track in the Region 1-AAA race.

Other undefeated, untied teams play important games. Richmond Academy (6-0, 3-0 in region) travels to Savannah to meet Benedictine (3-0 in region) for the Region 2-AAA leadership. Screven County of Sylvania (7-0) gets its most serious test of the season by Statesboro on the former's field. Blakely (6-0, 5-0 in region) hosts once-beaten Seminole County in a Region 1-B showdown.

Two of the undefeated, untied teams can clinch region championships Friday. Blackshear

(7-0, 4-0 in region) can win it all in 1-B East by defeating winless Atkinson County. Jones County can wrap up Region 1-C by defeating Monticello at Gray.

Undefeated Coosa (7-0, 3-0 in region) gets its final big test on the region schedule against West Point (2-0-1) at Coosa's field.

Blackshear will send the state's leading scorer, halfback Jimmy Bowen, after his 100th point and the region decider. The 185-pound senior speedster has scored 53 points in his last two games. In seven games, he's gained 875 yards rushing and scored 97 points.

"BOWEN'S BIG, strong and fast and he's been running behind good blocking," said Blackshear coach Charles Cope. "Ends Jerry Gieger and Steve Moody, tackles Don Waters and Dan Cason and guard Victory Williamson have done a good job on springing Bowen loose."

Claxton scored 32 points last week to hold onto its claim as the state's top scoring team. Dexter Poss' men have scored 256 points in seven games for an average of 36.6 per game. Gainesville scored 52 last week to push its total to 254 in six games for an average of 42.3 per game. The Elephants also have allowed a state low of seven points. Toccoa, last week's leading defensive team, allowed Commerce to score one TD and now has given up 12 points.

CLASS AAA		
	Pts. Scored	Pts. Yielded
Valdosta (6-0)	199	27
Moultrie (6-0)	179	51
Richmond Acad. (6-0)	191	34
R. E. Lee (6-0)	147	28
Brown (6-0)	236	20
Northside (6-0)	154	20
CLASS AA		
Bainbridge (7-0)	194	34
Gainesville (6-0)	254	7
CLASS A		
Screven County (7-0)	167	25
Carrollton (6-0)	164	13
Toccoa (6-0)	155	12
CLASS B		
Fort Valley (6-0)	179	27
Claxton (7-0)	256	19
Blackshear (7-0)	171	52
Blakely (6-0)	178	31
Treutlen (6-0)	123	26
CLASS C		
Jones County (6-0)	147	26
Coosa (7-0)	185	21

Valdosta's 'Deep, Balanced' But Moultrie's 'Confident'

By BILL SCHEMME

On October 26, 1951, Knuck McCrary assured the success of his first season at the helm of the Moultrie Packers by beating Valdosta 19-6 in the renewal of a colorful series halted more than

10 years by the intensity of the rivalry.

Friday night McCrary, still in search of his second win over the Wildcats (the teams have tied twice), brings an unbeaten Packer eleven into the Valdosta arena to match Wright Bazemore's all-winning state champions in the big game of the Georgia prep year.

The feeling is running high among Packer partisans that this should be the drought-breaking year.

"We realize that Valdosta is tough and we have a great deal of respect for them. However, we do not fear them," said McCrary by telephone Tuesday.

"Our boys are going into the game confident that they can win. Valdosta always plays inspired ball on their home field, but I think the best team on the field that night will win the ball game.

"They have more dept and balance than we do, but they certainly don't have any more heart," he added.

Halfback Clyde (Piggy) Isom is the big gun on the Packer offense and upon his shoulders rests much of the success of the Packers. Isom has racked up 68 points in his first six games, scoring nine touchdowns to rank fourth among Region 1-AAA scorers.

Wayne Tucker, four-letter sen-

ior end, is probably the mainstay of the Moultrie offense and defense. Tucker is currently sixth among region scorers and performs brilliantly as defensive linebacker.

Randy Harvey, Isom's mate in the backfield, finished third in region ground gaining last season and is currently in the number two spot for this season.

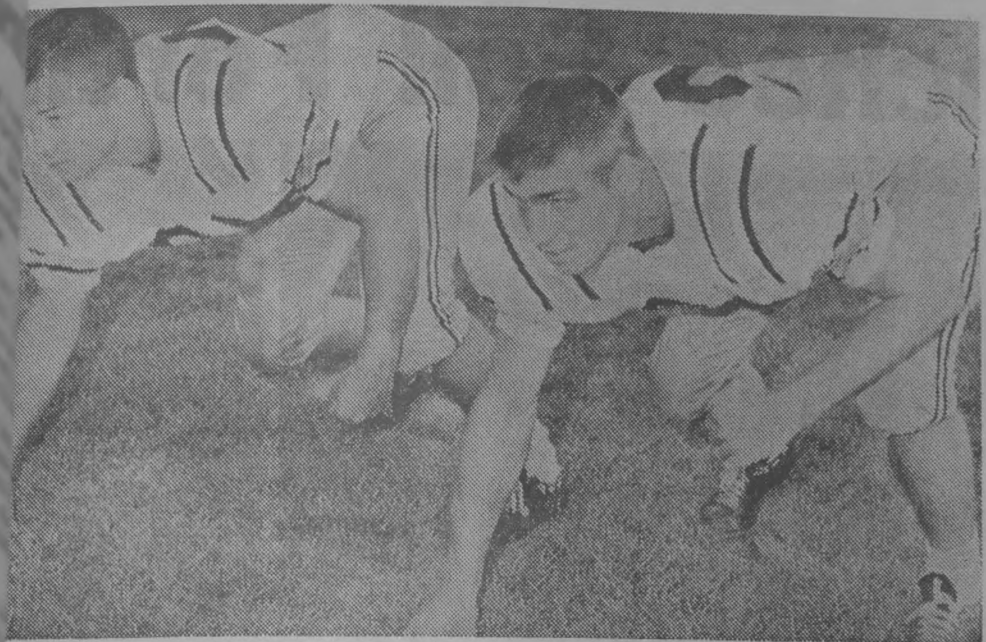
Fullback Tommy Tucker, injured in the season opener against Jordan, returns to the lineup for the Valdosta collision and should give an added boost to the Packer offense.

Manning a stalwart defense, guards Sam Freeman and Bud McCoy, a pair of 180 pounders are putting in a rugged showing, along with tackles Sonny Davis and Billy Flowers and center Reid Carlton. Flowers is the "beef" of the crowd, weighing in at a stout 205.

McCrary scoffs at published reports that the winner at Valdosta will be the region champion.

"We still have to play LaGrange in LaGrange and Albany and Willingham here, while Valdosta catches Willingham, Warner Robins, and LaGrange in their own back yard.

"Of course, beating Valdosta would give our team a tremendous lift, but you still have to play 'em one at a time."



Wildcats' Offensive Guards

Gary Minchew, Frank Wetherington Set To Go

'Cats, Packers Ready For Duel

Play In Line May Hold Key To Outcome Of Tilt

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

When Valdosta and Moultrie tangle here Friday night members of the Wildcats' forward wall crew will be seeing a lot of familiar faces when they look across the line of scrimmage toward the Packers' ranks.

Moultrie has a veteran line and with its help the Packers have clicked for six straight wins this year.

Valdosta has also rung the victory bell six straight times since the 1961 campaign got underway and 18 times in a row over a two-year span.

At stake in the game will be undisputed possession of the Region 1-AAA lead. Right now coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and coach Knuck McCrary's Packers share the top spot in the league standings with matching 5-0 regional marks. Valdosta is the state's top-ranked Class AAA team and Moultrie is fourth on the list of Georgia prep powers. Add in the fact that they are traditional rivals it's easy to see why the game is attracting statewide notice.

The game is slated for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field with an overflow crowd expected.

With both teams offering swift-striking attacks, a lot of offensive fireworks are expected provided the weather is clear and the field is dry.

How well the Wildcats and Packers can make their attacks click may depend on which side is able to gain the upper-hand in the all-important "duel" in the line.

Both lines are cut from similar football patterns. Neither is exceptionally big but both strike hard and quick.

Moultrie's forward wall regulars include ends Lester Passmore (170), Wayne Tucker (175) and Bob Montgomery (160), tackles Sonny Davis (205) and Billy Flowers (170), guards Buddy McCoy (185) and Sam Freeman (175) and center Reid Carlton (170).

Passmore, McCoy, Carlton, Freeman and Tucker are returning regulars. Davis, who has

been mentioned as an All-State possibility, Flowers and Montgomery are only a shade less experienced.

"We were lucky enough to beat Moultrie 21-0 last year," Bazemore said, "but they gave us a real going off in the line on both offense and defense. Well, they've got virtually the same line back this year. The Moultrie line is not as big as some we've faced this year but their linemen are very fast and will really strike. Our linemen have their work cut out for them."

Offensive and defensive regulars in the VHS line include ends Bill Holtzclaw (155), Wally Colson (180), Rusty Griffin (160) and Danny Hendley (170), tackles Bill Schroer (190), Bill Myddleton (195), Skipper Prewitte (175), Larry Dennis (175) and Charles Oliver (175), guards Frank Wetherington (172), Gary Minchew (175) and Bill Holt (155) and centers Foy Norwood (195) and Jimmy Robinson (190).

The VHS forward wall has given away sizeable weight advantages to several opponents and still been able to hold its own because it had an edge in the speed department. But the Moultrie forward wall is rated just as fast as the Valdosta front rank.

Valdosta's offensive and defensive backfield starters are likely to come from a group that includes quarterbacks Bruce Bennett, Rick Thomas and Hank Lee, halfbacks Jerry Varnado, Clyo Blanton, Stan Reaves and Giles Smith and fullbacks Walter Zant, Butch Luke and Sirois Barker.

Zant and Ruffer are hampered by leg injuries and Varnado has an ailing back. If these three do play none will be able to go full speed.

Moultrie has eight backs who are considered regulars. They in-

clude quarterback Charlie Pippin, halfbacks Clyde (Piggy) Isom, Brad Bradbery, Randy Harvey, Butch Brown and Jimmy Strickland and fullbacks Jerry Smith and Tommy Tucker.

Victories for the 'Cats this year have been over Baker (35-7), Thomasville (33-6), Jordan (46-14), Lanier (21-0), Albany (29-0) and Columbus (42-0).

Triumphs for Moultrie have been over Jordan (27-20), Lanier (7-0), Thomasville (33-6), Baker (28-0), Columbus (35-12) and Warner Robins (49-14).

VALDOSTA TAKES LEAD IN WIN OVER PACKERS

AAA Champs Lone Unbeatens In Rugged Region 1-AAA

Special to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

VALDOSTA, Ga., Oct. 21—Valdosta's determined Wildcats gave Moultrie's Packers an expert demonstration of old-fashioned "hard-nose" football and with it earned a 7-0 victory here Friday night.

With the triumph Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats took over undisputed possession of the Region 1-AAA lead; ran the win streak for the season to seven games and broke the state Class AAA consecutive victories record with 19 favorable verdicts in a row over a two-year span. The old mark was 18 straight set by Albany in 1958-59.

The defeat tumbled Moultrie, a team called "desire" during a six-game winning binge, from the ranks of the unbeaten and into a tie for second place in the league race.

Valdosta combined an almost flawless defensive effort with a strong attack that was better than the all-important seven points it produced with a sustained march of 86 yards near the close of the second period.

But with the VHS "Stom 'em" crew registering its fourth "shutout" in a row, the Wildcats didn't need the tallies they might have gotten in the first, third and fourth stanzas except for untimely penalties.

As it was the Wildcat faithfuls in the crowd of more than 10,000 which jammed all the seats and most of the standing room at Cleveland Field went home happy with the turn of events.

To get the payoff TD, Valdosta moved 86 yards in 13 plays. The tally came on a five-yard run by fullback Sirois Barker with less than three and a half minutes to go before the half. Halfback Giles Smith added the seventh point with a perfect PAT boot. Key plays in the drive were passes from Bruce Bennett to Smith for 31 and 13 yards.

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THERE MIGHT have been other VHS tallies. A fine 51-yard run in the first period by Bennett which carried to the Moultrie 25, a dazzling 58-yard punt return by halfback Kenny Ruffer that went to the Packers' four, and a beautiful 29-yard run by fullback Walter Zant which went for an apparent TD in the final stanza were all wiped off the books by penalties. All seemed like bad breaks for the Wildcats at the time. But with the kind of defense the 'Cats generated one TD was enough to tip the scales in the crucial battle.

The Packers' vaunted ground attack was limited to just 52

	VALDOSTA	MOULTRIE
First Downs	13	5
Yards Rushing	174	52
Yards Passing	55	83
Penalties	80	55

yards. Moultrie got 83 yards through the air, with 56 of it coming on a last-minute pass that provided a spine-tingling finish to the game. Moultrie picked up only five first downs and got into Valdosta territory only three times. The Packers' deepest penetrations were to the 26 early in the game, to the 37 in the second quarter and to the 28 in the final seconds. Each time the Valdosta defense held firm.

Bennett led the Valdosta attack with 72 yards on 16 carries and four pass completions in 10 tries for 55 yards. Zant, turning in one of the best performances of his career, ripped for 64 yards on 14 runs. Smith legged it for 22 yards on eight runs and caught four passes that accounted for 55 yards. He averaged 35.6 yards on four punts. One of his boots was a coffin-corner shot that went out at the four. Another was a pinpoint kick into the corner that was downed by Reaves and Thomas at the one-foot line. Smith's accurate toe helped keep Moultrie backed up nine yards most of the way.

Moultrie's top ground gainer was Randy Harvey with 25 yards on 13 carries. Isom got off a 56-yard pass, but he could make just 15 yards on eight tries along the ground route.

4 Valdosta Gridders On AP List

By HUGH SCHUTTE
Associated Press Staff Writer

The back who has been instrumental in leading Blackshear to an undefeated, untied season so far, Jimmy Bowen, is this week's associated Press Player of the Week.

Bowen shares the spotlight with Benedictine which gets Team of Week mention for its feat of tying highly rated and heavily favored Richmond Academy 7-7 Friday night.

Bowen paced Blackshear to a 64-7 win over Atkinson County this past weekend. In just four carries he picked up 128 yards and three touchdowns. He made his total points for the night 28 by kicking six extra points and a 17-yard field goal.

The Blackshear back probably is the first player in the state to exceed 1,000 yards this season. In the eight victories he has gained a total of 1,005 yards.

Benedictine was undefeated in Region 2AAA play, but the Cadets had lost 7-0 to Albany and been walloped 26-0 by Miami, Fla. Richmond Academy had been near the top of the ratings every week—No. 2 last week.

The Cadets scored first, but Richmond Academy immediately drove for the tying touchdown. Then the ruggedness of the Benedictine team came through as it was called upon to repulse at least three Musketeer scoring forays.

The standoff gives Benedictine a tie with Richmond Academy for the league lead, but both have a tough Savannah team among the three games each has left to play.

GEORGE FITCH—Benedictine fullback who gained 76 yards in 16 carries and constantly dogged Richmond Academy's quarterbacks from his linebacker post.

HENRY RAPE and MIKE COBURN—Benedictine's huge—235 and 220 pounds, respectively—linemen who held the Musketeers to a single touchdown.

RICHARD MCLEOD and FORREST INGLET—Richmond Academy backs who paced the one successful scoring drive and gained a total of 136 yards.

BRUCE BENNETT—Valdosta quarterback who picked up 72 yards in 16 carries and hit 4 of 10 passes for 55 yards in a 7-0 win over Moultrie.

BILL SCHROER, BILL MYDDLETON and FOY NORWOOD—Valdosta linemen who anchored the defense that held a powerful Moultrie aggregation scoreless.

JACKIE HAMMONDS—Warner Robins quarterback, passed, punted and led Demons to 20-0 win over Columbus, gained 113 yards on 8 of 13 passes.

MARVIN HURST and JOEY MCQUAIG—Waycross backs who led the way to 41-7 victory over Coffee County; Hurst gained 115 yards in 15 tries and made one touchdown; McQuaig got two touchdowns, including one on a 78-yard punt return.

DICKIE THOMPSON and SONNY THOMPSON—Thomasville brothers who paced a 36-7 victory over Jefferson County, Fla.; Dickie picked up 107 yards in four carries, including an 83-yard touchdown, and Sonny scored on 55-yard pass interception.

JAMES RICHARDS and TERRY COLVIN—Thomasville ends, played outstanding defensive games and Colvin scored on 67-yard pass interception.

RALPH BRAY and TOMMY HAROLD—Athens backs; Bray scored 22 points to run season total to 62, and Harold quarterbacked offense that gave the Trojans a 30-7 win over Decatur Gordon.

BERT ROUNTREE—Cook County back, scored on runs of 61 and 80 yards.

WILLIAM JORDAN—Brooks County linebacker, was outstanding defensive man on the field as Brooks lost to Cook 33-14.

Hundreds Of VHS Alumni Return For Homecoming

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Alumni by the hundreds returned to Valdosta High School this weekend to celebrate the school's homecoming.

The VHS Wildcats were host to the Moultrie Packers Friday night on Cleveland Field.

Sharon Smith and Leo Wells, seniors, are reigning as king and queen during the festivities.

Agnes Conoly was presented to the students as "Miss Flame" Thursday night at the bonfire on the campus.

While the homecoming king and queen and their court were elected by students "Miss Flame" was selected by the football squad.

She typifies the spirit of the team.

A pep rally was held Friday afternoon in the gym followed by a parade downtown.

The theme "Around the World" was carried out. Float winners will receive their prizes tonight at the Homecoming dance at the Valdosta Junior High School.

During halftime, the homecom-

ing court was presented to the fans and the king and queen were crowned.

Other members of the court are senior representatives, Mike Watson and Jeannie Hoyle; juniors, Darlene Smith and Mark Halloway; sophomores, Roger Milam and Starr Howell; and freshmen, Tad Coleman and Jo Ann Beck.

"China Town" will be the theme tonight in the homecoming dance decorations. The dance is semi-formal at 8 p.m.

The Chantels of Valdosta State College are providing the entertainment.



Valdosta High's Homecoming Queen, King
Sharon Smith and Leo Wells Reigning Over Festivities.

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Times Sports Editor

Valdosta Won Without Help From Lady Luck

Before Valdosta's Wildcats went against Moultrie's Packers last Friday I said I thought the teams were so evenly matched that breaks might decide the issue.

Well, I was dead wrong. Lady Luck turned a cold shoulder toward coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats, but they still came through with an all-important, and well-earned 7-0 triumph.

Here are just some of the "bad breaks" the determined 'Cats had to overcome. They fumbled early in the game and gave Moultrie a scoring opportunity. But the VHS defense held firm and stopped the Packers at the 26.

Three of Valdosta's longest gainers were nullified by penalties. They included a 51-yard run by quarterback Bruce Bennett that carried to the Moultrie 25, a 58-yard punt return by Kenny Ruffer that went to the four and a 29-yard touchdown romp by fullback Walter Zant.

Then in the closing seconds of the game an unusually nimble-footed Valdosta defender tripped and fell in the open field and a Moultrie pass receiver got behind him and took a 56-yard pass that put the Packers at the VHS 40 and gave them a chance to go for the tying score. But the Wildcats checked the threat.

When it was over Bazemore never mentioned "bad breaks." He was filled with admiration for the winning effort given by his charges.

"I'll say again, they are a fine group of boys," Bazemore said. "Moultrie had a fine team and it took a good team effort for us to beat them. Please give credit to all the boys who played. Each did his share."

In the "honor group" beside Bennett, Ruffer and Zant are backs Sirois Barker, Rick Thomas, Cloy Blanton, Jerry Varnado, Giles Smith, Stan Reaves and Butch Luke and linemen Danny Hendley, Bill Holtzclaw, Wally Colson, Gary Minchew, Rusty Griffin, Bill Myddleton, Skipper Prewitte, Jimmy Robinson, Frank Wetherington, Bill Schroer, Larry Dennis, Bill Holt, Foy Norwood and Charles Oliver.

Packers Never Lit Fuse

All these boys failed to let the "bad breaks" rattle them. They kept their poise and met each setback with renewed effort. The Wildcats' attack was stalled by penalties, but it didn't keep them from marching 84 yards in 13 plays for what turned out to be the winning touchdown in the third period.

In my opinion Valdosta's attack worked much better than the score and the offensive statistics indicated.

As for the 'Cats defensive effort, it was virtually flawless.

Make no mistake about the fact that the Packers have a dangerous attack. It is the kind that can explode for a TD on any given play. However, the VHS "Stop'em Crew" never gave the Packers a chance to even light their fuse, much less explode.

The triumph was certainly an important one. It gave the Wildcats undisputed possession of first place in Region 1-AAA. It was their seventh straight win this year and 19th in a row over a two-year span. They now own the state Class AAA record for consecutive victories, wiping out the 18-game mark set by Albany in 1958-59.

Every Play Factor In Outcome

I'm not going to mention individual performances in the game I thought were noteworthy. In a pressure-packed game like that one every offensive and defensive play was a factor in the final outcome. As their coach said, all the Valdosta boys who played did their part.

Where do the 'Cats go from here? Perhaps out of the frying pan into the fire. They are all alone atop the 1-AAA standings, but Willingham, Moultrie and LaGrange are still pushing them hard.

They've gotten over the Moultrie hurdle, but Willingham and LaGrange block the road ahead.

The Rams from Willingham come to town this Friday night. That means the Wildcats won't even have time to catch their breath before they go against another strong opponent. But that's another story for another day.

Right now let's just say congratulations to the Wildcats for their victory in a mighty important gridiron outing.



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ALMOST UNANIMOUS

'Cats First On Nine 'AAA' Grid Ballots

ATLANTA (AP)—Collecting 99 out of a possible 100 points, Valdosta was an almost unanimous choice as top Class AAA team in the state this week.

The Wildcats were placed first with 88 points, Gainesville had 87 and Waycross 82.

Newcomers among the Top Ten this week were LaGrange (AAA), Milton (AA), Glennville (B) and Wrightsville (C). All of the Class A leaders held on, but many of them were shifted around.

Here's the way the Top Ten for this week shape up:

Class AAA—No. 1 Valdosta, No. 2 R.E. Lee, No. 3 Northside, No. 4 Richmond Academy, No. 5 Brown,

No. 6 Moultrie, No. 7 Willingham, No. 8 Avondale, No. 9 Benedictine, No. 10 — tie — Murphy and LaGrange.

Class AA—No. 1 Bainbridge, No. 2 Gainesville, No. 3 Waycross, No. 4 Fairburn Campbell, No. 5 Rossville, No. 6 Cedartown, No. 7 Westminster, No. 8 Wayne County, No. 9 Cairo, No. 10 Milton.

Class A—No. 1 Screven County, No. 2 Carrollton, No. 3 Americus, No. 4 Toccoa, No. 5 Trion, No. 6 Ware County, No. 7 Lowndes County, No. 8 Saint Pius, No. 9 Dublin, No. 10 Cartersville.

Class B—No. 1 Blackshear, No. 2 Claxton, No. 3 Fort Valley, No. 4 Blakely, No. 5 Washington-Wilkes, No. 6 Treutlen, No. 7 Morgan County, No. 8 Miller County, No. 9 Thomson, No. 10 Glennville.

Class C—No. 1 Coosa, No. 2 Lincolnton, No. 3 Jones County, No. 4 Chattanooga Valley, No. 5 Warren County, No. 6 Bremen, No. 7 Savannah Country Day, No. 8 Putnam County, No. 9 Wrightsville, No. 10 Davis.

VHS, Hahira, LOHI Sing Same Refrain

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

One, two, three — go: the Valdosta Wildcats, Lowndes County Golden Eagles and Hahira Tigers can all join in for a chorus of "There's No Rest For The Weary."

All three faced rugged football opponents last week. But the 'Cats, Eagles and Tigers don't have any time to relax. Their slates call for them all to face tough foes again this week.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Valdosta crew will go against the Willingham Rams of Macon here; Coach Carlton Adams' Eagles play at Madison, Fla., and coach Warren Alexander's Tigers are to journey to Woodbine to face Camden County. All three games will be played on Friday night.

There will be action on three nights this week involving area teams. Lake Butler, Fla., will be at Jasper, Fla., in a Thursday affair. Irwin County (Ocilla) will be at Berrien County (Nashville) and Brooks County (Quitman) at Worth County (Sylvester) on Friday. Cook (Adel) is to play Central at Thomasville on Saturday.

Valdosta eased by Moultrie, 7-0, last week and with the triumph took over undisputed possession of first place in the Region 1-AAA standings. The 'Cats are 7-0 in all games and 6-0 in league play.

But the 'Cats have no time for celebrating their win over the Packers. They will be too busy trying to get ready to meet coach Billy Henderson's hard-hitting

Rams, who have a 6-1 mark for the year and a 5-1 loop chart.

The Rams had an open date last week, giving them extra time to prepare for their game with the Wildcats. The Maconites sure to be primed for an all-out bid to halt VHS' winning skin. If Willingham does trip Valdosta it will throw the 1-AAA race into at least a three-team deadlock with the Wildcats, Rams and either Moultrie or LaGrange who play each other this week, involved in the snarl.

Last Friday LOHI turned back Berrien, 18-6. The Eagles had unleashed a two-TD surge in final period to notch their sixth triumph in seven starts. The Red Raiders they will be playing at Madison this week have a sparkling 4-1 record and are certain to be in an ugly frame of mind. The Imps were tumbled from the unbeaten ranks last Friday by Florida High. That means Madison will be trying to rebound this week. Incidentally when Florida High beat Madison it was the sixth straight victory of the year for the Tallahassee school.

Hahira tumbled to Folkston last Friday, and can expect plenty of trouble from the Camden County Hurricanes at Folkston this week. Coach Warren Alexander's injury-riddled Tigers have a 1-6 record. Camden has a 3-4 mark for the year and a 2-1 record in 1-B (East) competition. The Hurricanes are second in the regional standings.

Jasper hopes to halt a four-

game losing skid when it hosts Lake Butler on Thursday.

Brooks County is winless after seven outings, but the Tigers have a chance to break into the victory column on Friday. The Worth County team they will tangle with at Sylvester has a 1-6 record.

Berrien County has a 1-5-1 mark and a four-game losing skid it would like to halt. The Rebs just might do that. Their Friday opponent, Irwin County, has a 2-5 chart.

Americus has already clinched the 1-A (West) crown, but Saturday's game between the Cook Hornets and Central Yellow Jackets at Thomasville will help decide which finishes second. Cook is 3-3-1 in all games and 2-1 in loop play. Central has a 3-4 overall mark and a 1-1 regional chart.

Other games this week include the following:

Thursday — Columbus vs Baker at Columbus.

Friday — Lanier (Macon) at Albany, Quincy, Fla., at Bainbridge, Groves vs Benedictine at Savannah; Blackshear at Fernandina Beach, Fla.; Glynn Academy at Coffee County, Jesup at Crisp County, R. E. Lee at Decatur, Waycross at Fitzgerald, Atkinson County at Jeff Davis, Warner Robins at Jordan (Columbus), Moultrie at LaGrange, Bacon County at Patterson, Jenkins at Richmond Academy, Thomasville at Leon (Tallahassee), Cairo at Tifton, Blakely-Union at Turner County, Americus at Ware County (Waycross).

Valdosta and Rams In Second Big Test

Packers Seek Victory Path Against Tough LaGrange

By ELLWOOD MOYER
Special to The Constitution

COLUMBUS, Ga.—The Valdosta Wildcats of Coach Wright Bazemore moved one step closer to nailing down the Region One, Class-AAA football championship for the second straight year as they disposed of the Moultrie Packers this past week by a 7-0 score for their 19th straight win over a two-year period.

This Friday the 'Cats face the second of three tests in a four-week period as they host the Willingham Rams.

Two weeks later on Nov. 10,

the Wildcats must still win over LaGrange in order to clinch the championship.

Valdosta, after playing four of the first-six games on the road, closes out the season by playing the last four games at home.

Four clubs still remain very much in the Region-One, Class-AAA despite the fact that only three weeks of play remain.

The 'Cats have the only perfect record, 6-0, but LaGrange is also undefeated but twice tied for a 4-0-2 mark. Moultrie and Willingham both have 5-1 records in loop play.

Two all-important games are scheduled for play this week and at least one of the elevens will virtually be eliminated from the race.

The Willingham Rams must win over Valdosta if Coach Billy Henderson's eleven hopes to say in the race.

Moultrie and LaGrange clash in LaGrange and the loser in this one will be eliminated should Valdosta drop Willingham.

On the other end of the region standings, Baker and Columbus clash here Thursday night and the winner in this one will probably escape the cellar in the region.

In other league play this week, Lanier moves over to Albany and the late-coming Jordan Red Jackets play host to Warner Robins. Jordan stopped Bi-City Central this past week, 26-16, to snap a five-game win streak for the Phoenix City machine that had previously given up only three touchdowns in six games.

In season play to date, the Valdosta Wildcats have tallied extra points to go along with a safety for a 213-point total. This gives the 'Cats a game average of 30.42 points.

The Moultrie Packers of Coach Knuck McCrary, who suffered their first setback of the campaign as they were shut out by Valdosta, 0-7, retained runner-up honors offensively with a seven-game total of 179 points.

1-AAA LEADERS

1-AAA RECORDS					
Teams	W	L	T	Pts.	Op. Pts.
1. Valdosta	7	0	0	213	27
2. LaGrange	5	0	2	128	61
3. Willingham	6	1	0	148	45
4. Moultrie	6	1	0	179	60
5. Albany	3	2	1	87	77
6. Jordan	3	3	1	125	137
7. Warner Robins	3	4	1	86	143
8. Lanier	2	5	0	41	108
9. Baker	0	6	0	35	138
10. Columbus	0	7	0	32	186

REGION RECORDS					
Teams	W	L	T	Pts.	Op. Pts.
1. Valdosta	6	0	0	180	21
2. LaGrange	4	0	2	122	61
3. Moultrie	5	1	0	146	54
4. Willingham	5	1	0	134	45
5. Albany	2	2	1	80	77
6. Jordan	2	3	1	99	121
7. Warner Robins	2	4	0	79	143
8. Lanier	1	5	0	29	101
9. Baker	0	5	0	35	135
10. Columbus	0	6	0	19	165

Note: Does not include Saturday Albany at Baker game.

1-AAA TEAM SCORING					
Teams	G	Td's	Exp Tot	Avg.	
1. Valdosta	7	31	25	213*	30.42
2. Moultrie	7	26	21	179*	25.57
3. Willingham	7	25	18	148	21.14
4. LaGrange	7	19	14	128	18.28
5. Jordan	7	19	11	125	17.85
6. Albany	6	13	9	87	14.50
7. Warner Robins	7	13	8	86	12.28
8. Lanier	7	6	3	41*	5.85
9. Baker	6	3	3	35	5.83
10. Columbus	7	3	2	32	4.57

*Safety.

GIVE 'EM 'DICKENS'

RAMS WELCOME SHOT AT VALDOSTA

By BILL SCHEMMEL

Like the new kid on the block who has won his acceptance by blackened eye and bloody nose, the Willingham Rams have taken their knocks and are proving their ability to dish it out as well.

The Rams moved into Region 1-AAA last season, and though they took a beating from the Big Boys—Valdosta, Albany, LaGrange, and Baker—they held their own among the small fry and even managed to give Moultrie and cross-town rival Lanier a drubbing.

Now, in their second season in the neighborhood, Coach Billy Henderson's Blue and White have compiled an enviable 6-1 record, a 13-6 loss to LaGrange the only blotch on an otherwise perfect slate.

"I am real proud of the progress these boys have made," said Henderson by telephone Monday.

"We are not a large squad, but have the boys that really like to play football. They have a good attitude and are looking forward to playing Valdosta this weekend.

"Our fullback, Joel Dickens, is one of the finest in the state and has really given the team a lift."

Dickens, a 195-pounder, is the leading ground gainer in the region with better than 500 yards already to his credit and stands second to Bruce Bennett of Valdosta in scoring, having rung 76

points in seven games. Dickens was the leading scorer in the region last year with 67.

The other big cog in a "maturing offense" is lefthalf Larry Brown, at 5-5, 130 pounds, a real competitor and the kind of boy "a coach likes to coach." Brown has racked up 24 points for the Rams.

Henderson alternates the quarterbacking chores between southpaw Randy Wheeler and right-hander Pete Gaines. Both men run the option play well and have hurled seven touchdown strikes between them.

The Willingham line is light for Triple-A ball, averaging only about 160 pounds per man, but has proven more than adequate for the job.

Buck Carroll, 160-pound junior, has filled in brilliantly for injured center Dickie Crosby, and is backed up by 150- and 155-pound guards Billy Raffield and tackles Jimmy Epps and Bo Hardison.

Willingham's finest college prospect, end Doug Boyd and end Mark Bowen have captured their share of the scoring aeriels and are stalwarts on defense. Boyd underwent knee surgery last spring, but has recovered in fine form.

With Valdosta, Moultrie, and Lanier next in line on the schedule, the Rams have a more-than-rugged season finale, and might just surprise more than one.

Willingham's 1961 Team

Product Of 4-Year Plan

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Willingham's Rams are in the final phase of a four-year master football plan and the Macon school hopes to make it payoff with a victory over the Valdosta Wildcats here Friday night.

That's just another way of saying that coach Wright Bazemore's VHS charges will risk their perfect record and Region 1-AAA lead against a team that boasts talent and experience.

Valdosta has won seven straight this year. Included are six triumphs over regional foes and that puts the 'Cats ahead in the 1-AAA title scramble. 'Dosta also has a 19-game win streak going that covers parts of two seasons. They are the state's top-ranked Class AAA team.

However, coach Billy Henderson's Rams aren't a bit dazzled by Valdosta's record. They also have some outstanding football credentials which include a 6-1 record for the year, a 5-1 league chart and a seventh place spot on the state-wide "AAA" rating list. They hope to improve on all aspects of their record with another triumph this week.

Willingham High is only four years old. When the school opened, Henderson took his best freshman prospects and formed them into a unit. That unit has remained together and it will start against Valdosta as an all-senior outfit.

Helping out will be six others, two of which started on the ground floor in '58, three who joined the fold a year later and one who broke into the ranks of regulars since. In simpler language the Rams have 17 regulars, with 13 of them seniors, three juniors and a sophomore.

On the pre-season form chart Willingham was ranked as a title contender. It has lived up to its advance billing by beating Warner Robins (27-6), Columbus (26-0), Baker (26-7), Jordan (28-13), Groves (34-0) and Albany (21-7). The Rams' lone setback came by a slim 13-6 margin at the hands of another title contender, LaGrange. Against the Grangers, untimely penalties kept the Rams from cashing in on three scoring chances that might have tipped the scales in their favor.

Right now the Macon school shares second place in the standings with Moultrie and LaGrange. But the Rams could pull even with the Wildcats with a triumph on Friday.

A ripping ground attack led by fullback Joel Dickens is the offensive weapon the Rams have used to pound six foes into submission.

Dickens tips the scales at 190-pounds. He runs with the power you would expect from a back his size and also has break-away speed. He is the top rusher in 1-AAA with 554 yards on 93 tries for a 5.9 average. He has scored

76 points, making his second in the region in that department. He's also an outstanding place kicker and punter, with an average of 32.5 yards on 21 boots.

His backfield helpmates include quarterback Randy Wheeler (175) and halfbacks Larry Brown (155), Carson Hardison (165), Pete Stokes (135) and Pete Gaines (155).

Hardison has picked up 279 yards on 31 for an amazing average of nine yards per try. Wheeler has gained 222 yards on 42 runs for a 4.80 average and Brown has zipped 215 yards on 46 carries for a 4.43 mark. Wheeler and Gaines are both slick passers. Each has pitched for two touchdowns.

The Wildcats will counter with some backfield talent of their own that will include quarterbacks Bruce Bennett and Rick Thomas, halfbacks Giles Smith, Kenny Ruffer, Stan Reaves, Clyo Blanton and Jerry Varnado and fullbacks Walter Zant, Butch Luke and Sirois Barker.

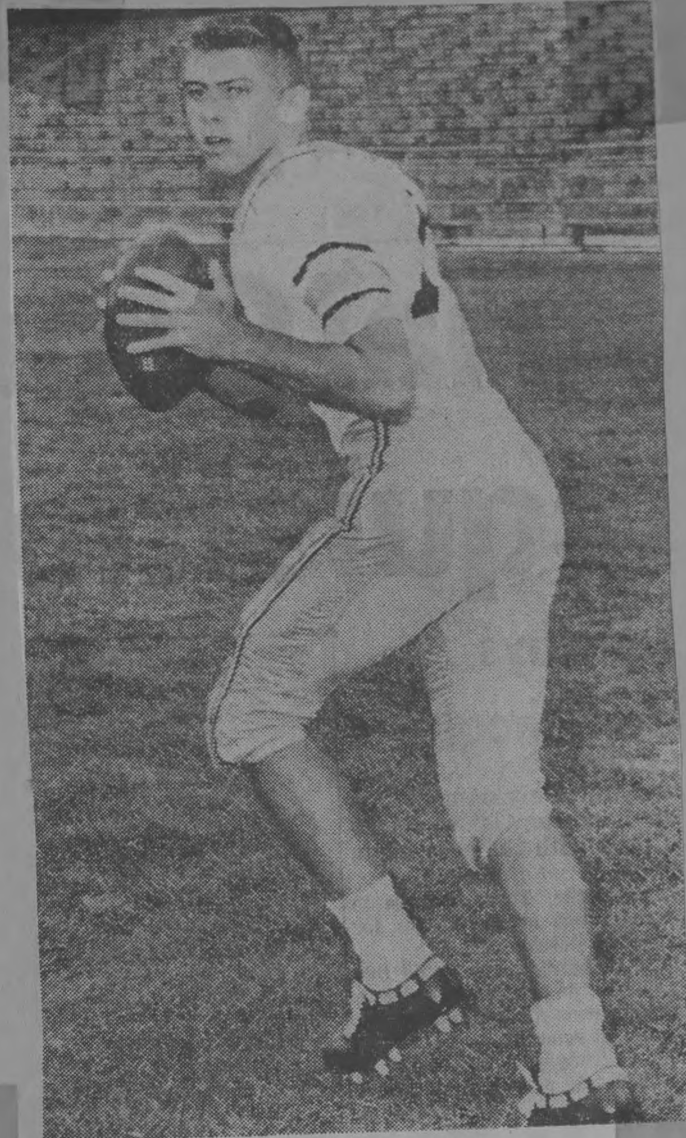
Blanton, Varnado and Luke are defensive specialists and good ones. Reaves and Thomas are defensive starters, but both have seen their share of offensive action. Bennett, Smith, Ruffer, Zant and Barker have seen most of their action on the attack, but all have gotten a taste of defense.

Smith is the Wildcats' and 1-AAA's leading scorer with 79 points. He's gained 294 yards rushing on 52 tries for a 5.6 average and has caught 15 passes that helped account for 379 yards. He's a standout punter with a 36.7 average on 15 boots.

Bennett has 60 points to his credit, has rushed for 482 yards on 84 tries (a 5-1 average) and hit on 28 of 60 passes for 627 yards.

Rushing figures on some of the other are Zant, 51-252-4.9 avg.; Barker, 38-152-4.0 avg. and Reaves, 28-138-4.9 avg. Ruffer, out much of the year with a knee injury, has picked up 60 yards on 12 runs. Thomas, a defensive

stickout all the way, has seen limited offensive duty because of an ailing shoulder. But he has rushed for 61 yards on 14 tries and completed four of 11 passes for 63.



VHS Quarterback Rick Thomas
One Of 'Cats' Two-way Performers

'Cats' Smith Breaks PAT Mark For 1-AAA

By ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS—Valdosta's halfback Giles Smith stayed out front in the Region 1-AAA scoring race although he got just one point last week.

However, the lone marker he tallied against Moultrie was an important one. It came on a PAT boot and set a new 1-AAA record for conversions.

Smith has tallied 25 PAT's, surpassing the old mark of 24 set by Moultrie's Ray Mercer in 1951.

The VHS halfback has scored nine touchdowns, making his point total for the season 79.

Willingham fullback Joel Dickens is second in the point derby. He has accounted for 10 TD's and 18 PAT's for a total of 76 points.

Another Valdostan, quarterback Bruce Bennett, is third on the point list with 60.

While Smith now owns the 1-

AAA extra point record, he is 12 short of the state record of 37 set by Glynn Academy's Sonny George in 1949.

Region scoring leaders are as follows:

	G	TD	PAT	T
1. Smith, Valdosta	7	9	25	79
2. Dickens, Willingham	7	10	16	76
3. Bennett, Valdosta	7	10	0	60
4. Isom, Moultrie	7	9	0	54
5. Welsh, Jordan	7	6	8	44
6. W. Tucker, Moultrie	7	4	18	42
7. Bob Taylor, LaGrange	7	5	0	30
8. Brown, Moultrie	7	5	0	30
9. Hammond, Warner Robins	7	3	8	26
10. Garnto, Jordan	7	4	0	24
11. John Bolles, Baker	7	4	0	24
12. Boyd Taylor, LaGrange	7	4	0	24
12. Harvey, Moultrie	7	4	0	24
14. Brown, Willingham	7	4	0	24
15. Gray, Albany	7	4	0	24
16. Knight, Warner Robins	7	4	0	24
17. Beavers, Albany	7	3	1	19
18. Fincher, Lanier	7	3	1	19
19. Burkett, Jordan	7	3	0	18
20. Ashley, LaGrange	7	3	0	18
21. Smith, LaGrange	7	3	0	18
22. Hardison, Willingham	7	3	0	18
23. Thomas, Valdosta	7	3	0	18
24. Barker, Valdosta	7	3	0	18
25. Gard, Warner Robins	7	3	0	18
26. Fleyd, Moultrie	7	2	3	15
27. Mitchell, Columbus	7	2	2	14
28. Crawford, LaGrange	7	0	14	14

Valdosta fullback Walter Zant must be wondering what a fellow has to do to make a touchdown. He went 49 yards for an apparent TD against Columbus and 29 for what should have been a score against Moultrie. However, both were nullified by penalties. The little fellow (145 pounds) did this despite the fact he was hampered by a knee injury. If you think Zant is discouraged you are wrong. It's only made him more determined to try as hard as he can to get a tally that will be allowed to stand. Fact is, Zant does have 12 points to his credit, not counting the markers that were called back.

After looking over the movie of last week's game with Moultrie, VHS grid boss Wright Bazemore had a verbal pat on the back for end Rusty Griffin and linebacker Jerry Varnadoe. "I thought Griffin and Varnado turned in their best performances of the season against Moultrie," the 'Cats mentor said. "Fact is I was pleased with our defensive effort all the way. Of course it wasn't perfect. There is still plenty of room for improvement."

SAMMY

GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

Fans Often Miss Rugged Play In Middle Of Line

Ask any coach and he will tell you it takes a boy with a special kind of love for football to become a good interior lineman or interior line backer.

He's got to be willing to take a lot of physical punishment with a slim chance of his performance being noted by the fans. And let's face it, all of us enjoy having a noteworthy accomplishment recognized.

But in the duel which goes on in the middle of the line in every football game the action is so fast and player traffic is so thick individual performances are difficult to see from the stands.

More often than not coaches must make a careful study of movies of games before they can make an accurate evaluation of how their guards, tackles and centers blocked and how well their middle men on defense did their jobs.

Immediately after a game they have a general idea of how things went by how well their own team's running plays into the line worked and how the other team's power stuff was contained. But it is difficult for them to rate individuals until after they've looked at the film on the contest.

But make no mistake about this fact. If a team is to enjoy any kind of success, it must be sharp on offense and tough on defense in the middle.

While both the Valdosta Wildcats and Lowndes County Eagles still have plenty of rugged football competition before them, it should be noted they've enjoyed success so far this season. Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats have a 7-0 record. Coach Carlton Adams' Eagles have a 6-1 chart.

Hard Work, Little Recognition

Let it be noted that both teams have a lot of boys playing in the middle who have that special kind of love for football we mentioned earlier.

On Valdosta's "Go-Team" are tackles Skipper Prewitte and Charles Oliver, guards Frank Wetherington and Gary Minchew and center Foy Norwood. On the defensive units are tackles Bill Myddleton, Bill Schroer and Larry Dennis, center Jimmy Robinson and middle linebackers Butch Luke and Bill Holt.

Middlemen regulars for the Eagles include tackles Jerry Goodson, Brinson Lane and Bruce Black, guards Edgar Green and Willie Terrell Sims, centers David Cowart and Paul England and linebacker Joe Dawkins.

"My hat's off to any boy who plays in the middle," a veteran college coach once told me. "It's hard work with very little recognition. It's rough going all the way in there where it's thick."

"I'll confess that I've known a few college backs, good ones at that, who weren't exactly 'hard-nose' type players. But you can bet that a boy is tough if he's willing to suit out and go at it in the middle."

Have All-Important Roles

When I attend a game to write a story I must, by necessity, follow the movement of the ball throughout the game. So I, like the fans, often miss some of the fine play that is going on in the middle.

But on occasion I attend a game simply as a spectator. When I do I always spend part of the time watching the hard licks which are being swapped where the traffic is the thickest. I will pick out an offensive tackle on one play and see what he does. Then on the next play I will perhaps keep my eye on the middle guard. It makes for a most enjoyable evening of football.

And my suggestion is the next game you attend, take time to watch the duel in the middle. The boys playing there seldom score touchdowns or make spectacular blocks and tackles in the open field. But in regards to deciding the outcome of the game, their actions are all-important.



GLASSMAN

Wildcats, Rams Set For Battle

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

The Valdosta Wildcats, who have hardly had time to catch their breath after a rugged battle with Moultrie last week, go back into the football arena against a tough and well rested foe, the Willingham Rams, here tonight.

The game, a key contest in the Region 1-AAA title scramble is slated for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field. A capacity crowd is expected.

Last week while coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats had to go all out for a 7-0 win over Moultrie, coach Billy Henderson's Rams from Macon had an open date.

So the Rams will come to town, well rested and certain to have a surprise or two up their sleeves to spring against the Wildcats.

Both teams have a lot riding on the outcome. Valdosta will risk its 1-AAA lead and three winning strings. The 'Cats have won 19 in a row over a two-year span. Seven of their triumphs have come this season, with six of them earned against league foes.

Willingham, a school which is only four years old, will be putting its first chance to win a football championship on the line.

The Rams are 6-1 in all games this year and 5-1 in regional play. With a victory they can throw the 1-AAA race into a three-way deadlock. If they lose it will virtually eliminate them from the title picture.

With Henderson vowing his charges are "looking forward to playing Valdosta," the Rams apparently aren't thinking about defeat.

Beside their fine records, Valdosta and Willingham both have lofty ratings. The Wildcats are currently No. 1 on the state Class AAA rating chart, while the Rams are listed seventh.

Chief worry for the Wildcats during preparations for the game, centered around ways to try to blunt the Rams' ground attack which has paved the way for Willingham to roll over Warner Robins (27-6), Columbus (26-0), Baker (26-7), Jordan (28-13), Groves (34-0) and Albany (21-7).

Even when the Rams lost to LaGrange, 13-6, it was penalties rather than the Grangers' defense which stopped the powerful Willingham foot troops.

The 'Cats must also be ready to defend against an aerial barrage. Willingham has two accurate passers.

Bazemore hasn't said so, but he is hoping his Wildcats make sure Willingham also has a busy night on defense. VHS has mixed

a strong running attack with a better-than-average air game to get the points it has needed to lick Baker (35-7), Thomasville (33-6), Jordan (46-14), Lanier (21-0), Albany (29-0), Columbus (42-0) and Moultrie (7-0). The VHS defense has shutout five opponents in a row. But is sure to get a stern test tonight.

Leading the Willingham charge is Joel Dickens, a block-busting 190-pound fullback. He's 1-AAA's leading rusher with 554 yards and second leading scorer with 76 point s. Quarterbacks Randy Wheeler and Pete Gaines and halfbacks Larry Brown, Carson Hardison and Pete Stokes gives WHS a backfield corps that has talent in depth.

They operate behind a line which boasts size, speed and experience. The Rams will have seniors at all eleven spots on their starting offensive team.

Valdosta uses a two-team system with the regulars as follows: Ends Wally Colson, Bill Holtzclaw and Danny Hendley, tackles Bill Schroer, Bill Myddleton, Skipper Prewitte, Charles Oliver and Larry Dennis, guards Frank Wetherington, Bill Holt and Gary Minchew, centers Foy Norwood and Jimmy Robinson, quarterbacks Bruce Bennett and Rick Thomas, halfbacks Cloy Blanton, Stan Reaves, Jerry Varnado, Giles Smith and Kenney Ruffer and fullbacks Butch Luke, Walter Zant and Sirois Barker.

Smith is 1-AAA's leading scorer with 79 points. He'll have a chance to meet Dickens, his closest rival, in a head-to-head duel tonight.

VALDOSTA VS WILLINGHAM — The Wildcats had a tough go last week and can expect plenty of trouble from the Willingham Rams this week. Willingham is a relatively new school, but it has a veteran and talented football team. The Rams say they "are looking forward to playing Valdosta." They wouldn't feel that way if they didn't expect to lick the Wildcats. I figure it to be a close game, with the Wildcats winning.



Five Members Of Wildcats' Talented Flankman Corps
 Dick Bender, Danny Hendley, Bill Holtzclaw, Wally Colson, Rusty Griffin

Rams To Give VHS Defense Acid Test

Valdosta has held its last four opponents scoreless, but the Wildcats' "Stop-em" crew won't be able to rest on its laurels this week.

The Willingham Rams, who will come to town on Friday night, figure to put the VHS defense to the acid test.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats, who are unbeaten and atop the Region 1-AAA standings, and coach Billy Henderson's Rams from Macon, who have a sparkling 6-1 mark and strong title ambitions, will tangle at 8 p.m. tomorrow at Cleveland Field.

With the Rams expected to bring a large following with them, a capacity crowd is expected for the game.

There are some things the VHS coaches know about the Rams, and some things they don't know.

"We know they have a lot of enthusiasm, a veteran team, a strong line, a very, very good running game, a strong passing attack, and a rugged defense," Bazemore said. "Still we really don't know what to expect. They had an open date last week and so have had extra time to pre-

pare for the game. You can bet they have cooked up some surprises to spring against us.

"I do know we are in for a busy night on defense. And the way things went in our game with them last year, we are going to have to give our best effort on offense to make any headway at all."

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In that 1960 game the VHS coach mentioned, Valdosta beat Willingham, 21-0. But for two periods the Rams stopped the Wildcats' attack cold, and in the process blocked two punts.

One of Bazemore's chief worries this time is coming up with a defense that, as he put it, "will at least slow them down."

Leading the Rams' charge is Joel Dickens, a 190-pound senior tagged by his own coach "as one of the finest fullbacks in the state. He's Region 1-AAA's leading rusher with 554 yards and second leading scorer with 76 points.

Dickens has set the pace while Willingham has knocked off Warner Robins, Columbus, Baker, Jordan, Groves and Albany, all by comfortable margins. The Rams' lone setback was by a 13-6 count to LaGrange. Penalties nipped off three Willingham TD opportunities in that one. The Macon crew is good enough to be listed seventh on the state "AAA" rating list.

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Dickens' backfield help mates include quarterbacks Randy Wheeler and Pete Gaines and halfbacks Larry Brown, Pete Stokes and Carson Hardison. Wheeler is a good runner and slick passer. Hardison has averaged nine yards every time he has carried the ball. Brown, a breakaway type scooter, has run for 215 yards and caught five passes for 77 more.

Forward wall regulars include ends Doug Boyd (180), Dwight Payne (165), Ralph Pullium (180),

Jeff Wagner (150) and Mark Bowen (163), tackles Jimmy Epps (183), Bo Hardison (185), Thomas Lindsay (160) and Bill Parkham (180), guards Travis Williams (170) and Bill Raffield (145) and center Buck Carroll (175).

In this group of 17 players, one is a sophomore, three are juniors and the others are seniors. The Rams will open on offense with an all-senior outfit.

As their seven straight victories this season and state Class AAA record of 19 wins in a row over a two-year period indicate, the Wildcats also have some talent.

They've licked Baker, Thomasville, Jordan, Lanier, Albany, Columbus and Moultrie and are No. 1 on the rating chart.

Following their usual two-team system, the Wildcats offensive and defensive starters will probably come from a group that includes the following players:

Ends Rusty Griffin, Danny Hendley, Wally Colson and Bill Holtzclaw, tackles Larry Denn, Charles Oliver, Skipper Prewitt, Bill Myddleton and Bill Schroer, guards Frank Wetherington, Gary Minchew and Bill Holt, centers Foy Norwood and Jimmy Robinson, and backs Bruce Bennett, Rick Thomas, Clyo Blanton, Jerry Varnado, Giles Smith, Stan Reaves and Kenny Ruffer and fullbacks Butch Luke, Walter Zant and Sirois Barker.

SAMMY

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Times Sports Editor

Wildcats Gave Smooth Performance Against Rams

In the space of a few hours Friday night Valdosta grid boss Wright Bazemore had a most pleasant experience and got a dose of bad news.

The happy experience came while he watched his Wildcats defeat Willingham's Rams, 27-0. It was after the contest when he got the bad news in the form of a report from LaGrange that the Grangers had knocked off Moultrie, 20-6.

The 'Cats are to meet Warner Robins' Demons this week. Then the week after that they've got to play the Grangers in what shapes as a showdown battle in the Region 1-AAA race. Valdosta is first in the league standings, but LaGrange is second and still within striking distance.

Since Valdosta licked Moultrie by a 7-0 count, it gives an indication of the trouble the Wildcats can expect when the Grangers come to town in two weeks.

The game with Robins, which the 'Cats can't afford to take lightly, and the do-or-get-tied tussle with LaGrange are in the future. Bazemore is sure to worry plenty about both of them.

But when I chatted with him right after the Willingham game he was in a happy mood.

"I just wasn't sure how the boys would go tonight," he said. "They had really gotten 'up' for our game with Moultrie and I was afraid they might let down against Willingham. But they didn't. They gave another very good team effort and I'm mighty proud of them. We had some trouble with fumbles in the second quarter, but otherwise both our offense and defense was good."

As those who know Bazemore are aware, he has a way of understating things.

Did Neat Job Against Dickens

Beside accounting for 27 points, the VHS attack clicked for 19 first downs, 295 yards rushing and 85 passing. The 'Cats' defense checked the Rams' supposed to be strong ground attack cold. Willingham never got across the midfield stripe, made only four first downs, picking up a total of just 79 yards rushing and passing.

The 'Cats did a very neat job against Willingham's Joel Dickens. The 190-pound fullback, who is 1-AAA's leading rusher, could gain but 12 yards on eight tries.

I would say that adds up to a combined offensive and defensive effort that is mighty, mighty good.

Before the contest ended everyone on the VHS squad who wasn't injured got a taste of action. So you might say not just team, but squad effort paved the way for the triumph.

On the Go-Team I think Bruce Bennett, Giles Smith and Walter Zant certainly had good nights. Bennett scored three TD's, rushed for 92 yards and hit on five of eight passes for 85 more. Smith zipped for 122 yards along the ground route and caught four passes that accounted for 64 yards. He tallied one TD and booted three extra points.

Lot of Players Had Good Nights

Willingham coach Phil Henderson called Dickens "one of the finest fullbacks in the state." I'd rate Zant, a 145-pounder, one of the finest fullbacks in the state for his size. Against the Rams he ran for 49 yards.

Bill Myddelton, with eight tackles, and Stan Reaves, with seven stops, paced the Wildcats in that department. Many others who saw extensive action on defense made at least three tackles.

It boils down to the fact that a lot of Valdosta players had good nights. The Wildcats, as a team, had a good night and it takes that to win.

So the Wildcats have cleared another tough hurdle. Still, the pressure is intense and there are more road blocks ahead.

But I have the idea that Bazemore, even after he heard the score of the LaGrange-Moultrie game, managed to calm his jumpy nerves for a little while over the weekend. The kind of performances his charges gave against the Rams sure soothed the nerves of a lot of Valdosta football fans.



GLASSMAN

Valdosta's Smith and Bennett Spark Region One Point Race

Dickens Holds Third Place

By ELLWOOD MOYER
Special to The Constitution

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Valdosta's Bruce Bennett, who lost the Region - One, Class - AAA scoring championship by a one-point margin to Joel Dickens of Willingham last season, moved back into the thick of the race for the 1961 individual scoring title as he tallied three touchdowns against Willingham this past week to boost his total points for the season to 78.

However at the moment Bennett

is in second place as the scoring lead belongs to another member of the Valdosta machine, Giles Smith.

Smith, who was on the receiving end of a touchdown pass from Bennett, also added three extra points to come up with nine points in the Willingham game.

Smith now holds a 10-point margin over Bennett as he has a total of 88 points for the campaign. Smith has scored 10 touchdowns and added 28 extra points.

Meanwhile third place belongs to the 1960 leader, Willingham's Dickens who went scoreless for the second time this season in the Valdosta game last week. Previously LaGrange had stopped Dickens without a score.

However Dickens is only 12 points behind Smith. Two more weeks of play remain in the 1961 campaign and any of the top three could still come on and take the individual title.

While Bennett placed second in scoring last season, he did pace the Region in touchdowns with a total of 12.

Again this season Bennett is out front in touchdowns scored with 13 but still he remains in the runner-up column in the scoring totals.

Last year Dickens took the scoring title with 10 touchdowns and 13 extra points.

A look back at the previous scoring leaders in the Region finds that Ray Mercer still holds the scoring record in region

PAST 1-AAA LEADERS

Season	Player	Team	TDs	Exp	Tot
1949	Davis	Lanier	7	15	57
1950	Mercer	Moultrie	19	6	114
1951	Mercer	Moultrie	21	23	149
1952	Milton	D. E. Lee	16	0	96
1953	Kitchens	Lanier	13	0	78
1954	Murphy	LaGrange	18	4	112
1955	Minor	Lanier	16	3	99
1956	Mote	Albany	8	0	48
1957	Pennington	Albany	8	16	64
1958	Burson	LaGrange	18	12	120
1959	Porterfield	Moultrie	14	17	101
1960	Dickens	Willingham	10	13	73

LEADERS THIS SEASON

Player	Team	G	Td	Exp	Tot
1. Smith	Valdosta	8	10	28	88
2. Bennett	Valdosta	8	13	0	78
3. Dickens	Willingham	8	10	16	76
4. Isom	Moultrie	8	10	0	60
5. Welsh	Jordan	8	6	8	44
6. W. Tucker	Moultrie	8	4	18	42
7. Bob Taylor	LaGrange	8	7	0	42
8. Garnto	Jordan	8	5	0	30
9. Burkett	Jordan	8	5	0	30
10. Brown	Moultrie	8	5	0	30
11. Hammonds	W. Robins	8	3	9	27
12. John Bolles	Baker	8	4	0	24
13. Boyd Taylor	LaGrange	8	4	0	24
14. Smith	LaGrange	8	4	0	24
15. Harvey	Moultrie	8	4	0	24
16. Brown	Willingham	8	4	0	24
17. Gray	Albany	8	4	0	24
18. Knight	W. Robins	8	4	0	24
19. Mitchell	Columbus	8	3	2	20
20. Fincher	Lanier	7	3	1	19
21. Beaver	Albany	8	3	1	19
22. Lison	Baker	8	3	0	18
23. Ashley	LaGrange	8	3	0	18
24. Hardison	Willingham	8	3	0	18
25. Thomas	Valdosta	8	3	0	18
26. Barker	Valdosta	8	3	0	18
27. Gard	Warner Robins	8	3	0	18
28. Crawford	LaGrange	8	0	16	16
29. Elkins	Jordan	8	2	3	15
30. Floyd	Moultrie	8	2	3	15

Note: Does not include the Lanier scoring in the Albany game.

play. Back in 1951 with the Moultrie Packers, Mercer raced for 21 touchdowns and added 23 extra points for a 149 point total.

In 1958, Jimmy Burson of LaGrange pulled up with a total of 120 points which left him 29 points short of the record.

In the past 12 seasons of play, the Region scoring leaders have tallied more than 100 - points five times. Danny Minor of Lanier fell only one-point short in 1955 with a 99-point total.

The lowest score to win the title in the past 12 years of play was the 48 points made by Eddie Mote of Albany back in 1956.

Piggy Isom of Moultrie scored the Packers' lone touchdown this past week in the LaGrange game and retained his hold on fourth place this year with a 60-point total.

Claxton, Valdosta Atop State

By GENE ASHER

Gainesville, Carrollton and Claxton vaulted to the top Tuesday as The Journal State Rating Board shook up its weekly high school football rankings.

Gainesville replaced Bainbridge at the Class AA pedestal, Carrollton reclaimed the A leadership from Screven County and Claxton catapulted into the B lead over Blackshear.

In Class AAA, Valdosta made it a clean sweep. Coach Wright Bazemore's state champions captured all 10 first-place votes from the board, registering a possible 100 points. Points are awarded on a 10-for-first, 9-for-second, etc., basis.

The Journal board is composed of 10 sports editors and prep sports editors, representing newspapers in every section of the state.

Coosa, only team to stay on top in all nine weekly polls, extended its Class C margin over second-place Lincolnton. The Eagles received 97 points, 10 more than Lincolnton.

Five new teams cracked the "Top Ten." Southwest gained eighth and North Fulton 10th in AAA, Dalton 10th in AA, Tucker ninth in B and Dade County 10th in C.

In Class AAA, there was no argument after the Wildcats demolished seventh-ranked Willingham, 27-0. Commented Gordon Stem, sports editor of the Macon News, "The margin could have been greater. Coach



CARLA NEWTON HELPS SOUTHWEST'S JAMES STONE TIE SHOES Watching (L-R) Butch Gill Larry Haynie, Danny Walton, Doug Wood

Staff Photo—Bill Young

Bazemore said after the game that his defense is as good as last year's and his offense better. Valdosta is the greatest high school football team I have ever seen."

Gary Phillips, sports editor of the Albany Herald, added, "If Valdosta does not go all the way, it will be a surprise to every team in Region 1-AAA."

Coach Wayman Creel's Northside Tigers replaced R. E. Lee in the No. 2-AAA slot on the strength of their 41-0 rout of Dykes in which second-stringers played most of the way. Northside received 77 points, three more than Lee, which tumbled to third.

Biggest gain was registered by Coach Oliver Hunnicutt's LaGrange Grangers who moved from 10th to fifth. The Grangers knocked sixth-ranked Moultrie out of the exclusive circle last weekend, 20-6.

Southwest, impressed with a 16-6 victory over fifth-rated Brown and North Fulton, won stature with a 41-7 verdict over Roosevelt. It was the seven straight win for both teams.

In Class AA, Gainesville polled seven first-place votes and 96 points. Bainbridge, the leader for the last four weeks, fell to fourth with no first-place votes and 77 points. Campbell of Fairburn advanced to second and Waycross retained its third post.

Hugh Schutte of the Asso-

ciated Press, one of the Gainesville backers, pointed out, "Gainesville proved it deserves the No. 1 honor by its record against Class AAA teams." Gainesville has played three AAA teams, defeating Gordon, 48-0; Campbell of Smyrna, 45-0, and Cherokee of Canton, 48-0.

CLASS AAA			
Team	Record	1st Pl.	Tot. Votes Pts.
1. Valdosta	8-0-0	10	100
2. Northside	8-0-0	0	77
3. R. E. Lee	7-0-1	0	71
4. Richmond Acad.	8-0-0	0	76
5. LaGrange	6-0-2	0	71
6. Avondale	8-1-0	0	61
7. Benedictine	5-2-1	0	41
8. Southwest	7-1-0	0	26
9. Brown	7-1-0	0	18
10. North Fulton	7-1-0	0	14

CLASS AA			
Team	Record	1st Pl.	Tot. Votes Pts.
1. Gainesville	8-0-0	7	96
2. Campbell Fairburn	7-0-1	0	77
3. Waycross	5-3-0	2	73
4. Bainbridge	8-0-1	0	77
5. Westminster	7-1-0	0	55
6. Cedartown	7-2-0	0	51
7. Rossville	6-1-1	0	47
8. Wayne County	6-1-1	0	37
9. Cairo	6-1-1	0	37
10. Dalton	6-2-0	0	22

CLASS A			
Team	Record	1st Pl.	Tot. Votes Pts.
1. Carrollton	9-0-0	4	85
2. Screven County	9-0-0	4	83
3. Toccoa	8-0-0	0	78
4. Americus	7-1-0	1	58
5. Trion	8-1-0	0	51
6. St. Plus	7-0-1	0	50
7. Lowndes County	7-1-0	0	48
8. Cartersville	7-2-0	0	26
9. Dublin	5-3-0	0	25
10. Ware County	5-2-1	1	23

CLASS B			
Team	Record	1st Pl.	Tot. Votes Pts.
1. Claxton	9-0-0	3	89
2. Fort Valley	9-0-0	5	88
3. Blakely	8-0-0	1	76
4. Washington-Wilkes	7-0-1	0	60
5. Morgan County	8-0-1	0	55
6. Thomson	6-0-2	1	55
7. Glennville	7-1-0	0	34
8. Blackshear	8-1-0	0	33
9. Tucker	7-1-0	0	24
10. Treutlen	7-1-0	0	21

CLASS C			
Team	Record	1st Pl.	Tot. Votes Pts.
1. Coosa	9-0-0	8	97
2. Lincolnton	7-1-0	1	87
3. Warren County	7-0-0	0	69
4. Jones County	7-1-0	0	65
5. Chatt. Valley	7-1-0	0	65
6. Bremen	7-2-0	0	61
7. Savannah Day	7-1-0	1	61
8. Putnam County	6-2-1	0	45
9. Wrightsville	6-2-0	0	45
10. Dade County	5-2-1	0	40

Smith First, Bennett 2nd In Scoring

By ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS. — A pair of Valdostans, halfback Giles Smith and quarterback Bruce Bennett, are now running one - two in the Region 1-AAA scoring race.

Smith, who accounted for nine points against Willingham this past week, boosted his first place total to 88 points.

Meanwhile Bennett was scoring three touchdowns for 18 points to increase his total to 78. That moved Bennett into second place, ahead of Willingham fullback Joel Dickens who has 76 points.

Bennett is out front in touchdowns scored with 13. Smith has built his big point total by scoring 10 TD's and kicking 28 PAT's. He's already surpassed the old 1-AAA extra point record of 25.

	G	TO	PAT	T
1. Smith, Valdosta	8	10	28	88
2. Bennett, Valdosta	8	13	0	78
3. Dickens, Willingham	8	10	16	76
4. Isom, Moultrie	8	10	0	60
5. Welsh, Jordan	8	6	8	44
6. W. Tucker, Moultrie	8	4	18	42
7. Bob Taylor, LaGrange	8	7	0	42
8. Garnon, Jordan	8	5	0	30
9. Burkett, Jordan	8	5	0	30
10. Brown, Moultrie	8	5	0	30
11. Hammonds, Warner Robins	8	3	9	27
12. John Bolles, Baker	8	4	0	24
13. Boyd Taylor, LaGrange	8	4	0	24
14. Smith, LaGrange	8	4	0	24
15. Harvey, Moultrie	8	4	0	24
16. Brown, Willingham	8	4	0	24
17. Gray, Albany	8	4	0	24
18. Knight, Warner Robins	8	4	0	24
19. Mitchell, Columbus	8	3	2	20
20. Fincher, Lanier	7	3	1	19
21. Beaver, Albany	8	3	1	19
22. Ligon, Baker	8	3	0	18
23. Ashley, LaGrange	8	3	0	18
24. Hardison, Willingham	8	3	0	18
25. Thomas, Valdosta	8	3	0	18
26. Barker, Valdosta	8	3	0	18
27. Warner Robins	8	3	0	18
28. Crawford, LaGrange	8	0	16	16
29. Ekins, Jordan	8	2	3	15
30. Floyd, Moultrie	8	2	3	15
31. Henderson, Jordan	8	2	2	14
32. Ruggerio, LaGrange	8	2	0	12
33. Bryant, Willingham	8	2	0	12
34. Wheeler, Willingham	8	2	0	12
35. Whatley, Albany	8	2	0	12
36. Heidt, Albany	8	2	0	12
37. Ruffer, Valdosta	8	2	0	12
38. Zant, Valdosta	8	2	0	12
39. Reeves, Valdosta	8	2	0	12
40. Muha, Warner Robins	8	2	0	12

VHS Meets Robins; Lowndes Faces Ware

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Lowndes County faces a championship battle, Valdosta plays an important region game and Hahira has hopes of halting a five-game losing skid.

That's the situation this week for coach Carlton Adams' LOHI Eagles, coach Wright Bazemore's VHS Wildcats and coach Warren Alexander's Hahira Tigers.

The Wildcats and Tigers are slated for action on Friday night. Valdosta will meet 1-AAA foe Warner Robins in a game here. Hahira will host Jennings, Fla.

Then on Saturday night LOHI, does battle with Ware County (Waycross) with the 1-A (East) title riding on the outcome. This one will also be played here.

There will be a full round of action for area teams. The Friday night slate calls for Berrien County (Nashville) to play at Fitzgerald, Cook (Adel) at Appling County (Baxley), Blackshear at Clinch County (Homerville), Brooks County (Quitman) at Mitchell County (Camilla), Jasper, Fla., at Newberry, Fla. and Madison, Fla., at Perry, Fla.

Valdosta, which has won eight in a row this year and 20 straight over a two-year span, is atop the 1-AAA standings. To hold on to undisputed possession of first place the 'Cats must lick Warner Robins. The Demons have a 3-5 record and strong hopes to upset 'Dosta.

LOHI will carry a 7-1 record into the championship battle with Ware County's Gators on Saturday night. The Waycross eleven has a

den County at Atkinson, Druid Hills at Avondale, Jeff Davis at Bacon County, Miller County at Blakely-Union, Bainbridge at Cairo, Patterson at Folkston, Benedictine at Glynn Academy, Albany at Jordan, Baker at Lan-

ier, Willingham at Moultrie, Thomasville Central at Pelham, Cross Keys at R. E. Lee, Lake City, Fla., at Thomasville, Crisp County at Tifton, Jesup at Waycross, Irwin County at Worth County.

Bennett Tops 1-AAA Total Offense Mark

By ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS — Valdosta quarterback Bruce Bennett has broken the Region 1-AAA total offense record which has stood for 10 years and he still has two games during which he can increase the mark.

Gaining 92 yards rushing and helping account for 45 more through the air against Willingham last week, the VHS signal caller boosted his total yardage mark to 1,222.

This broke the old record of 1,168 yards set by Moultrie's Ray Mercer when, during the 1951 season, he picked up 1,963 yards along the ground and 165 passing.

In eight games this year Bennett has rushed for 329 yards on 100 tries and completed 23 of 63 passes for 712 yards. He now ranks second in the region in both departments.

Another Valdostan, halfback Giles Smith, has already broken a 1-AAA record and is within striking distance of another. He has kicked 28 extra points, a new regional standard.

Smith has caught 18 passes for a total of 443 yards. The record in this department is 27 catches for 495 yards set by Columbus' Ray Crawford last season.

Various department leaders plus statistics on all Valdosta players follows:

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING			
	C	Yds	Avg.
1. Dickens, Willingham	101	361	3.57
2. Bennett, Valdosta	100	329	3.29
3. John Sales, Baker	103	495	4.81
4. Boyd Taylor, LaGrange	89	447	5.02
5. Harvey, Moultrie	75	431	5.74
6. Smith, Valdosta	48	418	8.70
7. Garnto, Jordan	54	399	7.37
8. Burkett, Jordan	73	364	5.01
9. Isom, Moultrie	81	265	3.28
10. Bob Taylor, LaGrange	52	354	6.80
11. Ashley, LaGrange	55	317	5.76
12. Hardy, Lanier	57	315	5.53
13. Gray, Albany	68	309	4.54
14. Zant, Valdosta	67	301	4.49
15. Barker, Valdosta	28	143	5.11
16. Reeves, Valdosta	30	140	4.66
17. Ruffer, Valdosta	17	74	4.35
18. Thomas, Valdosta	14	43	3.07
19. McLeod, Valdosta	10	34	3.40

PASSING			
	Att.	Comp.	% Avg.
1. Hammonds	116	48	41.4
2. Bennett, Valdosta	63	23	36.5
3. Garnto, Jordan	88	42	47.7
4. Piggis, Moultrie	10	22	220
5. Beaver, Albany	54	19	35.2
6. Mitchell, Columbus	79	22	28.0
7. Gillam, LaGrange	29	10	34.5
18. Thomas, Valdosta	13	4	30.8
20. Lee, Valdosta	7	4	57.1

PASS RECEIVING			
	C	Yds	Td's
1. Smith, Valdosta	18	443	4
2. Muha, Warner Robins	23	329	3
3. Fulford, Jordan	30	306	0
4. Holtzclaw, Valdosta	6	180	0
5. Knight, Warner Robins	11	122	3

PASSES INTERCEPTED BY			
	Inter.	Yds.	Ret.
1. Isom, Moultrie	3	147	0
2. Smith, Valdosta	1	85	0
3. Wafford, Willingham	3	73	0
4. Gillam, LaGrange	3	43	0
5. Luke, Valdosta	3	39	0

PUNTS			
	K	Yds	Avg.
1. Smith, Valdosta	14	612	43.7
2. Rhodes, Albany	47	1424	30.3
3. T. Tucker, Moultrie	13	432	33.2
4. Short, Baker	12	322	26.8
5. Davis, Baker	13	327	25.2
6. Cassin, Jordan	11	271	24.6
7. White, Columbus	14	328	23.4
8. Elkins, Jordan	12	437	36.4
9. Crawford, LaGrange	22	824	37.4

PUNT RETURNS			
	Ret.	Yds.	Avg.
1. Beaver, Albany	18	343	19.0
2. Fischer, Lanier	13	324	24.9
3. Thomas, Valdosta	4	145	36.3
4. Rosen, Moultrie	1	145	145
5. Tuffin, Willingham	10	141	14.1
6. Bob Taylor, LaGrange	7	88	12.6
7. Ruffer, Valdosta	1	24	24

KICKOFF RETURNS			
	Ret.	Yds.	Avg.
1. Fischer, Lanier	14	378	27.0
2. Fulford, Jordan	12	309	25.8
3. Langford, Columbus	10	254	25.4
4. Horn, Columbus	4	214	53.5
5. Gars, Warner Robins	1	117	117
6. John Baker, Baker	10	112	11.2
12. Ruffer, Valdosta	2	97	48.5

Robins Aerial Combo Among State's Best

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

For at least two very good reasons the Valdosta Wildcats are spending extra time working on pass defense as they prepare for their Friday football meeting here with the Warner Robins Demons.

Those two "good reasons" are Robins quarterback Jackie Hammonds and end Ken Muha. They form one of the state's most dangerous high school passing combinations.

Coach David Barker's Demons have a modest 3-5 record for the season, but it certainly isn't Hammonds' and Muha's fault that Robins has dropped five tilts. They have been operating in high gear all the way.

And it will be on Hammonds' strong and accurate right arm and Muha's speed and sure hands that the Demons will pin their victory hopes on Friday night.

If the Demons turn back the 'Cats, who are 8-0 this year, have won 20 straight over a two-season span and are atop the 1-AAA standings with a 7-0 mark, it will be an upset. But Hammonds, Muha and their teammates are primed to try to pull off a surprise.

Victories for the Demons this year have been over Lanier (13-7), Perry, Ga. (7-0) and Columbus (20-0). Their win over Lanier was regarded as a major upset. The Demons have lost to Willingham (27-6), Albany (26-13), LaGrange (34-13), Moultrie (49-14) and Jor-

dan (33-13).

VHS coach Wright Bazemore, aware of Hammonds' passing ability and taking note of the fact that the Demons haven't been shutout and have scored two or more TD's against six foes, ordered extra work on defense for his charges this week.

Hammonds, who stands 6-2, and weighs 175 pounds has connected on 60 of 116 passes this year. His tosses have accounted for 809 yards and eight touchdowns. The senior quarterback is also a talented runner. He has tallied 27 points himself.

While Robins has several talented pass receivers, Muha, a 175-pound senior, is Hammonds' favorite target. A standout on Robins' 1-AAA championship basketball team, Muha has caught 23 passes this year and turned them into gains totaling 337 yards.

"Our scout says that Hammonds, without question, is the best passer he has seen in action this year," Bazemore said. "He remains calm under defensive pressure and gets the ball off very quickly. He throws bullets at short range and can pass a football 50 yards without straining."

"Last week against Jordan, Robins was behind 13 points in the first half. Hammonds threw just six times and Robins had tied the score at 13-13."

"We certainly have a great deal of respect for Hammonds and for the Warner Robins team. Our boys have got to be ready. It's a region game and so it is a very important one."

So far everyone that Robins has played has had to outscore the Demons to beat them. If that's what it comes down to this week, the Wildcats will count heavily on quarterback Bruce Bennett, halfback Giles Smith and fullback Walter Zant.

They've helped lead the charge while VHS has beaten Baker (35-7), Thomasville (33-6), Jordan (46-14), Lanier (21-0), Albany (29-0), Columbus (42-0), Moultrie (7-0) and Willingham (27-0).

Their offensive and defensive backfield helpmates include quarterback Rick Thomas, halfbacks Kenny Ruffer, Stan Reeves, Cyo Blanton, Jerry Varnado and fullbacks Sirois Barker and Butch Luke.

1-AAA Race Nearing Finish Line

The Region 1-AAA title issue won't be decided this week, but it is nearing the showdown stage.

Valdosta, with an 8-0 mark in all games and a 7-0 regional chart, is currently holding down first place. It must go against Warner Robins this week then play LaGrange in the regular season finale.

LaGrange, which plays winless Columbus on Thursday night, is, as most 'Dosta fans know, still very much in the race.

In league play the Grangers have won five and been tied twice. Since a tie counts a half win and a half loss, they have what amounts to a 6-1 regional record.

Speaking of the Wildcats, coach Wright Bazemore is working overtime these days trying to keep overconfidence fever from sweeping through the Valdosta camp.

"A lot of folks have had a lot of glowing things to say about our team lately," Bazemore said. "Everyone likes to be complimented and our boys are no exception."

Rams Learned A Lesson

"But it's not what folks say, but what a team does on the play which counts."

"If our boys start feeling cocky they can just think back to our second game of the season with Thomasville and our recent win with Moultrie. Believe me, we had our troubles in both of them."

Along the same line the Wildcats can learn from Willingham's experience last week. The 'Cats knocked off the Rams, 27-0, and coach Bill Henderson said his charges weren't mentally ready for such a tough game.

"Valdosta has a fine team and probably would have beaten us under any circumstances," Henderson said. "But we weren't mentally ready for the game. Our boys seem to have become too impressed with their own press notices. Certainly they weren't prepared for what happened."

As it has been said often, you would figure a coach who has his team on top would have no worries. But ask Bazemore, he can tell you how untrue that assumption can be.

Blackshear Defeated; Valdosta Rolls On

By BOB PRICE
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Bainbridge and Blackshear made the grid news the hard way Friday night while Valdosta continued to roll along as the king of Georgia's schoolboy football.

Bainbridge, which had knocked off six straight foes this fall, is still unbeaten, but the Bearcats had to scrap for dear life and had to settle for a 20-20 tie against "giant killers" Quincy, Fla.

Charles Smith was Bainbridge's big boy in the deadlock as he picked up 120 yards from scrimmage on the way to one touchdown. He also passed for another.

Caged By Buccaneers

Blackshear also found the going rough in Florida as the Tigers who had roared through eight Georgia foes, were caged 27-0 by the hefty Buccaneers of Fernandina Beach. Jimmy Bowen, who had gained 1,005 yards in seven games, and flying Colin Kelly were corraled by the Pirates.

Valdosta, with quarterback Bruce Bennett scoring on runs of 10, eight and one yards, moved to its 20th consecutive triumph at the expense of Macon Willingham. Bennett also had a hand, throwing, in the Wildcats' other TD as he connected with Giles Smith on a 31-yard aerial TD. Valdosta backs produced the tallies, but the Wildcat line was never better as it refused to allow Willingham beyond mid-field during the game.

Savannah Benedictine and Richmond Academy of Augusta continued their torrid 2-AAA battle as Benedictine racked Savannah Groves, 37-12, and Richmond whitewashed Savannah Jenkins, 21-0. The two victors share the top rung of the 2-AAA ladder.

Waycross, Jesup Keep Step

Also keeping in step with one another were Waycross and Jesup in 2-AA North activity. Waycross, with Marvin Hurst scoring twice—once on a 93-yard kickoff return, outlasted fighting Fitzgerald, 21-10, while Jesup breezed past Crisp County of Cordele, 44-13.

Cairo kept its 1-AA South hopes

alive by bouncing Tifton, 27-14, as R. B. Gainous was in a scoring mood. Gainous produced a pair of TDs on runs over 25 yards.

Little Pelham, unable to hit the win column previously although it did gain one tie in seven outings, donned scoring togs to belt Vienna, 49-0. David Warren and Gerry Musgrove were the Pelham leaders.

Thomasville's visit to Florida's capital proved disheartening as the Bulldogs fell before Tallahassee Leon, 19-0.

Camden County of Wood

produced Friday's biggest victory margin by routing Hahira, 53-0, as Stanley Strickland scored the first three touchdowns on runs of 42, 11 and four yards. Jimmy McCollough chipped in with TDs of six and 22 yards.

Folkston Knocked Off

Savannah Country Day was right behind Camden in the scoring chase as it knocked off Folkston, 52-0, for its seventh win in eight tries.

Americus, which salted away the 1-A West championship last week, proved too strong for Ware County in a 14-7 affair. Ware is currently sharing the top spot of 1-A East with Lowndes County, which crossed the state line to defeat Madison, Fla., 13-0.

Moultrie, which was undefeated until it met Valdosta last week, bit the dust once again, this time to LaGrange, 20-6. It marked the second time this year that a team, which lost to Valdosta, lost again the following week. Albany was the first to accomplish the dubious feat.

Hazlehurst came up with its top offensive movement of the year by clobbering Atkinson County, 28-0, as Jay Carter collected a pair of touchdowns.

VALDOSTA PADS LEAD IN 1-AAA TITLE RACE

Bruce Bennett Scores Three TDs In 27-0 Romp Over Willingham

Special to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

VALDOSTA, Ga., Oct. 28—The Valdosta Wildcats came up with just the right football mixture, a ripping attack and an air-tight defense, to cut down the Willingham Rams, 27-0, here Friday night.

With the triumph, earned before approximately 7,500 fans, coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats held on to first place in the Region 1-AAA race and extended their two-season winning streak to 20 games. VHS has won eight in a row this year, with seven of the triumphs coming over regional foes.

For Coach Bill Henderson's Rams, the setback left them with a 6-2 record, and it dropped the Macon team out of the 1-AAA title picture.

THE CATS KEPT THEIR OFFENSE in high gear all the way. They drove 63 yards for a score the first time they got possession of the ball, suffered some mild frustration during two scoreless middle quarters, then exploded for three TDs in the final stanza. Quarterback Bruce

Bennett scored three of the Cats' four TDs on runs of 10, 1 and 8 yards which climaxed drives of 63, 61 and 60 yards, then connected with halfback Giles Smith on a 31-yard pass play that provided the fourth marker.

The hard-hitting Valdosta defense earned its fifth straight shutout in sparkling fashion. The Rams' vaunted ground attack was stopped cold. Willingham made just four first downs, gained a scant 67 yards rushing and made only 12 passing. The Rams failed to get across the midfield stripe. In fact they got up as far as their own 45 on just two occasions.

Bennett, Smith and Zant led the Valdosta attack. Bennett picked up 92 yards on 16 runs and hit on five of eight passes for 85 yards. Smith was the game's leading ground gainer with a whopping 122 yards on 17 tries. He also caught four passes that accounted for 64 yards, got off a 41-yard boot on the only punt he tried and toed three extra points.

Zant wheeled for 49 yards on 14 tries.

The Wildcats piled up 19 first downs, gained 295 yards along the ground route and 85 through the air lanes. Their score, while sizable, might have been bigger. They lost the ball on fumbles at the Rams' 13 and 2 and Smith was a shade to the left of his target on a field goal try from the 16.

Effectiveness of the VHS de-

THE YARDSTICK	
VALDOSTA (27)	WILLINGHAM (0)
19	First Downs
295	Yards Rushing
67	Yards Passing
14	Penalties

fense is highlighted by the fact that Willingham fullback Joel Dicken, 1-AAA's leading rusher, could make just 12 yards on eight tries. Quarterback Randy Wheeler, 2-23 and halfback Terry Duffey, 6-21, were top gainers for the Macon 11.

Valdosta 7 0 0 20-27
Willingham 0 0 0 0-0
Scoring: TDs—Valdosta—Bennett 3 (10, run; 1, run; 8, run); Smith (3), pass from Bennett). PATs: Valdosta—Smith 3 (placements).

'Cats Hope To Keep Attack In High Gear

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

The Valdosta Wildcats, who have averaged 32.5 points a game while winning eight straight tilts this year, have hopes of keeping their attack in high gear against Warner Robins' Demons here Friday night.

Valdosta's stout stop'em crew has shutout the 'Cats' last five foes. But should Robins' expected aerial barrage crack the VHS defensive dike, coach Wright Bazemore wants his charges to be ready to counter with some offensive fireworks of their own.

Since the game with coach David Barker's Demons is a Region 1-AAA affair, a triumph is a must for Valdosta if it wants to retain undisputed possession of

first place in the league standings. And VHS must also win if it is to boost its two-season victory string to 21 games.

While the Demons have a so-so 3-5 record, they harbor strong upset hopes. With the talented passing combo of quarterback Jackie Hammonds and end Ken Muha leading the attack, the Demons haven't been blanked yet and they have been held to less than two TD's by just two foes. Hammonds has hit on 60 of 116 passes for 809 yards.

"Everyone who has trimmed Warner Robins has had to beat them in a scoring duel," Bazemore said. "So it figures we've got to be sharp on offense or else."

So far the VHS attack has been just that — sharp. While several

Valdosta backs have been picking up yards, catching passes and scoring points at a record clip, Bazemore rightly figures that the fellows who man the line of the "Go-Team" have also done their share.

In that group are ends Wally Colson and Bill Holtzclaw, tackles Skipper Prewitte, Charles Oliver and Bill Schroer, guards Frank Wetherington and Gary Minchew and centers Foy Norwood and Jimmy Robinson.

Schroer, Robinson and Norwood also have seen extensive duty in the line on defense along with ends Danny Hendly and Rusty Griffin, tackles Billy Myddleton and Larry Dennis and guard Bill Holt.

Bazemore singled out Minchew and Wetherington for a verbal pat on the back for their play in last week's 27-0 victory over Willingham. Both are seniors. Minchew tips the scales at 170 and Wetherington weighs 175.

"Minchew and Wetherington did a really fine job against Willingham," the VHS mentor said. "In fact they've done very well all season. They are the veterans in our offensive line and they help give us the kind of leadership that is needed."

The VHS line, both the offensive and defensive units, will be facing a Robins forward wall that boasts size and experience.

Robins' line regulars include ends Muha (175) and Alton Knight (175), tackles John Apple (185) and Robert Berry (190), guards Tim Sullivan (170) and Bobby Lord (170) and center Bobby Haire (180).

'Dosta, Robins Tangle Tonight

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta meets Warner Robins here tonight with VHS coach Wright Bazemore hoping his Wildcats are ready for the kind of football curves the Demons' ace pitcher Jackie Hammonds will toss at them.

The game, a Region 1-AAA affair, is set for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

Valdosta, with eight wins this year and 20 straight triumphs over a two-season span, is a solid favorite over coach David Barker's Demons.

A victory for the 'Cats is a must if they are to remain atop the 1-AAA standings. Robins is out of the title race but it pulled a surprise by beating Lanier early in the season and hopes to spring another upset by dumping the Wildcats.

Hammonds, a 6-2, 175-pound senior quarterback, is the region's leading passer. He's connected on 60 of 116 tosses for 809 yards and eight TD's. His favorite target is fleet-footed and sure-handed end Ken Muha.

While the Demons have dropped five decisions, no one has shut them out and only two of eight foes have held them to less than two touchdowns.

However, in the process of winning eight straight, the 'Cats have blanked five foes and made their attack click for an average of just over 32 points a game.

Backfield helpers for Hammonds include halfbacks Larry McClure (150) and Bobby Gard (155) and fullback Bobby Nixon (170). Beside Muha, the Demons have end Alton Knight (175), tackles John Apple (185) and Robert Berry (190), guards Tim (170) and center Bobby Haire (180) in the front ranks.

Valdosta, following its usual Sullivan (170) and Bobby Lord two-team system, will call on a lot of players for action. Among them are likely to be ends Danny Hendley, Rusty Griffin, Wally Colson and Bill Holtzclaw, tackles Bill Schroer, Larry Dennis, Skip-

per Prewitte and Charles Oliver, guards Bill Holt, Frank Wetherington and Gary Minchew, center Jimmy Robinson and Foy Norwood, quarterbacks Bruce Bennett and Rick Thomas, halfbacks Clyo Blanton, Jerry Varnado, Jerry Reaves, Giles Smith and Kenny Ruffer and fullbacks Butch Luke, Walter Zant and Sirois Barker.

Bennett has already broken the 1-AAA total offense record. He has gained 520 yards rushing and hit on 33 of 68 passes to help account for 712 more. His total of 1,232 wiped out the old rush-pass standard of 1,168 yards set by Moultrie's Ray Mercer in 1951.

Smith has already booted 28 extra points, a new 1-AAA record in that department.

While Bennett and Smith have become record-breakers, the Wildcats' stock-in-trade is team effort. All of the triumphs in their string of 20 have been earned with team effort.

VALDOSTA VS WARNER ROBINS — Stopping Robins' highly successful passing combo of Jackie Hammonds and Ken Muha figures to be the Wildcats' big worry in this one. It could very well be that Valdosta's string of five straight shutouts will be broken. But I look for the 'Cats to triumph and stay out front in the Region 1-AAA race.

The Valdosta Daily Times

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy and cooler with scattered showers this afternoon. Cooler tonight and fair and cooler Sunday. High today 82; low tonight 55; and high Sunday 70.

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You Are Right, Little Donny! Something Really Did Happen

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI, Fla.—Little Donny Caple, 4, found his mommy's nail polish and the kitchen matches at the same time. Then he went outside undetected.

A few minutes later, Donny ran back, saying excitedly, "Something happened, Mommy. Something happened."

Fire inspector Frank McCrimon estimated \$4,000 damage to a new enclosed porch.

'Dosta Steamrolls W. Robins, 54-14

Wildcats Clinch At Least Tie For Regional Crown

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

The Valdosta Wildcats, who got possession of the ball eight times in the first half and scored on each occasion, steamrolled their way to a 54-14 victory over the Warner Robins Demons here Friday night.

With the triumph, the ninth in a row this year and 21 straight over a two-season span, the Wildcats clinched at least a tie for the Region 1-AAA championship. They now have an 8-0 mark in league play.

Coach Wright Bazemore's VHS crew must meet highly-regarded LaGrange in the regular season finale next week. The Grangers still have a chance to pull even with Valdosta and force a play-off for the crown. A tie with or a victory over LaGrange would give the 'Cats the 1-AAA diadem for the second year.

Approximately 4,000 fans turned out to see 'Dosta play coach David Barker's Demons. Those in the crowd who liked offense got more than their money's worth.

Valdosta, which did all of its scoring in the first half, piled up 16 first downs and a total of 511 yards rushing and passing.

Quarterback Bruce Bennett led the Wildcats' touchdown parade. He tallied on runs of 94, 15 and 3 yards and connected with halfback Giles Smith on a scoring pass play that covered 41 yards.

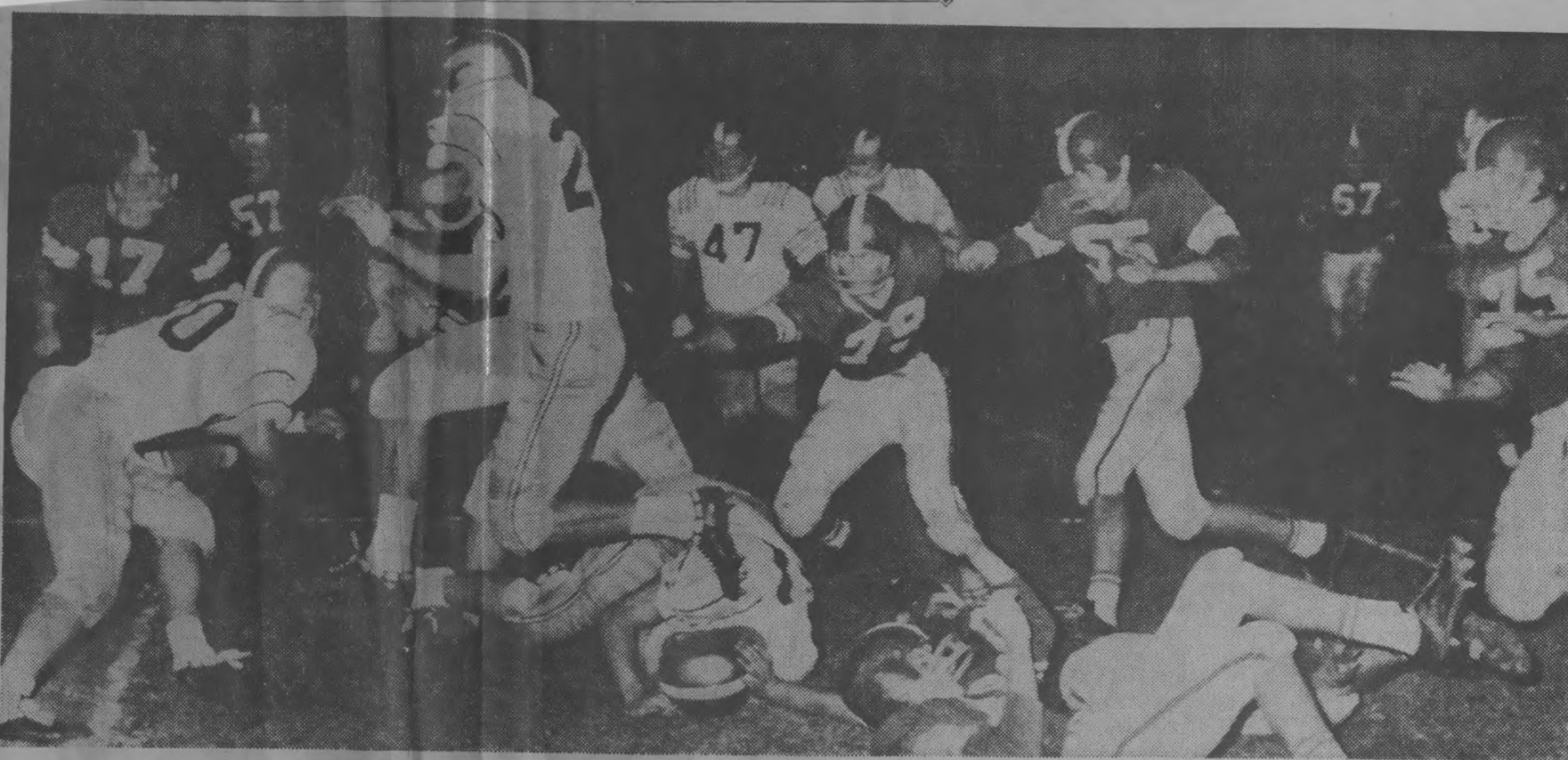
Halfback Stan Reaves got two markers, one on a sizzling 94-yard run and another on three-yard romp. Halfback Kenny Ruffer returned a punt 52 yards for a TD, and quarterback Hank Lee pitched nine yards to halfback Clyo Blanton for another.

Smith booted five extra points. Bunky Henry, who suffered a broken leg in the second game of the 1960 campaign and hasn't played since, marked his return to action as a kicking specialist by toeing a PAT through the uprights.

The Demons threatened with a second period drive that was halted at the six yard line. Then fullback Bob Nixon returned the kickoff opening the second half 79 yards for a Demon tally that ended VHS' string of five straight shutouts. Nixon scored again in the final stanza when, after the Wildcats had gotten off a short punt from deep in their own territory, the Demons had to move just 11 yards to paydirt. Both Robins TD's came against the Valdosta reserves.

Robins' passing whiz Jackie Hammonds hit on 14 of 27 tosses for 127 yards. But he had to pay for it. He was held to minus 56 yards rushing and the Wildcats intercepted two of his tosses.

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—Times Staff Photo

Wildcats' Bruce Bennett Goes High, Wide and Handsome on Touchdown Run His Teammates Help Clear the Way and He Shakes Off Other Robins Defenders to Score

Area Gridiron Glimpses

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LOWNDES COUNTY VS. WA... COUNTY

Japan, U. S. Agree On Economic Aims

Countries To Cooperate In Aid To Under-Developed Nations

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAKONE, Japan—The United States and Japan agreed today to work toward liberalizing trade between the two countries and to cooperate in helping underdeveloped nations.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk said, "Some very gratifying results" emerged from the economic talks held during his three-day conference. A 20-point joint communique spelled out aims shared by both countries.

It stressed the importance of

trade between the two nations and specifically declared that the United States would support Japanese efforts to eliminate what was called discrimination against Japan in trade agreements involving other nations.

Japan and the United States also will exchange information on labor standards and policies, it said, "in order to avoid misconceptions affecting their trading relationships."

Rusk emphasized at a news conference that the talks did not involve detailed negotiations but were aimed at providing a basic understanding for future talks.

"You will find the U. S. ready to do everything it can to liberalize trade and support the interests of both our countries," Rusk told Foreign Minister Zentaro Kosaka, head of the Japanese delegation.

Asked by a newsman if the United States would expand pur-

WHAT'S WHAT?

A lot of pretty girls paraded on the football field at Hahira last night during the school Homecoming program.

But "Blaze" stole the show.

"Blaze", a football hound, is a dog who lives next door to the school and comes out to football games.

"Blaze" always bays when the band plays. He does this while frisking from bandsman to bandsman.

Last night, he was dressed up in a black sweater with a bright orange "H" on it.

He was the proudest dog in town — a real canine celebrity.

Off-Duty Cop Shot To Death

NEW YORK (AP)—An off-duty patrolman was shot to death Friday night as he attempted to halt a mushrooming juvenile gang dispute in Brooklyn.

The Port of New York Authority patrolman, Hitler McLeod, 27, died in a hospital after being shot twice by a youth in a car that was trying to run down half a dozen youths on the street, police said.

McLeod and all three...

U Thant Take Over



Times Staff Photo

Wildcats' Offensive Line Leans Bennett Into End Zone for Second Score
Ram's Doug Boyd Can't Do Anything But Lean Backward As Cats Push 7-0 Lead, Note Scoreboard

'Cats Shear Rams 27-0 For No. 20

'Dosta Keeps Willingham From Crossing 50-Yard Line

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

The Valdosta Wildcats came up with just the right football mixture, a ripping attack and an air-tight defense, to cut down the Willingham Rams, 27-0, here Friday night.

With the triumph, earned before approximately 7,500 fans, coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats held on to first place in the Region 1-AAA race and extended their two-season winning streak to 20 games. VHS has won eight in a row this year, with seven of the triumphs coming over regional foes.

For coach Bill Henderson's Rams, the setback left them with a 6-2 record. It dropped the Macon team out of the 1-AAA title picture.

The 'Cats kept their offense in high gear all the way. They drove 63 yards for a score the first time they got possession of the ball suffered some mild frustration during two scoreless middle quarters, then exploded for three TD's in the final stanza to make the final tally decisive.

Quarterback Bruce Bennett scored three of the 'Cats' four TD's on runs of 10, 1 and 8 yards which climaxed drives of 63, 61 and 60 yards, then connected with halfback Giles Smith on a 31-yard pass play that provided the fourth marker.

The hard-hitting Valdosta defense earned its fifth straight shutout in sparkling fashion. The Rams' vaunted ground attack was stopped cold. Willingham made just four first downs, gained a scant 67 yards rushing and made only 12 passing. The Rams failed to get across the midfield stripe. In fact they got up as far as their own 45 on just two occasions.

The Wildcats used a not so secret ingredient — team effort — to triumph. All of Valdosta's able-bodied players got to see action and all shared in the victory.

Those seeing the most action included backs Bennett, Smith, Walter Zant, Kenny Ruffer, Rick Thomas, Stan Reaves, Cloy Blanton, Butch Luke, Jerry Varnado and Sirois Barker and linemen

Bill Holtzclaw, Rusty Griffin, Wally Colson, Danny Hendley, Skipper Prewitt, Charles Oliver, Larry Dennis, Bill Schroer, Bill Myddleton, Bill Holt, Gary Minchew, Frank Wetherington, Jimmy Robinson and Foy Norwood.

Bennett, Smith and Zant led the attack. Bennett picked up 92 yards on 16 runs and hit on five

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S. Tanks ler Front

vice Defies ast Berlin

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American tanks withdrew from front lines today after confronting at 200-yards range.

in Berlin—the right to fly over any part of Berlin, on the basis of postwar agreements.

The tanks had confronted each other Friday night at Friederichstrasse — checkpoint Charlie — After the Americans for the third straight day had reasserted another right claimed by the West, the right to move into and out of the Eastern sector without being checked by East Germans.

As soon as the tanks pulled back the East Germans relaxed their stiff controls at the border and waved border crossers through with a smile.

A regularly scheduled U. S. Army sightseeing bus passed into East Berlin without being halted. It carried 22 officers and men, all in uniform. Last Wednesday two similar buses were refused entry by the East Germans and the Americans declined to make an issue of it, saying they did not wish to endanger women aboard.

The Soviets were the first to pull back their tanks. Ninety minutes after the last U. S. tank left, a U. S. Air Force C47 flew into East Berlin and circled for 10 minutes over the area where 40 tanks are parked.

This plane flew at about 600 feet, banking steeply for better vision. Its wing tips were painted a bright orange. The plane circled the immediate area behind the Friedrichstrasse checkpoint 8 to 10 times.

It was watched by Brig. Gen. Frederick O. Hartel, U. S. troops commander in Berlin, from the American side of the border.

Less than an hour later, another flight was made. This time, a C47 flew deeper into East Berlin and at a higher altitude. It made a wide circle over the inner part

WHAT'S WHAT?

An expectant mother in Miami, Fla., is getting her drinking water from Valdosta.

The Miami woman's mother borrowed a five-gallon jug from the Lowndes County sheriff's office, pointing out that her daughter was unable to drink Miami water and she was taking her a jugful of Valdosta water.

What happens when the daughter drinks the five gallons of water?

Deputy Billy Cowart guessed, "I reckon she'll take her another jugful."

LEAVES STORM SEWER

'Love' Coaxes Out Mother Dog

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Workmen armed with picks, hoes and shovels descended on a city storm sewer this morning to dig out a mother dog and her seven puppies but she had already come out with her family thanks to the love of two neighbors.

"Culvert" — that's the name Mrs. J. T. Bridges gave the mother dog — came out of her make-shift nursery late Friday when Mrs. Bridges and Mrs. Emma Wilkes coaxed her with their "love."

The two women held "Culvert" until all the puppies waddled up to their mother. The pups were put in a new nursery box and placed under Mrs. Wilkes home at the corner of Johnson and W. Adair Streets. "Culvert" went into the storm

sewer about two weeks ago to have her family in a place she apparently thought would offer the new born the best of protection.

But "Culvert" didn't know about rain, rain that would send water through the storm sewer and wipe out her family.

The neighbors in the area were up in arms, praying it wouldn't rain until the pups were old enough to come out of what could have been their watery grave.

"I think she knew we were mothers too," Mrs. Bridges said, "and knew we weren't going to hurt her." Before Mrs. Bridges and Mrs. Wilkes show-

County But In

Engineer Finds Creates Bad Sa

By REME

Lowndes County jail is structural engineer, but it's Engineer James L. Lindsey of Albany surveyed the jail at the request of the County Commission and found:

1. A "serious condition of unsanitation."
2. All plumbing and piping should be replaced.
3. Deteriorated electrical wiring is unsafe and should be completely rewired.
4. Roof leaks.
5. Broken windows.
6. Holes in the masonry walls.
7. Inadequate routine maintenance has contributed to the dilapidated conditions.

Despite all this, Lindsey says it would be financially sound to do extensive renovation and correct certain architectural deficiencies in order to use the jail for several more years. The

But now things are different. "Culvert" knows that although a dog is man's best friend, there are times when two women can be a dog's best pal.

So after all the city crews, who were dispatched to the scene after learning of the doggie problem, didn't have to shovel "Culvert" and her family from the storm sewer.

Acting City Manager Jack Fitzsimons sent the crew to the sewer, which runs under Johnson Street at the intersection of W. Adair, when a Times reporter told him of the doggie's predicament.

And what about the puppies? Well Mrs. Bridges said they are



Lowndes, Cook Battle To 6-6 Tie

Page 2—Valdosta Times, Sat., Nov. 11, 1961

Rebels Notch 33-14 Victory Over Tigers

By TIMES CORRESPONDENT
NASHVILLE—Berrien County's Rebels trimmed Hahira's game, but outmanned Tigers, 33-14, here Friday night in the 1961 football finale for both teams.

Hahira made its attack click early in the opening stanza and late in the final period. But in between the Rebels held the upper hand.

The Tigers took the opening kickoff and stunned the favored Rebs by marching 63 yards to the Berrien four. However, the Rebs

back up the field to score. Big gainer in the drive was a 34-yard romp by Russell McNabb. David Conner got the TD on a five-yard run.

In the second period Berrien struck for a pair of TD's. One came on a 23 yard pass from Butch Alexander to Doug Carter. Then Alexander climaxed an 80-yard drive with a five-yard TD jaunt.

The third period saw Conner skip 15 yards for the Nashville crew's fourth TD. In the final

STATISTICS		Berrien	Hahira
First Downs		17	10
Yards Rushing		299	163
Yards Passing		52	48
Passes		3-11	2-8
Fumbles Lost		1	0
Punting		6-0	1-27
Penalties		95	5

stanza Gilbert Sewell stepped 15 yards for the Rebs' fifth and final marker.

Then the Tigers got rolling. They recovered a fumble at the Rebs 22. Larry Davis zipped 17 yards to the five and went in to pay dirt from there on the next play. Jimmy Kutzlie accounted for the PAT.

Hahira marched 65 yards for another tally. A 23-yard romp by Jackson Keel was a big gainer in the drive. Davis got the tally from five yards out.

J. E. Bennett and Eliot Garner were among the forward wall stickouts for Berrien. Kenneth Lindsey was one of Hahira's defensive standouts.

Score by quarters follows:

Berrien	6	13	7	—	33	
Hahira	0	0	0	14	—	14



By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Winds Up And Goes After Catching Pass
Valdosta's Bill Holtzclaw (28) Turns On The Speed



One Wildcat That Got Away
Giles Smith Kept On Going For 11 Yard Gain

'Cats Clinch Title

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a great, great team effort." In addition to those who figured in the scoring many others contributed heavily to the winning team effort. They included ends Dick Bender, Danny Hendley, Bill Holtzclaw, Wally Colson and Rusty Griffin, tackles Bill Myddleton, Skipper Prewitte, Bill

STATISTICS		Val.	LaG.
First Downs		20	4
Yards Rushing		236	75
Yards Passing		179	15
Passes		8-14	2-5
Passes Int. By		0	1
Fumbles Lost		1	0
Punting		6-0	8-37
Penalties		6-40	1-5

Schroer, Larry Dennis, Charles Oliver and Randy Hunter, guards Gary Minchew, Frank Wetherington and Bill Holt, centers Foy Norwood and Jimmy Robinson and backs Walter Zant, Sirois Barker, Rick Thomas, Cloy Blanton, Jerry Varnado and Butch Luke.

Bennett, who has already broken the 1-AAA total offense record, increased his total to 1,736 yards by gaining 129 yards on 16 rushing tries and completing eight of 12 passes to help account for 179 more yards.

Smith gained 39 yards on nine runs and caught three passes for 57 yards. He already owns the 1-AAA pass receiving record and boosted his total to 24 catches for 574 yards. Smith scored once and kicked five straight extra points. His 11 points for the evening boosted his season total to 110. That gave him the 1-AAA scoring crown. Bennett, counting in his two TD's against the Grangers, finished second in the point race with 108.

With his five PAT's Smith ran his extra point total for the year to 38. That wiped out the old state record of 37 extra points kicked by Glynn Academy's Sonny George in 1949.

Ruffer picked up 40 yards on seven runs in addition to snagging a TD pass. Rushing figures on other Valdosta backs are Reaves, 3-11; Barker, 5-10; Zant, 5-5 and Varnado, 1-2. Holtzclaw hauled in three of Bennett's passes for 32 yards. Colson caught one that was good for seven yards.

Reaves with nine tackles, Norwood, with eight and Schroer and Myddleton, with seven each, paced the Wildcats in the stop'em department. They and several other VHS defenders repeatedly nailed LaGrange ball carriers behind the line of scrimmage. Crisp blocking was the keynote of the Wildcats' smooth-working attack.

LaGrange's highly regarded Taylor boys, Boyd and Bob, were held in check. Bob made just 15 yards on seven tries. Boys managed to pick up 79 yards on 12 carries, but he got 62 of his yards on a pair of runs in the final seconds of the game.

Scoring went like this:

FIRST QUARTER — LaGrange gave the Valdosta fans a few anxious moments when they took the opening kickoff and marched from their own 12 to the Valdosta 48. But the Wildcats forced them to punt and went on the attack. Valdosta wheeled 76 yards in 12 plays to score. The 'Cats drilled in to the 15, but were set back to the 31 by a penalty. Then Bennett cocked his arm. Smith beat a LaGrange defender to the end zone, Bennett threw and VHS had its first TD via the aerial route. Smith booted the first of five straight points. A 22-yard run by Bennett and 14 yards pass from Bennett to Holtzclaw were key plays in the drive. Ruffer, Zant and Smith all picked up important yardage along the way.

SECOND PERIOD — The hometown fans had cause to worry some more when the Grangers recovered a fumble at the Valdosta 35. But on the first play the Grangers tried, Schroer knifed through and knocked Wayne Gilliam for an eight yard loss. Three plays later LaGrange had to punt from back on the 43. Then the Wildcats struck again, covering 83 yards in 11 plays. Bennett got the tally on a weaving, 28-yard romp. A 19-yard pass from Bennett to Smith was a big gainer in the drive. Just before the half the 'Cats threatened, moving to the Grangers' 26. A pass interception by Boyd Taylor halted this march short of its intended goal.

THIRD QUARTER — Time was running out in the third stanza, when VHS rang the TD bell again, on a Bennett-to-Ruffer pass that covered 48 yards. Ruffer went down the middle and made the catch at the 25. A LaGrange defender appeared to have him cornered, but Ruffer spun, broke clear and zipped to paydirt.

FOURTH QUARTER — Now in high gear, the Wildcats kept rolling. They moved 65 yards in 11 plays for their fourth TD. Bennett got the marker on a determined seven-yard run. He helped set it up with gallops that covered 21 and 11 yards. Smith chipped in with an 11-yard gainer and Ruffer went eight yards on two carries before he suffered a knee injury and had to leave the game.

Next time around, Valdosta went 81 yards on 11 plays. Bennett passed seven yards to Colson, seven to Smith and 18 to Holtzclaw. Then he tossed one to Reaves on a play that covered 35 yards for VHS' fifth marker. There was less than two minutes to go when the Grangers made their most serious threat. Boyd Taylor got loose and galloped 51 yards before the Wildcats' Albert McLeod nailed him on the 29. On the next try, Boyd gained 11 yards to the 18. The Grangers had inched forward only three more yards on two tries to the 15 when the final buzzer sounded.

LINEUPS	
VALDOSTA	
Ends	Bender, Hendley, DeLoach, Holtzclaw, Colson, Griffin
Tackles	Myddleton, Prewitte, Schroer, Dennis, Oliver, Hunter
Guards	Minchew, Patterson, Hall, Haddock, Wetherington, Tindall, Holt, Merlin
Centers	Norwood, Robinson, Gunter
Backs	Zant, Barker, Pearson, Thomas, Blanton, Varnado, Lee, McLeod, Ruffer, Luke, Reaves, Bennett, Smith
LaGrange	
Ends	Smith, Nixon, Alahaffey
Tackles	Pressley, White
Guards	Phillips, Bagley
Center	Mansour, Cummings
Backs	Love, Gilliam, Ruffolo, Boyd Taylor, Crawford, Bob Taylor, Ashley, Lynch
Score by quarters:	7 7 14 — 35
Valdosta	0 0 0 0 — 0
LaGrange	0 0 0 0 — 0
Scoring TD's	Valdosta — Bennett 2 (28, run; 7 run), Smith (31, pass from Bennett), Ruffer (48, pass from Bennett), Reaves (35, pass from Bennett), PAT's — Valdosta Smith 5 (placements)

Eagles' Clutch Defense Paves Way For Deadlock

By REMER TYSON
Times Staff Writer

ADEL—Cook County High Hornets ran away with the football statistics here Friday night, but couldn't get past the clutch defense of Lowndes County High and when they marked up the final point the school had six each.

Cook pretty much had its offense on 90 yards of the gridiron, but the LOHI Eagles claimed ownership of the other 10.

After taking the half-time break with a blank scoreboard, the Hornets returned from the dressing room acting upset at LOHI's stubborn mood near the goal line.

Cook took an on-side kick off at the LOHI 45 and quickly moved to the 11-yard line.

Although the Eagles backed up grudgingly, the Hornets were not to be denied this time. It took six plays for Cook to move across the 11 yards to the end zone, with fullback Donald Hayes jumping

the final minutes went on the fleeting way, but no one moved toward an exit.

With Griffin operating automatic at the controls, the Hornets took the kick off and ran, passed and fumbled to the five-yard line. At the five, once again the LOHI defense said no.

The Hornets had a first down at the five, then found themselves with a second down and 10 after a slashing tackle by Cowart with time running low.

Cook decided to try for an almost last-second field goal, but the Eagles turned hands down on that also.

VanVlakte had four seconds to attempt one final pitch in a desperate try for victory, but he waited too long and the Hornets came crashing in. He never got the ball away and the final score stood 6-6.

Standing exceptionally strong on defense with Cowart and Goodson were Willie Terrell, Sims, Victor Smith, Bruce Black, Tommy Anderson, Charles O'Neal, Brinson Lane, and Jerome Blanton.

Teaming with Griffin, Hayes and Rountree as parts of Cook's offensive machine were Roger Womack and Larry Sirmans.

Here's how the two scores came about:

LOHI kicked off after the half to Cook. John Walker grabbed it at the 50 and went to the 45.

Rountree picked up five, but Hornets lost five yards on an on-sides penalty. Griffin slashed it way to 31 for first down. Sirmans fought for seven yards, Womack ground out enough for a first down inside the 20, where Sirmans picked up eight.

Griffin moved five yards on two successive carries and Hayes moved five more to put the ball at the one. Hayes took it over and Rountree got tripped up on the extra point attempt.

The Hornets attempted a

STATISTICS		Cook	LOHI
First Downs		11	3
Yards Rushing		199	81
Passing Yards		47	12
Passes Attempted		4-9	1-4
Punts		3-30	6-28
Penalties		60	30

through and over the LOHI line for the final yard.

LOHI refused to grant a vital extra point, which Cook tried to make on a run.

The delighted Hornets came rushing back three plays later, but only then began to know the real frustration that was to be created by the LOHI line led by quick, hard-knocking David Cowart.

After the Cook TD, Eagle halfback Gregg Greene ran the kickoff from his 10 to the 19 where he was smashed down by a swarm of Hornets.

LOHI lost five yards on an on-sides penalty, shoving them back to the 14. On the next play, the Hornet line shook the ball from an Eagle's claw, and Hornet guard Johnny Hayes pounced on it at the 15.

Halfback Bert Rountree was stoned at the line of scrimmage, shifty and hard-running quarterback Ronnie Griffin fought for four hard yards.

The Eagles then drew the line at the 11.

Cowart snapped

Wildcats Scored TD's At 'Whirlwind' Pace

Wild, in a nice sort of way, are the best words to use in describing the offensive action during Valdosta's 54-14 football victory over Warner Robins Demons here last Friday night.

During the first half, when coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats got possession of the ball eight times and tallied on each occasion, I actually had trouble keeping up with the score.

The 'Cats were making TD's almost faster than I could write them down.

Mixed in was a quick-moving drive by coach David Barker's Demons that carried to the VHS six.

Then on the play opening the second half, Robins fullback Bob Nixon took the kickoff and galloped 79 yards for a TD. Fortunately, things slowed down after that and I had a chance to catch up with my note taking. But the boys really had me going for awhile.

Bazemore also had a busy night. He kept a steady stream of VHS players going in and out of the game. A final tally showed 49 Wildcats got to see action. All shared in the triumph and there are simply too many to list them all.

However, it was good to see the many VHS reserves who work very, very hard in practice get a generous taste of game action. When you speak of football's unsung heroes, you have to mention the reserves on any squad. They get cuffed around on the drill field by the regulars Monday through Thursday, then seldom play on Friday night. But keep in mind that the boys who are reserves this year will be regulars during a future season. Bazemore rewards the VHS reserves by playing them as much as he can.



GLASSMAN

Bennett, Smith on Record Spree

Just as they have all season, quarterback Bruce Bennett and halfback Giles Smith sparkled against the Demons. I think everyone is aware that these two are on a record-breaking spree this year.

Now let's talk about some others. Halfback Stan Reaves, a boy who has gone great guns on defense all the way, had a real moment of offensive glory when he raced 94 yards for a TD. Reaves is one of the 'Cats' hardest workers and has unbounding competitive spirit.

Just in case you haven't noticed, fullback Butch Luke is having a very good season. He's a defensive specialist who operates at a linebacking post. Luke's performance against Robins was up to his usual high standard.

Offensive guards Gary Minchew and Frank Wetherington had Bazemore singing their praise. And Bunky Henry took a long stride down the comeback road when he went in and booted an extra point. A leg he broken in the second game of the 1960 season has kept him on the sideline all this time. However, he has rejoined the fold as a kicking specialist. Henry hasn't been playing, but he's been with the 'Cats all the way. It's good to see him back in harness.

Ruffer Shook Hard-Luck Jinx

Halfback Kenny Ruffer, who had a sensational year as a sophomore in 1960, has been a hard-luck guy this fall. He's been hobbled by a knee injury since the second game. But he flashed his old form by going 52 yards on a punt return for a TD.

The list of 'Cats who sparkled could go on and on. Let's take time now to credit Warner Robins' Jackie Hammonds with a standout performance.

He's the region's leading passer and showed how he earned that lofty rating by hitting on 14 of 27 pitches for 128 yards. The Wildcats' pressing defense didn't give him time to get set and connect with the long ones, but he was on target very often with short, quick flips. He did it all despite a leg injury which obviously slowed him down.

When the game was over Bazemore allowed himself just a few moments to savor the taste of his team's ninth straight win this season and 21st consecutive victory over a two-year span. Then he began talking about, and I'm sure worrying about, the coming battle with LaGrange's tough Grangers.

The Wildcats are at the Region 1-AAA throne room door. But to go through Valdosta must get past LaGrange on Friday night. Will the 'Cats be able to do it? That's a question which will be answered four nights from now.

Grangers, 'Cats In Big Showdown

State Class C King Lincolnton Risks Crown Against Warren Co.

By LEE WALBURN

Traditional rivalries and showdown duels highlight the football agenda around the state this week as the regular prep season, for the most part, goes into mothballs until next September.

One of the most important games of the gear will take place at Valdosta Friday night when the unbeaten Wildcats host their only Region 1-AAA challenger, LaGrange, in a game that has all the earmarks of a classic.

In other key contests Lincolnton risks its state Class C crown at Warren County, Richmond travels to Savannah, Americus is at Crisp County, Fitzgerald goes to Irwin County, Swainsboro entertains Screven County, Claxton is at Glennville and Treutlen moves over to Mt. Vernon for a game against Montgomery County.

Valdosta has won 23 straight games over a two-year span, a record approaching the fantastic in a league known for short-lived champions.

The Wildcats will be remembering last year when an underdog Granger eleven almost staged the upset of the season. Trailing in the last three minutes, Valdosta scored twice to take a thrilling one-point victory. From there, of course, they went on to capture the Class AAA state championship.

The Wildcats of Wright Bazemore have been called by many as one of the greatest teams ever in 1-AAA, the equal of Albany's terrific 1959 state champions.

Oliver Hunnicutt, coach of the upstart Grangers, is quick to point out that this is not a great LaGrange team. "But, they have a lot of pride," says Hunnicutt, "and they want to win."

Lincolnton and Warren County will settle a hot debate in Region 2-C at Warrenton.

Each team lost its first game of the season, but haven't been beaten since. Lincolnton is defending state champion in Class C. Both teams have been something of surprises this year, although the Red Devils of Lincolnton were known to be strong even with the loss of graduated sensation Franklin Banks.

CLAXTON and Glennville are in a similar situation in Region

3-B East. Claxton is undefeated, while Glennville's only loss came in their first game of the year to Treutlen High.

Treutlen, incidentally, can set up 3-B West with a victory over Montgomery County.

This has been a banner year for the Panthers of Treutlen, who have lost only to Lyons. Led by Kinny Dorsey and Glenn Wilcher in the backfield and big David Barnhill on the line, the Panthers shocked Hawkinsville, 19-14, in their biggest game of the year to insure them the title even though they might end the season with identical win-loss records.

Dorsey has gained over 1,000 yards rushing and Wilcher has complemented the ground attack with spectacular clutch aerials during the year.

Rain Washes Out Stock Car Race
Rain forced the postponement for Saturday, Aug. 26, according to Thunderbolt officials.

VALDOSTA HOLDS AAA's NO. 1 POST

By CHARLIE ROBERTS

Brown High's Rebels, Morgan County and unranked Winder-Barrow did more to upset the status quo of The Constitution's state football rankings than any other teams as Valdosta, Gainesville, Carrollton, Fort Valley and Coosa continued to sit atop the "Big Ten" in their own classifications.



Charlie Roberts

Brown handed Northside its first setback of the season and vaulted back into the Class AAA rankings in the number seven spot as Northside tumbled to fifth.

Morgan County's perennial contenders slapped down Washington-Wilkes' state defending kings in Class B and took two giant strides ahead to second place, tumbling the losers two spots to fifth.

Winder-Barrow handed St. Pius its initial setback, 12-0, robbed the Lions of a Class A sub-region championship, handed it to Commerce and knocked

the losers down two places to tenth. Commerce, winning over South Hall, 61-0, jumped two spots to eighth.

Actually the shuffling in all classifications for the most part was of minor nature. Valdosta and R. E. Lee continued to head the AAA parade after thrashing Warner Robins, 54-14, and Cross Keys, 30-0.

Gainesville and Waycross whipped Briarcliff and Wayne County, 42-0 and 10-0, and remained ahead of the AA pack along with third place Cedar-town, which was idled by rain.

Carrollton, Fort Valley and Coosa drubbed Pepperell, Hogansville and Tallapoosa, 32-7, 32-0, and 38-0, and continued dominant in A, B, and C.

Atlanta Southwest whisked up two AAA spots into third place after throttling Dykes, 27-6. Idle Richmond Academy remained fourth, and North Fulton jumped three slots to sixth by dumping Grady, 6-0. Benedictine and Avondale, despite 12-0 and 45-6

thumpings of Glynn Academy and Druid Hills, dropped two pegs each to eighth and ninth to make way for Brown. LaGrange, 26-0 winner over Columbus, also fell two spots to tenth.

Westminster larruped Chamblee, 50-0, while Campbell was belting Hapeville, 20-0, and eased ahead of the Fairburnites into fourth in AA. Bainbridge and Cairo fought to a 6-6 tie and continued sixth and seventh with Rossville eighth after clipping North Whitfield, 12-0. Fitzgerald belted Berrien, 41-6, and leapfrogged into ninth

ahead of LaFayette, 14-6 winner over Summerville.

Idle and unbeaten Screven County eased up a notch into second in A as Americus dropped a spot to third after being tied by fourth-place Dublin, 13-13. Ware County's title-clinching, 20-0 victory over Lowndes County was good for a two-stair step-up to fifth. Trion whapped Lumpkin County, 50-6, and held onto sixth with Toccoa, tied by Stephens County, 0-0, plummeting two places to seventh. Central Gwinnett racked up Monroe, 34-6, and joined the "Big Ten"

Roberts' Ratings

- CLASS AAA**
1. Valdosta (9-0-0)
 2. Thomaston's R. E. Lee (9-0-0)
 3. Southwest (8-1-0)
 4. Richmond Academy (7-0-1)
 5. Northside (8-1-0)
 6. North Fulton (8-1-0)
 7. Brown (8-1-0)
 8. Benedictine (6-2-1)
 9. Avondale (9-1-0)
 10. LaGrange (7-0-2)
- CLASS AA**
1. Gainesville (9-0-0)
 2. Waycross (8-1-0)
 3. Cedartown (7-2-0)
 4. Westminster (8-1-0)
 5. Fairburn Campbell (8-0-1)
 6. Bainbridge (7-0-2)
 7. Cairo (6-1-2)
 8. Rossville (7-1-1)
 9. Fitzgerald (5-3-1)
 10. LaFayette (8-2-0)
- CLASS A**
1. Carrollton (9-0-0)
 2. Screven County (9-0-0)
 3. Americus (7-1-1)
 4. Dublin (5-3-1)
 5. Ware County (6-2-0)
 6. Trion (9-1-0)
 7. Toccoa (8-0-1)
 8. Commerce (8-2-0)
 9. Central Gwinnett (6-2-1)
 10. St. Pius (7-1-1)
- CLASS B**
1. Fort Valley (10-0-0)
 2. Madison's Morgan County (9-0-1)
 3. Claxton (9-0-0)
 4. Blakely (9-0-0)
 5. Washington-Wilkes (7-1-1)
 6. Thomson (7-0-2)
 7. Tucker (8-1-0)
 8. Blackshear (9-1-0)
 9. Acworth's North Cobb (7-2-0)
 10. Rabun County (7-2-0)
- CLASS C**
1. Coosa of Rome (10-0-0)
 2. Lincolnton (8-1-0)
 3. Warren County (8-1-0)
 4. Chattahoochee Valley (8-1-0)
 5. Gray's Jones County (7-1-0)
 6. Bremen (8-2-0)
 7. Eatonton's Putnam County (6-2-1)
 8. Trenton's Dade County (6-2-1)
 9. Wrightsville (7-2-0)
 10. West Point (5-3-1)

AP Honors Bennett As Player Of Week

By HUGH SCHUTTE
Associated Press Staff Writer

A senior quarterback who is an almost sure bet to make everybody's Class AAA high school all-star teams, Bruce Bennett of Valdosta, is the Associated Press Player of the Week.

Sharing top honors with the 6-foot, 170-pound speedster is the Class AA Cairo squad which is the Team of the Week.

Bennett has led the Wildcats to a so far undefeated season. Against Warner Robins Friday night, he scored on runs of 15, 94 and 8 yards and then threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to half-back Giles Smith—all in the first quarter. Valdosta gained a 54-14 victory that clinched at least a tie for the Region 1AAA title. A decision over LaGrange next Friday would put the Wildcats into the South Georgia championship playoff.

The determined Syrupmakers of Cairo stood off repeated charges by the highly-rated Bainbridge and came out with a 6-6 tie that left both teams in the running for the Region 1AA South title.

Here are this week's stellar nominations:

STAN REAVES, GARY MINCHEW and FRANK WETHERINGTON — Valdosta; Reaves picked up 113 yards on four carries, including 94 and 3-yard touchdown runs; Minchow and Wetherington are guards who lead the interference for Valdosta.

LARRY GREEN and R. B. GAINOUS—Cairo backs, kept the Syrupmakers in the game with fine passing and running.

CHARLES SMITH—Bainbridge, passed to Paul Nix for Bearcat score and led attack that was a continuous threat.

DAVID MOORE and JOHN ALLEN HOWARD — Ware County; quarterback Moore passed for two touchdowns, completed 7 of 16 passes for 101 yards and

punted six times for 35-yard average; end Howard caught TD pass and made eight tackles.

CHARLES O'NEAL and DAVID COWART — Lowndes County; both played stellar games on defense, although their team lost to Ware 20-0.

RONNIE GORDAY, MARVIN HURST and BOBBY SMITH—Waycross; halfback Gorday was workhorse in Bulldog backfield, picking up 58 yards in 13 carries; Hurst returned an intercepted pass 45 yards for Waycross' only touchdown in 10-0 victory that gave them Region 1AA North championship; and Smith, a center, made 9 tackles.

JERRY JOINER and HENRY STRICKLAND—Wayne County; Joiner had 65 yards in seven carries and tackle Strickland made 10 tackles in anchoring line that held Waycross' vaunted attack to 10 points.

WALDO SPENCE and MIKE WERNITZ —Benedictine; Spence's 51-yard punt return for TD provided the clincher for the Cadets in a 12-0 win over Glynn Academy; end Wernitz kept the Brunswick team bottled up with his booming punts.

BILLY CHAMBLESS and BOBBY CHASTAIN—Fitzgerald; Chambliss scored four touchdowns on runs of 9, 8, 75 and 1 yards and hit on 6 of 7 passes for 150 yards; Chastain led running plays from blocking back position and scored on a sneak.

LAWTON GARNTO — Jordan quarterback who scored on one-yard sneak and passed 22 yards to James Elkins to set up second TD in 13-6 win over Albany.

RANDY WHEELER—Willingham quarterback went seven yards around end for Macon team's score in near upset over favored Moultrie.

PIGGIE ISOM and WAYNE TUCKER—Moultrie; Isom picked up 86 yards in 14 carries and end Tucker caught passes for 22, 21 and 14 yards and kicked the all-important conversion that gave the Packers a 7-7 tie.

1-AAA ROUNDUP

Bennett 'Passing' Himself Out of 1-AAA Point Title

By ELLWOOD MOYER
Special to The Constitution

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Bruce Bennett of Valdosta may go down in 1-AAA record books as having paced the region in touchdowns for two consecutive seasons without winning the scoring title.

Last year Bennett paced the region with 12 touchdowns for 72 points, but the scoring title went to Joel Dickens of Willingham who scored 11 touchdowns. Dickens had seven extra-point conversions and 73 points.

And Dickens picked up this extra point in the final game of the season against Lanier as the Rams scored a 13-6 decision. On this same night, Bennett went scoreless for the first time in 1960.

This year the same situation could hold true.

Bennett raced to three touchdowns last week against Warner Robins and now has 16 touchdowns and a 96-point total for nine games.

However, this time it is a teammate who holds the scoring lead. Giles Smith has 11 touchdowns, five less than Bennett, but has added 33 extra points for a 99-point total.

Thus going into the final game of the season, Bennett is four points behind Smith.

One of the odd features of this race is that seven of Smith's touchdowns have been on passes from Bennett. In the Warner Robins game, Bennett scored three times on runs of 94, 15 and

8 yards and passed 41 yards to Smith for another TD.

Smith added another five out of seven extra-point tries for a total of 11 points against Warner Robins. His 33 conversions are a 1-AAA record.

Previous record was 24 and was set last year by Smith when he broke the record of 23 which belonged to Ray Mercer of the 1951 Moultrie team.

Smith is four conversions short of tying the state AAA record of 37 set by Sonny

George at Glynn Academy in 1949. George also had 13 touchdowns and paced state AAA-scorers with 115 points. Gordon Malloy of North Fulton was second with 73 points.

Bennett's 16 touchdowns will fall short of the region record. Mercer carried for 21 touchdowns in 1951. Danny Murphy of LaGrange (1954) and Jimmy Burson of LaGrange (1958) had 18 touchdowns, closest anyone has come to Mercer's 21.

Dickens has fallen 22 points behind Smith in the 1961 scoring

race and has just about lost all hope of becoming the second 1-AAA player to repeat as scoring leader.

Mercer is the only player who turned this trick. He was high in 1950 with 114 points and came back with a record 149 in 1951.

Should Smith come on to take the scoring title, being a junior, he would have a chance to repeat in 1962.

Last season as a sophomore, Smith had two touchdowns, a field goal and 24 extra points for a 39-point total.

Valdosta Scores Sweep For Second Week in Row

Commerce Rejoins Top Ten; Waycross, Coosa Still Supreme

By GENE ASHER

Commerce High School's football team, counted out three weeks ago, was back in the "Top Ten" Tuesday and headed for a shot at the Region 4-A championship.

Coach Jeff Davis' Tigers, flattened by Toccoa and Saint Pius on successive weekends, got off the deck and kayoed Stephens County, 32-7, and South Hall, 61-0, in one of the year's great comebacks. That shoved them into a playoff and into the eighth Class A slot in The Journal's 10th weekly prep grid poll.

For the second straight week Valdosta captured all 10 AAA votes for a possible 100 points. Points are awarded on a 10-for-first, 9-for-second, etc., basis. Ten sports editors and prep sports editors, representing newspapers in every section of the state, participated in the voting.

Gainesville retained its leadership in Class AA as did Carrollton in A, Claxton in B and Coosa in C.

Don Biggers, sports editor of the Rome News-Tribune and one of six Journal board members who voted for Coosa, commented, "There are no ifs, ands or buts about it. Coosa has a great football team."

"If it is too wet to pass, Coach Branch Bragg unleashes a devastating running game as he did last weekend in a 38-0 rout of Tallapoosa. Twenty consecutive regular season victories should be enough to convince anyone."

Hugh Schutte of the Associated Press noted, "Valdosta and Gainesville are so much better than the other teams in their classifications that there ought to be a bowl for them to decide an all-class championship." Gainesville collected all but two points, taking eight first-place votes and two second-place votes.

While Valdosta was sweeping

top AAA honors, a battle was developing for second-place recognition. Richmond Academy, fourth last week, jumped into the No. 3 slot, eight points behind R. E. Lee which leaped to second.

LAGRANGE MOVED from fifth to fourth, Southwest from eighth to fifth and Brown from ninth to seventh. The Grangers advanced on the strength of their 26-0 rout of Columbus, Richmond shot ahead, despite an off week, and both Southwest and Brown gained stature with Brown's 7-6 victory over Northside. It was Northside's first loss.

In Class AA, Gainesville claimed a 20-point spread over runnerup Waycross, which jumped into the No. 2 post, ahead of Campbell of Fairburn. Waycross impressed with a 10-0 sub-region title-clinching victory over Wayne County.

Ware County and Trion made notable gains in Class A. Ware County, stunned by Americus a week ago, unloaded on Lowndes County, 20-0, and catapulted from 10th to sixth. Trion, which won its ninth straight, 50-6, over Lumpkin County, advanced from fifth to third.

Although retaining the top spot for the second consecutive week, Carrollton was being severely pressed by Screven County. It held a mere two-point margin, 91-89, and lost the battle of first-place votes, five-four. Screven County was idle last week, Carrollton shellacked Pepperell, 32-7.

The Class B vote was split five ways. Claxton and Blakely claimed three first-place votes each, Fort Valley two, and Black-

TOP TEN

CLASS AAA			
Team	Record	1st Place Votes	Total Points
1. Valdosta	9-0-0	10	100
2. R. E. Lee	9-0-0	0	79
3. Richmond Acad.	8-0-1	0	71
4. LaGrange	7-0-2	0	67
5. Southwest	8-1-0	0	61
6. Avondale	8-1-0	0	52
7. Brown	8-1-0	0	37
8. Northside	8-1-0	0	26
9. Benedictine	6-2-1	0	25
10. North Fulton	8-1-0	0	21

CLASS AA			
Team	Record	1st Place Votes	Total Points
1. Gainesville	9-0-0	8	98
2. Waycross	6-3-0	2	78
3. Campbell F'burn	8-0-1	0	67
4. Bainbridge	8-0-2	0	65
5. Westminster	8-1-0	0	56
6. Cedartown	8-2-0	0	54
7. Rossville	7-1-1	0	44
8. Cairo	6-1-2	0	33
9. Dalton	7-2-0	0	26
10. Wayne County	6-2-1	0	21

CLASS A			
Team	Record	1st Place Votes	Total Points
1. Carrollton	10-0-0	4	91
2. Screven County	9-0-0	5	89
3. Trion	9-1-0	0	73
4. Americus	7-1-1	0	52
5. Toccoa	8-0-1	0	47
6. Ware County	6-2-1	0	46
7. Cartersville	8-2-0	0	45
8. Commerce	8-2-0	0	32
9. Saint Pius	7-1-1	0	21
10. Lowndes County	7-2-0	0	19

CLASS B			
Team	Record	1st Place Votes	Total Points
1. Claxton	9-0-0	3	91
2. Fort Valley	10-0-0	2	84
3. Blakely	9-0-1	3	80
4. Morgan County	9-0-1	0	61
5. Blackshear	9-1-0	1	54
6. Thomson	7-0-2	1	37
7. Tucker	8-1-0	0	35
8. Glennville	8-1-0	0	34
9. Treutlen	8-1-0	0	29
10. Wash.-Wilkes	7-1-1	0	25

CLASS C			
Team	Record	1st Place Votes	Total Points
1. Coosa	10-0-0	6	97
2. Lincolnton	8-1-0	2	82
3. Warren County	8-1-0	0	69
4. Chatl. Valley	8-1-0	0	67
5. Jones County	7-1-0	0	64
6. Bremen	8-1-0	0	44
7. Savannah Day	8-1-0	2	43
8. Wrightsville	7-3-0	0	33
9. Dade County	5-2-1	0	22
10. Putnam County	6-2-1	0	21

shear and Thomson one apiece. Fort Valley retained its No. 2 ranking with 84 points, four more than Blakely.

Coach Terry Hodges' Tucker Tigers, who won the Region 4-B West crown with a smashing 40-7 triumph over Clarkston, stepped from ninth to seventh.

In Class C, Coosa held a comfortable, 15-point margin over runnerup Lincolnton, 97-82. Warren County was rated third. It makes its bid for the No. 2 slot next week when it faces Lincolnton for the Region 2-C championship.

The Journal board will meet for the last time next week and its final ratings will appear in next Tuesday's Journal.

1-AAA LEADERS

1-AAA SCORING LEADERS			
Player and Team	G	Td	PAT Pts.
Smith, Valdosta	9	11	33 99
Bennett, Valdosta	9	16	0 96
Dickens, Willingham	9	10	17 77
Isom, Moultrie	9	10	0 60
Bob Taylor, LaGrange	9	8	0 48
Welsh, Jordan	9	6	9 45
W. Tucker, Moultrie	9	4	19 43
Garnio, Jordan	9	6	0 36
Burkett, Jordan	9	6	0 36
Fincher, Lanier	9	5	1 31
Brown, Moultrie	9	5	0 30
Boyd Taylor, LaGrange	9	5	0 30
Hammond, Warner Robins	9	3	11 29
John Bolles, Baker	9	4	0 24
Crawford, LaGrange	9	2	12 24
Smith, LaGrange	9	4	0 24
Harvey, Moultrie	9	4	0 24
Brown, Willingham	9	4	0 24
Reaves, Valdosta	9	4	0 24
Knight, Warner Robins	9	4	0 24
Gray, Albany	9	4	0 24
Mitchell, Columbus	9	2	20
Nixon, Warner Robins	9	1	19
Beaver, Albany	9	1	19
Ligon, Baker	9	0	18
Ashley, LaGrange	9	0	18
Ruggerio, LaGrange	9	0	18
Hardison, Willingham	9	0	18
Wheeler, Willingham	9	0	18
Heldt, Albany	9	0	18
Thomas, Valdosta	9	0	18
Ruffer, Valdosta	9	0	18
Barker, Valdosta	9	0	18
Gard, Warner Robins	9	0	18

Valdosta, LaGrange In Title Showdown

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Valdosta's undefeated Wildcats will meet LaGrange's unbeaten, but twice tied Grangers here Friday night in the highlight attraction on this week's football slate for area teams.

It will be the regular season finale for coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats. They are atop the Region 1-AAA standings. However, coach Oliver Hunnicutt's Grangers can pull even with VHS and force a special playoff for the region crown by defeating Valdosta.

A tie or win for the 'Cats would move them into the playoff for the South Georgia Class AAA crown. Over in 2-AAA, Richmond Academy and Benedictine are battling it out for the other South Georgia playoff berth.

In other games this Friday, Lowndes County will be at Cook (Adel), Hahira at Berrien County (Nashville), Atkinson County

A total of 512 reserved seat tickets for Friday's Valdosta-LaGrange are being offered for sale in LaGrange. Should some of the tickets not be sold, they will be returned here and go on sale at the boxoffice on game night. Otherwise, no reserved seat tickets for the game will be offered for sale here.

(Pearson) at Clinch County (Homerville), Jasper, Fla., at Reddick, Fla. and Monticello, Fla., at Madison, Fla. In a Saturday night affair, Brooks County (Quitman) will play Central at Thomasville.

LOHI, Hahira, Berrien, Clinch, Cook and Brooks will all close out their seasons this week.

Valdosta has compiled a 9-0 record this year and has won 21 in a row over a two-season span. The 'Cats are 8-0 in league play. LaGrange is 7-0-2 for the year and 6-0-2 in regional competition. The Grangers have a five-game victory streak going.

Last season's VHS - LaGrange game decided the 1-AAA title issue. The Wildcats won, 14-13, but had to rally for two touchdowns in the final six minutes of play to accomplish the feat. Another close, hard-fought battle is in the offing this year.

Lowndes County's Eagles, who were knocked out of the 1-A (East) title picture by a loss to Ware last week, will try to rebound against Cook's Hornets.

However, it figures that the Eagles, who have a 7-2 record, are in for another rough go. Cook has a 5-3-1 mark and is riding on the crest of a four-game winning streak.

Hahira (1-8) and Berrien (1-7-2) will both be trying to end their seasons on a victory note. Hahira is a Class B entry going against Berrien, which is a "AA" class outfit.

Clinch will carry a 3-5 record into its contest with winless (0-8) Atkinson. This will be a 1-B (East) affair and a triumph would level Clinch's league record off a 3-3.

Brooks (1-8) will be the underdog in its game with Central (4-5). Jasper (1-6) has hopes of halting a six-game losing skid and Madison (4-3), hopes to end a three-game victory drought.

Other games this week include the following:

THURSDAY — Southwest at Northside, Baker at Warner Robins.

FRIDAY — Marianna, Fla., at Bainbridge, Thomasville at Cairo, Folkston at Camden County,

Groves at Coffee County, Jordan vs Columbus at Columbus, Americus at Crisp County, Tifton at Dodge County, R. E. Lee at Gordon (Decatur), Fitzgerald at Irwin County, Willingham vs Lanier at Macon, Pelham at Mitchell County, Albany at Moultrie, Richmond Academy at Savannah, Glynn Academy at Waycross, Palatka, Fla., at Jesup, Jeff Davis at Wilcox Central.

SATURDAY — Appling County at Ware County.

Valdostans Battle For Point Lead

By ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS — A pair of Valdostans, halfback Giles Smith and quarterback Bruce Bennett, are battling it out for the Region 1-AAA scoring title.

Smith has scored 11 touchdowns and kicked 33 PAT's for a total of 99 points to hold on to first place. Bennett has 96 points to his credit, after accounting for 16 TD's.

Bennett's 16 touchdowns are tops in that department. The Wildcats' signal caller was the region's top TD producer in 1960, but finished second to Willingham's Joel Dickens in the point race.

Last fall Bennett made 12 TD's for 72 points. But Dickens, with 11 touchdowns and seven PAT's, finished with a total of 73 points.

Region scoring leaders follow:

	TD's	PAT's	T
1. Smith, Valdosta	11	33	99
2. Bennett, Valdosta	16	0	96
3. Dickens, Willingham	10	17	77
4. Isom, Moultrie	10	0	60
5. Bob Taylor, LaGrange	8	0	48
6. Welsh, Jordan	6	0	45
7. W. Tucker, Moultrie	4	19	43
8. Garnto, Jordan	6	0	36
9. Burkett, Jordan	6	0	36
10. Fincher, Lanier	5	1	31
11. Brown, Moultrie	5	0	30
12. Boyd Taylor, LaGrange	5	0	30
13. Hammond, Warner Robins	3	11	29
14. John Bolles, Baker	4	0	24
15. Crawford, LaGrange	2	12	24
16. Smith, LaGrange	4	0	24
17. Harvey, Moultrie	4	0	24
18. Brown, Willingham	4	0	24
19. Reaves, Valdosta	4	0	24
20. Knight, Warner Robins	4	0	24
21. Gray, Albany	4	0	24
22. Mitchell, Columbus	3	2	20
23. Nixon, Warner Robins	3	1	19
24. Beaver, Albany	3	1	19
25. Ligon, Baker	3	0	18
26. Ashley, LaGrange	3	0	18
27. Ruggiero, LaGrange	3	0	18
28. Hardison, Willingham	3	0	18
29. Wheeler, Willingham	3	0	18
30. Heidt, Albany	3	0	18
31. Thomas, Valdosta	3	0	18
32. Ruffer, Valdosta	3	0	18
33. Barker, Valdosta	3	0	18
34. Gard, Warner Robins	3	0	18

Wildcats 10-For-10 In Football Voting

ATLANTA (AP) — From their records, Valdosta and Gainesville are so much better than the other teams in their classifications that there ought to be a bowl for them to decide an all-class high school football championship.

For the second straight week Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats have scored a perfect 10-for-10 of Class AAA first place votes in the weekly prep grid poll.

Gainesville, which has run up huge margins over four Class AAA opponents as well as those in its own Region 4AA East, drew eight top ballots and 98 points for a commanding lead in Class AA's Top Ten. The other first place votes went to Waycross' defending champions who have lost only to Savannah's Benedictine of Class AAA and forfeited two games.

Waycross had 78 points on the basis of 10 for first, 9 for second, etc., in the poll sponsored by the Atlanta Journal and participated in by 10 sports editors and writers from over the state.

Here's the way the Top Ten lineup according to classes:

Class AAA—No. 1 Valdosta, No. 2 R.E. Lee, No. 3, Richmond Academy, No. 4 LaGrange, No. 5 Southwest, No. 6 Avondale, No. 7 Brown, No. 8 Northside, No. 9 Benedictine, No. 10 North Fulton.
Class AA — No. 1 Gainesville,

No. 2 Waycross, No. 3 Campbell Fairburn, No. 4 Bainbridge, No. 5 Westminster, No. 6 Cedartown, No. 7 Rossville, No. 8 Cairo, No. 9 Dalton, No. 10 Wayne County.

Class A—No. 1 Carrollton, No. 2 Screven County, No. 3 Trion, No. 4 Americus, No. 5 Toccoa, No. 6 Ware County, No. 7 Cartersville, No. 8 Commerce, No. 9 St. Pius, No. 10 Lowndes County.

Class B—No. 1 Claxton, No. 2 Fort Valley, No. 3 Blakely, No. 4 Morgan County, No. 5 Blackshear, No. 6 Thomson, No. 7 Tucker, No. 8 Glennville, No. 9 Treutlen, No. 10 Washington-Wilkes.

Class C—No. 1 Coosa, No. 2 Lincolnton, No. 3 Warren County, No. 4 Chattahoochee Valley, No. 5 Jones County, No. 6 Bremen, No. 7 Savannah Country Day, No. 8 Wrightsville, No. 9 Dade County, No. 10 Putnam County.

VHS-Granger Script Has Familiar Theme

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's football Wildcats will go against LaGrange's Grangers here Friday night with the script for the game having a familiar theme and at the same time a reverse twist.

A championship, the Region 1-AAA title to be exact, will be involved. That is the familiar theme.

This will be the sixth meeting between coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats and coach Oliver Hunnicutt's Grangers. They battled each other for the state Class A crowns in 1952 and 1953. Valdosta won both times by comfortable margins.

In 1958, when the 'Cats moved up to Class AAA, the series was renewed. That first year the

Grangers edged the 'Cats, 23-21, on a last-minute field goal to clinch the 1-AAA crown. In 1959 the Grangers triumphed again, by a 7-0 margin.

Last fall it was the Wildcats turn. In a super thriller, they rallied for a pair of TD's in the final six minutes of play to gain a 14-13 victory that nailed down the region championship for them.

Here's the way this year's battle shapes up. Valdosta has a 9-0 record for the year and an 8-0 league mark. The 'Cats are atop the standings and need a tie with or a triumph over the Grangers to repeat as 1-AAA champs.

But LaGrange, with a 7-0-2 overall record and a 6-0-2 loop chart, is still in the running. If it can lick the Wildcats the race will end in a tie and Valdosta and LaGrange will have to meet again in a special playoff to break the deadlock.

Now for the reverse twist. Last fall LaGrange left the starter's gate ranked as a title contender. The Wildcats were listed in the second division on the pre-season form chart. But in Cinderella-fashion, VHS clicked to capture the 1-AAA diadem, winning by an eyelash in the finale with LaGrange.

This year the two have swapped positions. Valdosta was the pre-season title favorite and goes down the home stretch in the lead. LaGrange, hit hard by graduation, didn't figure as a title contender on the pre-season rating list. But it has been the Grangers turn to play Cinderella.

They were tied twice during the

early going, but haven't been beaten. Since mid-season they've steamrolled their way past five straight foes. Now they have their sights on the championship. The prospect of having to lick VHS twice to attain their goal has made them more determined than ever to move into the throne room.

"Our scout report shows LaGrange has what for them is a typical team," Bazemore said. "They have good size and speed. They are well drilled in the fundamentals. They are very alert and they play 'hard-nose' football all the way. They play to win."

Most of those same words could be used to describe Bazemore's charges.

The game will match two of the state's most successful football mentors. Both Bazemore and Hunnicutt have been voted into Georgia's High School Hall of Fame, a testimony to their coaching ability.

While comparison of scores seldom gives a true indication of what will happen when Valdosta and LaGrange meet, for those who like to match tallies here they are:

Valdosta has beaten Baker, 35-7; Thomasville, 33-6; Jordan, 46-14; Lanier, 21-0; Albany, 29-0; Columbus, 42-0; Moultrie, 7-0; Willingham, 27-0, and Warner Robins, 54-14.

LaGrange has turned back Lanier, Ala., 6-0; Willingham, 13-6; Warner Robins, 34-13; Baker, 24-12; Lanier, 27-7; Moultrie, 20-6 and Columbus, 26-0. The Grangers played Jordan to a 7-7 tie and Albany to a 14-14 deadlock.

'Dosta to Defend Long Win Streak

Claxton Must Face Glennville;
Swainsboro Hosts Screven County

By LEE WALBURN

Valdosta's unbeaten and virtually untested Wildcats, cast a wary eye toward the LaGrange Grangers, who invade the premises Friday night attempting to do what 21 consecutive high school teams have failed to do—beat the steam-rolling Valdostans.

The annual Wildcats-Grangers fracas is rapidly developing into a yearly classic. Three years ago, a last-minute field goal won the 1-AAA title for the Jimmy Burson-led LaGrangers and last year the Wildcats arose from a two touchdown deficit to clip the Grangers by one point in a whirlwind finish. That game provided Valdosta with its first 1-AAA crown.

Elsewhere around the state, Claxton and Glennville argue over the 2-B East title; Screven County meets Swainsboro; Glynn Academy tests powerful Waycross; Richmond Academy is at Savannah; Washington-Wilkes plays Jefferson; Cairo meets ancient rival Thomasville; Treutlen engages Montgomery County and Irwin County battles traditional rival Fitzgerald.

Valdosta will bank on its tremendous speed and team depth to stall the threat posed by LaGrange. While Coach Oliver Hunnicutt's LaGrange team can compete favorably on a first team basis, there is no comparison when it comes to sheer numbers of good players.

The Wildcats, possessor of both a great line and backfield, also has probably the outstanding back in Georgia prep ranks, quarterback Bruce Bennett.

Valdosta head man Wright Bazemore, noted for his oratorical conservatism, calls Bennett "one of the greatest backs I have ever coached."

Bennett is not only a spectacular passer, but runs the opposition daffy with his elusive running.

Nevertheless, the Wildcats are not taking the unbeaten, but twice-tied Grangers lightly. Hunnicutt calls his team "the biggest surprise of all the teams I have coached."

The Wildcats are hoping that if any surprises are in store it is in their favor.

VALDOSTA VS LA-GRANGE

— Valdosta needs a tie or win to claim the 1-AAA crown for the second year in a row. LaGrange needs a triumph to deadlock the race and force a playoff. Two of the state's most successful coaches, Valdosta's Wright Bazemore and LaGrange's Oliver Hunnicutt, will be on opposite sides of the field calling the shots for their teams. The Wildcats are undefeated. The Grangers have been tied twice, but not licked. It will be a rugged battle between a pair of well drilled, alert and "hard-nose" outfits. Leather will pop all the way, and I'm picking Valdosta to triumph.



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Local Businessmen See Education In Action

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

More than 50 Valdosta businessmen turned out here today to see how the city schools spend their tax dollars and hear the chairman of the board of education say the population explosion is overcrowding city schools despite a crash building program of the past 11 years.

Today's program was the schools' answer to the Chamber of Commerce's Business-Education-Business Day. It is also the schools' biggest effort during American Education Week which got underway Monday.

The business men met at Valdosta High School and from there were taken on a tour of the city schools where they saw education in action.

In opening the morning session School Board Chairman S. L. Mason told the business men city schools have an investment of almost \$3 million in school buildings.

He said, "We will add \$700,000 more" in a building program which is set to start about Dec. 1 which will construct a complete new unit and three classroom additions to existing schools.

He said the schools spent about \$1,500,000 in its budget last year, plus another \$30,000. These funds, he explained, come from three sources: the federal government, the state and local taxes.

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—Times Staff Photo

Here's Formula For Sulphuric Acid—H₂SO₄
Bill Davis Tells Chemistry Class and Businessmen on E-B Day

Boosters Club Votes To Invite U. S. Navy Band

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School Band Boosters Club voted Tuesday night to invite the U. S. Navy Band for a concert here this spring.

Members of the club also heard band director Steve Pyron report the VHS band would play a Christmas concert on Dec. 15.

About 80 members of the band boosters organization turned out for the regular meeting Tuesday night.

The group heard a report that membership has increased by 100 per cent over last year.

Sam Allen, president of the club, presided at the session. In voting to bring the Navy band here, the group heard a successful report on its sponsorship of the U. S. Marine Band last year. The Navy's band appearance date here will be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wright were honored by their fellow band boosters with a vote of appreciation for their outstanding service to the organization.

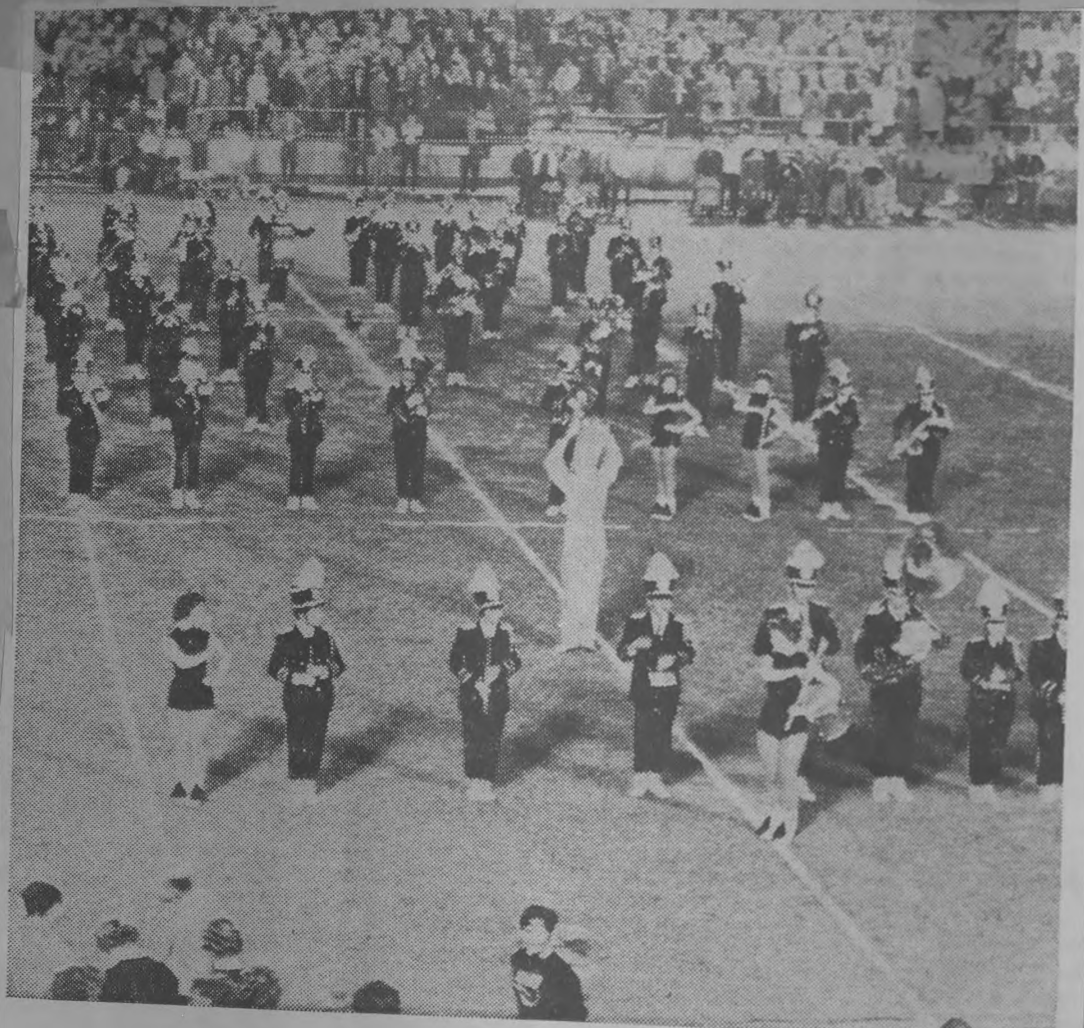
Business Pupils Form Club at VHS

A chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America has been organized for the first time at Valdosta High School.

The club was established by a number of students enrolled in business subjects.

Delegates from the local chapter will be sent to the state convention.

Officers for this year are Arthur Baker, president; Tom Moo, vice president; Gay Halton, secretary; Karen Comings, treasurer; Bobbie Ellen Blanchard, historian and reporter, and Joel Buckholtz, social chairman.



TIMES STAFF PHOTO

Playing For Proud Alma Mater

There was nothing but delight for the Valdosta High School band at Cleveland Field Friday night as the Wildcat musicians played the Alma Mater. The gridiron Wildcats were 14 points ahead of LaGrange at the halftime in the region championship football tilt. Playing for a winner is nothing new for the Wildcat musicians, however. They have been on hand to beat out support in 23 straight wins by the VHS football team.

Club Wins Float Award

The Distributive Cooperative Training Club at Valdosta High School won first place with their "Pack the Packers North to Alaska" Homecoming float.

This was taken from the Student Council's "Around the World" theme.

A \$15 check was presented to the club by Student Council president Mike Watson.

VALDOSTA PUTS 21ST ON BOOKS

54-14 Win Over Warner Robins Assures at Least 1-AAA Tie

Special to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

VALDOSTA, Ga., Nov. 4—The Valdosta Wildcats, who got possession of the ball eight times in the first half and scored on each occasion, steamrolled their way to a 54-14 victory over the Warner Robins Demons here Friday night.

With the triumph, the ninth in a row this year and 21 straight over a two-season span, the Wildcats clinched at least a tie for the Region 1-AAA championship. They now have an 8-0 mark in league play.

Approximately 4,000 fans turned out to see Valdosta play Coach David Barker's Demons. Those in the crowd who liked offense got more than their money's worth.

VALDOSTA, which did all of its scoring in the first half, piled up 16 first downs and a total of 511 yards rushing and passing.

Quarterback Bruce Bennett led the Wildcats' touchdown parade. He tallied on runs of 94, 15 and 8 yards and connected with halfback Giles Smith on a scoring pass play that covered 41 yards.

Halfback Stan Reaves got two markers, one on a sizzling 94-yard run and another on a three-yard romp. Halfback Kenny Ruffer returned a punt 52 yards for a TD, and quarterback Hank Lee pitched nine yards to halfback Clyo Blanton for another.

Smith booted five extra points. Bunky Henry, who suffered a broken leg in the second game of the 1960 campaign and hasn't played since, marked his return to action as a kicking specialist by toeing a PAT though the up-rights.

THE DEMONS threatened with a second-period drive that was halted at the six-yard line. Then fullback Bob Nixon returned the kickoff opening the second half 79 yards for a demon tally that ended VHS' string of five straight shutouts. Nixon scored again in the final stanza when, after the Wildcats had gotten off a short punt from deep in their own ter-

THE YARDSTICK		WARNER ROBINS	
VALDOSTA	16	First Downs	13
	428	Yards Rushing	4
	83	Yards Passing	128
	99	Penalties	15

ritory, the Demons had to move just 11 yards to paydirt.

Robins' passing whiz Jackie Hammonds hit on 14 of 27 tosses for 127 yards. But he had to pay for it. He was held to minus 56 yards rushing and the Wildcats intercepted two of his tosses. Blanton did the honors both times.

Valdosta used 49 players in the game, with all sharing in the triumph.

Bennett gained 122 yards rushing on four carries and Hite on three of four passes to help account for 74 more. Smith gained 50 yards on three running tries and caught three passes that accounted for 74.

Valdosta	27	27	0	0-54
Warner Robins	0	0	7	7-14
Scoring TDs: Valdosta—Bennett 3 (15, run; 94, run; 8, run); Smith (41, pass from Bennett); Ruffer (52, punt return); Reaves 2 (3, run; 94, run); Blanton (9, pass from Lee); Warner Robins—Nixon 2 (79, kickoff return; 1, run). PATs: Valdosta—Smith 5 (placements), Henry (placement); Warner Robins—Hammonds 2 (placements).				

Valdosta's Bennett Top 1-AAA Rusher

Wildcats Meet LaGrange In Week's Feature Game

By ELLWOOD MOYER

Special to The Constitution

COLUMBUS, Ga.—Bruce Bennett of Valdosta carried the ball only four times this past week against Warner Robins, but these few carries were all that he needed to pick up a net of 122 yards which gave him top rushing honors for the week and also moved the Wildcat backfield ace into first place in the Region-One, Class-AAA rushing totals for the season.

Bennett now has a nine game total of 642 net yards which gives him a 43-yard advantage over

Joel Dickens of Willingham.

Dickens, who has paced the region for the first eight weeks of play, was limited to 38 yards in the Moultrie game this past week. Thus Dickens now has a 599 yard total.

Bennett carried the pigskin for touchdowns on three of his four trips as he went 94, 15 and eight yards for scores while he was limited to five yards on his other carry.

Stan Reaves of Valdosta was the only other back in the region to gain more than 100 yards this last week. Reaves carried only four times but he gained 113 yards and moved into 22nd place in the rushing totals with a 253 season total.

John Ruggerio of LaGrange placed third for the week as he gained 97 yards in seven trips against Columbus and moved into 29th place with a 172 total.

John Bolles of Baker was tops for the Lions with a total of 49 yards in nine carries and thus held to third place with a 514 season total. Bolles incidentally is only a sophomore.

The only other back in the region over 500 yards rushing is Boyd Taylor of LaGrange who has a 511 total for eight games. The Granger figures do not include the Moultrie game. Boyd Taylor ranks fourth in the region season figures and Giles Smith of Valdosta is fifth with 466, and another Taylor, this one Bob, also of LaGrange, is sixth with 442.

Jackie Hammond of Warner Robins hit on 15 out of 27 passes and now has a nine game total of 937 yards as he picked up 123 yards with his completions this past week against Valdosta.

Hammond now needs only 63 yards to become the second player in 11 years to pick up over 1,000-yards in the air in Region-One.

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

Player	Team	Games	Carries	Net Yds.
Bennett, Valdosta	9	104	642	6.17
Dickens, Willingham	8	111	561	5.05
John Bolles, Baker	9	112	514	4.58
Boyd Taylor, LaGrange	8	94	511	5.43
Smith, Valdosta	9	72	468	6.47
Boyd Taylor, LaGrange	8	72	442	7.12
Burkett, Jordan	9	92	441	4.79
Harvey, Moultrie	7	75	431	5.74
Garnio, Jordan	9	71	421	5.92
Isom, Moultrie	7	81	365	4.50
Ashley, LaGrange	8	85	351	6.28
Hardy, Lanier	9	64	321	5.01
Gray, Albany	9	72	316	4.38
Zant, Valdosta	9	71	311	4.38
Brown, Moultrie	7	38	294	7.73
Welsh, Jordan	9	65	291	4.47
Fulford, Jordan	9	53	286	5.39
Hardison, Willingham	8	31	279	9.00
Ligon, Baker	9	71	268	3.77
Heidt, Albany	9	62	263	4.24
Nixon, Warner Robins	9	77	261	3.38
Reaves, Valdosta	9	34	253	7.44
Wheeler, Willingham	8	49	225	4.59
Beaver, Albany	9	93	220	2.36
Brown, Willingham	8	50	215	4.30
Barker, Valdosta	9	47	198	4.21
Jim Bolles, Baker	9	41	190	4.63
Bowdon, Columbus	9	44	178	4.04
Ruggerio, LaGrange	8	29	172	5.93
Gard, Warner Robins	9	46	165	3.58

PASSING

Player	Team	Gm.	At.	Cp.	In.	Gn.	Td.
Hammond, War. Rob.	9	143	75	7	937	8	
Bennett, Valdosta	9	78	36	6	186	7	
Garnio, Jordan	9	96	47	10	656	2	
Pippin, Valdosta	7	52	22	3	348	7	
Mitchell, Columbus	9	91	37	10	311	1	
Beaver, Albany	9	67	21	4	305	2	
Gillam, LaGrange	8	34	13	2	187	3	
Googe, Baker	9	50	14	5	144	0	
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James, Albany	9	24	12	2	74	2	
Horne, Baker	9	20	9	2	135	0	
Gaines, Willingham	8	26	6	2	121	2	
Carsterphew, Lanier	9	23	11	3	109	1	
Welsh, Jordan	9	18	5	2	99	1	
Beck, Lanier	9	26	10	3	87	0	
Wheeler, Willingham	8	23	10	2	74	2	
Thomas, Valdosta	9	12	4	0	63	0	
Fincher, Lanier	9	10	6	1	63	1	
Isom, Moultrie	7	5	1	0	56	0	

PASS RECEIVING

Player	Team	Gms.	Ctchs.	Yds.	Tds.
Smith, Valdosta	9	21	517	7	
Muha, Warner Robins	9	26	361	2	
Fulford, Jordan	9	23	352	0	
Holtzclaw, Valdosta	2	6	180	0	



Seven Members Of Valdosta's Guard Corps

(L. to R.) 1st row, Jack Martin, David Tindall, Christie Patterson; 2nd row, Gary Minchew, Frank Wetherington, Bill Holt, Bo Hall.

'Cats, Grangers Primed For Duel

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Tea and crumpets definitely won't be served when Valdosta's Wildcats get together with LaGrange's Grangers here Friday night.

Both are a pair of "hard-nose" football outfits and the pop of leather is sure to be heard several blocks away when the head knocking starts at 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field.

It will be the regular season finale for coach Wright Bazemore's undefeated 'Cats and coach Oliver Hunnicutt's unbeaten, but twice tied Grangers.

Valdosta, with 21 consecutive wins over a two-year span, will be gunning for its second straight Region 1-AAA crown. To earn it, VHS must tie or win.

LaGrange will be shooting for a victory that would leave the Grangers and Wildcats deadlocked for the 1-AAA title. If the Grangers fulfill their ambition and triumph, Valdosta and LaGrange will have to meet again in a special playoff next week.

Whoever cops the 1-AAA crown will move into the South Georgia AAA playoffs against the as yet undecided 2-AAA champ.

With fan interest running high, a capacity crowd is expected if fair weather prevails.

Bazemore and Hunnicutt are two of Georgia's most successful coaches. They are noted for turning out teams which are rugged, well drilled in fundamentals and quick to take advantage of an opponents' mistake. That description fits both the 'Cats and Grangers this year.

The LaGrange attack is led by the talented duo of halfback Bob Taylor and fullback Boyd Taylor. Both weigh in at 165 pounds and both are go-all-the-way type runners. Bob has averaged better than six yards per carry this year, and in the process has scored 48 points. Boyd has picked up an average of 5.02 yards every time he has romped and has 30 points to his credit.

Their backfield helpmates include quarterback Wayne Gillam (155) and halfbacks John Ruggerio (163) and Mason Ashley (145).

In the Grangers' tough forward wall are ends Chuck Nixon (165) and Randy Mahaffey (183), tackles Homer Pressley (180) and Bob White (185), guards Mike Phillips (170) and Harris Bagley (170) and center Alfred Mansour (170).

The Wildcats bowed to LaGrange 23-21, in 1958 and were licked by the Grangers, 7-0, in 1959. Last fall the 'Cats beat them, but had to rally for a pair of touchdowns in the final six minutes to play to gain a 14-13 win.

"This year's LaGrange team is just as good, or better than the three we've met since 1958," Bazemore said. "They are an alert, hard-nose outfit and like all of Hunnicutt's teams they block and run hard. If you make

just one mistake against them they will nail you to the wall."

While the Wildcats can still earn the 1-AAA crown with a tie tomorrow night, Bazemore isn't thinking about deadlocks.

"It will be win or get beat," the VHS grid boss said. "Ties in football just happen, you can't plan to try to play for one."

In keeping with their usual two-team plan, the Wildcats will probably call on more than 20 boys for front line action.

They will probably come from a

group that includes ends Bill Holtzclaw, Wally Colson, Rusty Griffin, Danny Hendley and Dick Bender, tackles Bill Myddleton, Bill Schroer, Skipper Prewitte, Larry Dennis and Charles Oliver, guards Frank Wetherington, Gary Minchew and Bill Holt, centers Foy Norwood and Jimmy Robinson, quarterbacks Bruce Bennett and Rick Thomas, halfbacks Giles Smith, Kenny Ruffer, Stan Reaves, Jerry Varnado and Clyo Blanton and fullbacks Walter Zant, Butch Luke and Sirois Barker.

'Cats To Meet Grangers

Battle Sure To Produce Grid Thunder, Lightning

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats collide with LaGrange's Grangers here tonight in a game that has a championship flavor and is sure to produce football thunder and lightning.

The game, billed as Georgia's top prep gridiron attraction, is expected to lure a capacity crowd to Cleveland Field for the 8 p.m. kickoff.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats need a tie or a win tonight to clinch the Region 1-AAA championship for the second year in a row. Only one other school,

approximately 175 reserved seat tickets for the Valdosta-LaGrange football game will be offered for sale tonight at the boxoffice. The tickets are part of an allotment sent to LaGrangers. The Grangers did not sell the full allotment, and have returned the unsold tickets.

Lanier of Macon, has accomplished this feat. The Poets strung league race victories together in 1947-48-49-50. There hasn't been a repeater since.

A deadlock or a triumph would put the Wildcats into the South Georgia Class AAA playoffs and give them a chance to try to go after the state crown again. A victory would extend the 'Cats' two-season winning streak which now stands at 21 games. They've posted nine of those triumphs this season.

LaGrange also has a lot riding on the outcome. Coach Oliver Hunnicutt's Grangers have a 7-0-2 mark for the year and are still very much in the scramble for the 1-AAA diadem.

If the Grangers triumph tonight in the regular season finale, they will pull even with the 'Cats. Then Valdosta and LaGrange will have to meet again next week in a special playoff to break the championship stalemate.

Both the Wildcats and Grangers have a reputation for playing "hard-nose" football. Since 1958 they've staged three thrillers in a row. The Grangers have a two-one edge in the set, winning 23-21 in 1958 and 7-0 in 1959. Valdosta edged by, 14-13, last fall. Back in 1952 and 1953 they dueled for the state Class A crowns. Valdosta

was the victor on those two occasions.

Valdosta has a hard-hitting attack and a rugged defense. However, the Grangers can boast of the same assets. The 'Cats are tough and fast, but so are the Grangers. Indications point to it being a typical Valdosta-LaGrange game — a close, hard-fought duel with the issue remaining in doubt right to the finish.

Valdosta, in keeping with its usual two-unit plan, is likely to call on quarterbacks Bruce Bennett and Rick Thomas, halfbacks Giles Smith, Kenny Ruffer, Stan Reaves, Cloy Blanton and Jerry Varnado and fullbacks Walter Zant, Butch Luke and Sirois Barker for offensive and defensive duty in the backfield.

Bennett and Smith are the offense leaders. Bennett has run and passed for 1,428. He's the region's top rusher and second leading scorer with 96 points. Smith tops the point list with 99 points, and has caught 16 passes for 603 yards, a new 1-AAA record.

Still the Grangers aren't impressed. They have the Taylor boys, Bob and Boyd, and they wouldn't swap them for any two

other backs in the state.

Bob, who is a halfback, and Boyd, a fullback, both weigh in at 165 pounds. They are rated almost as fast as the Grangers' most famous football "rocket" of past seasons, Jimmy Burson. The Taylors are 1-AAA's fourth and sixth leading rushers. Between them they've accounted for almost 1,500 yards and 100 points.

Their backfield helpmates include quarterback Wayne Gilliam and halfbacks John Ruggerio and Mason Ashley. There isn't a slowpoke in the bunch. Gilliam is also a talented passer.

In LaGrange's rugged forward

wall are ends Chuck Nixon (165) and Randy Mahaffey (183), tackles Homer Pressley (180) and Bob White (185), guards Mike Phillips (170) and Harris Bagley (170) and center Alfred Mansour (170).

Expected to see either offensive or defensive duty in the VHS line are ends Danny Hendley, Rusty Griffin, Wally Colson, Bill Holtzclaw and Dick Bender, tackles Bill Schroer, Bill Myddleton, Charles Oliver, Skipper Prewitte and Larry Dennis, guards Frank Wetherington, Gary Minchew and Bill Holt and centers Foy Norwood and Jimmy Robinson.

RICHMOND WHIPS LOOP FOE SAVANNAH, 33-12

By HUGH SCHUTTE

Associated Press Staff Writer

Valdosta's defending state champion Wildcats are the titleholders in Region 1AAA for the second straight year—but there is confusion aplenty elsewhere in the Georgia high school football races.

The Wildcats won the region crown Friday night with a decisive 35-0 victory over LaGrange. At the same time Richmond Academy climbed into a tie with Benedictine for the Region 2AAA title by turning back Savannah 33-12. Benedictine was idle.

Both Richmond Academy and Benedictine have one more game—with Aquinas (Friday) and Savannah (Thursday) respectively—and should they both win, they will have a playoff for the regional honors in Augusta Saturday night.

In Region 3AAA, Murphy walloped North Fulton 33-0 to throw the East division of the city league into a three-way tie. Coaches of the division were to vote today between Murphy, North Fulton and Grady, each of whom have lost once in regional play.

The same situation will exist in the West division if Northside should beat Southwest tonight. The third team in the tie would be Brown.

Thomaston's R.E. Lee, unbeaten, untied and ranked No. 2 in the state prior to Friday night were upset by Decatur Gordon 7-6. However, the Rebels already had cinched the 4AAA East crown. Campbell of Smyrna took the West subregion with a 6-0 victory over Russell.

Savannah played Richmond Academy evenly for the first half, both teams getting scores on breaks. But the Musketeers' Forrest Inglett broke the contest open in the third period by racing 52 yards for a TD. Lee Howard's point after kick was good and Richmond Academy put the game on ice a few minutes later by taking a Blue Jacket fumble at the 34 and moving for a touchdown. Theron Lane bulled his way to paydirt four times for the Augustans.

Murphy's quarterback Wayne McDaniel, with the very able assistance on both offense and defense of Judson DeLany, led the romp over the Bulldogs who had beaten Murphy for three consecutive years to win the subregion title. McDaniel handled the ball three times at one point in the game and came up with three TDs. He went one yard for the first, dashed 81 yards the next time the Eagles had the ball and then passed 52 yards to Lawrence Bowden for the third.

Quarterback Allen Stanton went across the double stripes from the one and then kicked the point after to lead Gordon to its upset of R.E. Lee. Bob Dyche got the Rebels' tally on a 61-yard run. Except for that one sprint Gordon kept Lee bottled up effectively to end the Rebels win skein at 14.

In a night that saw quarterbacks stand out like diamonds, Moultrie's Charlie Pippin was no exception. He raced 70 yards for the Packers' first score and got the next on a one-yard plunge to end a 39-yard drive. Those efforts led to Moultrie's 32-12 victory over Albany. Randy Harvey went 34 yards for a Packer TD and Piggie Isom got another the easy way—falling on a fumble in the Indian end zone.

An intracity battle between Willingham and Lanier went to the favored Rams 23-6. Lanier held the Rams in check until the fourth period, but Willingham scored twice within one minute and 39 seconds and that was the game. The Poets had moved within striking distance, 9-6, in the third period. But Quarterbacks Randy

Wheeler and Pete Gaines threw 7 and 47-yard strikes to end Mark Bowen for the clinching tallies.

The GMA Kadets, runnerup to Campbell of Smyrna in 4AAA West, were upset by Riverside 7-6. Rick Cohen rambled 82 yards to give Riverside its score and a John Sutton-Bob Adams pass added the point after that spelled victory.

Jordan, which lost or tied in its first four games, made it six in a row on the credit side with a 34-0 romp over Columbus. Lawton Garnto, passing for 199 yards and two touchdowns, led the Red Jackets to victory over winless Columbus.

Decatur's Reese Bowen scored from the 3, 17 and 4 to lead the Bulldogs to a 28-6 victory over Griffin.

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13 Area Gridders On Prep Star List

By HUGH SCHUTTE

Associated Press Staff Writer

A team that had won only two games—and those against weak opposition—upset the state's No. 2 Class AAA club to win the Associated Press high school football Team of the Week honors.

Gordon of Decatur turned back Thomaston's R. E. Lee, 7-6, Friday night to knock the Rebels from the undefeated, untied list. The game had no bearing on the 4AAA East title race, already won by the Rebels, but it was the biggest form reversal of the season.

Fitzgerald Halfback Billy Chambliss shares honors, being selected AP Player of the Week for leading his team to a 61-19 win over Irwin County.

A standout all season, Chambliss got to play only a short while against Irwin County but he reeled off scoring jaunts of 30, 12, 39, 42 and 59 yards and passed 26 yards for another touchdown. A 60-yard TD run was called back for a penalty.

In the nine plays he handled the ball, Chambliss picked up 210 yards and five touchdowns to run his season total to 1,310 yards and 174 points scored.

Here are the players nominated this week:

BRUCE BENNETT, BILL SCHROER, BILL MYDDLETON and FOY NORWOOD—Valdosta. Bennett scored twice and passed for three touchdowns in 35-0 region championship game; tackles Schroer and Myddleton and center Norwood kept LaGrange offense bottled up.

FORREST INGLETT, THERON LANE and RANDY SMITH—Richmond Academy. Inglett rushed for net of 107 yards after being held for minus three yards in first half and scored on 52-yard romp; Lane got 69 yards on 16 tries and four TDs while Smith was outstanding on defense in 33-12 win over Savannah.

CHARLIE PIPPIN, RANDY HARVEY and PIGGIE ISOM—Moultrie. A 70-yard run by quarterback Pippin followed by his plunge for one yard started Packers on 32-12 victory over Albany; Harvey had 110 yards in 10 carries plus one TD, and Isom recovered fumble for touchdown and got 75 yards in 16 tries.

MARVIN HURST, DAVID BARBER and BOBBY SMITH—Waycross. Hurst got 93 yards and three touchdowns in seven tries; Barber scored twice and hit on six of seven passes for 143 yards, and center

Smith was defensive standout with nine individual tackles as Waycross bombed Glynn Academy 33-0.

MIKE TERRY and ALLEN JONES—Glynn Academy. Halfback Terry picked up 31 yards in 10 attempts and made nine tackles; fullback Jones got 65 yards in 14 carries.

DAVID CONNER, J. E. BENNETT and ELLIOTT GARNER—Berrien. Conner got 104 yards rushing in 3-14 win over Hahira; guard Bennett and tackle Garner led defense.

JACKSON KEEL—Hahira. He did most of the ground-gaining while alternating between halfback and quarterback slots. FRANKIE DAVIS and DOUG ROBERTS—Fitzgerald, Chambliss' teammates. Davis picked up two touchdowns while Roberts, a 205-pound tackle, made 14 individual stops.

JIMMY MIXON and VERN ROYAL—Irwin County. Mixon hit 15 of 25 throws for 227 yards and three touchdowns which came on plays of 36, 60 and 24 yards; Royal caught TD tosses and returned kicks 39, 20, 65, 18, 15 and 20 yards.

DAVID COWART—Lowndes County center. He led defense in holding Cook County to 6-6 tie, including two key tackles near goal to halt drives.

RONNIE GRIFFIN—Cook County. This quarterback engineered offense that amassed 246 yards gained.

TINKER BOATWRIGHT and JIMBO TAYLOR—Ware County. Halfback Boatwright picked up 91 yards in 10 tries and scored on 54-yard run; tackle Taylor made seven individual stops as Ware County downed Appling County 25-0.

TOMMY YOUMANS, WILLIAM JORDAN and ANDY WASDEN—Brooks County. Youmans scored lone touchdown and ran for extra point in 7-0 win over Central of Thomasville; tackles Jordan and Wasden led defense in holding opponents to net of 165 yards.

LARRY EDWARDS and DOYLE JONES—Central. They were standouts in defense that held Brooks to 126 yards.

DE Pupils At Local Firms From Valdosta High

Members of the Valdosta High School Distributive Education Program have been placed in local business firms.

They are Judy Greene, Gerlock Studio; Larry Price, Price's Cabinet Shop; Larry Grooms, H. Turner; Linda Hancock, Barnes Drug; Ralph Hiers, Food Fair; Butch Luke, VWLD Radio.

Sherlyn McKee, McCrory's; Melvin Ricks, Mel Ricks Mobile Homes; James Wetherington, Valdosta Cigar Company; Pat Yeomans, McCrory's; Lee Faulk, Herrin-Conoly.

Elaine Alligood, Vocational School; Wayne Daniels, Dominey Tire Service; Sharon Harp, S. H. Kress Company; Jerry Harris, Register Clothing; Shirley McDonald, Vinson's Drug.

Nick Miller, Delcher's; Elizabeth Pritchard, C. C. Varnedoe; Billy Rowe, Boy's Club; Marilyn Rykard, Sport Center; Bobby Terry, Food Fair.

Sandra Turner, Southern Stationary; Charlene Wayne, C&S Bank; Joyce Winsler, Barnes Drug; Lillian Wood, S. H. Kress Company.

Arthur Baker, Tillman Motor Company; James Boyle, Boyles

Welding & Repair; Gail Chadwick, Dairy Cone.

Pat Futch, Butler's Shoes; Donnelle Ganas, Park Avenue Bank; Haskell Godfrey, James Parrish; Gene Greneker, WGOV Radio.

Gail Griffin, Barnes Drug; Eva Ladrow, Valdosta Daily Times; Judy McMullin, Goodyear Service; Joy Ratigan, Girl's Club.

Billy Smith, Herrin - Conoly; David Terrell, Brookwood Pharmacy; Jack Wilson, Snow's Laundry; Bobby Young, E-Z Curb Store.

Helen Young, McCrory's; Robert Cannon, McGowan's Funeral Home; Warren Clayton, Playland; Jean Connell, Mixer Electric.

PE Classes Eye Records In 'Fitness'

Breaking national records in Physical Fitness is the goal of the '61-62 Physical Education classes at Valdosta High School directed by Mrs. Herman Johnson P. E. instructor.

The fifty-yard dash, the one-hundred-yard dash, the shuttle relay, and walk-and-run are just a few of the activities the P. E. girls are taking during the weeks of Physical Fitness.

Last year in the standing broad jump, Faye Davis ranked in the one-hundredth percentile by jumping eight feet.

Kitty Thrash also ranked in the one-hundredth percentile by doing the fifty yard dash in 6.7 seconds. The standing national record is only 6.3.

President Kennedy, in the President's Council for Youth Fitness said: "The object of this council is to alert the country to the seriousness of the human softening and erosion attributable to the method and conditions of living today, and to plead with all organizations for action."

Teeners Interested In Building Needs

It Will Be Their Problem Of Future

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

With all the discussion about the city auditorium, the county courthouse and jail the teen-agers are expressing their opinions.

They should be taking an interest in all this because the decision the city and county officials are making today have a lasting effect on the teens.

They will be running our county in a few years and raising their families here.

It's only natural they should be able to voice their opinion the same as everyone else.

A poll was conducted at Valdosta High School this week to find out how the students felt about the matters.

Here are their answers:

Bruce Bennett, a senior and captain of the VHS Wildcat football team says he agrees with the first decision of the Mayor and council to put the city auditorium in Pendleton Park.

"For right now the Urban Renewal Area would be best but several years from now with the expanding of the city, Pendleton Park would be the best site. The city officials should plan ahead and since they seem to want to do what is best for the city I approve of putting off construction until the air is somewhat cleared," he said.

"As far as I'm concerned they should build a larger courthouse on a different site and include a jail. The present location is perfect but the lot is too small to be adequate for the county's needs. A jail is certainly needed," Bruce continued.

"The Urban Renewal is as good a place as any to put the auditorium. I am against the Pendleton Park area because of the hospital being located right across the road. It would only cause confusion and a great deal of disturbance the same as the ball park did a few years ago," said Skipper Mixson, a senior.



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Big Problems Interest Teen-Agers

Bruce Bennett and Rick Thomas Discuss Issues

CASH PRIZES

Elks Lodge Kicks Off Leadership Contest

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Students at Valdosta High School who are interested in the Valdosta Elks Lodge awards for leadership are asked to begin preparing their scrapbooks now.

Each year the Elks awards a cash prize to the junior or senior who is most outstanding in the field of leadership at home, school, church and community.

For the first time this year the leadership contest will not be associated with the most valuable student contest.

The scholarship program will be offered at a later date.

Each entrant must prepare an informative scrapbook about his interest, background, and activities.

The book is judged on neatness, presentation, and content.

Lee Street Baptist Has Mission Study

Members of the Lee Street Baptist Church met recently in the Educational building for a mission study.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. George Cross, and Mr. and Mrs. Duval Larus are attending the Florida-Georgia football game today in Jacksonville, Fla.

Miss Catherine Redles will arrive Tuesday from Washington, D. C. to spend a week with her sister Mrs. Albert Pendleton Jr. and family. Miss Redles will sail on December 23 for her new assignment in Germany with the State Department.

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Times Sports Editor

VHS Was In Determined Mood For Crucial Game

"Since no one else could beat LaGrange and knock it out of the region race that means we've got to do the job ourself."

This was a remark made by coach Wright Bazemore on the eve of his Valdosta Wildcats' game with the Grangers last Friday.

It was not a brag or a boast, because Bazemore had nothing but respect for the Grangers' football ability. However, it does indicate the Wildcats' determined frame of mind as they went into the crucial battle.

They wanted a victory over LaGrange badly, and they earned it by a 35-0 margin in sparkling fashion.

Razor sharp on both offense and defense, the Wildcats turned what was expected to be a close, hard-fought battle into a onesided triumph. With the victory they clinched the Region 1-AAA crown and extended their two-season winning streak to 22 games. They now move into the South Georgia Class AAA playoffs. Their playoff foe will be either

Richmond Academy of Augusta or Benedictine of Savannah. They are to settle the 2-AAA title issue this week, with the victor coming here on Friday, Nov. 24 to meet the 'Cats.

After turning back the Grangers, the Wildcats had cause to celebrate and they did. They started by giving Bazemore a "victory ride" around the field.

Waiting for them in their dressing room was a large, three-layer cake with 22 candles. The cake was a gift of Harvey's Bakery. The happy Wildcats gulped down the cake amid shouts and cheers.

'Great, Great Team Effort'

Playing under the tremendous pressure of being the state's top ranked "AAA" team and the favorite week after week, Valdosta's gridiron warriors earned the right to let off steam and enjoy the championship rewards of their efforts.

"You just know I was pleased with this one in every way," Bazemore said. "It was a great, great team effort."

Major contributors to that "great, great team effort" were Danny Hendley, Dick Bender, Rusty Griffin, Wally Colson, Bill Holtzclaw, Bill Schroer, Larry Dennis, Randy Hunter, Charles Oliver, Skipper Prewitte, Bill Myddleton, Foy Norwood, Jimmy Robinson, Frank Wetherington, Gary Minchew, Bill Holt, Bruce Bennett, Giles Smith, Rick Thomas, Kenny Ruffer, Stan Reaves, Cloy Blanton, Jerry Varnado, Butch Luke, Walter Zant and Sirois Barker plus Bazemore and his coaching assistants Bill Kittrell, Bill Davis, J. B. Roland and Bill Bennett.

I would rate the Wildcats' performance against LaGrange as their best of the season. Bazemore said he was of the same opinion.

The Wildcats' mentor was hoping things would turn out just as they did. In 1958-59-60 the 'Cats and Grangers staged close duels. LaGrange won in 1958, 23-21, and in 1959, 7-0. VHS triumphed in 1960, 14-13, but had to come from behind to win.

Work Is Not Finished

"For three years in a row LaGrange has managed to score on us then make us play their game the rest of the way," Bazemore said before the game. "It would sure be nice if we could get the jump on them and then make them follow our tune."

That is exactly what happened. LaGrange got an offensive flurry going, but the 'Cats checked them at midfield. Then before the first period ended Bennett passed 31 yards to Smith for a touchdown. That put Valdosta in the driver's seat and the Wildcats kept a firm grip on the steering wheel the rest of the way.

If you want to know how effective the Wildcats' offense and defense was, then check the game statistics. The 'Cats piled up 20 first downs and picked up a total of 415 yards rushing and passing. LaGrange was limited to just four first downs and a total of only 90 yards rushing and passing. It certainly takes team effort to produce those kind of figures.

As we said earlier, the 'Cats earned the right to celebrate. But now they must plant their feet firmly back on the ground because their work is far from finished.

Richmond or Benedictine, take your pick. Which ever one the 'Cats meet in the South Georgia playoff will be tough. A grim and pressure-packed assignment awaits them on Nov. 24.



GLASSMAN

Cats Take 22 Wins Into Championships

Jordan Finishes Strong For 1-AAA Fifth Place

By ELLWOOD MOYER
Special to The Constitution

COLUMBUS, Ga.—The Valdosta Wildcats of Coach Wright Bazemore, who now enter the state playoffs with a 22-game winning streak on hand, carry a more impressive record into the championship play than they did last season when they disposed of Richmond Academy and Avondale to capture the state championship.

The Valdosta 35-0 decision over LaGrange last Friday night, ran the Wildcat total points for the season to 329.

The 'Cats have rolled to 48 touchdowns, 39 extra points and a safety for their 32.90 game average.

Last season, Valdosta came up with but 40 touchdowns, 28 extra points and a field goal for a 271 point total, a difference of 58 points.

Defensively, there is not too much to choose from between the two machines. This season, the Valdosta goal line has been crossed six times with five conversions made for a 41-point total.

Last year, the 'Cats, likewise, gave up six touchdowns but only four extra points for a 40-point total, a difference of one point.

The Jordan Red Jackets of Coach Bob Donaldson finished the season with six straight wins after opening the season with three losses and a tie in four games. The Jordan machine rolled to a total of 205 points, third high in the region.

Albany, on the other hand, closed out the season by dropping

six straight games after the Indians had opened the campaign with three wins and a tie in four starts.

A look at the season play compared to the win-loss records last year finds that the Moultrie Packers of Coach Knuck McCrary made the most impressive gain this season. Last year, the Packers had only two wins against eight losses. This season, Moultrie finished with a 7-2-1 record.

Warner Robins posted a 3-7 this year after going without a win and only one tie last season. Willingham showed a two-game gain with

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Valdosta Takes 22-Streak

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and Columbus. In the 100 games played, the region teams scored a total of 2 touchdowns, added 158 conversions, four safeties and one field goal for a total of 1,563 points.

The region opponents, meanwhile, tallied 214 touchdowns, 1 extra points, four safeties and three field goals for a 1,451-point total.

Eight players have participated in the scoring of the 48 Valdosta touchdowns this season. Bruce Bennett added two of five scores against LaGrange, finished the season with a total of 18 td's.

In the state play-offs last year, Valdosta got by Richmond Academy, 2-0, and Avondale at North Fulton, 13-6, in the finals.

In games against outside competition, the region members scored eight wins and lost but twice. Central beat both Baker

Teams	W.	L.	T.	Pt.	Op.Pt.
1. Valdosta	10	0	0	329	41
2. LaGrange	7	1	1	174	102
3. Moultrie	7	1	1	224	99
4. Willingham	7	2	1	198	85
5. Jordan	6	3	1	205	156
6. Lanier	4	6	0	73	134
7. Albany	3	6	0	112	148
8. Baker	3	7	0	91	170
9. Warner Robins	3	7	0	119	244
10. Columbus	0	10	0	38	272

Teams	W.	L.	T.	Pt.	Op.Pt.
1. Valdosta	9	0	0	296	35
2. LaGrange	6	1	2	168	102
3. Moultrie	6	2	1	191	93
4. Willingham	6	2	1	164	85
5. Jordan	5	3	1	179	140
6. Baker	3	6	0	91	167
7. Lanier	3	6	0	81	127
8. Albany	2	6	1	105	148
9. Warner Robins	2	7	0	112	244
10. Columbus	0	9	0	25	251

Teams	G.	TD	Exp.	Tds.	Avg.
1. Valdosta	10	48	39	329a	32.90
2. LaGrange	10	33	24	224a	22.40
3. Moultrie	10	31	17	205a	20.50
4. Willingham	10	29	22	198a	19.80
5. LaGrange	10	26	18	174	17.40
6. W. Robins	10	18	11	119	11.90
7. Albany	10	17	12	112	11.20
8. Baker	10	13	10	91b	9.10
9. Lanier	10	11	5	73a	7.30
10. Columbus	10	6	2	38	3.80

Teams	G.	TD	Exp.	Tds.	Avg.
1. Valdosta	10	6	5	41	4.10
2. Willingham	10	13	7	85	8.50
3. Moultrie	10	15	9	99	9.90
4. LaGrange	10	15	12	102	10.20
5. Lanier	10	19	15	134c	13.40
6. Albany	10	22	14	148a	14.80
7. Jordan	10	23	15	156b	15.60
8. Baker	10	25	17	170b	17.00
9. W. Robins	10	26	24	244	24.40
10. Columbus	10	40	28	272d	27.20

a—Safety, b—Field goal, c—Safety and field goal, d—Two safeties.

Wildcats Begin Long, Long Wait

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats today began what is sure to be for them a long, long wait before they can meet the Region 2-AAA champ in a playoff for the South Georgia Class AAA football crown.

The game is to be played here on Friday, Nov. 24. Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats must wait until the end of the week to find out who their opponent will be in the title game. Then they will have to wait still another week before the championship contest is played.

Richmond Academy of Augusta and Benedictine of Savannah are co-leaders in 2-AAA for the present with matching 5-0-1 league marks. They meet regional foes in regular season finales this week.

Reserved seat tickets for the Nov. 24 South Georgia Class AAA playoff game will go on sale here on Tuesday, Nov. 21. However, complete details in regard to the ticket sale have not been completed. They will be announced in the near future.

If Richmond and Benedictine win those tilts as expected, they will have to square off in a special playoff that will be staged Saturday night at Augusta.

Richmond and Benedictine played to a 7-7 tie when they met earlier in the year. But should they get together in a playoff, the Musketeers from Augusta will be favored.

Coach Frank Inman's Richmond eleven copped its 2-AAA crown in 1960. The Wildcats scored a 2-0 "statistical" win over the Musketeers in the South Georgia playoff last season at Augusta.

Valdosta earned a berth in this

year's South Georgia playoff by winning the Region 1-AAA crown. They finished regular season play with a 35-0 win over LaGrange last Friday.

The 'Cats, defending South Georgia and state Class AAA champs, have a 22-game victory streak going which dates back to the start of the 1960 season.

"Of course we are going to stay busy this week," Bazemore said. "However, since we don't know who we will be meeting in the South Georgia playoff that puts a limit on what we can do.

"We can't start making definite plans until we find out whether it will be Richmond or Benedictine. We do know either one will be big and tough.

"Richmond lost only two or three starters from the very fine team we played last year. They have a college-size outfit.

"Benedictine's interior line averages 245 pounds from tackle to tackle. They also have a college-size outfit.

"So we will just have to wait and see. We will work on fundamentals this week."

VHS First On Final 'AAA' Rating Chart

ATLANTA (AP) — The final voting for the Top Ten high school football teams brought two unprecedented, first place ties. Waycross matched Gainesville's point count in Class AA and Screven County equalled that of Carrollton in Class A.

For the third straight week Valdosta drew all 10 first place votes to close out the season with no dissenters to its ability. The undisputed kings in Class B and Class C were Claxton and Coosa, respectively.

Gainesville outdrew Waycross 6-4 in first place votes, but the Bulldogs gained the tie when it piled up more second and third place mentions than Gainesville to

even the point count at 93-93.

Carrollton also had six first place ballots as compared to three for Screven County and one for sixth place Ware County. However, the points—awarded on the basis of 10 for first, 9 for second, etc. — showed Carrollton and Screven County tied at 86-all.

The rating board, sponsored by the Atlanta Journal, consists of 10 sports editors and writers from over the state.

There were two teams included in their respective Top Tens for the first time—Atlanta's Murphy in Class AAA and North Cobb in Class B. Back on the Class A list was Dublin which has been off and on the elite list all season.

Here's the way they line up in the final listing:

Class AAA—No. 1 Valdosta, No. 2 Richmond Academy, No. 3 Southwest, No. 4 R.E. Lee, No. 5 Benedictine, No. 6 Avondale, No. 7 Murphy, No. 8 Brown, No. 9 LaGrange, No. 10 Northside.

Class AA—No. 1 Gainesville and Waycross, No. 3 Fairburn, No. 4 Bainbridge, No. 5 Westminster, No. 6 Cedartown, No. 7 Rossville, No. 8 Dalton, No. 9 Wayne County, No. 10 Cairo.

Class A—No. 1 Carrollton and Screven County, No. 3 Americus, No. 4 Toccoa, No. 5 Trion, No. 6 Ware County, No. 7 Cartersville, No. 8 Commerce, No. 9 St. Pius, No. 10 Dublin.

Class B—No. 1 Claxton, No. 2 Fort Valley, No. 3 Blakely, No. 4 Morgan County, No. 5 Blackshear, No. 6 Thomson, No. 7 Tucker, No. 8 Treutlen, No. 9 Washington-Wilkes, No. 10 North Cobb.

Class C—No. 1 Coosa, No. 2 Lincolnton, No. 3 Chattanooga Valley, No. 4 Jones County, No. 5 Warren County, No. 6 Bremen, No. 7 Wrightsville, No. 8 Savannah Country Day, No. 9 Putnam County, No. 10 Dade County.

Wildcats Face Tough Test In SG Playoffs

For several years now Region 1-AAA has been ranked as the toughest league in Georgia high school football circles.

For three years in a row the 1-AAA champ, LaGrange, Albany and Valdosta in that order, have gone on to capture the state Class AAA crown. That's a pretty good indication that in 1958, 1959 and 1960 the gridiron competition in 1-AAA was tough. Those years the Grangers, Indians and Wildcats had to work very, very hard for their region crowns.

With Valdosta waiting for its Nov. 24 date with the yet undecided Region 2-AAA champ in the South Georgia AAA playoffs, a question comes to mind. Was 1-AAA as tough this season as it has been in past years?

Before the 1960 campaign got underway, everyone picked the Wildcats to win, but certainly not in a breeze.

Moultrie, LaGrange, Albany and Willingham were all rated a chance on the pre-season form chart to cop the title.

Now that the race is over, let's look back and see how things actually went. Valdosta took the crown, and in the process was involved in just one close regional game.

Valdosta trimmed Moultrie, 7-0, and licked everyone else by at least a three touchdown margin.

This led me to ask coach Wright Bazemore if he thought 1-AAA was as strong this season as it was in 1960.

"Before the season started I thought it was going to be," Bazemore said. "Now that it's over I don't think so. Moultrie was stronger, but otherwise the regional teams seemed to be a shade weaker. At least that's the way it looked to me.

"I do know, we didn't have as many close games as we had in 1960. I'm not talking just about the scores, but the way the games went.

VHS Better, Or Others Weaker?

"So either we improved, or most of the other teams were weaker. Comparing this year's team with last year's I'd say we have improved in some respects, but are weaker in others.

"It's my thinking that the region as a whole wasn't as strong this year as it was in 1960. We'll find out for sure when we get into the playoffs."

The South Georgia playoff is certain to provide a yardstick by which the 1961 Wildcats' can be measured. In the Nov. 24 outing, the 'Cats will meet either Richmond Academy of Augusta or Benedictine of Savannah.

Valdosta played Richmond in the SG title match last fall. The game ended in a 0-0 tie and the Wildcats earned the crown by a 2-0 margin because it finished with a statistical edge.

The Musketeers are well stocked with returning regulars and are rated just as strong or stronger than they were in 1960. They are favored in the 2-AAA race. So Richmond is a proven tough opponent.

Answer Will Come Nov. 24

The Wildcats haven't had a first-hand look at Benedictine. That is they haven't played the Savannah crew. But Benedictine tied Richmond this year and if the Cadets beat out the Musketeers in the 2-AAA scramble, then they will have proved their ability.

It all boils down to one basic question. Can you attribute the Wildcats' easier march to the 1961 Region 1-AAA championship to their own improvement or the fact that the other teams in the league were weaker this year?

The South Georgia playoff game may not provide a clear cut answer to the question, but it should shed a lot of light on the issue.

What I'm trying to get across is this. Because the Wildcats had an easier time winning the 1-AAA title, it doesn't necessarily mean they will have an easier time in the SG playoff.

Since Bazemore, in his postseason analysis, has rated 1-AAA weaker than it was in 1960, then he figures the SG playoff could be a tougher test for his charges than it was last fall. And it was plenty rugged last season.

We'll just have to wait until Nov. 24 and see what actually happens.



GLASSMAN

'Dosta Opens Hoop Season On Saturday

Ready or not, Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens will launch their 1961-62 basketball seasons on Saturday.

Coach Bill Kittrell's under-strength 'Cats and coach Bill Davis' youthful Kittens will meet Hahira in a doubleheader at Hahira.

Both the 'Cats and Kittens had successful campaigns in 1960-61. Davis' Kittens compiled an outstanding 26-1 record during a march which carried them to the state Class AAA championship. They also earned top honors in the Hahira Christmas Invitational tourney.

While the 'Cats finished 12-14 in the won-loss department, they won the boys crown in the Hahira tourney and closed strong to gain fourth place in the Region 1-AAA tourney and earn a berth in the state meet.

However, the outlook for both teams this winter is uncertain. With Valdosta involved in the football playoffs, both Kittrell and Davis are having to divide their time between the grid and hardwood sport right now. And the Wildcats' basketball squad won't reach full strength until the football wars are over the grid-ers can join the fold.

The Wildcats do know they will have to do without the services of center Ike Harrell, their top rebounder last season, and a pair of front-line reserves, Ray Register and John Gayle. They've departed via the graduation route.

However, there are four experienced hands available now. The returning regulars are Tommy Johnson (6-0), Alvie Steele (5-10), Bill Wisenbaker (5-11) and Leo Wells (6-0). All are seniors. Steele and Wisenbaker were the attack leaders last season and figure big in plans for the coming campaign.

The four vets are expected to open against Hahira with the fifth starter coming from a group that includes Mike Watson (5-9, sr.), Bill Lindstrom (5-11, jr.), Mark Holloway (5-11, jr.) and Bobby Steele (5-9, soph.).

"We've had very little practice and quite a few boys we are counting on are still playing football," Kittrell said. "I'm hoping that when we really get going that we will show some improvement over last year. But we will still have a major problem. A lack of height hurt us last year and we are going to be small again this season."

Davis, one of the state's most successful girls basketball coaches, faces a major "rebuilding" job with the Kittens this year.

Lost from the 1960-61 state championship team are standout players Evelyn Wilkes, Shelby Blanton, Patty Nichols, Mary Ann Mayo, Delores Lashley and Sue Katz.

The lone returnee with front line experience is junior forward Lucille Dawson, a 5-6 junior. She averaged close to 14 points per game last season and being counted on to lead the Kittens' attack this winter.

"We have just one returning regular and a squad that has only one senior," Davis said. "We lack height and experience. Frankly, I don't know what to expect. We have some young prospects with potential, but there's simply no substitute for experience."

Dawson, along with Betty McClenny (5-2, soph.) and Barbara Knoll (5-6, soph.) have, according to Davis, shown best in pre-season drills at forwards. Guards who have earned the same rating are Gail Bazemore (5-3, sr.), Russell Martin (5-9, jr.) and Diane Quattlebaum (5-8, jr.).

But the Kittens' coach said the search is still on for the "best combination" and "none has clinched a starting assignment yet."

Other candidates include the following:

Forward — Margaret Smith (5-7, jr.), Euloise Hamell (5-8, jr.), Sue Martin (5-2, jr.), Betty Polts (5-3, fresh.), Sara Smith

(5-2, soph.), Lyndall Deloach (5-5, fresh.); guards — Susan Rodgers (5-6, jr.), Virginia Anderson (5-6, fresh.), Diane Bazemore (5-2, fresh.), Donna Blanton (5-7, fresh.), Patsy Garvin (5-7, soph.) Dale Geer (5-2, jr.), Beverly Gleason (5-6, soph.), Carol Harris (5-6, soph.), Becky Johnson (5-5, soph.), Marsha Lackey (5-5, soph.), Jessie Mayne (5-5, fresh.), Barbara Reaves (5-4, fresh.), Andy Shenton (5-4, jr.), Sue Strobo (5-4, fresh.).

The Wildcats will meet Region 1-AAA foes Warner Robins, Columbus, Baker, Lanier, Willingham, LaGrange, Jordan, Albany and Moultrie and non-loop opponents Hahira, Lowndes County, Echols County, Tifton and Berrien County.

The Wildcats will play regional tilts with Warner Robins, Albany and Moultrie and face non-league tests against Hahira, Lowndes County, Echols, Tifton, Berrien, Coffee County, Doerun and Abraham Baldwin College of Tifton.

Their schedules follow:

VALDOSTA HIGH BASKETBALL B. S.
Nov. 18, Hahira, there (boys and girls),
Dec. 2, LOHI, there (boys and girls),
Dec. 5, Echols, there (boys and girls),
Dec. 8, Warner Robins, there (boys and girls),
Dec. 9, Hahira, here (boys and girls),
Dec. 12, Tifton, here (boys and girls),
Dec. 15, Berrien, there (boys and girls),
Dec. 16, Coffee County, there (girls only);
Jan. 5, Doerun here (girls),
Jordan here (boys);
Jan. 6, ABAC here (girls),
Baker here (boys);
Jan. 9, LOHI here (boys and girls);
Jan. 12, ABAC there (girls),
Lanier there (boys);
Jan. 13, Willingham there (boys only);
Jan. 14, Berrien here (boys and girls);
Jan. 19, Doerun here (girls),
LaGrange there (boys);
Jan. 20, Jordan there (boys only);
Jan. 26, Albany here (boys and girls);
Jan. 27, Moultrie here (boys and girls);
Jan. 28, Echols here (boys and girls);
Feb. 2, Moultrie there (boys and girls);
Feb. 3, Albany there (boys and girls);
Feb. 9, Warner Robins here (boys and girls);
Feb. 10, Coffee County here (girls),
Willingham here (boys);
Feb. 16, Tifton there (boys and girls).

Valdosta, LOHI, Hahira Set To Open Hoop Seasons

A generous serving of basketball, plus a sprinkling of football in the "menu" for area high school athletic teams this weekend.

There will be two grid contests and about a dozen basketball games tonight and Saturday night involving area teams.

All of the football action will be down in Florida with Blountstown at Madison and Cross City at Jasper.

Madison, with a 5-3 record, is favored in its outing, while Jasper, with a 1-7 mark, is the underdog in its game.

Here's the way the basketball slate looks:

Tonight — Cook (Adel) at Lowndes County, Norman Park at Hahira, St. George at Clinch County (Homerville), Georgia Christian School at Lanier County (Lakeland).

Saturday — Valdosta at Hahira, Georgia Christian School vs Alabama Christian School (part of doubleheader at Valdosta State College gym.)

Valdosta, Lowndes County and

Hahira, like many of the other cagers in the area, will be getting their 1961-62 seasons underway this weekend.

With Valdosta involved in the football playoffs, coach Bill Kittrell's Wildcats will open against Hahira on Saturday shorthanded. However, four veterans, Tommy Johnson, Alvie Steele, Bill Wisenbaker and Leo Wells, will be available for duty. Mike Watson or Mark Halloway will probably be the fifth man in the opening lineup.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens, defending state Class AAA girls champs, will have just one returning regular in the lineup at Hahira. She is sharpshooting forward Lucille Dawson. Other probable starters are forwards Betty McClenny and Barbara Knoll and guards Diane Quattlebaum, Russell Martin and Gail Bazemore.

When Lowndes County's Eagles square off against Cook's always tough Hornets tonight, veterans Calvin VanVlake, David Cowart and Jerry Goodson are expected to answer the opening whistle. Coach Carlton Adams said he

would pick his other two starters just before game time.

Rodney Fain will be making his debut as coach of the Lowndes girls team. He listed the probable starters as guards Sue Ann McLane, Ann Harris and Betty Lou Carter and forwards Wyonne Swilley, Aimee Hare and Susan McCall. McLane is the only one with previous front-line experience.

For the Hahira Tigers' meeting with Norman Park at Hahira to-

night, coach Jack Jarrard said he would pick his starters from a group that includes David Sorrell, Paul Reaves, Jackson Keel, Jerry Bass, Mike Crump, Raymond Tucker, Bill Roberts and Charles Nichols. The Tigerettes new hoop boss, Warren Alexander, listed Linda Bass, Willene Coombs, Alene LeGette, Elaine McNeese, Linda Stalvey, Margie Stalvey, Brenda Stubbs and Betty Yanconish as candidates for starting assignments.

VHS Starts Cage Play At Hahira

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens get their 1961-62 basketball seasons underway tonight at Hahira.

Coach Bill Kittrell's Wildcats and coach Bill Davis' Kittens will be meeting Hahira's Tigers and Tigerettes in a doubleheader set to begin at 7 p. m.

With Valdosta still involved in the football playoffs, the 'Cats will begin their hardwood campaign with some of their top candidates missing.

But Kittrell does have four veterans ready for duty tonight. They are returning regulars Alvie Steel (5-10), Tommy Johnson (6-0), Bill Wisenbaker (5-11) and Leo Wells (6-0), all are seniors.

Kittrell says he will pick his fifth starter from a group that includes Mike Watson (5-9), Mark Holloway (5-11), Bill Lindstrom (5-11) and Bobby Steele (5-9).

The Wildcats had a 12-14 record last season, but hope to improve on it this time out. However, Kittrell fears the going will be tough until the grid wars are over and the squad reaches full strength.

Davis' Kittens compiled a 26-1 record last season during their march to the state Class AAA crown.

However, just one regular off that championship team is returning for the '61-'62 campaign. She is forward Lucille Dawson, a 5-6 junior.

Beside Dawson, the Kittens' starters tonight will include forwards Betty McClenny (5-2, soph.) and Barbara Knoll (5-6, soph.) and guards Gail Bazemore (5-3, sr.), Russell Martin (5-9, jr.) and Diane Quattlebaum (5-8, jr.). Bazemore is the only senior on the youthful Kitten squad.

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midget football for boys 11 and under. It is operated by the Valdosta Boys Club and the coaching is done by volunteers from the city. Bazemore and his coaches do not have a part in it.

The three elementary schools do not play organized sports. However, the junior high does and the schedule varies from four to six games a year.

"We are very proud of the part we play in providing players for Valdosta and Wright Bazemore," said Buck Thomas, principal of the junior high school. "Our team is operated on the eighth-grade level and it amounts to a preparatory course for high school competition."

BOB SYKES, Boys Club director, also feels his organization has played a part in Valdosta's success.

"At the present time we have over 100 boys participating. This year we had four teams, but the success has forced us to double the number of teams for next season. We also compete in little league baseball and the other major sports. But football is king."

The Wildcats also field a B-team, but ironically it tastes defeat more often than it celebrates victories.

"We operate on this principal," said Coach Bazemore. "The B-team is for boys who probably would not play otherwise. Winning or losing is incidental. In fact, our B-team has won only one game in five years."

Do the Wildcats have to win in order to make the athletic program pay off? Not really. In 1958 when Bazemore experienced his worst season here, a 5-5 record, fans still came out and gate receipts were just as big.

The Valdosta Athletic Association holds the purse strings and the Touchdown Club gives several assists.

W. G. Nunn, superintendent of the Valdosta school system, sums it up this way: "We don't think we are over-emphasizing football just because we are successful. Our trophy case also includes literary honors."

"Football helps build school spirit and it binds our community together. We are proud of our team, but mostly we are proud of our students first."

(Next: How do Valdostans feel about their coach who has won 206 out of 237 games? What kind of man is he?)

AT VALDOSTA

Football Pays the Freight

By TOM WILLOW
Atlanta Journal Staff Writer
(Second in a Series)

VALDOSTA, Ga., Nov. 17—It is true that success begets success, but what does it really amount to in dollars and cents to have a winning football team on the high school level?

In the unique case at Valdosta high, football pays for itself. In fact, football foots the entire athletic program on the senior level as well as junior high level.

In five home games this year,

the football team has done \$26,000 worth of business. There is no telling what the figure would be if the local stadium seated more than 6,300.

"For our game with Moultrie this year we had the largest crowd in our history," said school principal W. H. Bridges. "It exceeded well over 10,000 although the paid attendance was only 8,700."

Unusual? Not for this football-crazy town where midget football

games draw crowds of over 500 and the junior high team is watched closely for possible "varsity" candidates.

"We are proud of our program," said Coach Wright Bazemore. "But it is not a big program and this may disappoint some folks."

Actually, football schooling for this town of 30,000 inhabitants is no different than any other Georgia community. The first level is

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REGION 1-AAA FAST-BECOMING 'THE VALDOSTA

By GENE ASHER

You name it and Valdosta has it—runners, passers, blockers, tacklers and receivers.

This was made graphically clear again last Friday night as Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats destroyed the state's fourth-ranked football team, LaGrange, 35-0. The victory was the 22nd straight for the Wildcats and it gave them their second consecutive Region 1-AAA championship.

Bainbridge, with a boost from Thomasville, retained its 1-AA South crown, Screven County of Sylvania clinched the 2-A diadem and Claxton wrapped up the

2-B East region.

Other championship winners were Truetlen, 2-B West; Lincolnton, 3-C, and Campbell of Smyrna, 4-AAA West. Murphy gained a tie for the 3-AAA East crown and most likely a Milk Bowl bid by manhandling North Fulton, 33-0. It was one of the year's finest team efforts.

No team, however, outdid Coach J. B. Davis' Gordon Generals who registered the season's biggest upset with a 7-6 conquest of the state's second-ranked team, R. E. Lee. It was the first loss for Lee and only the second triumph for Gordon.

Valdosta, only the second team in history to win back-to-back titles in 1-AAA, fast becoming known as the Valdosta League, rolled for 20 first downs, 236 yards rushing and 179 yards passing. It limited the heretofore unbeaten Grangers to four first downs, 75 yards rushing and 12 yards passing. LaGrange was never in it.

The Wildcats scored in every period and quarterback Bruce Bennett figured in all five tallies. He scored two touchdowns himself on runs of 28 and seven yards and passed for the three other scores, throwing 31 yards to Giles Smith, 48 yards to Kenny Ruffer and 35 yards to Stan Reaves.

The Grangers ne- Middleton, Bill Schro- pressure on LaGrange it off.

Bainbridge, beaten theless went into the Cairo, 19-12. Cairo ne- the title.

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LAGRANGE BLANKED, 35-0

Valdosta Sitting Pretty

By BOB PRICE

Times-Union Sports Writer

Valdosta, sitting pretty with a 22-game winning streak and its second consecutive 1-AAA championship after belting previously unbeaten LaGrange, 35-0, now waits for Region 2-AAA to settle its confusion.

Richmond Academy, the team Valdosta beat on penetrations in last year's semifinals, climbed into a tie with Benedictine for the 2-AAA title by turning back Savannah, 33-12. Benedictine was idle.

Both Richmond and Benedictine have one more game — with Aquinas (Friday night) and Savannah (Thursday) respectively—and should they both win, they will have a playoff for the regional honors in Augusta Saturday night. The AAA semifinals are slated the following week.

Waycross Routs Glynn

Waycross tuned up for its 1-AA title scrap with Bainbridge by routing Glynn Academy of Brunswick, 33-0, while the Bearcats were being shelled, 34-19, by AAA Savannah Jenkins.

Bainbridge received a big assist from Thomasville as the Bulldogs came from behind to gain a 19-12 verdict over Cairo and put the Bearcats into the playoffs. Cairo, rated No. 8 in the state, had to beat the Bulldogs to gain a tie with Bainbridge in the sub-

region.

Region 2-AAA isn't the only confused circuit in the AAA ranks. Murphy walloped North Fulton, 33-0, to throw the east division of 3-AAA into a three-way tie. Coaches of the division must now vote among Murphy, North Fulton and Grady to decide the section's representative. Each has lost once in regional play.

Thomaston Tastes Defeat

Thomaston's R. E. Lee, unbeaten, untied and ranked No. 2 prior to Friday night was upset by Decatur Gordon, 7-6. However, the Rebels already had clinched the 4-AAA East crown. Campbell of Smyrna grabbed the West sub-region with a 6-0 decision over Russell.

In traditional affairs, Moultrie upended Albany, 32-12; Willingham plastered Lanier, 23-6; Riverside upset the GMA Kadets, 7-6, and Jordan, which lost or tied in its first four games, made it six in a row on the credit side with a 34-0 romp over Columbus.

Gainesville, the only undefeated, untied AA team in Georgia, lived up to its No. 1 rating by knocking off Athens, 20-14. It was the fifth Class AAA foe to fall before Gainesville this season.

Campbell of Fairburn, undefeated but once tied and rated No. 3 behind Waycross, downed Jonesboro, 21-6. The Bears, champions in 2-AA South will meet

Westminster, titleholders in 2-AA North, for the region banner next Friday. Westminster's Wildcats prepped for the championship affair by clawing Milton, 32-7.

Chambless Boosts Record

Billy Chambless boosted his season's gaining total to 1,310 yards by picking up 210 yards in nine carries as Fitzgerald scuttled Irwin County of Ocilla, 61-19.

Bruce Bennett boosted his all-state stature in guiding Valdosta to its surprise, scorewise, victory over LaGrange. The smooth working signal caller ran for touchdowns on gallops of 28 and seven yards and passed for three others—hitting Giles Smith on a 31-yarder, Kenny Ruffer, 48, and Stan Reaves, 35.

Waycross' Marvin Hurst, a pre-season pick for all-state, didn't hurt his chances one bit by romping to three touchdowns from 23, 33 and 52 yards out against AAA Glynn. Quarterback David Barber accounted for two other six-pointers—both from the seven-yard stripe.

Quarterback Charlie Pippin was the Moultrie leader as he raced 70 yards for the Packers' first score and got the next on a one-yard plunge to end a 39-yard drive.

Chambless' busy evening was highlighted by touchdown sprints of 30, 12, 39, 42 and 59 yards

and the Fitzgerald fullback made more than one college talent hunter happy with his stellar showing.

Jeff Davis of Hazlehurst ended its season on a victorious note by nudging Wilcox Central, 7-6 as Roderick Rentz moved over from the five for the knotting score and Dan Roberts passed to Walt Hinson for the game winning point-after.

Berrien County of Nashville, which has had its problems this season, finished off the campaign by blasting Hahira—which has now finished its second year of 11-man football—33-14. Butch Alexander and David Conner were the offensive stars for Berrien. Conner scored on runs of two and 10 yards while Alexander tallied from the three and tossed to Doug Carter on a 23-yard pass play. Larry Davis produced both of Hahira's TDs on plunges of three and four yards.

Lamar Johnson and Tommy Corbett provided the TDs Coffee County of Douglas needed to trip Savannah Groves, 13-0. Corbett's six-pointer came on a five yard pass play from Shelton Souther while Johnson plunged over from the two.

Camden County's Stanley Strickland plunged for two touchdowns and his brother David passed 33 yards to Jimmy Brown to pace a 21-0 victory over Folkston.

Smith's 110-Point Outburst Wins Region 1 Scoring Race

By ELLWOOD MOYER
Special to The Constitution
COLUMBUS, Ga. — Top individual scoring honors for the

1961 season in Region One, Class AAA football play went to Giles Smith of Valdosta as the halfback came up with a total of 12 touch-

downs and 38 extra points for a 110-point total.

Smith thus beat out Bruce Bennett, also of Valdosta, by a margin of two points. Bennett came up with 18 touchdowns for a 108-point total.

Last year Bennett also paced the region in touchdowns with 12 but he lost the scoring title by one point as his 72 points fell one short of Joel Dickens of Willingham who had 10 touchdowns and 13 conversions for 73 points.

This season Dickens came up with 79 points, six more than last year, but this time the Macon back had to be content with third place in the scoring race.

Clyde Isom of Moultrie placed fourth with 66 points on the strength of 11 touchdowns, while Mike Welsh of Jordan was fifth with seven touchdowns and 11 extra points for a 53-point total.

Wayne Tucker of Moultrie landed the sixth spot with an even 50 points as he tallied five touchdowns and added 20 extra points.

In all, a total of 82 players broke into the scoring column this year. The region, in 100 games, came up with a total of 1,564 points. The lone field goal scored this season was by Steve Davis of Baker.

Bennett's 18 touchdowns proved to be the third high in region play since the 1949 campaign. Ray Mercer of Moultrie holds the region record of 21 touchdowns scored for the Packers back in 1951. The previous season he had 19 for the Packers.

Since that time Danny Murphy came up with 18 TDs for LaGrange back in 1954 and then Jimmy Burson, also of LaGrange, tied the mark in 1958.

FINAL 1-AAA SCORING

PLAYER, TEAM	TD's	EP	TPTS
Smith, Valdosta	12	38	110
Bennett, Valdosta	18	0	108
Dickens, Willingham	10	19	79
Isom, Moultrie	11	0	66
Welsh, Jordan	7	11	53
W. Tucker, Moultrie	5	20	50
Bob Taylor, LaGrange	8	0	48
Burkett, Jordan	7	0	42
Fincher, Lanier	6	1	37
Garnto, Jordan	6	0	36
Ligon, Baker	5	0	30
Boyd Taylor, LaGrange	5	0	30
Brown, Moultrie	5	0	30
Harvey, Moultrie	5	0	30
Reaves, Valdosta	5	0	30
Hammond, Warner Robins	3	11	29
Beaver, Albany	4	1	25
Brown, Willingham	4	0	24
Wheeler, Willingham	4	0	24
Gray, Albany	4	0	24
Ruffier, Valdosta	4	0	24
Knight, Warner Robins	4	0	24
John Bolles, Baker	4	0	24
Crawford, LaGrange	1	18	24
Smith, LaGrange	4	0	24
Henderson, Jordan	3	2	20
Mitchell, Columbus	2	2	20
Fulford, Jordan	1	19	19
Nixon, Warner Robins	1	18	18
Gard, Warner Robins	1	17	17
Muha, Warner Robins	3	0	18
Ashley, LaGrange	3	0	18
Ruzgerio, LaGrange	3	0	18
Hardison, Willingham	3	0	18
Bowden, Willingham	3	0	18
Reidt, Albany	3	0	18
Barker, Valdosta	3	0	18
Thomas, Valdosta	3	0	18
Elkins, Jordan	3	0	18
Flyod, Moultrie	2	3	15
Almond, Albany	2	2	14
Bryant, Willingham	2	0	12
Whatley, Albany	2	0	12
Zant, Valdosta	2	0	12
Pippin, Moultrie	2	0	12
Davis, Baker	1	6	*9
Gaines, Willingham	1	1	7

was the last to do it with title victories in 1947-48-49-50.

The setback left Coach Oliver Hunnicutt's Grangers with a 7-1-2 mark. In typical LaGrange fashion they battled hard, but the Grangers were simply no match for the Wildcats who played in inspired fashion.

The Wildcats scored in every period and quarterback Bruce Bennett figured in all five tallies. He scored a pair of touchdowns himself on runs of 28 and seven yards and three of his passes went for tallies. On the receiving end of the scoring pitches were halfback Giles Smith, 31 yards; halfback Kenny Ruffer, 48 yards and halfback Stan Reaves, 35 yards.

The Valdosta attack clicked for 20 first downs, 236 yards rushing and 179 passing. The Wildcats' razor-sharp defensive effort limited LaGrange to four first downs, only 75 yards rushing and 15 passing. The Grangers didn't threaten until the final minute of play when they moved to the 15.

BAZEMORE, STILL a little breathless after a "victory ride" on the shoulders of his jubilant players, called the Wildcats' performance "our best of the season and a great, great team effort."

Bennett, who has already broken the 1-AAA total offense record, increased his already shopping total by gaining 129 yards on 16 rushing tries and completing eight of 12 passes to help account for 179 more yards.

Smith gained 39 yards on nine runs and caught three passes for 57 yards. He already owns the 1-AAA pass-receiving record and boosted his total considerably. Smith scored once and kicked five straight extra points. His 11 points for the evening boosted his season total to 110. That gave him the 1-AA scoring crown. Bennett, counting in his two TD's against Grangers, finished second in the point race with 108.

Stan Reaves, with nine tackles and Foy Norwood, with eight, led the Wildcats in the stop-department.

Valdosta Clinches Region 1-AAA Flag

LaGrange No Match for Wildcats, 35-0; South Georgia Crown Fight Nov. 24

Special to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

VALDOSTA, Ga., Nov. 11—Valdosta uncorked its best performance of the season here Friday night to turn what was expected to be a close game with LaGrange's Grangers into a 35-0 victory romp for the Wildcats.

With the triumph earned before approximately 7,500 fans, Coach Wright Bazemore's Cats clinched the region 1-AAA championship and raked in a host of other honors.

Chief among them is a berth in the South Georgia class AAA playoffs. They will meet region 2-AAA champion here on Nov. 24. Richmond Academy of Augusta and Benedictine of Savannah are battling it out in the 2-AAA title race which won't be decided until next week.

THE TRIUMPH over LaGrange rang down the curtain on the Wildcats' regular season and boosted their two-year victory string to 22 games. They are only the second team in 1-AAA history to repeat as league champions. Lanier of Macon

FOOTBALL EMPIRE

Bazemore Uses No Magic Tricks

By TOM WILLOW
Atlanta Journal Staff Writer

VALDOSTA, Ga., Nov. 16—To the naked eye there is no football factory operating in this south Georgia city with the Florida climate. Yet, within lies a restless gridiron giant coiled and ready to strike.

A stranger visiting this city of 30,652 football fanatics has little trouble finding out where the home of champions is located. In some circles it is referred to as the University of Valdosta. In reality, however, Valdosta High School is home for 942 students

and Wright Bazemore and his coaching staff.

It is also the home of eight state football champions with a ninth trying to push its way to the front of the trophy case. And it is this latest edition of Coach

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BRAINS AND BRAWN

Valdosta Football Giants Above Average Students

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Bazemore's gridiron giants that has brought upon the cries of over emphasis from all corners of the state.

"We are not trying to build any football giant," said school principal W. H. Bridges, himself a former athlete and coach and presently serving his 21st year as principal.

"WE TRY our best to provide our students with the best educational facilities around. The fact that we have enjoyed wonderful success on the football field can be attributed to one man, Wright Bazemore. And he has done it without neglecting our original goal.

Bazemore demands proficiency in classroom just as much as he does on the football field and he gets both," said Bridges.

Currently unbeaten in 22 consecutive games, the Wildcats have also scored big in the classroom.

"As a whole, this team is making better grades than any we've had in my 21 years here," said Bridges. "They rate above the average student and some are

even better than the best. A tramp athlete, we do not have, nor will we tolerate."

To best illustrate this point, Valdostans will readily explain that in 1958 a possible state crown fell by the wayside when Bazemore put his foot down in a disciplinary move. The day before the south Georgia playoff with LaGrange came off, Valdosta's regular fullback cut classes. Bazemore refused to play the boy and the trophy case was empty for 1958.

But aside from stern leadership and obviously good coaching, what other ingredients go into molding an almost perennial winner?

"There's no magic," said Bazemore, who has guided his Wildcats into 10 state championship games in his 20-year tenure. "It takes plenty of hard work from the boys and they pay the price by knocking heads day in and day out.

"I've been accused of bringing in players from all parts of Georgia to play," said Bazemore. "That's completely unfounded. I've never done it and I never will. We have players out there that couldn't make the worst Class B or C team in the state. But for us, they have tradition and pride working for them.

"Last year and also this season we've played teams that had 11 boys better than any I could put there. The difference was our 22 boys were better than any they could find."

Bazemore's formula follows along the lines of LSU's Paul Dietzel. Valdosta offensive team is "the Cats." On defense it's "the Headhunters" and a third team, "the Skinners," does most

of its playing in practice scrimmages.

TO MOST Georgians that Valdosta does not, like most schools, called lean years. The however, prove that until 1959, Valdosta skidded the season, the worst ever ended by Bazemore and they lost the State AA title to Athens after finishing 9-1. "The trouble is no one checks the record."—As Finney, a certified public ant, sums it up:

"If Bazemore told his run through a play back they'd do it figuring that way to win."

(Friday: What does the city of Valdosta to a championship team after year?)

BAZEMORE: 'RICHMOND HAS WEIGHT, MUSCLE'

Valdosta Coach Says Wildcats Will Have to Out-Run Musketeers

By LEE WALBURN

Wright Bazemore has been described by some as "a man who looks both ways before crossing a one-way street."

The great Valdosta mentor, whose team is currently cruising along on a 22-game win skein, could also be called an "optimistic pessimist." While hoping for the best, Bazemore usually has dark forebodings of all sorts of disastrous results awaiting in the next game.

That is the case this week as the Wildcats prepared for Friday night's South Georgia championship game against Richmond Academy in Valdosta.

"Why, that Richmond team is probably the toughest team in Georgia," moaned Bazemore Monday. "And look at the size of them. They will outweigh us an average of 20 pounds per man in the line and 30 pounds in the backfield.

"Richmond is bigger than some college teams," continued Bazemore. "And not only are they big, they are fast."

Valdosta's hopes lie in their tremendous speed, and even Bazemore agrees they are fast.

"We had better be fast," laughed Bazemore, "or we are up the creek without a paddle. Our best chance is to out-run Richmond."

THE MUSKETEERS of Richmond have a simple plan, ram straight at the opposition and batter them into submission. They have the personnel to do just that, with a backfield that will average about 175 pounds per rugged individual.

Chief among these pile-drivers

is Forrest Inglett, an athlete of size and rare ability. Inglett has combined his straight-ahead drive and unusual elusiveness into sure all-star material.

No team is likely to have a stronger end than big Glenn Gray, brother of another flankerman of note, Wade Gray, who was one of the most heralded players in the state last year.

Bazemore rates Richmond tougher than the Musketeer team that tied the Wildcats in the South Georgia playoff last year and then to lose on penetrations.

"I'd say we are about on par with our team of last season," said Bazemore, "maybe a little better. We have improved over the course of the season."

One thing the Wildcat leader

doesn't hedge on is his evaluation of quarterback Bruce Bennett.

"I wouldn't go so far as to say he is the best quarterback we've ever had—we've had some good ones—but he certainly ranks with the best. He is tough and he does a lot of things well."

LaGrange is one team that will agree that Bennett does a lot of things well. In the game that decided the 1-AAA championship Mr. Bennett accounted for every touchdown by either passing or running in a 35-0 romp.

LaGrange has company, however, for the list of Bennett's victims is long and impressive. Valdostans hope he adds Richmond to the club.

VHS, Richmond In SG Playoff

Valdosta's Wildcats, the Region 1-AAA titleholders, will meet Richmond Academy's Musketeers, the newly crowned 2-AAA champs, here Friday night in the playoff for the South Georgia Class AAA crown.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats clinched the 1-AAA title back on Nov. 17 when they closed out regular season play undefeated. They have a 22-game winning streak that dates back to the start of the 1960 campaign.

Coach Frank Inman's Musketeers picked off the 2-AAA crown and earned the right to meet Valdosta in the SG playoff by licking Benedictine's Cadets 15-14 in a special playoff Saturday night at Augusta.

The game ended in a 13-13 tie, but Richmond got two points and Benedictine only one when a statistical formula used to break on tie games in playoffs was applied.

When the 'Cats meet the Musketeers here this coming Friday night at Cleveland Field it will be a replay of the 1960 South Georgia "AAA" playoff.

Valdosta and Richmond met last year at Augusta. They battled to a 0-0 tie, with the Wildcats gaining a statistical edge to notch a 2-0 triumph.

This year's South Georgia champ will meet the North Georgia titleholder in the state championship playoff. R. E. Lee of Thomaston and Murphy of Atlanta are to battle for the North Georgia crown this coming Friday night at Atlanta's Grady Stadium.

Under a rotation system, the state championship game will be played on the home field of the North Georgia victor on Friday, Dec. 1. That means the winner of the Valdosta-Richmond game will have to go to either Atlanta or Thomaston for the state title showdown.

Sale of tickets for the South Georgia playoff game will begin here at Barnes Drug Store and Belcher's Drug Store at 8 a. m. Tuesday. Tickets are priced at \$2.25 for reserved seat, \$1.75 for adult general admission and 75 cents for students.

Valdosta fans who bought a total of 1,276 season reserved seat tickets, will have until noon Thursday to purchase playoff game ducats at Barnes Drug store for their same seat.

In addition there will be some 700 reserved seat ducats offered on a first-come-first-serve basis tomorrow morning. They will be divided, with half of them offered at Barnes Drug Store and half at Belcher's. They will be sold on a limit of two per person.

Adult general admission and student tickets will be offered at both places.

All tickets not claimed under the season ticket holder option will be offered on a first-come-first-serve basis at noon Thursday.

AT HAHIRA

Wildcats, Kittens Win Cage Openers

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

VALDOSTA—Valdosta's Wildats and Kittens got their new basketball seasons underway with victories over Hahira's Tigers and Tigerettes here Saturday night.

Coach Bill Kittrell's Wildcats notched a 58-42 triumph over coach Jack Jarrard's Tigers. Coach Bill Davis' Kittens turned back coach Warren Alexander's Tigerettes, 56-41.

Both games followed similar patterns in that Valdosta went out at the half with relatively slim leads, then the 'Cats and Kittens finished strong to win by 15 and 16 point margins.

Leo Wells dumped in 28 points, scoring 11 field goals and hitting on six of seven free throws, to spark the Wilccats' attack. He got plenty of scoring help from Alvie Steele, 9; Tommy Johnson, 7 and Mark Holloway, 6. Bill Wisenbaker and Mike Watson also saw extensive front-line action.

Jackson Keel, with 10 points; David Sorrell and Paul Reeves, with seven points each, paced the Tigers' attack.

The 'Cats made a total of 21 field goals and hit on 16 of 27 tries from the foul line. They were charged with 15 fouls. The Tigers accounted for 18 field goals and made good on six of 15 tries from the charity line. They were charged with 19 fouls.

Davis' Kittens offered a balanced attack during their victory effort. Lucille Dawson scored 20 points, Betty McClenny got 18 and Barbara Knoll accounted for 17. Among defensive stickouts were guards Russell Martin, Gail Bazemore and Diane Quattlebaum.

The Tigerettes failed to triumph, but did produce the game's leading individual scorer. Hahira's Linda Stalvey claimed the honor with a saprkling 30-point effort.

GIRLS

Valdosta	8	22	38	56
Hahira	11	18	31	41

VALDOSTA (56) — Dawson 20, McClenny 18, Knoll 17, Smith, Hamell, Potts, R. Martin, Bazemore, S. Martin, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Harris.

BOYS

Hahira	9	25	33	42
Valdosta	10	27	43	58

VALDOSTA (58) — Wells 28, A. Steele 9, Johnson 7, Holloway 6, Carter 3, Wisenbaker 2, Lindstrom 2, Watson 1, Milam, B. Steele, Davenport.

HAHIRA (42) — Keel 10, Sorrell 7, Reeves 7, Tucker 6, Bass 5, Martin 4, Kinard 3.

Bazemore Makes Valdosta Click on Field and Off

(Last in a series)

By TOM WILLOW
Atlanta Journal Staff Writer

VALDOSTA, Ga., Nov. 20—By his own admission, Valdosta High Coach Wright Bazemore is a family man who loves to coach, loves to win and has few aspirations to step up to the college coaching ranks.

His 21-year coaching record is as good as any coach in the country. Bazemore-coached football teams have won 206 of 238 games and have been in state championship games 10 times, winning eight titles.

However, Bazemore is not strictly a football coach. From 1947 to 1952 he was also the basketball coach and his teams won 176 of 198 games. In five of the seven years he handled the basketball reins, Valdosta went to the state finals. They won once.

Surprisingly enough, however, winning has never come easy for

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the 44-year-old coach. His players are not super beings. They simply work hard at what they do and success follows.

"I'm very happy here," says Wright. "This is a good town and people place football ahead of other sports. The three things we have working for us are enthusiasm, spirit and tradition. And very often they make up the shortage of ability."

Bazemore has been offered many college coaching jobs but apparently it is difficult to find a better working situation than he has here.

"Yes, I've thought about it seriously several times," he said. "But this business of hanging coaches in effigy doesn't make sense. I think if they did it to me in college I'd leave the next morning."

There are no hanging trees in Valdosta. In fact, there is no pressure exerted from any source. The townfolks love their team and worship its coach.

"YOU'VE never seen such a determined bunch of kids in your life," said Lewis Blair, who operates Castle Park service station. "Bazemore makes 'em click. I don't think they'd knock heads out there for anyone else."

Vernon Walker, a painter, admits to being a devout Wildcat fan. Two of his sons played on championship teams. Jimmy Walker made all-state in 1953.

"I've got another boy, Dave, in the ninth grade," said Mr. Walker, "and I hope he can help Bazemore in the next few years. He's six feet but only weighs 135 pounds. Im sure Bazemore will fatten him up."

Valdosta's city manager, Harold Farmer has been here only a few weeks, but he still hasn't gotten over the football-crazy town.

"Kissimmee, Fla., was never like this," said Farmer. "Folks tell me this is natural but it sure is unnatural for me. To me it means that the people have a keen interest in their youth."

The town's keen interest in football didn't begin in the era of Coach Bazemore. The first coach of a Valdosta high team, Turner Rockwell, who now is editor of the Valdosta Daily Times, remembers the following his first team had back in 1914.

"We only had 15 boys on the squad," said Rockwell, "and we had to scrimmage one side of the line against the other. But for our games we had as many as 300 standing on the sidelines. We didn't have any stands for them."

Ellis Clary, a former big league player who can lay claim to being the only Valdostan to make it big in a sport aside from football, looks at Bazemore's accomplishments in another vein.

"What kind of guy is he? I'll

tell you. Anybody who can take a team with a backfield that averages 154 pounds and a line that weighs only 177 and stay unbeaten is a great coach. But heck, he's proved through the years he's great. Nobody can argue that point.

"Sure there are people who do not praise him," explained Clary, "and you'll find them in Thomasville and Moultrie but not in this town."

At a meeting of the school board earlier this year talk had gotten around to procuring a guidance councilor for the school. After much discussion one board member proved his point to all when he said: "Heaven help us if we ever lose Wright Bazemore."

The University of Valdosta would never be the same.

Bennett Earns 1-AAA Rush And Pass Titles

By ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS — Valdosta quarterback Bruce Bennett has become the first player in Region 1-AAA history to pace the circuit in both rushing and passing.

Bennett gained 771 yards on 120 carries to earn the rushing crown. Willingham fullback Joel Dickens, with 691 yards on 130 tries, finished second in this department.

The Valdosta quarterback hit on 44 of 84 tosses for 965 yards to become the region's top passer. He edged out Warner Robins' Jackie Hammonds by a scant two yards. Hammonds threw 161 times and completed 77 for 963 yards.

Bennett's total of 1,736 yards rushing and passing far surpassed the former 1-AAA total offense record.

Another Valdostan, halfback Giles Smith, finished regular season play as the circuit's leading pass receiver. Smith snagged 24 passes that accounted for 574. This also was a new 1-AAA record.

Smith, with 110 points and Bennett, with 108, finished one-two in the scoring races.

Rushing, passing and pass receiving leaders plus figures on all Valdosta players follows:

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING			
	C	Net	Avg.
1. Bennett, Valdosta	120	771	6.43
2. Dickens, Willingham	130	684	5.26
3. Boyd Taylor, LaGrange	118	615	5.21
4. Isom, Moultrie	122	599	4.91
5. Bob Taylor, LaGrange	84	585	6.96
6. Harvey, Moultrie	103	581	5.64
7. John Bolles, Baker	119	547	4.60
8. Burkett, Jordan	105	508	4.84
9. Smith, Valdosta	81	505	6.23

PASSING			
	Att.	Comp.	G Avg.
1. Bennett, Valdosta	84	44	965 .524
2. Hammonds, Warner Robins	161	77	963 .491
3. Garnto, Jordan	112	58	885 .518
4. Pippin, Moultrie	77	44	512 .571
5. Mitchell, Columbus	109	42	392 .385
6. Beaver, Albany	67	21	305 .313
7. James, Albany	39	19	268 .487
8. Carstaphew, Lanier	42	21	222 .500
9. Gillam, LaGrange	45	16	216 .356
10. Gaines, Willingham	27	7	164 .259
16. Valdosta	12	4	63 .333
18. Lee, Valdosta	16	5	52 .313
21. Blanton, Valdosta	4	1	35 .250

PASS RECEIVING			
	C	Yds	Td's
1. Smith, Valdosta	24	574	8
2. Fulford, Jordan	30	420	2
3. Muha, Warner Robins	28	382	3
4. Henderson, Jordan	7	225	3
5. Holtzclaw, Valdosta	8	212	0
6. W. Tucker, Moultrie	15	193	5
7. Heidt, Albany	13	181	1
8. Bowen, Willingham	9	176	3
9. Knight, Warner Robins	17	152	3
10. McLure, Warner Robins	14	145	0
12. Reaves, Valdosta	7	118	1
17. Ruffer, Valdosta	6	89	1
30. Colson, Valdosta	6	73	0

PASS INTERCEPTIONS		
	Inter.	Rets
1. Isom, Moultrie	3	147
2. Smith, Valdosta	1	80
3. Gillam, LaGrange	4	76
4. Raffield, Willingham	2	73
5. Luke, Valdosta	5	50
6. Carter, Lanier	1	40
7. Short, Baker	1	38
8. Bradberry, Moultrie	3	38
9. Googe, Baker	2	35
10. Burton, Lanier	2	33
11. Varnado, Valdosta	2	25

THREE CHAMPS REMAIN IN TITLE CONTENTION

Valdosta, Waycross and Lincolnton Have Chance to Repeat '60 Crowns

By CHARLIE ROBERTS

Valdosta, Waycross and Lincolnton are still in the running to win their second consecutive Georgia high school football championships as the semifinals of the state play-offs approach next Friday night.

Wright Bazemore's Valdostans, on a 22-game winning binge and idle over the weekend, will be at home to the winner of Saturday night's Richmond Academy - Benedictine play-off for the Region 2-AAA championship.

And should the Wildcats whip the Richmond-Benedictine survivor for the South Georgia AAA diadem, they'll mix it with the R. E. Lee-Murphy survivor for the state AAA title a week



Charlie Roberts

later either at Grady Stadium or in Thomaston.

Earl O'Neal's Waycrossers, who smashed Bainbridge for the 1-AA crown Friday night, 41-14, will take on invading Westminster for the so-called "South Georgia" AA title next Friday and—if they win—the winner of the Gainesville-Rossville wrestle for the state title a week later.

CHARLIE BRAKE'S Westminster and Graham Hixon's Gainesvillians are the same two schools Waycross thumped a year ago in the AA semifinals and finals. Gainesville will be at Rossville next weekend.

Lincolnton, idle on Friday while region 2-C champion Jones County was whipping Cochran in a regular-season game, 52-0, will be at home to the people from Gray Friday. Coosa gained the right to play the Jones-Lincolnton victor by popping Chattanooga Valley for the North Georgia C title, 19-0.

New state champions will be crowned in Classes A and B, Dublin and Washington-Wilkes having been stripped of their region crowns along the way by Screven County and Morgan County.

Screven, one of eight unbeaten-untied Georgia teams, remaining, is scheduled to invade Waycross Friday to battle Ware County for the South Georgia A crown. But there could be a switch because Waycross High is also slated to play Westminster there that night.

CARROLLTON'S perennial Class A contenders will be at home Friday night to Commerce, which upset Toccoa, 19-16, although Toccoa beat the same team in regular season, 33-6.

Claxton will invade Blakely, and Morgan County will be at

PREP FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY SEMIFINAL PLAYOFFS
CLASS AAA—Richmond Academy (9-0-1) or Benedictine (7-2-1) at Valdosta (10-0-0); R. E. Lee of Thomaston (10-1-0) vs. Murphy (9-2-0) at Atlanta Grady Stadium.
CLASS AA—Westminster (10-1-0) at Waycross (10-1-0); Gainesville (11-0-0) at Rossville (9-1-1).
CLASS A—Screven County (10-0-0) vs. Ware County (8-2-1) at Waycross; Commerce (9-2-0) at Carrollton (11-0-0).
CLASS B—Claxton (11-0-0) at Blakely (11-0-0); Morgan County (11-0-1) at Fort Valley (11-0-0).
CLASS C—Jones County (8-1-1) at Lincolnton (9-0-1); Winner to play Coosa (11-0-0) in state finals.

tie is the lone blemish on the records of any of them.

Valdosta, Gainesville, Screven, Carrollton, Coosa (with a 21-game regular-season winning streak going) and the four Class B survivors are unconquered teams left. Richmond Academy and Morgan are unbeaten with ties on their escutcheons.

R. E. Lee's meeting with Murphy, 6-3 winner over Southwest in the Milk Bowl, is set for 8 o'clock at Grady.

Valdostans 'Pick' R. E. Lee To Win North Georgia Title

Musketeers Meet Wildcats

By GERRY CHATHAM

Who does Valdosta High pick in the Murphy-R. E. Lee battle for the North Georgia Class AAA title Friday night at Grady Stadium?

Lee. As much as was admitted last Friday night when Valdosta's chief scout Bill Bennett showed up to see Lee against Campbell of Smyrna instead of scouting the City championship battle between Murphy and Southwest.

When questioned, Bennett said, "We (Valdosta) believe Lee is a better football team than either one of the City teams. If we get by Richmond Academy Friday night, we figure we'll play Lee for the state championship."

Getting by Richmond Academy Friday night in Valdosta may be the roughest assignment of the year for Valdosta, winner of 22 straight and driving toward an unprecedented second consecutive state Class AAA title. Frank Inman's Musketeers haven't forgotten the way in which they lost to the Wildcats last season in the South Georgia playoff.

With less than two minutes to go in the game neither team had penetrated the other's 20-yard line. Valdosta was ahead on first downs and in yards gained, which was enough to win if it could keep Richmond from crossing the 20. Richmond drove to Valdosta's 32 and faced a third and one situation and instead of going for the first down and maybe an ultimate penetration, Richmond tried to go all the way on a pass. The passer was smeared behind the line and Valdosta won on the penetration rule, 2-0.

Inman later explained the rules had been misinterpreted and the Musketeers thought they needed a touchdown to win.

Bygones are bygones: 1961 is here and Richmond and Valdosta meet again. Both teams are similar in offensive plans—they both stick to the ground. Valdosta is blessed with its finest back in the history of the school (by coach Wright Bazemore's own admission) in quarterback Bruce Bennett. He has left behind him a sea of sprawling ends, linebackers and halfbacks.

However, Bennett hasn't faced a finer pair of ends than Richmond's Glen Gray and Howard Ray. Gray has been outstanding for the Musketeers. Besides catching 20 of the team's 29 completed passes, he has averaged nine tackles per game despite the fact that opponents run away from him.

The Musketeers will attempt to offset Bennett's elusiveness with the power running of fullback Forrest Inglet.

While on the subject of better backs, three of the best in the state will be at Grady Stadium Friday night (8 p.m.). R. E. Lee of Thomaston brings in fancy-stepping halfbacks Jim Cavan Jr. and Jim Rice and fullback Gaines Wilson. Grady coach Jack Fligg, who scouted Lee last week for

Murphy, calls the three the best trio in the state.

Fligg also pointed out that those three probably will not run on a bigger and better line of scrimmage all year than Murphy has tackle to tackle. The Eagles' starting lineups tackle to tackle is: Dan Spier (227), Tommy Yates (195), Wayne Waldrip (190), Billy Manning (175) and Calvin Hopper (181).

Westminster goes to Waycross Friday night to settle the South Georgia AA quarrel. This is one of three revenge rematches in the playoffs. Valdosta-Richmond is the second and Rossville-Gainesville the third.

Westminster coach Ch. Brake feels he has a chance against the Bulldogs, who have lost only one of their last games on the football field.

Teams	Site
Murphy-R. E. Lee	N. GA. AAA Grady Stadium, Fri.
Valdosta-Rich. Acad.	S. GA. AAA Valdosta, Fri.
Gainesville-Rossville	N. GA. AA Rossville, Fri.
Westminster-Waycross	S. GA. AA Waycross, Fri.
Carrollton-Commerce	N. GA. A Carrollton, Fri.
Screven Co.-Ware Co.	S. GA. A Waycross, Fri.
Morgan Co.-Fort Val.	N. GA. B Fort Val., Fri.
Blakely-Claxton	S. GA. B Blakely, Thurs.
Cosco	N. GA. C already champ
Lincolnton-Jones Co.	S. GA. C Gray, Thurs.



Football Fans As Far As The Eye Can See

They Came To Buy South Georgia Playoff Game Tickets

COACH HOPES WILDCAT WON'T LOSE SHARPNESS

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats are nearing the end of a long, long wait for the South Georgia Class AAA football championship playoff with coach Wright Bazemore hoping his charges haven't lost their sharpness.

The Wildcats closed out regular season play and clinched the Region 1-AAA crown back on Nov. 17. They gave a razor-sharp performance that night to beat LaGrange, 35-0 for the 'Cats' 22nd straight win over a two-year span.

But they were idle last week while they waited for the Region 2-AAA title issue to be settled. And they've got to wait some more, until this coming Friday night, before they meet the 2-AAA victor, the Richmond Academy Musketeers of Augusta, here in the South Georgia title duel.

"I hope the long wait won't hurt us but it might," Bazemore said. "We were very sharp against LaGrange. But when a team has to wait two weeks between games this late in the season it can lose its sharpness."

Coach Frank Inman's Musketeers, who will come into the playoff with a sparkling 10-0-1 record, certainly weren't idle last week. They beat Aquinas on Thursday night, 14-0, in their regular season finale. Then on Saturday they trimmed Benedictine, 15-14, in a special playoff for the 2-AAA championship.

Before last week, Inman's charges turned back Columbia (31-6), North Augusta (21-9), Glynn Academy (41-13), Riverside (32-0), Groves (33-0), Coffee County (33-6), Jenkins (21-0) and Savannah (33-12). The tie on their record was a 7-7 affair with

Benedictine.

Victories for the Wildcats, who were listed first on the first state AAA rating chart, have been over Baker (35-7), Thomasville (33-6), Jordan (46-14), Lanier (21-0), Albany (29-0), Columbus (42-0), Moultrie (7-0), Willingham (27-0), Warner Robins (54-14) and LaGrange (35-0).

The 'Cats and Musketeers have played no mutual foes, so there is no way to compare scores.

However, they met in the 1960 South Georgia playoff and that game was a classic. Valdosta and Richmond battled to a 0-0 tie. The Wildcats earned a 2-0 victory when a statistical formula used to break all playoff game ties was applied.

Since both teams are well stocked with returning regulars, the fans are anticipating another ding-dong grid battle at Cleveland Field on Friday night.

Tickets for the game went on sale here at 8 o'clock this morning at Barnes Drug Store and Belcher's Drug Store. In less than 20 minutes an extra allotment of approximately 700 reserved seat ducats were sold. Block-long lines were at both places when the ticket sale began. Near freezing temperatures failed to dampen their enthusiasm.

While the extra allotment of reserved seat tickets is gone, Valdosta fans who bought 1,276 reserved seat season tickets have until noon Thursday to purchase playoff game ducats for their same seats. Season ticket holders may get their playoff game tickets at Barnes Drug Store.

Meanwhile the sale of adult general admission and student tickets will continue at both places.

Rain Washes Out Stock Car Race

DICKENS 2D BEST RUNNER

Valdosta's Bennett Tops Pack In 1-AAA Rushing and Passing

By ELWOOD MOYER
Special to The Constitution

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Bruce Bennett, Valdosta's outstanding 5-11, 165-backfield ace who has carried the Wildcats to 23 straight wins over the past two seasons, clinched the Region-One, Class-AAA rushing and passing title this past season as he came up with a total of 771 yards rushing and 965 yards passing to beat out Joel Dickens of Willingham by 87 yards and Jackie Hammond of Warner Robins by two yards.

Bennett closed out the season with his best game effort against the LaGrange Grangers when he picked up 129 yards in 16 trips. His previous high this season was 122 yards in the Warner Robins game.

Otherwise Bennett had 92 yards against Willingham, and then added 82 yards against Lanier, 72 against Moultrie, 71 against Columbus, 70 against Albany, 55 against Thomasville, 46 against Jordan, and 32 against Baker.

Bennett waited until the final game of the season to come up with his best passing effort both rushing and passing and his eight completions against LaGrange for 179 yards enabled him to take

the aerial title away from Jackie Hammond of Warner Robins by a margin of but two yards.

Last season, Bennett finished sixth in the region with a total of 601 yards rushing.

Joel Dickens of Willingham paced the region most of the season but ran into trouble in the late season in the Albany, Valdosta and Moultrie games and dropped the title.

Dickens had a net of only 12 yards against Valdosta and was also held to 28 yards in the Albany game and 38 yards in the Moultrie tilt.

On the other hand, Dickens' best effort was in the Jordan game when he carried 17 times and came up with 174 yards.

This 174 yards total was the game high for the season although Dickens had to share this game honor with Gene Burkett of Jordan who picked up the same number of yards in the Warner Robins game.

Meanwhile Richard Ligon of Baker fell only three yards short of the game high when he netted 171 yards in the final game of the season against Warner Robins.

Boyd Taylor of LaGrange finished third as he came up with 615 yards while Clyde Isom of Moultrie was fourth with 599 yards and Bob Taylor, also of LaGrange, placed fifth, with a 585 total.

Rounding out "the top ten" found Randy Harvey of Moultrie sixth with 581, John Bolles of Baker seventh with 547, Gene Burkett of Jordan eighth with 508, Giles Smith of Valdosta ninth with 505 yards, and Lawton Garnto of Jordan 10th with 463 yards.

Bob Taylor of LaGrange had the best rushing average for the first 10 backs in total yards rushing as the Granger came up with 585 yards to only 84 trips for a 6.98 average.

Bennett placed second with 6.43, Smith third with 6.23, and Garnto fourth with 6.09.

A check with the 1960 final standings finds that Harvey dropped from third to sixth place this season.

Player	Team	Car.	G.	L.	N.	Av.
1. Bennett, Valdosta		120	690	19	771	6.43
2. Dickens, Willingham		130	691	7	484	5.26
3. B. Taylor, LaG.		118	619	4	615	5.21
4. Isom, Moultrie		122	606	7	599	4.91
5. Bob Taylor, LaG.		84	591	6	585	4.91
6. Harvey, Moultrie		103	593	11	581	5.64
7. John Bolles, Baker		119	561	14	547	4.60
8. Burkett, Jordan		105	516	8	508	4.04
9. Smith, Valdosta		81	507	2	505	6.23
10. Garnto, Jordan		76	583	90	463	6.09
11. Ligon, Baker		107	440	9	439	4.10
12. Hardy, Lanier		70	365	13	352	4.51
13. Ashley, LaGrange		42	362	14	340	5.61
14. Gray, Albany		82	346	5	341	4.16
15. Zant, Valdosta		76	317	1	316	4.16
16. Nixon, W. Robbins		84	325	14	311	3.70
17. Welsh, Jordan		69	356	34	302	4.30
18. Brown, Willingham		74	311	11	300	4.05
19. Wheeler, Willingham		49	331	32	299	4.33
20. Brown, Moultrie		38	290	4	294	7.74
21. Fulford, Jordan		57	328	43	285	5.00
22. Heidt, Albany		68	283	2	201	4.13
23. Hardison, Willingham		36	201	12	269	7.47
24. Reaves, Valdosta		37	267	3	264	7.14
25. Beaver, Albany		100	384	154	230	2.30
26. Jim Bolles, Baker		46	215	7	208	4.52
27. Barker, Valdosta		52	208	0	208	4.00
28. Hamilton, Jordan		29	198	0	198	6.83
29. Ruggiero, LaG.		44	206	9	197	4.40
30. Smith, Moultrie		47	198	9	189	4.02

Player	Team	Att.	Cmp.	G.	TDs
1. Bennett, Valdosta		84	44	965	10
2. Hammond, W. Robins		161	77	963	9
3. Garnto, Jordan		112	58	885	4
4. Pippin, Moultrie		77	44	512	8
5. Mitchell, Columbus		109	42	392	1
6. W. Tucker, Moultrie		15	1	193	5
7. James, Albany		39	19	268	4
8. Carstarphe, Lanier		42	21	222	1
9. Gillam, LaGrange		45	16	216	4
10. Gaines, Willingham		27	7	164	3
11. Goose, Baker		50	14	144	0
12. Horne, Baker		23	9	135	0
13. Wheeler, Willingham		35	13	129	3
14. Welsh, Jordan		19	5	99	0
15. Beck, Lanier		26	10	87	0

Player	Team	Catches	Yds.	TDs
1. Smith, Valdosta		24	574	8
2. Fulford, Jordan		30	420	2
3. Muha, Warner Rob.		28	382	3
4. Henderson, Jordan		7	225	3
5. Holtzclaw, Valdosta		8	212	0
6. Tucker, Moultrie		15	193	5
7. Heidt, Albany		13	181	1
8. Bowen, Willingham		9	176	3
9. Knight, Warner Rob.		17	182	0
10. McClure, Warner R.		14	146	0
11. Almand, Albany		4	132	2
12. Reaves, Valdosta		7	118	1
13. Short, Baker		8	110	0
14. Nixon, Warner Rob.		10	110	0
15. Jackson, Columbus		11	107	0

VALDOSTA VS RICHMOND ACADEMY

— I don't think anyone needs to be told that Valdosta's Wildcats will meet Richmond's Musketeers in the playoff for the South Georgia Class AAA championship here tonight. They met for the same crown last year with the 'Cats gaining a 2-0 "statistical" victory. It isn't likely that the score will be the same, but it figures another close, hard-fought battle is in the offing. Richmond has a decided weight advantage. The 'Cats are rated superior in the speed department. If it rains, or the field is wet, the Wildcats will certainly have the odds stacked against them. Even on a fast "track" they will have to give a superior effort and get their share of the good breaks to turn back the revenge-minded Augusta crew. But I figure the 'Cats will give a superior effort and I'm hoping the breaks will come their way. My pick is Valdosta.

Coaching Giants Collide In AAA Grid Playoff

By GENE ASHER

Two coaching giants match wits Friday night when Valdosta entertains Richmond Academy for the South Georgia Class AAA high school football championship.

In 21 seasons at Valdosta, Wright Bazemore's team have won 206 of 236 games. They have tied three. They also have captured a record eight state championships and 10 region titles.

Bazemore's present team is defending state champion and winner of 22 straight games, dating back to the final game of the 1959 season.

In six years at Richmond Academy of Augusta, Frank Inman teams have posted a 49-9-8 won-lost-tied chart. He has had a higher average than .800 each season.

Under Inman's leadership, Richmond set three school records—most regular season victories (25), most consecutive Region 2-AAA wins (23) and most games in a row without defeat (22). The 22-game streak includes a tie with Valdosta's 1960 State AAA winners and two deadlocks with Benedictine of Savannah.

But Inman never has beaten Bazemore. They met for the only time in last year's playoff and fought to a 0-0 deadlock which Valdosta won on the penetration system.

Inman, a 35-year-old native of Augusta, took over as head football coach at Richmond before the 1956 season when Harry Miligan resigned. Inman promptly guided the Musketeers to a 9-2-1 record and the State AA championship.

Inman's team won the crown with a finals

victory over Northside of Atlanta which was quarterbacked by Stan Gann, now the No. 1 quarterback at Georgia Tech.

The heart of Inman's success has come in Region 2-AAA which his teams have completely dominated. They have a 35-4-2 against league opposition.

Although Inman teams have not won a state championship since 1956, Musketeer fans believe he had two of his greatest ball clubs in 1959 and 1960. In '59, his club lost to eventual state king Albany, 14-7. Last year Richmond had a third and one situation at the Valdosta 32-yard line late in the game when he misinterpreted the rules.

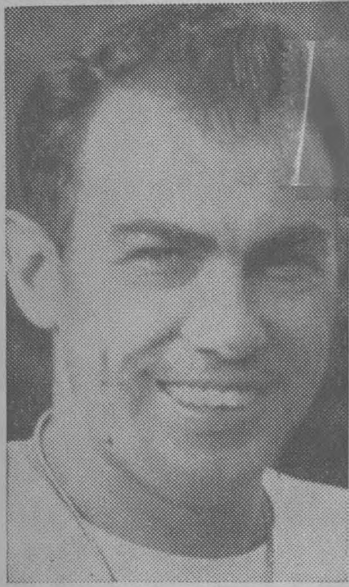
"I thought we had to score to win," he said. As a result, instead of running for the yardage, he called for a pass. The Richmond quarterback faded back and was overwhelmed by Valdosta's fast-charging forewall which smeared him for a long loss and ended all Richmond hopes.

This year Inman is convinced he won't make the same mistake twice, providing he gets anywhere near scoring position. He rates this club equal to his '59 and '60 teams.

He has a fine passer in Steve Neuhaus, a great receiver in Glenn Gray, and a good breakaway runner in Forrest Inglett. But the task he faces borders on the incredible.

Of all Bazemore's great teams, this one could be the greatest. Its quarterback, Bruce Bennett, is considered the finest Bazemore has ever turned out and its line, anchored by tackles Billy Myddleton and Billy Schroer, the toughest.

But when Bazemore and Inman meet anything might happen.



WRIGHT BAZEMORE
The Champion



FRANK INMAN
The Challenger

SG Title Showdown Near

'Cats Want Field Dry On Friday

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor



Valdosta Tackle Corps Goes Full Speed In Drill For Playoff Game
Randy Hunter, Bill Myddleton, Bill Schroer, Skipper Prewitte, Larry Dennis, Charles Oliver

Valdosta's football Wildcats this morning joined in for a stanza of "Rain, Rain Go Away Until After Friday Night."

The 'Cats are to meet Richmond Academy of Augusta here at 8 o'clock tomorrow night at Cleveland Field in a playoff for the South Georgia Class AAA crown and a berth in the state finals.

Last thing coach Wright Bazemore wants is for his lightweight 'Cats to have to meet coach Frank Inman's king-size Musketeers in the rain on a muddy field.

Richmond, the 2-AAA champ, has a decided weight advantage over Valdosta, the 1-AAA titleholder. Bazemore hopes his charges have an edge in the speed department. So the 'Cats want a clear night and a fast "track."

"I know we need rain in this section badly," Bazemore said. "But I wish it would clear up and not rain any more until after our game Friday night."

"On a clear night and with the field dry maybe, just maybe, we could use quickness to help offset some of Richmond's weight advantage. But if we have to play those big Musketeers in the rain or on a muddy field, we are going to be in real trouble. The bigger team always has the advantage in wet weather conditions."

Rain or not, the 'Cats, who have won 10 in a row this year and 22 straight over a two-season span, are in for a rugged test tomorrow night. The Musketeers have a 10-0-1 record and will come to Valdosta primed for a victory bid.

Inman's charges want very much to avenge the 2-0 licking they suffered at the hands of the Wildcats in the 1960 South Georgia playoff at Augusta. The game ended in a 0-0 tie. The 'Cats got their winning edge when a statistical formula used to break playoff game deadlocks was applied.

That formula works like this. In the event of a playoff game tie, the team with the most penetrations inside their opponents' 20 yard line gets one point. The team with the most first downs gets one point. The team with the greater total yardage rushing and passing gets one point.

If after the formula is applied and there is still a tie, the team with greater rushing-passing yardage total gets the victory.

Both teams are well stocked with standout backs. But as in all games, the line play will be an all-important factor in deciding the outcome.

The 'Cats, following their usual two-team system, are likely to call on the following linemen for extensive action:

Ends Wally Colson, Bill Holtzclaw, Danny Hendley, Rusty Griffin and Dick Bender, tackles Larry Dennis, Charles Oliver, Skipper Prewitte, Bill Schroer and Bill Myddleton, guards Bill Holt, Frank Wetherington and Gary Minchew and centers Foy Norwood and Jimmy Robinson.

Flu has kept Norwood on the sideline this week. He's expected to play Friday but if he can't it will be a serious blow to the Wildcats. Norwood, at 195 pounds, is one of the few VHS linemen in the same weight class as the Richmond forward regulars.

Regulars in the Musketeers' college-size line are ends David Ray (195), Glenn Gray (188) and Bill Barfield (175), tackles Kenny Bennett (210), Jimmy Long (180), Chuck Waddey (185) and Hilton Reese (210), guards Oliver Brown (188) and Paul McNeal (195) and center Randy Smith (185).

Gray, a sharp blocker and sure-handed pass receiver, is a sure bet All-Stater and is regarded as a leading candidate for Class AAA lineman of the year honors. He has caught 20 passes that have accounted for more than 300 yards.

Richmond's offensive line aver-

Valdosta, Richmond Set For Title Duel

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their usual two-team plan, are ends Danny Hendley, Rusty Griffin, Wally Colson, Bill Holtzclaw and Dick Bender, tackles Charles Oliver, Skipper Prewitte, Larry Dennis and Bill Myddleton, guards Frank Wetherington, Gary Minchew and Bill Holt, center Jimmy Robinson, quarterback Rick Thomas, halfbacks Giles Smith, Stan Reaves, Cloy Blanton and Jerry Varnado and fullbacks Butch Luke, Walter Zant and Sirois Barker.

Bennett was Region 1-AAA's leading rusher and passer this year, setting a new total offense mark for the loop in the process. Just what effect his burned hand will have on his play tonight is a question Valdosta fans will be waiting anxiously to have answered.

The 165-pound senior is regarded as a strong candidate for "Class AA Back Of The Year" honors.

Smith was 1-AAA's leading scorer, pass receiver and punter this

year. He has kicked 38 extra points, a new 1-AAA state "AAA" record in that department.

Richmond, with a strong desire to avenge the licking it suffered at the hands of Valdosta last year, will field a veteran crew. The Musketeers regulars include the following:

Ends Davis Ray (195), Glenn Gray (188) and Bill Barfield (175), tackles Kenny Bennett (210), Jimmy Long (180), Chuck Waddey (185) and Hilton Reese (210), guards Oliver Brown (188) and Paul McNeal (195), center Randy Smith (185), quarterback Steve Neuhaus (180) and James Perrow (165), halfbacks Forrest Inglett (180), Carl Menger (145) and Alton Bell (140) and fullback Theron Lane (186).

Neuhaus is rated as a strong runner and accurate passer. Inglett and Lane are go-all-the-way type runners who hit with authority.

Gray, rated by Inman as the best end he has ever coached, is a leading contender for "Class AAA Lineman of the Year" honors. Gray has caught 20 passes which have accounted for more than 300 yards.

Rain Washes Out Stick

Wildcats Battle For Title Tonight

Ideal Weather Is Forecast For Contest With Richmond

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats are to duel with Richmond Academy's Musketeers for the South Georgia Class AAA high school football championship here tonight with ideal gridiron weather and a packed stadium in the offing.

Starting time for the battle between coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and coach Frank Inman's Musketeers from Augusta is 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

The weather forecast is for clear skies and temperatures in the 45 to 50 degrees range at kick-off time. The turf at Cleveland Field, soaked by rain Thursday, is expected to be somewhat soft, but not muddy.

Valdosta and Richmond met in the 1960 South Georgia playoff with the Wildcats gaining a 2-0 "statistical" triumph. With prospects of a nother close, hard-fought game, fan interest is high. Estimates are that the crowd will be in the 9,000 to 10,000 range tonight.

Valdosta gained the SG play-offs by winning 10 in a row this season to clinch the Region 1-AAA crown. The 'Cats finished regular season play ranked as the state's No. 1 Class AAA team. They have a 22-game winning streak going which dates back to the start of the '60 campaign.

Richmond's record is also impressive. The Musketeers compiled a 10-0-1 mark while winning the 2-AAA title. They were listed second on the final rating chart.

The Richmond - Valdosta winner will go against the North Georgia champ next Friday night in the playoff for the state crown. R. E. Lee is to meet Murphy tonight in Atlanta to settle the North Georgia issue.

The weather and condition of the field are of prime importance to the 'Cats. Richmond, a college-size outfit with a line that averages 191 and three starting backs that weigh 180 or more, has a decided weight advantage over the small, but hard-hitting VHS crew. The 'Cats hope to offset Richmond's poundage edge with quickness. Clear skies and a dry field are vital in their plans.

Beside the weather, Bazemore has other big worries. Among them are quarterback Bruce Bennett's burned hand, halfback Kenny Ruffer's damaged knee and center Foy Norwood's weakened physical condition.

Bennett suffered burns on the back of the first finger and thumb of his right hand in a freak accident at his home. He was burned when he lifted a pan of grease which had caught fire off the stove. The burns are reported to be painful, but not serious.

Ruffer is still slowed by a knee

injury and Norwood, after a bout with the flu this week, is still not in top condition.

Bennett, Ruffer and Norwood are all slated for duty tonight, but their injuries and illness might slow them down.

Others expected to see action for the Wildcats, who will follow

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BRUCE BENNETT
Slight Hand Burn

IN REGION 1-AAA

VHS' Smith Leading Punter For 2nd Time

By ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS — Valdosta's Giles Smith, a small but talented halfback, finished regular season play as Region 1-AAA's leading punter.

The 155 pounder averaged 37.69 yards on 16 punts. This marks the second season in a row he has been the circuit's top punter. Smith has already been recog-

nized as the region's leading scorer. He also set a 1-AAA pass receiving mark and broke the region and state record Class AAA by kicking 38 extra points.

Speaking of record-breakers, Lanier's Woodrow Fincher was one this year. He returned 23 kickoffs 505 yards for a new 1-AAA mark.

Albany's Rodger Beaver was the league's leading punt returner. He carried 21 punts back 280 yards. Valdosta had two players in the top five in this department. Quarterback Rick Thomas was third with 181 yards on nine returns and halfback Kenny Ruffer was fourth with 166 yards on 13 returns.

Ruffer set a league punt return mark last year, galloping 543 yards on 28 tries. A knee injury has limited his play so far this season.

Leaders plus scores on all Valdosta players follows:

PUNTS			
	K	Yds.	Avg.
1. Smith, Valdosta	16	603	37.69
2. Short, Baker	15	522	37.29
3. Rhodes, Albany	49	1681	34.31
4. Crawford, LaGrange	42	1382	33.71
5. Beck, Lanier	24	809	33.71
6. Elkins, Jordan	13	437	33.62
7. Cason, Jordan	17	571	33.59
8. Darnell, Columbus	14	467	33.36
9. Dickens, Willingham	28	920	32.86
10. Davis, Baker	20	651	32.55

PUNT RETURNS		
	No.	Yds.
1. Beaver, Albany	21	280
2. Fincher, Lanier	15	238
3. Thomas, Valdosta	9	181
4. Ruffer, Valdosta	13	166
5. Brown, Moultrie	5	165
6. Duffy, Willingham	11	164
7. Bob Taylor, LaGrange	12	159
8. Boyd Taylor, LaGrange	5	67
9. Fulford, Jordan	4	66
10. Bradlery, Moultrie	3	40

KICKOFF RETURNS		
	No.	Yds.
1. Fincher, Lanier	23	505
2. John Bolles, Baker	24	446
3. Fulford, Jordan	12	309
4. Horne, Columbus	12	277
5. Langford, Columbus	14	273
6. Bob Taylor, LaGrange	13	268
7. Beaver, Albany	14	238
8. Bowden, Columbus	10	188
9. Gard, Warner Robins	9	186
10. Nixon, Warner Robins	8	186
15. Ruffer, Valdosta	2	99

VHS Has First Art Class In History Of The School

Students Find No Crip Course

By MARY DICKEY

For the first time in the history of the school, Valdosta High School has an art class.

Under the direction of Jack Wooten students taking the course are developing their artistic abilities.

Wooten is indeed qualified for the position of art instructor at VHS for he holds a degree in art and upon graduation he studied at the New York School of Design.

Last spring some 40 or 50 students signed up for the newly offered course.

The teen-agers were asked to submit drawings to see who would qualify for the class. Twenty students were finally selected by art teachers here.

During this first course the pupils will not be given a chance to work with oils.

"It's impossible to take a group and during the first year turn them loose with oils. They need more study and more time to become familiar with colors and so forth," said Wooten.

Right now the art class is working on Christmas cards. Each person designed his own card and cut a stencil in linoleum. Paint was applied over this.

They have also designed the cover page for the Inner-Service Training bulletin held recently.

Other covers the class is working on include the Valdosta Junior High School yearbook and the bulletin of the Georgia Visiting Teachers Association.

Earlier this year each student did a reasearch paper on a temple, toomb or pyramid.

"They do this as a part of their assigned work. Textbooks are used in the course giving the class a background of art," explained Wooten.

No crafts are made in this course. "We do not have enough time to spend on that sort of thing. As the department grows larger a class of this kind could be added, but in our group it has no place," Wooten said.

The ultimate goal of the instructor and some of the high school officials is to have an art department in the school.

"This will take time of course, and as more students become interested in the class and realize it will not be a crip subject then the dream may become a real-



VHS Art Class Work on Christmas Cards

Jackie Wooten gives Tips to Marshall New, Toni Siegrist, and Ann Carroll

ity," Wooten said.

The class meets during sixth period in two small adjoining rooms.

They are cramped in the small space allotted to them, but this does not daunt their spirits.

"The students are becoming more and more dedicated in their work. The ones who hope to develop their talent further in college are really taking the work seriously.

"For instance I started the class by teaching them the basic colors and how to mix them properly to get varied shades and different tones. We have even carried this further than some of the art courses do in colleges and universities," said Wooten.

This year the students will work with tempras, water colors, pencil, ink and charcoal.

According to the students they

have most enjoyed doing pencil portraits.

For a week the pupils took turns serving as models for the rest of the class.

These were put on display and Wooten had praise for his pupils' work not only from the teachers and other students but from visitors as well.

The class is mixed — half girls and half boys.

A point these students have discovered, no matter how talented they may be, they have to discipline themselves.

They know now that one can't just pick up a pencil and immediately draw a good picture, Wooten added.

WHAT'S WHAT?

At Valdosta High School they post absentee slips on classroom doors.

But one VHS teacher apparently forgot all about the posting.

The absentee slip slipped off the door and an alert student spotted it.

"Your slip has fallen off," he told the instructor.

She looked down at her feet, blushing, but to her delight realized it was the "door slip" that had slipped.

90 Or Better Average

VHS Beta Club Inducts 12 Members

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Twelve new members have been inducted into the Beta Club at Valdosta High School.

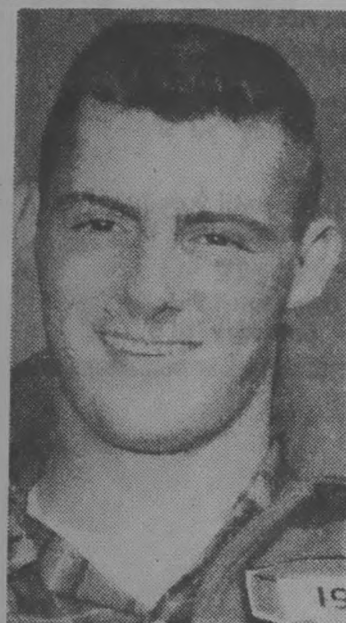
These students have averaged 90 or above for the preceding year and have no grade below an 85. Any student with these qualifications was asked to turn in his name at the beginning of the school year.

New members include Kay Potts, Suzanne Saunders, Marlene Taylor, Elizabeth Winston, Tillie Yow, Alex Morgan, Allwynn Hamill, Maxine Wilson, Sheila McCoy, Edward Scriven, Donna Miller and Janis Lineberger.

Delegates from the club will be sent to the Beta Club Convention at Atlanta.

The group will also sponsor the Who's Who in each class and the annual Talent Review this year. Officers of the club include Angela Wall, president; Susan Rodgers, vice president; Elva Grey Johnson, secretary, and Lynn DiMascio, treasurer. Mrs. Sam Harris is the group's sponsor.

Rain Washes Out Stock Car Race



BRUCE BENNETT
Captain from Valdosta

Valdosta QB Bennett Heads AP All-State AAA Gridders

Six Atlantans Are Honored

By HUGH SCHUTTE
Associated Press Staff Writer

Overwhelming acclaim for Valdosta quarterback Bruce Bennett has won him the honor of captaining the 1961 Associated Press Class AAA high school football team.

The 6-foot, 175-pound senior, who is the lone repeated from last year, was mentioned for All-State honors by everyone who saw him perform and his reputation was so great that many of those who only read of his feats nominated him.

With the exception of Bennett the remainder of the backs on the All-State squad—and several of those who got honorable mention—are interchangeable. One of these was Bennett's running mate at Valdosta, Giles Smith. Seniors

were given preference when there was little else to divide one player's ability from another, and Smith was a junior. In the same situation was Savannah's sparkling quarterback, Harold Tillman.

Two juniors made the team, both teammates of Bennett at Valdosta. They are Bill Schroer, a 6-2, 195-pound tackle, and Bill Myddleton, a 5-10, 195-pound guard who also received some votes for tackle. They are the only underclassmen to make the AP team but both are highly deserving of the honor as their line play helped the Wildcats to their undefeated, untied record.

Richmond Academy's Glenn Gray heads an impressive corps of ends that includes Lane Wolbe of Atlanta Grady, Wayne Tucker of Moultrie, and Earl Abernathy of South Cobb. All were impressive as pass receivers as well as performing outstandingly on defense.

Anchorman for the tackles is 235-pound Henry Rape of Benedictine, the heaviest man on the squad which averages nearly 196 pounds in the line and over 184 pounds in the backfield.

Schroer and Northside's Bishop Kelley both tip the scales at 195 while the other tackle, Mike Lyons of Augusta's Aquinas, weigh 218 pounds.

The only guard below 195 pounds is Bob Taylor of Athens who carries 185 pounds on his 5-foot-10 frame and makes up in aggressiveness what he lacks in weight. Barron Campbell of West Fulton, Buddy McCoy of Moultrie and Myddleton round out the guards.

The center post is more than adequately manned with a pair of Waynes—Beeland of R. E. Lee of Thomaston and Waldrip of Atlanta's Murphy. Both are big boys and can handle offensive and defensive chores with authority.

Bennett scored 108 points and set a new 1-AAA region total offense record by rushing to 771 yards and passing for 905. That 1,676 total eclipsed the 1,168-yard mark previously held by Moultrie's Ray Mercer.

The Valdostan has some great assistants in the backfield including another record breaker—Sprayberry's Tommy Arnold. He amassed 1,995 yards total offense and broke 4-AAA region records for rushing with 1,046 yards and for rushing average with 10.7 yards per try.

The other six all have starred for their teams for at least two years. They are Richmond Academy's Forrest Inglett, Lee's Jimmy Cavan, Clyde Isom of Moultrie, Tommy Brennan of

AP'S ALL-AAA TEAM

Pos.	Player	Wt.	Ht.	Cl.	Team
E	Lane Wolbe, Grady	190	6-1	Sr.	Atlanta Grady
E	Wayne Tucker, Moultrie	185	6-2	Sr.	Moultrie
E	E. Abernathy, S. Cobb	165	6-0	Sr.	South Cobb
E	G. Gray, Rich. Acad.	200	6-3	Sr.	Richmond Academy
T	H. Rape, Benedictine	235	6-2	Jr.	Benedictine
T	Bill Schroer, Valdosta	195	6-2	Jr.	Valdosta
T	Mike Lyons, Aquinas	218	6-1	Sr.	Augusta Aquinas
T	B. Kelley, Northside	195	6-0	Sr.	Northside
G	Bill Myddleton, Valdosta	195	5-10	Jr.	Valdosta
G	Bob Taylor, Athens	185	5-10	Sr.	Athens
G	B. Campbell, W. Fulton	198	5-11	Sr.	West Fulton
G	Buddy McCoy, Moultrie	195	6-1	Sr.	Moultrie
C	W. Beeland, R. E. Lee	198	6-1	Sr.	R. E. Lee
C	Wayne Waldrip, Murphy	195	6-1	Sr.	Atlanta Murphy
B	Bruce Bennett, Valdosta	170	6-0	Sr.	Valdosta
B	F. Inglett, Rich. Acad.	185	6-0	Sr.	Richmond Academy
B	Jim Cavan, R. E. Lee	185	5-11	Sr.	R. E. Lee
B	T. Arnold, Sprayberry	175	6-0	Sr.	Sprayberry
B	Clyde Isom, Moultrie	185	6-2	Sr.	Moultrie
B	T. Brennan, Benedictine	175	5-10	Sr.	Benedictine
B	Duncan Dunn, GMA	205	6-0	Sr.	GMA
B	M. Baeszler, Southwest	195	5-11	Sr.	Atlanta Southwest

HONORABLE MENTION
ENDS—Doug Boyd (Willingham), Paul Ewaldsen (Savannah), Lane Hatcher (Jenkins), Charles Casey (Brown), Don Burton (Lanier), Wayne Passmore (Moultrie), Randy Mahaffey (LaGrange), Billy Mordcaj (Savannah), Mike Wernitz (Benedictine), Jack Walters (Glynn).

TACKLES—James Stone and Doug Woods (Southwest), Billy Smiley (Savannah), Tommy Greene (Groves), Jim Cooley (Avondale), Mercer Thompson (Grady), Ben Daniel (R. E. Lee), Char-

Benedictine, Duncan Dunn of GMA and Marquis Baeszler of Atlanta Southwest.

lie Crews (Jenkins), Danny Yates (Palmer), Sonny Davis (Moultrie), Palmer (Albany).
GUARDS—Cle Lines (Jenkins), Smith (Richmond Academy), C. Finley (Groves), Gary Minchew (Valdosta), Tommy Seward (Lanier), McCoy (Moultrie), Mike Phillips (Grange), Steve Seymour (Savannah), Ike Coburn (Benedictine), Buddy (Coffee County).
CENTERS—Foye Norwood (Val John Jenkins (Glynn), George (Benedictine), Jack Davis (GMA), McNeal (Richmond Academy), Carlton (Moultrie), Mack Gilliam (Lanier), Roger Beaver (Albany), Dick FitzPatrick (Northside).
BACKS—Wayne McDaniel (Mou Robbie Ploeger (Glynn), Tommy and Ralph Bray (Athens), Harold man and Bobby Long (Savannah), Russ (North Fulton), Emmett Go (Marist), Giles Smith (Valdosta), Dickens (Willingham), Randy (Moultrie), Boyd Taylor (LaGr Lawton Garnto (Jordan), Jackie mond (Warner Robins), Woodrow er (Lanier), Roger Beaver (Al Mac Whitaker (Northside), Dick hoff (Decatur), Theron Lane (Rich Academy), Gary McKee (Avor and Gaines Wilson (R. E. Lee).

Lee's Stadium To Seat 7,500 For Title Game

Notes On This And That:

Rumors to the contrary, Thomaston's football stadium is going to have 7,500 seats for Friday night's state football championship battle between Valdosta's Wildcats and R. E. Lee's Rebels.

Here are the facts, as I've been told them by school officials, on the Thomaston grid plant. It has 5,000 permanent seats. For the state title duel bleacher seats, chairs and such will be added, raising the seating capacity to 7,500.

A seating capacity of 7,500 would just about put the Thomaston stadium on a par with Valdosta's Cleveland Field. A former VHS player, Burnice Hiers, played at the Thomaston stadium this year and reports the "field is in good condition and the lights are good."

Now for the fans who might be planning to spend the night in Thomaston. The report is that motel and hotel space is limited. It's reported there are only about 50 motel and 50 hotel rooms available in the immediate vicinity of Thomaston. Closest towns to Thomaston are Griffin and Barnesville. Frankly, I don't know what the hotel and motel situations are there.

Those who want to go to the game early will be able to buy supper at the stadium. Thomaston Shriners will have suppers for sale beginning at 6 p.m. on game night right at the stadium.

How's this for It's-A-Small-World item? W. G. Nunn, superintendent of Valdosta city schools, and Gordon Holstun, Upson County's school superintendent, were born in Alabama cities that were less than 10 miles apart. As boys they were on opposing teams in baseball, basketball and football games. Now, after many years, they will be on opposing sides for another sports contest — the grid title duel between the 'Cats and R. E. Lee.



GLASSMAN

THE PREP BEAT

Wildcats Defy Home Advantage

By GENE ASHER

Football fans who give R. E. Lee the "home team advantage" Friday night against Valdosta may as well forget it. The Wildcats play as well on the road as they do at the home.

For instance, Columbus had the "home team edge" and fell, 42-0. So did highly respected Jordan, which lost, 46-14.

After last year's game, they said Albany was just waiting to get Valdosta at home. Well, it is still waiting. Albany hosted the Wildcats this season and got edged, 22-0.

So it goes. There is only one chance against Valdosta whether at home or away — cancel.

scored 11, blocked 12 enemy attempts and claimed 19 rebounds.

WHAT'S WHAT?

A special train from Valdosta to Thomaston Friday night for the state championship football game between VHS and Robert E. Lee has been arranged by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad if it can get enough passengers.

Rudolph Moore, ACL official here, said a minimum of 600 passengers for the football special would be required before the train can make the run.

Moore explained special equipment would have to be brought to Valdosta for the trip which determined the 600 minimum passenger requirement.

The train's schedule will be determined when more complete details are worked out by the ACL. Round-trip fare to Thomaston will be \$7.65, Moore said.

'Cats Filled Bazemore's Request To Perfection

One of coach Wright Bazemore's time-tested football theories is that the team which gives "extra effort" can win even when the odds are stacked against them.

I would say his Wildcats gave a prime example of what "extra effort" can do as they cut down Richmond Academy's mammoth Musketeers, 26-0, here last Friday night to win the South Georgia Class AAA crown.

Richmond had a very sizeable weight advantage over the 'Cats.

Bazemore's thinking before the game was this.

"Richmond is very big, and tough," he said. "We've got to have perfect play execution, we've got to be quick and we've got to give more than 100 per cent effort."

That was what he asked his 'Cats to do and they filled the request to perfection.

Considering all aspects — blocking, tackling, running and passing — the Wildcats had their finest hour of the season. It was a team win and Bazemore proclaimed it as such with pride in his voice.

Because of Richmond's poundage edge, the Wildcats' pre-game planning called for them to avoid the tough middle of the Musketeers' line and to slant off tackle, run sweeps and pass.

The defensive blueprint was to bore in and stop the hard-running Richmond backs before they had a chance to gain speed and build momentum.

The 'Cats did all this, plus some other things. On both offense and defense, the Valdosta forward wall manhandled the Musketeers. So Valdosta was not only able to go around and over, but right through the middle to the Richmond defensive setup. It wasn't easy going, but the 'Cats made sure, steady progress throughout the fray.

Pattern of Game Was Set Early

Pattern of the game was set when Richmond was forced to punt the first time it got possession. It wasn't able to make its attack move against the inspired 'Dosta "Stop'em" crew until the final minutes of the game. When the Musketeers punted that first time, Kenny Ruffer, behind sharp blocking, returned 38 yards. He just nicked the out of bounds marker with his foot at the 48 or he would have gone all the way.

A spark had been struck and the Wildcats set off a football bomb right in the Musketeers' face.

When it was over ARC mentor Frank Inman was obviously shaken. It was the worst licking one of his teams had ever suffered.

However, Inman, as he has proved time and again, is a gentleman in the finest sense of the word. He had high praise for the 'Cats and rated their performance "great."

One More River to Cross

He offered no alibis for his boys and none were needed. Certainly the Musketeers passed out their share of the hard licks. They battled right down to the finish. It was a frustrating night for the Augustans. There was a brief flare of tempers with ARC drawing a 15-yard penalty just before the end. Otherwise it was a bruising, but cleanly played game.

Now the Wildcats have just one more river to cross on a trek they are hoping will lead them to the state Class AAA crown for the second year. A game with R. E. Lee's Rebels at Thomaston on Friday night represents the final barrier.

Bazemore is sure to call on his charges to give another 100 per cent plus effort. I'm sure they will again try to fill his request.



GLASSMAN

Bazemore Rates Lee 'Tough Foe'

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats, remembering well the last experience they had with a North Georgia team, are working overtime for their Friday night meeting with R. C. Lee's Rebels at Thomaston.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats will be meeting coach Jim Cavan's Rebs in the playoff for the 1961 state Class AAA football championship.

Valdosta is the South Georgia champ. R. E. Lee rules as the Class AAA football king in North Georgia.

"There isn't a bit of doubt in my mind that Lee is going to be tougher than anyone we've met so far this year," Bazemore said. "Sure I know there's talk about the teams in South Georgia being stronger than the ones in North Georgia.

"Well, we played one of those North Georgia teams last year, and our boys better remember what happened in that one."

The VHS mentor was talking about the 'Cats duel with Avondale for the 1960 state Class AAA diadem. Valdosta won, but had to score a touchdown in the final 49 seconds of play to claim a 20-14 win. The Wildcats had the home field advantage in that one. This time they are going to be meeting a North Georgia toughie in its own stronghold.

"We don't rate a team by newspaper talk," Bazemore said. "We depend on the report of our scout. Our scout report shows Lee has a well balanced team with a strong running and passing game and a very tough defense.

"Beside that we've faced R. E. Lee teams before. We played Lee in 1958 and 1959 when it was in our region. We won both times, but we had uphill battles. The scores were 19-6 and 25-13. Lee's team this year is superior to the

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two we played before. We've got to be ready for a tough ball game Friday night or we've had it."

The Rebels have compiled an 11-1 record so far this year in a march which has earned them three titles, the 4-AAA (East), 4-AAA and North Georgia Class AAA.

In regular season play they whipped Griffin (19-0), Athens (13-0), Marist (12-0), Druid Hills (32-7), Avondale (26-7), Southwest (14-0), Forrest Park (31-14), Decatur (14-0) and Cross Keys (30-0). In their final regular season outing, the Rebs were upset by Gordon, 7-6. But they bounced back the next week to blast Smyrna, 30-14, in a playoff for the 4-AAA crown.

Last week Lee trimmed highly regarded Murphy of Atlanta, 9-3, in the duel for the NG championship.

The Wildcats, hoping to be the second team in Class AAA history to capture state crowns back-to-back, have won 11 in a row this year and 23 straight over a two-season span. They rule as 1-AAA and South Georgia champs.

In regular season play they beat Baker (35-7), Thomasville (33-6), Jordan (46-14), Lanier (21-0), Albany (29-0), Columbus (42-0), Moultrie (7-0), Willingham (27-0), Warner Robins (54-14) and LaGrange (35-0). They were a 26-0 victor over Richmond Academy of Augusta in last Friday's duel for the South Georgia title.

Kind Words For Two Wildcats

Bobby Renfroe, who calls himself a "Dedicated Fan" had the following to say in a letter:

"Not taking anything away from the Wildcats' great team effort, I would like to comment on two of our players. Before the season started I believed that Billy Myddleton and Giles Smith were two of the most talented football players in the country. After watching them perform all year, I find it necessary to realine my views. Billy Myddleton is no better right now than Franklin Brooks was when he played at Georgia Tech and Giles Smith is not the least bit better than Doak Walker was at SMU. I hope this does not hurt their feelings, because I have confidence that they both will improve."

Just to make sure everyone knows that fan Renfroe is paying the two VHS players a compliment, Brooks and Walker were both All-America college performers. Maybe Smith and Myddleton aren't quite ready for college A-A honors, but I'd sure rate both of them as prep All-State caliber players. Of course there are quite a few other Wildcats who rate just as high on my list.

Got another letter that was signed only "A Fan." I suggest this fellow or gal write again and sign the letter. Upon request names of letter writers will in most cases, be withheld. But all unsigned letters are promptly tossed in the waste basket. The letter was in answer to one that was published in the Times sports section and signed "A Fan." But the first "A Fan" signed his letter, and asked that his name be withheld. The same would have been done for the second "A Fan" if the letter had had a signature.

ACL Says Grid Train 'Assured

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad said today there's every indication its football special to Thomaston for Friday night's state championship football game will go as planned.

Rudolph Moore, ACL official here, said there has been such a clamor for tickets that the railroad will no doubt get the 600 passengers needed to run the train.

Moore disclosed first class equipment — Pullman cars — would be used on the football special as he said the ACL was trying to do all in its power to accommodate the football fans of

Valdosta.

Departure time of the train has been tentatively set at 11 a.m. Friday.

In addition to the ACL depot, train tickets have been placed on sale at the Sport Center in Castle Park and in the lobby of the Ritz Theater. Roundtrip fare is \$7.65.

Fans riding the football special have been assured transportation from the depot at Thomaston to the stadium. Moore said the depot agent at Thomaston reported the people of Thomaston had promised sufficient transportation to meet Valdosta fans at the depot and take them the six blocks to the stadium.

BENNETT CAPTAIN

Wildcats Dominate AP All-State Squad

By HUGH SCHUTTE
The Associated Press

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Wayne Beeland of R. E. Lee and Wayne Waldrip of Murphy give the team a pair of battlers at the center post. And both go over 195-pounds.

The backfield choices along with Bennett give the squad a "dream team" touch with such performers as Richmond Academy's Forrest Inglett, Lee's Jimmy Cavan, Isom, Tommy Brennan of Benedictine, Duncan Dunn of GMA and Marquis Baeszler of Southwest.

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E	Glenn Gray, Rich Aca.	200	6-3	Sr.
T	Henry Rape, B'd'tine	235	6-2	Jr.
T	Bill Schroer, Valdosta	195	6-2	Jr.
T	Mike Lyons, Aquinas	218	6-1	Jr.
T	Bishop Kelley, Northside	195	6-0	Sr.
G	Bill Myddleton, Valdosta	195	5-10	Jr.
G	Bob Taylor, Athens	185	5-10	Sr.
G	Barron Campbell, W.Ful.	195	5-11	Sr.
G	Buddy McCoy, Moultrie	195	6-1	Sr.
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C	Wayne Waldrip, Murphy	195	6-1	Sr.
B	Bruce Bennett, Valdosta	170	6-0	Sr.
B	Forrest Inglett, Rich. Aca.	185	6-0	Sr.
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HONORABLE MENTION
Ends—Doug Boyd (Willingham), Paul Ewaldsen (Savannah), Lane Hatcher (Jenkins), Charles Casey (Brown), Don Burton (Lanier), Wayne Passmore (Moultrie), Randy Mahaffey (LaGrange), Billy Mordecai (Savannah), Mike Wernitz (Benedictine), Jack Walters (Glynn).

Tackles—James Stone and Doug Woods (Southwest), Billy Smiley (Savannah), Tommy Greene (Groves), Jim Cooley (Avondale), Mercer Thompson (Grady), Ben Daniel (R.E. Lee), Charlie Crews (Jenkins), Danny Yates (Murphy), Sonny Davis (Moultrie), Johnny Palmer (Albany).

Guards—Cle Lines (Jenkins), Randy Smith (Richmond Academy), Clifford Finley (Groves), Gary Minchew (Valdosta), Tommy Seward (Lanier), Buddy McCoy (Moultrie), Mike Phillips (LaGrange), Steve Seymour (Savannah), Mike Coburn (Benedictine), Buddy Deen (Coffee County).

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Backs—Wayne McDaniel (Murphy), Robbie Ploeger (Glynn), Tommy Harold and Ralph Bray (Athens), Harold Tillman and Bobby Long (Savannah), Mike Russ (North Fulton), Emmett Goodman (Marist), Giles Smith (Valdosta), Joel Dicken (Willingham), Randy Harvey (Moultrie), Boyd Taylor (LaGrange), Lawton Garnto (Jordan), Jackie Hammond (Warner Robins), Woodrow Fincher (Lanier), Rodger Beaver (Albany), Mac Whitaker (Northside), Dick Eickhoff (Decatur), Theron Lane (Richmond Academy), Gary McKee (Avondale) and Geines Wilson (R. E. Lee).

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Associated Press Staff Writer

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Another Valdosta player whose play was of All-Star merit was junior halfback Giles Smith, but he was left off the squad under the decision to give the preference to seniors when there was little else to divide one player's ability from another. Savannah's quarterback Harold Tillman was in the same situation.

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VALDOSTA BEST SINCE 1941 BHS?

R. E. Lee Adds 3,000 Seats For Class AAA Title Game

By GENE ASHER

In the history of Georgia high school football, seldom has there been a juggernaut like Valdosta's 1961 Wildcats.

Certainly not since 1941 when Boys High trounced every team in the old G.I.A.A. has a team dominated like the Wildcats did this past season in Region 1-AAA.

Valdosta led in rushing, total offense, defense, rushing defense, scoring, first downs and fewest first downs allowed. In quarterback Bruce Bennett, The Journal-Constitution's Class AAA "Back of the Year," it had the leading scorer (98 points), leading rusher (771 yards), leading passer (965 yards) and top touchdown maker (18).

In halfback Giles Smith, a junior, it had the top pass receiver (24 catches, 574 yards, and eight touchdowns), best punter (37.7-yard average) and second best pass defender (80 yards on interceptions).

Bennett, gaining 1,736 yards, made a shambles out of the 10-year-old Region 1-AAA total offense record for one season (1,168) set by Moultrie's Ray Mercer in 1951. Smith smashed the one-year-old pass receiving mark of 495 yards, set by Ray Crawford of Columbus last year, and Kenny Ruffer, hobbled by injuries this year, owns the region punt return record of 543 yards, a mark he established last year.

The Wildcats have speed to burn, experience at every posi-

Approximately 3,000 seats have been added for the Valdosta-R. E. Lee State Class AAA high school football championship game Friday night in Thomaston.

tion, and four teams of AAA caliber. The first two units are almost of equal strength.

Coach Jim Cavan, whose R. E. Lee Rebels host the Wildcats Friday night in Thomaston for the Class AAA championship, says Valdosta may be the strongest prep team he has ever seen.

"It has great athletes and a great coach (Wright Bazemore)," Cavan said, "and that is a hard combination to match.

"Our only chance," he added,

"is to play an outstanding game. Our first unit can stay close to their first unit, but where we play 13 or 14 boys, they play 30 or 40.

"A good fresh team is much better than a good tired one. We have a tremendous task and we are fully aware of it."

The Valdosta attack is built around Bennett, a 6-0, 175-pound senior, whom Bazemore considers one of the finest athletes he has ever seen. Bennett does everything. And well. And so does his replacement, junior Rick Thomas.

ASHER'S PICKS

FRIDAY'S GAMES	
Winner (Home team in black)	Loser
Valdosta	R. E. Lee
Waycross	Rossville
Carrollton (Saturday)	Ware County
Fort Valley	Blakely
Lincolnton (Athens)	Coosa
Loss	Week's Record: 5 right, 4 wrong—556
Season Record: 1,066 right, 239 wrong—802	

'Cats, Rebs Boast Strong Backfields

Two of Georgia's most talented backfield corps will lock horns when Valdosta's Wildcats clash with R. E. Lee's Rebels at Thomaston on Friday night in the playoff for the 1961 state Class AAA football crown.

All-star lists are coming out, and backs representing both coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and coach Jim Cavan's Rebs have been tapped for honors.

Valdosta quarterback Bruce Bennett is an All-State selectee while Wildcats halfback Giles Smith was picked for All-State Honorable Mention.

The Thomaston team has equal representation. Halfback Jimmy Cavan, son of the R. E. Lee coach, has been rated an All-Stater. And the Rebs' fullback Gaines Wilson was a pick for All-State Honorable Mention.

Actually, both the Wildcats and Rebels have shown backfield balance while they marched to sectional titles and earned the right to meet in the playoff for the state diadem. The 'Cats have won 11 in a row while gaining the 1-AAA and South Georgia "AAA" championships. The Rebs compiled an 11-1 mark as they picked off 4-AAA (East), 4-AAA and North Georgia "AAA" titles.

Valdosta is the defending state champ and has a 23-game victory streak going which dates back to the start of the 1960 season.

Beside Cavan, a 175 pound senior, and Wilson, a 185 pound senior, R. E. Lee calls on quarterback Terry Dews (160, jr.), halfback Jim Rice (170, jr.) and Lamar Dyches (135, sr.) and fullback Albert Thomas (175, sr.) for regular duty.

Cavan, a swift runner and accurate passer, and Wilson, a power runner with good speed, have led the Rebs' attack which has accounted for two or more touchdowns in 10 or 12 games.

"Cavan and Wilson may have been the only two that attracted the all-state pickers attention, but our scout report shows Lee has talent at every backfield post," Bazemore said. "They run from the slot-T and they have fine speed, good power and a dangerous air game with both Cavan and Dews excellent passers. We are going to have a very busy night on defense."

Bennett and Smith have spearheaded the VHS offense which has averaged close to 30 points a game so far. But it hasn't been a two-man show for the Wildcats. Doing their share on offense and defense have been quarterbacks Rick Thomas and Hank Lee, halfbacks Kenny Ruffer, Stan Reaves,

Clyo Blanton and Jerry Varnado and fullbacks Sirois Barker, Butch Luke and Walter Zant.

While both the 'Cats and Rebels have sparkling offensive records, it doesn't mean TD fireworks will be displayed.

R. E. Lee has shutout six foes and limited four others to just two TD's. It yielded a pair of markers to just two opponents, and those tallies came in runaway

games when the Rebs had their reserves playing.

Valdosta has whitewashed seven of the 11 teams it has played. It allowed two foes a TD each and limited the other two to a pair of tallies.

With those kind of defensive records, it figures both the Valdosta and R. E. Lee backs will have their work cut out for them on Friday night.

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Valdosta, Waycross Among '60 Champs in Grid Finals

By BOB PRICE
Times-Union Sports Writer

South Georgia's three state champions of 1960—Valdosta in AAA, Waycross in AA, and Lincoln in C—are back in the finals once again. Another 1960 finalist—Carrollton in Class A—will be trying for the title which eluded it last fall.

Valdosta notched its 23rd consecutive gridiron victory Friday night at the 26-0 expense of Augusta's Richmond Academy, which was playing its third football game in nine days. Richmond is the same team Valdosta defeated on penetrations to enter the 1960 finals.

Waycross found its first playoff game before home folks a rough task as the Bulldogs were pushed to take a 7-0 verdict over Westminster. It was the first playoff game on the Bulldogs' gridiron in two years.

Lincolnton proved the scoring champ of the semis by blasting Jones County, 33-0, in a Thursday night affair.

Valdosta's opponent for the championship next week will be R. E. Lee of Thomaston as the Rebels knocked off Atlanta's Mur-

phy, 9-8, on the penetration rule after the regulation game ended in a 7-7 deadlock.

The penetration rule also decided the Class AA North Georgia title as Rossville pulled a major upset in edging previously unbeaten, untied Gainesville, 10-7, although the regulation game score was 7-7.

Carrollton had little trouble in nailing down its second straight Class A North Georgia crown in a 30-0 romp over Commerce.

Blakely-Union gained a Class B finals berth against Fort Valley by slipping past Claxton, 9-6, Thursday night in the South Georgia title tiff. Fort Valley also scored nine points as Morgan County fell, 9-7 in the North Georgia flag battle.

Bouncing Bruce Bennett had a hand in three of Valdosta's four touchdowns while Giles Smith picked up the other and provided a pair of extra points with an accurate toe.

Valdosta's touchdowns came on drives of 52, 59, 80 and 24 yards. Kenny Ruffer sparked the first Wildcat march with a dazzling 33-yard punt return while Rick Thomas started the Wildcats in

offensive motion for their last score with a 36-yard pass interception dash.

Valdosta picked up 19 first downs to five for Richmond and piled up 239 yards rushing to 73 for the visitors and had 64 yards through the air to 30.

McQuaig Hero

Little Joey McQuaig was ready, willing and able to take over the hero's role for Waycross when Westminster put the Bulldogs' running ace—Marvin Hurst—in deep freeze. With Westminster watching every move, and stopping most Hurst made, McQuaig shouldered Waycross' running task. The fleet halfback spurred the Bulldogs' only touchdown march with a 38-yard ramble and then crossed the double stripe on an 11-yard pass from David Barber.

Both Waycross and Westminster missed scoring opportunities, Westminster fumbling away one chance at the Waycross' 14 and the Bulldogs fumbling at the Wildcats' 17.

Coach Earl O'Neal's outfit led in first downs 10-6 and in total yardage, 162-112.

Rossville rolled 34 yards for its

TD after a poor Gainesville punt gave the Bulldogs a good scoring opportunity. Clyde Cannon bulled over center for the score from the two and Wayne Jenkins kicked the conversion.

Martin Plucks Pitchout

Gainesville, which has been noted for rolling up tremendous scores this fall, also had to have a break to score. Jimmy Martin latched on to a stray Rossville pitchout on the Bulldog 14 and four plays later Johnny Rogers went in from the three and Preston Riddlehuber passed to Whit Embry for the extra point.

Rossville made the AA finals an all-Bulldog affair by picking up their championship-deciding points by leading in total offense, 197-140, in first downs, 11-8, and in penetrations inside the 20-yard line.

R. E. Lee, which ranked next to Valdosta on the weekly poll for several weeks before being upset, had a real squeaker over the Murphy Eagles. Not only were the two teams tied in points, 7-7, but the Rebels had only a slight edge on first downs, 10-8, and Murphy had the most yardage, 208-170. In addition, one of Lee's penetrations came on a recovered fumble at Murphy's seven that led to the Rebels' TD.

The Eagles flitted through the air in the first quarter as quarterback Wayne McDaniel picked up big yardage on a 35-yard pass to Jimmy Berry and moments later hit Judson Delany on a 31-yard aerial maneuver.

Wilson Goes 37

A 37-yard kickoff return by Gaines Wilson put Lee into the offensive business, but the Murphy defense stiffened and took over on its own one-yard line. However, the Eagles' McDaniel fumbled on the second play as he fought for running room and Wayne Beeland pounced on the loose pigskin for Lee. Jim Cavan, son of Coach Jim Cavan Sr., collected Lee's TD four plays after the fumble recovery, going over on an off-tackle slant from the two.

Fort Valley, which had dedicated its semifinal game with Morgan County to fullback Thomas Greathouse who was killed in a hunting accident Thursday, played inspired ball including a last minute goal line stand that kept Morgan County from scoring the winning TD. The Wave stopped the drive only six inches from the double-stripe.

Fort Valley's winning points came on a 30-yard field goal by Tee Faircloth, son of Coach Norman Faircloth. The kick came after Morgan County had repulsed the Wave at the 10.

Gerald Gross threw a pass to Steve Harris for a 61-yard scoring play on the second maneuver from scrimmage as Carrollton breezed to its semi victory over Commerce.

LEE-VALDOSTA TILT PUTS THOMASTON BACK ON RAILS

By TONY MIDDLETON
Constitution Staff Writer

THOMASTON—This middle-Georgia town is buzzing with excitement as it readies to play host for the AAA Georgia football championship game Friday night between the Robert E. Lee Rebels and the Valdosta Wildcats.

"For the first time since 1947 a passenger train will stop here Friday night bringing a group of Valdosta fans to the game," Fire Chief C. W. McDaniel said.

He explained that it had been about 26 years since the regular passenger train ran through Thomaston, but added that in 1947 a group of

Shriners from Macon traveled into town via railroad for a special occasion.

Mayor Harvey Greene has proclaimed this week in Thomaston as "Football Week," and the town is alive with "Beat Valdosta" signs.

"This is the biggest thing that has happened to our town since the old celebration of Emancipation Day when Negroes from all around would come into town to honor this occasion," McDaniel said.

Upson County Sheriff E. T. Bray said that seating capacity of the football stadium had been increased by an extra 5,800 seats so that now it will accommodate up to approximately 11,000.

North, South Champs Both Strong In Lines

When the North and South meet on the gridiron in Thomaston Friday night, two of the strongest skirmish lines in Georgia high school football will square off against each other.

Valdosta's Wildcats, wearing the South Georgia crown, and Robert E. Lee, ironically representing the North, will be waging an attack that each hope will bring ultimate victory this year — the state AAA football championship.

Leading the Rebels from the North in the line will be All State center Wayne Beeland.

Across the line of scrimmage will be the Wildcats and among them will be two All Staters — tackle Bill Schroer and guard Bill Myddleton, the only juniors to make the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Class AAA All State team.

Beeland, a 200-pound senior who has been the diamond point in Robert E. Lee's finest team, will be surrounded by guards Walter Andrews, 180, and Jimmy Williams, 160-pound junior; tackles, Ben Daniel, 185, and Fred Jones, 175; ends Tommy Murphy, 180, and 150-pound Bill Thompson, rated a top receiver as a junior this year.

Among Valdosta linemen against whom Robert E. Lee must attempt to march are ends Dick Bender, Danny Hendley, Don DeLoach, Bill Holtzclaw, Wally Colson, and Rusty Griffin; centers Foy Norwood and Jimmy Robinson; tackles Skipper Prewitte, Charles Oliver, Randy Hunter, and Larry Dennis; and guards Gary Minchew, Christie Patterson, Frank Wetherington, and Bill Holt.

The Wildcats will be putting a

23-game winning streak on the line when the kick off whistle blows on the Thomaston gridiron. Robert E. Lee has compiled a record of 10-1 this year and is seeking its first state championship.

The 'Cats will be after their second straight Class AAA championship — something only Lanier High of Macon has done. That

was in 1947-48.

Although sparks are expected to fly from the line play, both backfields will be out to live up to already earned honors.

In the 'Cats backfield will be All-State quarterback Bruce Bennett and Giles Smith, who was selected for All-State honorable mention.

Stars behind the Thomaston line will be Jimmy Cavan, son of

the Rebels' coach, and Gaines Wilson, who received an All-State honorable mention.

For both teams, the heavy workouts are over and the proverbial "moment of truth" approaches for the champions of the North and South.

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Times Sports Editor

First VHS Team In 1913 Started Grid Tradition

Notes On This And That:

The recent death of John Stevens marked the passing of one of Valdosta's most ardent football fans.

Mr. Stevens came by his love of football naturally. He was quarterback and captain of Valdosta High's first football team in 1913.

Coach of that 1913 VHS team was Turner Rockwell. Mr. Stevens' teammates included Eric McIntyre, Frank Roberts, Albert Saunders, Tom Cranford, Harvey Griffin, Frank Rose, Francis Childress, Lewis Pindar, West Cranford, James Cranford, Will Collier, Osborne Holtzendorff, Carl Blair and Tom Blalock.

The 1913 edition of the Wildcats, with only a 15-man squad, compiled a 3-2-1 record. The only loss was by a 12-6 margin to Sparks Junior College.

That 1913 team put down the foundation for a Valdosta football tradition which is now unmatched in the state.

Getting back to the 1961 Wildcats, members of Valdosta Post 1777, Veterans of Foreign

Wars, who have paid their 1962 membership dues will have no transportation problems for the state playoff game at Thomaston. Post commander Mike Carseilo announced that all '62 members may ride a chartered bus to the title game free of charge. The special bus trip to the game was arranged by Post 1777 as a membership builder.

Incidentally, quite a few special buses will take Valdosta football enthusiasts to the state playoff game at Thomaston on Friday. Some will take students, some members of various clubs and firms and other have been chartered by groups of fans. And of course, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad will run a special train.

10 Seniors On Valdosta Squad

Valdostan M. E. Thompson says a friend of his in Albany, who is an ardent football fan, paid Valdosta grid boss Wright Bazemore a high compliment recently. The Albany grid enthusiast wrote: "I understand Valdosta will lose just one man after this season—I just hope that one man is Wright Bazemore." That was just the Albany fan's way of expressing his high regard for Bazemore's coaching ability.

And to keep the record straight about how many players the 'Cats will actually lose, there are 10 seniors on the squad. The last-year men include Jerry Varnado, Butch Luke, Bruce Bennett, Don DeLoach, Gary Minchew, Rusty Griffin, Skipper Prewitte, Frank Wetherington, David Tindall and Larry Dennis. Believe me, there is a lot of football talent in that group of seniors. For these 10, the state playoff game at Thomaston will mark the close of their careers as VHS gridgers.



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CAVAN COACH OF THE YEAR

Bennett, Gray Head AAA All-State

By GENE ASHER

The Journal-Constitution Class AAA All-State high school football team is becoming a long Gray line.

End Glenn Gray, considered the finest flankman Richmond Academy ever had, is "Lineman of the Year."

Wade Gray, Glenn's brother, was similarly distinguished a year ago.

"Back of the Year" is Valdosta quarterback Bruce Bennett, who smashed a 10-year-old Region 1-AAA total offense record and "Coach of the Year" is Jim Cavan, who guided R. E. Lee of Thomaston to a 9-1-0 mark and the North Georgia AAA championship.

Sixteen schools have representatives on the 22-man squad. There are nine from Region 3, five each from Regions 1 and 4 and three from Region 2.

Valdosta landed three players on the elite list and Murphy, R. E. Lee of Thomaston, Southwest and Richmond Academy two apiece. One player each was picked from Grady, Brown, Moultrie, Northside, Benedictine, West Fulton, Willingham, GMA, Marist, Sprayberry and North Fulton.

The All-State line averages 199 pounds, the backfield 179. Biggest player is 6-2, 235-pound tackle Henry Rape of Benedictine, smallest is 5-10, 165-pound halfback Mike Russ of North Fulton. There are 21 seniors and only one junior on the team. The underclassman is 5-10, 195-pound guard Billy Myddleton of Valdosta. For the past two years, he has been one of the leading tacklers on his state championship team.

"Before he graduates," said Valdosta Coach Wright Bazemore, "Myddleton should easily become the finest lineman in the school's history. He is near it right now."

Bazemore already rates Bennett the greatest back he has ever

had. And why not? Bennett made a shambles out of the 1-AAA offense record for one season set by Ray Mercer of Moultrie in 1951. Mercer gained 1,168 yards. This season, Bennett gained 1,736 yards, playing only part time.

The brilliant Bennett rushed for 771 yards, passed for 965, scored 18 touchdowns and passed for 10 more. He is the first player in history to lead his league in both rushing and passing. He also was one of his squad's most outstanding blockers, and when called upon, played magnificently on defense.

Of "Lineman of the Year" Gray, Richmond Academy Coach Frank Inman says, "He definitely is the finest end, finest pass receiver and finest blocker I have ever coached."

"As all-round lineman, I would have to rate him equal to Pat Dye, who, of course, became an All-American at the University of Georgia."

Even though opposing teams ran away from him, Gray managed to average eight individual tackles per game. "He made them all over the field," Inman said.

There never has been an all-state end corps to compare with this one. Besides Gray, others are Lane Wolbe of Grady, Charles Casey of Brown and Wayne Tucker of Moultrie.

Moultrie Coach Knuck McCrary calls Tucker the "best college end prospect I've seen." Tucker was second highest scorer on his team with 43 points. He caught 21 passes for 237 yards and six touchdowns. He kicked off and kicked extra points, and, on defense, stood out as a middle linebacker.

Wolbe blocked punts in three consecutive games and was honored as "Lineman of the Week" by the Touchdown Club of Atlanta after leading his team offensively and defensively to a stunning 19-7 upset of city champion Murphy.

Coach Jack Peek calls Casey the "finest pass receiver I have ever seen play high school football."

No player on the squad is more versatile than Willingham's

Joel Dickens. He played fullback and halfback on offense, line-backer and tackle on defense. He punted, kicked off, and kicked extra points. He led 1-AAA in rushing in 1960 and was runner-up to Bennett this year.

Tommy Arnold, first All-State ever chosen from Sprayberry, earned the distinction with two new Region 4-AAA records—most yards gained and best rushing average. He rushed for 1,046 yards and averaged 10.7 yards per carry. He played safety on defense and intercepted three passes. He also kicked off and punted. Arnold's total yardage was 1,995.

Even though he played on a losing team, Marist halfback Buddy Goodman gained more than 100 yards rushing in four of eight games. He had a total offense of 1,069 yards.

Bishop Kelley, tackle from Northside, not only was in "all the key plays," but maintained a straight A scholastic average, served in student council and was a member of the Honor Society.

Other than Bennett and Myddleton, Valdosta landed senior tackle Bill Schroer on the squad. City champion Murphy placed quarterback Wayne McDaniel, who amassed 1,216 yards total offense and center Wayne Waldrip, standout in a leather-tough line.

R. E. Lee stars are center Wayne Beeland and halfback Jimmy Cavan, who led the Rebels to the 4-AAA championship and Southwest selections are halfback Marquis Baeszler and tackle James Stone, who sparked the Wolves to a 9-1-0 record and a berth in the Milk Bowl.

Although there were several outstanding juniors playing AAA football beside Myddleton, none got their team into a play-off like he did. In all cases, seniors were given preference over juniors of equal ability, both on the two-team squad and the four-team honorable mention list.

The Journal-Constitution never would have been able to select the squad without the help of coaches from every AAA school in the state and sports writers from every daily newspaper.

Name	School	Gr.	Pos.
Glenn Gray	Richmond Academy	6-1	End
Lane Wolbe	Brown	190	End
Charles Casey	Moultrie	185	End
Wayne Tucker	Northside	185	End
Bishop Kelley	Southside	6-2	Tackle
Bill Schroer	Southside	195	Tackle
James Stone	Benedictine	6-3	Tackle
Tommy Arnold	West Fulton	215	Tackle
Barron Campbell	West Fulton	6-2	Tackle
Joel Dickens	Willingham	215	Tackle
Bill Myddleton	Valdosta	5-11	Guard
Wayne Beeland	Valdosta	5-11	Guard
Duncan Dunn	G.M.A.	170	Guard
Wayne Waldrip	Valdosta	195	Guard
Bruce Bennett	Murphy	205	Guard
Forrest Inglett	R. E. Lee	6-1	Center
Emmett Goodman	Valdosta	198	Center
Tommy Arnold	Valdosta	6-0	Center
Jimmy Cavan	Richmond Academy	182	Center
Mike Russ	Southside	6-0	Center
Wayne McDaniel	Southside	5-11	Back
	Sprayberry	185	Back
	R. E. Lee	195	Back
	North Fulton	175	Back
	Murphy	185	Back
		165	Back
		170	Back

HONORABLE MENTION
 Ends—Larry Haynie (Southwest), Doug Boyd (Willingham), Earl Abernathy (South Cobb), Don Burton (Lanier), Mike Caldwell (Griffin), Alton Knight (Warner Robins), Billy Boston (Cherokee), Lawrence Bowden (Murphy), Dan Sheir (Tackles)—Ben Daniel (R. E. Lee), Mercer Thompson (Grady), Dan Sheir (Murphy), Doug Woods (Southwest), Well Moore (Valdosta), Rosty Reeves (Charlottesville), Mike Isadore (Valdosta), John F. (Valdosta), Rosty Reeves (Moultrie), Virgil Yakey (Athens), Donnie Wilder (R. E. Lee), Buddy Deen (Coffee County), Mike Coburn (Benedictine), Oliver Brown (Richmond Academy), Centers—Dick Fitzpatrick (Northside), Ronnie Stacks (Southwest Dekalb), Mack Gilliam (Russell), Ronnie May (Brown), Backs—Mac Whitaker (Northside), Kim King (Brown), Lynn Hutchins (West Fulton), Gaines Wilson (R. E. Lee), Lavron Gartin (Jordan), Larry Beaver (Athens), Jackie Hammond (Warner Robins), Fitzgerald (Moultrie), Dan McKee (Avondale), Boyd Taylor (McCracken), Paul Tillman (Southside), Dan Beckhoff (Decatur), Boyd B. (Athens), Dan Graham (Grady), Tom Brennan (Benedictine), John Grishby (Northside).



BRUCE BENNETT
Back of Year



Tommy Arnold, Lane Wolbe, Wayne Waldrip, Charles Casey, Wayne Tucker, Bishop Kelley, Bill Schroer, James Stone, Henry Rape, Barron Campbell, Joel Dickens, Wayne McDaniel

Marquis Baeszler, Jimmy Cavan, Mike Russ

Forrest Inglett, Wayne Beeland

Emmett Goodman, Duncan Dunn

SAMMY GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

Ware County Top Pick In 1-A (East) Scramble

With the start of a new high school football season just around the corner, interest among the fans naturally centers around which teams might be title winners this time out.

If Valdosta grid enthusiasts will permit, I'm going to delay discussing the Region I-AAA outlook until just a little later. The VHS Wildcats are defending champs in 1-AAA.

The subject for today will be leagues in which other teams in the area will be competing. They include 1-A, both eastern and western subdivisions, 1-AA (South) and 1-B (East).

Let it be said right now that football forecasting is a most difficult assignment. And certainly some of my past predictions have proved to be wrong. But it's fun to guess, and so here goes my try for '61.

Let's start with 1-A (East), which is composed of Lowndes County, Ware County (Waycross), Bacon County (Alma), Jeff Davis (Hazlehurst) and Irwin County (Ocella).

Ware's Galors are the defending sub-division champs, and will leave the starter's gate as the top ranked club this year. Ware will offer backfield depth, with talented full-back Lankford Lee and quarterback Rodney Jeffords the leaders.

Coach Carlton Adams' Lowndes County Golden Eagles have title ambitions, but are short-handed in experienced backfield personnel. Up front the Eagles may be able to hold their own with anyone in the league, although line depth is lacking. LOHI certainly can't be counted out, but the Eagles will be battling some big odds.

Jeff Davis had a young club in '60, and figures to be much improved this time out. Bacon County faces a rebuilding job. Irwin County also must replace a lot of 1960 regulars, but the Ocella school has a reputation for turning out strong teams.

In the 1-A (West) title race will be Brooks County (Quitman), Central (Thomasville), Americus, Worth County (Sylvester), and Cook County (Adel).

Coach Walter Foy's Brooks Tigers were 1-A (West) champs last season. Foy has some replacement problems. Among the missing is All-State back Howard Daughtry. But the Tigers will be tough again.

Blackshear Liked In 1-B (East)

However, Central, under new coach Moe McClung, and Americus, rank right along with Brooks. Cook, under new coach Bobby Rick, will be rebuilding, but the Hornets could turn out to be the darkhorse in the circuit. A close, and hard-fought title race is in the offing in 1-A (West).

Battling for the 1-B (East) title will be Hahira, Clinch County



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Stockton, Homerville T-R Victors

Stockton and Homerville were the victors in a pair of Twin-Rivers League baseball games played Sunday.

Stockton boosted its record to 11-7 with a 10-6 triumph over Jennings. Homerville edged Nashville, 2-1.

Randall Copeland, Smitty Allen and Bobby Johnson were leaders for Stockton. Copeland and Johnson each rapped a double and triple. Allen went the distance on the hill and helped his own cause with a homer. The Stockton hurler whiffed nine.

Wilbur Dees, with three safeties, was offense leader for Jennings.

The other game featured a hill duel between Homerville's Wayne Studdard and Nashville's Melvin Player. Winner Studdard gave up just three hits.

Nashville took a 1-0 lead in the top of the sixth. Homerville came back to tally twice in the bottom of the frame. Eddie Minson tripled and scored on an error. A timely single by Eldroy Griffiths brought home what turned out to be the winning run for Homerville.

Scores by innings follow:
Stockton — 100 225 000—10 10 4
Jennings — 100 001 031— 6 6 6
Homerville — 000 002 00x—2 6 3
Nashville — 000 001 000—1 3 1

Oliver Team

'Dogfight' Winner At VCC

A team led by John Oliver captured top honors in a "Dogfight" golf tournament played here Sunday over the Valdosta Country Club course.

Oliver and teammates Lt. Karl Max, George Darby and Dr. George Smith combined efforts for a winning best ball total of 67.

Second with a 68 was the team of Al Alvarez, Sgt. Dick Plante, Capt. B. L. Chambers and Paul Morgan. Third was the foursome of W. L. Goodloe Sr., Dr. Don Burke, Jim Morgan and Major William Hoyle with a 69.

JOI Links Tourney Set Here Sept. 1-4

The 21st edition of the Jack Oliver Invitational golf tournament is scheduled to be played here Sept. 1-4 over the Valdosta Country Club course.

The Jack Oliver Invitational is one of the oldest and most famous fairway events of its type held in this section.

Top amateur linksmen from throughout the Southeast are expected to be on hand seeking championship honors in the 72-hole, medal-play event. A field of more than 200 is expected.

Serving as tourney chairman this year is Russell Clark. On the tourney committee with him will be Dr. F. G. Eldridge, as advisor, and Howard Dasher, Jr. They will be assisted by club

Anderson, Sikes Gain Tennis Tourney Finals

The adult divisions' top-seeded Bucky Anderson and second-seeded Red Sikes in the senior division have advanced to finals in the battle for Valdosta Invitational Tennis Tournament singles crowns.

Meanwhile, pairings have been drawn and action is set to begin today in the doubles.

After it has been decided who will play Anderson and Sikes for the singles crown, full attention will be turned to the doubles.

Tourney director Gary Colson says singles and doubles championship matches will be played at 3 p. m. next Sunday at the new city courts in McKey Park.

Valdosta State College star Anderson gained a shot at the adult division singles championship with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Hibbit Warwick and a 6-2, 6-3 triumph over John Wright in action over the weekend. Sikes reached the senior division title round by turning back fourth-seeded Tom Jackson, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5. In a senior division quarter-final round outing, top-seeded Buddy Webb was a 6-0, 6-2 winner over Joe Gray.



FRANK ELDRIDGE JR.

President Bill Eager Jr., VCC pro Richard Beckmann and VCC general manager Jack Rosemond. Valdostan Frank Eldridge Jr. is defending JOI champ. He will be aiming to put victories back to-back for the first time since W. L. (Dynamite) Goodloe Jr., strung together seven straight triumphs from 1948 to 1954.

U.S. Upsets British Net Stars, 6-1

CHICAGO (AP) — Inspirational drive by a trio of teen-agers who refused to be overawed by the decided favoritism lavished on Great Britain's team gave the United States the most stunning upset triumph in the historic Wightman Cup tennis series.

The Americans took the top British amateur women stars six matches to one, bringing the cup back to this country after a year's stay abroad and registering the 27th U.S. victory in 33 meetings between the two countries since 1923.

Justina Bricka, 18, of St. Louis, ranked No. 11 nationally, won the key match by ambushing Wimbledon champion Angela Mortimer 10-8, 4-6, 6-3 Sunday.

It followed Saturday's U.S. sweep by Karen Hantze of San Diego, 18; Billie Jean Moffitt of Long Beach, Calif., 17, and a Hanze-Moffitt doubles victory.

Miss Bricka's accomplishment put the U.S. ahead 4-0 and assured the championship.

Christine Truman provided the only British victory by defeating Miss Moffitt Sunday 6-3, 6-2.

The American team was the youngest ever to play in Wight-

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10 World Records Broken

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