

# 'Cats' Playoff Spot Assured



Ireen Roe Performs Acrobatics That Totaled 208 Yards In Offense — Times Staff Photo.

**By MIKE HAGOOD**  
**ALBANY**—In a game where players and coaches admitted that the Wildcats were a bit flat, Valdosta still managed to score 41 points in a shutout of Monroe High here Friday.

Valdosta's 41-0 victory gives the 'Cats an 8-0 overall mark and a 1-0 AAAA (North) subregion record. Tift defeated Dougherty 28-0.

| First Downs   | Valdosta | Monroe |
|---------------|----------|--------|
| Yards Rushing | 140      | 10     |
| Yards Passing | 107      | 64     |
| Passes Int.   | 1        | 1      |
| Interceptions | 1        | 1      |
| Punting       | 22       | 23     |
| Punts         | 4        | 4      |

On the next play Lastinger passed laterally to Ireen Roe in the flat, who passed the ball 50-yards to Fredrick Blair at the Monroe ten-yard line. Blair said, "I felt I could beat him deep. I smelled the offense."

Lastinger then threw ten yards to John Bond for the Cats second score of the night with 46 seconds left in the half.

The Wildcats first score came in a methodical drive spanning the last of the first half and nearly half of the second quarter. A holding penalty pushed the Tornados back to their own 20-yard line. A holding penalty pushed the Tornados back to their own 20-yard line. A holding penalty pushed the Tornados back to their own 20-yard line.

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The touchdown came at 10:42 in the quarter when Lastinger threw to Roe across the middle and Roe danced for a 47-yard score.

After the ensuing kick-off, Monroe was pushed deep in the first quarter. A holding penalty pushed the Tornados back to their own 20-yard line. A holding penalty pushed the Tornados back to their own 20-yard line.

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On the first possession in the fourth quarter, they drove 23 yards in six plays with William Gaskins getting the score on a one-yard blast.

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# LHS Sacks 'Cats, Earns Playoff Berth

**By MARTIN REGISTER**  
 Valdosta Vikings built a 20-0 lead, then held off a late charge by Bainbridge to subdue the Bearcats 27-13 in a Region 1-AAAA (South) high school football game here Friday night.

It was exactly a picture-book victory for Coach Joe Wilson's Vikings, who outlasted the Bearcats 27-13.

Valdosta's Vikings, who were ranked 10th in the state, were led by quarterback Kenneth Biggles.

That drive featured a key 25-yard pass from DeVane to Steve Player on a key third down play, and ended when Thomas hammered over from the one yard line the four minutes gone in the contest.

But wracked by fumbles, pass interceptions and penalties, the sputtering Viking offense didn't put another tally on the board until late in the half, when Thomas scored two plays later on a 50-yard punt off the ball at their own 13.

Meanwhile, the visitors were having more than their share of problems with the smothering Viking defense.

At the half, Bainbridge had just one yard rushing and two first downs.



Steve Thomas Of Lowndes Blasts Through Hole

Ronnie Adkins, Tony Crawford, Al Bates and Dennis McDowell punished Bainbridge runners, and repeatedly penetrated the Bearcat front line. Quarterback Kenneth Biggles.

DeVane and backup Eric Thomas led the Vikings on a drive which ended when DeVane bulled over from one yard out midway the third period, and the game appeared all but over with Lowndes sitting on a 20-0 lead.

But the erratic Bearcats came roaring back, spurred on by a blocked punt deep in Viking territory, and scored late in the period when the Vikings came over from the four.

Then, Bainbridge literally crumpled under the Vikings' throats during a fourth quarter march which culminated with a 5-yard punt advantage to 20-12 with 4:23 remaining to be played.

Runningback Marcus Close culminated that 5-yard punt with a 19-yard run to paydirt, but a try for a two-point conversion failed and the Bearcats were left eight points back.

Lowndes safety Ronnie Manthorn all but laced the game with just over a minute left when he picked off a last-ditch desperation Blair's aerial and swept 51 yards to the Bearcat seven.

"I didn't think I played that well," said DeVane, who watched two of his aerials fall into enemy hands during the frustrating first half.

"Our offensive line blocked real well, and the defense was really strong again. But the offense has still got to come along."

Bainbridge chalked up the bulk of its offensive yardage in the fourth period, when it racked up eight of its 11 first downs, including four in the final 30 seconds.

But it was too little, too late for Coach Miller. Shelly's unit, who saw their overall record dip to 4-4, and their playoff hopes vanish into the chilly autumn air as a reddish moon ascended over Martin Stadium.

# Vikes Lucky Says Wilson

**By Times Staff Writer**  
 Coach Joe Wilson, echoing one of his favorite themes, after the Vikings had flattened Bainbridge 27-13 and assured themselves a berth in the Region 1-AAAA postseason playoffs.

"I'm pleased all season, and I'm just as pleased as when we made it."

"A lot of people don't realize the pressure these kids have been under. A lot of them had nothing to do with football. But they put them to the side and did what they had to do."

He termed his decision not to kick the football on fourth down deep in Lowndes in the second half as "stupid."

Lowndes' offense had the Viking defense reared to the occasion, and forced the Bearcats to play the pigskin four plays later.

"I knew better than to do it," he said. "We could've very easily had just the ballgame because of it."

He called his team's first scoring drive, of 60 yards early in the game, "about as picture perfect as a drive can get," but took much of the blame for a slightly less than awesome showing by the Viking offense during much of the remainder of the game.

"After the first drive, I sort of bogged down mentally," he said. "I think I should've been a little more aggressive."

"We have to put more emphasis on the kids who do a good job. They're not always the most talented, but they get the job done."

"Bainbridge has a good team," he added. "They're going to give somebody fits before the season's over, and next season. They have a lot of talent."

But the story of the night was the Vikings. "We're going to play at least 11 games this season," said Wilson, "and that's a first for this school."

"Lowndes is going to be big in football. It'll have to be reckoned with in the years to come."

# Pack Picked To Tumble

**NEW YORK (AP)** — It is time for this foolishness to stop.

The Green Bay Packers are good, but not THAT good. Nor are the Minnesota Vikings.

In other words, the Pack is about to come back — to rebound.

On the other hand, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles are THAT good, and St. Louis is that good, so two teams will remain unbeaten and one still will be winless when the National Football League season passes the halfway mark this weekend.

For an Unlabeled Special? Take two. Miami will muffle New England and Cincinnati, getting off the goose egg, will beat the Browns. Last week's 132 mark (which included Washington's return to reality) put the season record at 63-35, 643.

**Vikes 24, Packers 20**  
 What Minnesota has going for it, besides playing at home, is age, just enough of it to have faced pressure games like this and come out on top. It's a fairly new experience for the young Packers.

By the way, the home-field advantage isn't always mythical. Just ask the Los Angeles players about their last weekend in New York.

**Dolphins 28, Pats 23**  
 Flitting the AFC's leading ground game, Devin Williams, against New England's rushing defense gives you produce a standoff, and the "A" secondary will stand up to what will be a hard game.

**Bengals 20, Bills 13**  
 Cincinnati realizes that if it doesn't pull off an upset here, it will be winless when the season passes the halfway mark this weekend.

**Steelers 27, Oilers 13**  
 Houston tends to play so-so against the Superdome and against good ones — but the Oilers aren't good enough to play the great ones.

**Rams 34, Saints 14**  
 Archie Manning burned Los Angeles with three TD passes in the Superdome while back. The Rams will roast him at home this time.

**Jets 30, Cardinals 24**  
 New York and St. Louis are playing without No. 1 quarterbacks. The only problem is, the Cards don't seem to be No. 2, either.

**Dallas 33, Eagles 20**  
 Dallas has been in the doldrums too long, last

# Atlanta Tops NHL Champs

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Left wing Eric Vail scored two goals as the Atlanta Flames handed the Montreal Canadiens their second consecutive defeat in a 7-5 National Hockey League game Friday night.

Defenseman Serge Savard netted a pair of goals for the defending Houston Aeros, who record dropped to 3-2. The Flames are 3-0-2.

Center Jacques Lemarie scored the scoring for the Canadiens early in the first period with a power play goal. Vail's first goal gave the Flames a 1-1 tie when he took a pass from Ed Kus and beat Montreal goalie Ken Dryden with a shot from just outside the crease.

Later in the period, Savard broke away for a short-handed goal. But Atlanta wing Ken Houston scored with a 15-foot shot to knot the game 2-2 at the end of the first period.

In the second period, Robertson scored Bill Clement's 40-foot slap shot beat Dryden.

The glove player, then defenseman Pat Ribble gave Atlanta a 4-2 lead when he scored from 25 feet.

After Savard beat Atlanta goalie Daniel Bouchard with a shot from close-in, Atlanta

# Flames Trip Montreal, 7-5

erupted with two goals early in the third period. Right wing Willie Plett scored on a shot from the right face-off circle and Vail scored just outside the net as the Flames moved ahead 6-3.

Late in the period, John Gould made it 7-3 Atlanta, but two Montreal goals in the final two minutes by Rick Charney and right wing Mario Tremblay narrowed the final score to 7-5.

**Robertson Is Facing Suspension By Rams**  
 LONGBEACH, Calif. (AP) — Linebacker Robert Robertson, who was suspended last Wednesday, but didn't work out, saying he was resting. He did practice Thursday after talking with Rams coach and club owner Carroll Rosenbloom.

Robertson has said that he will not play behind Brad Bradshaw, a "free agent" pick out of Ohio State. Robertson this summer had walked out of camp for a week in August when Allen's brief resume as Rams coach.

Robertson under contract to the Los Angeles Rams," said Malvasi. "We do our part every week by paying him. If he doesn't do his part by at least showing up and practicing, we have no other choice but to discipline him."

# Favored Teams Win In Prep Football

**By The Associated Press**  
 Cedar Shoals' Mike Walker fell on two Lakeside Vikings fumbles, one to set up a game-winning touchdown and the other to save the Jaguars' 14-7 class school football victory.

The win for Class AAAA No. 2-ranked Cedar Shoals, 0-0, practically clinched the 8AAA-8South subregion championship for the Jaguars at Lakeside.

In this week's AP poll, Cedar Shoals was No. 1.

In a 1977 game, Dan Meyer of Cedar Shoals was awarded first base twice in one game, tying a major league record.

In Region 4AA action, Lincoln County pounded Hartem 20-1 to notch up its 34th straight victory. Hartem was held to 72 yards total offense, 43 yards of which were gained on pass that provided the Bulldogs' only earned first down of the game.

Lincoln's first touchdown came when the Red Devils fumbled a field goal, kicker Glen Gresham passing 27 yards to Mike Jones. Jones also scored from the one and two-yard line to cap long Lincoln drives.

Westside of Casp, No. 6 in AAAA, came from a 13-0 deficit in the final minutes to beat cross-town rival Lenoir 14-13 in AAAA action.

Westside was in third- and 18th situation on Lenoir's 44 when quarterback Lee Chick made the ball up for grabs. A pass to Gresham grabbed it but fumbled it on the 10, Westside recovered. Gresham passed five yards to Mark Gilliam for the winning touchdown.

Over in the 8A-8B, Tim McPherson drilled seven-and-eight-yard touchdown passes to Doug Parrish to give Cedar Shoals a 27-13 victory. Parrish's safety came when a Shoals one-yard pass went out of the end zone. American league Class AAA in the AP ranking.

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