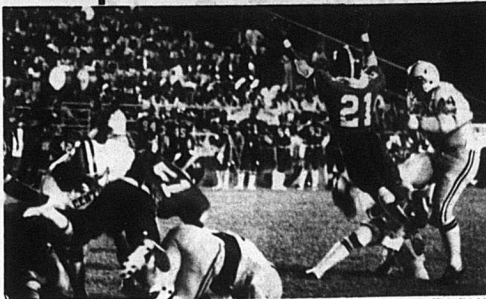


# Central Raps Monroe, 17-6



(Staff Photo - Mike Lutz)

Central's Coley Voyles Boots Field Goal Past Monroe's Mark Smith (12)

Touchdown! Larry Stringer (26) Scores For Thomasville

## 16-7 Slugfest

# 'Dosta Rally Nips Dogs

By JULIAN MILLER  
VALDOSTA — Thomasville Bulldogs took on a legend here Friday night — and learned legends don't die easy. But before 10,000 disbelieving fans could leave a packed Cleveland Field, Valdosta's Wildcats had learned the same about the Bulldogs while squeaking out a desperation 16-7 high school football victory.

WARDSTICK	
Thomasville	Valdosta
First Downs	5 15
Yards Rushing	105 164
Yards Passing	10 123
Total Offense	115 287
Passes Int.	1-3 10-24
Fumbles Lost	1 0
Penalties	8-24 5-17-2
	2-10 2-20

It was that defense that caught Bulldog quarterback Johnny Chastain for a 20-yard loss to the Thomasville 15 and forced a 30-yard punt with 22 remaining in the then 7:11 ball game. On the first play afterwards, Valdosta fullback Ernest King scrambled 18 yards up the middle to the Thomasville 31. A Smith pass for 27 yards moved Valdosta to the Thomasville 11.

King took it seven yards to the four and Lastering dove over for the winning touchdown with 1:41 remaining in the game. It then mattered little that David Reeves kicked his second perfect PAT of the night or that the Wildcat defense sacked Chastain for a safety with 28 seconds to go for the final tally.

The loss was the first of the year for Coach Jim Hughes' Bulldogs, who now carry a 2-1 overall and 1-0 Region 1 AAAA (North) Wildcats into next Saturday's clash on the road against Bainbridge. The Wildcats of coach Nick Hyder are now 30 overall and 1-0 in Region 1 AAAA (South) and probably assured of

hanging on the No. 1 ranking by the Associated Press and United Press International. Hughes had continued the game plan that produced Thomasville's two previous victories. And it almost worked.

"I felt like our defense would have to keep us in the game and it did," he said after Thomasville's sixth consecutive loss to Valdosta's awesome defense.

He was certainly not all disappointed, not by a long shot. "It was a great advertisement for high school football," he said.

Hyder, whose fans had come to expect to much more from his Bulldogs, took the hard-fought win at face value — it was a victory.

"I'm not at all surprised, nor am I disappointed," he said. "Our people had to learn to play in the fourth quarter. Thomasville is a sound football team. We learned a lot of real good lessons. Patience is a lesson. You have to learn patience."

"I thought our defense did a good job. When it had to," Hyder added. "That's a cat and dog fight out there and it's hard to win in this region in any way, shape or fashion."

Thomasville had virtually abandoned its newfound passing attack, throwing not

all in the first half and only completing one of two attempts in the second for 10 yards.

Instead, the Bulldogs relied on their traditionally strong running game. That's where fullback Larry Clark ran 14 times for 71 of Thomasville's 105 yards.

Valdosta meanwhile, amassed 144 yards on the ground behind King's 54 yards on six carries and short, stocky fullback William Gaskins' 47 yards on seven carries.

Thomasville had taken it to the Wildcats from the beginning. Despite finding themselves pushed all over the field in the first quarter, the Bulldogs kept the ball on the ground and met the Wildcats nose-to-nose.

Runningback Larry Stringer did the honors on a one-yard drive with 8:29 remaining. Then Steve Strickland led it up at 17 all with a perfect PAT boot to start the TFS hand playing "Glory, Glory Hallelujah."

Green paid off in the early going when Valdosta stopped the Bulldogs' first drive cold, forced a punt and quickly moved, mounted a 36-yard run from the Bulldog 48 to the 12.

Three defensive end Mike Mash, a standout all night, singlehandedly stopped Valdosta fullback Ernie Row a yard short on a fourth and five attempts up the middle and the Dogs had breathing room.

But it didn't last long. Valdosta again stopped Thomasville in three plays and after a punt, the Cats were ruling goalward again.

Thirteen-yard and 15-yard Lastering passes to split end Frederick Blair put the Cats in business with a first and 10 at the Thomasville 14. Roe did the rest himself when he broke through the Bulldog front line and rambled to the goal line, spinning through the TFS secondary at the goal line.

Reaves' first PAT was perfect and with 3:16 remaining in the quarter it

was going to help this football team and it couldn't be helped. And a spine-tingling play just seconds before that final whistle probably gave the crowd its most thrilling moment of the night.

With just three seconds left in the game and with Monroe perched on the Jackets' 30-yard line, everyone in the ballpark — including the volunteer sheriff's posse directing traffic and unable to see the action — was expecting a Tornado last-minute desperation pass.

And a pass it was — but Calvin Eason upped the Tornadoes' hopes — a closing touchdown by intercepting in the end zone and rambling 102 yards for an apparent Central touchdown.

But a clipping penalty against an unknown Jacket nullified the TD and the great ruckback and Central was happy to settle for the final 17-6 margin.

After the opening penalty to set the contest in motion, the referee's penalty flag continued to be the Jackets' best friend — and Monroe's worst enemy — throughout the first half.

Stymied on their first possession, the Tornadoes were forced to punt — and here came the Yellow Jackets, much in the same fashion of a week ago against Bainbridge.

And just as the first drive was halted by a penalty in Bainbridge, so a isolation almost brought the first Central attempt against Monroe to a screeching halt.

A well-executed screen pass from sophomore quarterback Tim Sherrod — making the first variety start of his career — to tailback Mike Armister, good for 18 yards to the Monroe 20, put the Jackets in splendid scoring position.

But a five yard misplay by the Jackets back to first and 15, and two running plays and an incomplete pass by Central with a fourth and 13 on the 12-yard strip.

Senior tackle Coley Voyles came on to calmly split the uprights from 27-yards out to put the scoreboard for the first time this season — and Central was on its way to its initial win.

The Tornadoes suffered five 5-yard penalties in the first half of play, plus two other 15-yard setbacks from the officials, to help the Jackets along.

And Central welcomed the help, using the Tornadoes' ineptness to good advantage to increase the lead.

Valdosta — Lastering 4 runs (Reaves kick); Chastain tackled.

Thomasville — Stringer 1 run (Strickland kick); Blair 4, Mitchell, Flowerell, 3, Bates, 3, Strickland, 3, Valdosta, 10, Thomas, 6, Brasen, 6.

Thomasville 0 0 0 0 — 0  
Valdosta 7 0 0 0 — 16  
Valdosta — Roe 14 run (Reaves kick);  
Thomasville — Stringer 1 run (Strickland kick);  
Valdosta — Lastering 4 runs (Reaves kick); Chastain tackled.

Central — Eason 1 run (Reaves kick); Sherrod 1 run (Voyles 37); Hopkins 1 pass from Sherrod (Voyles kick);  
Monroe — Anderson 41 pass from Blair (pass failed).

**"THE FAIR IS COMING!"**

**DEEP SOUTH FAIR**  
Thomasville, Ga.  
Sponsored by Exchange Club

**Sept. 25-30**

## Robert Varneado (83) Turns Corner For Westbrook

### Cougars Edge Pineland In 3-2 Defensive Battle

DIXIE — The Westbrook Cougars and the Pineland Eagles staged a defensive battle here Friday night, when the fur and feathers had cleared, Westbrook was on top — 13-6.

The score may resemble a baseball game final more than one in football, but a 20-yard field goal and a quarterback sack behind the goal line was pure football.

The Cougars had a splendid opportunity to score a genuine TD in a first-quarter, fourth-and-seven situation. Quarterback Vince Snow lobbed a pass in the end zone, but the ball popped in and out of the receiver's hands.

Pineland took possession, but failed to make any headway and the Eagles were forced to punt.

Westbrook was unable to get

WARDSTICK	
Westbrook	Pineland
First Downs	10 4
Yards Rushing	115 85
Yards Passing	21 85
Total Offense	136 170
Passes Int.	2 0
Fumbles Lost	2 0
Penalties	6-30 6-28
	7-18 5-31

Then, with 30 seconds left, Westbrook punted from its 20. Pineland pulled it in at the Westbrook 43 and, in two plays, moved the ball to the 24.

The game when it had to give it the last desperate try — a field goal that was blocked.

Westbrook, now 4-0 for the season, meets Terrell Academy next Friday in Dawson.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS  
Rushing — Westbrook, Jay Blank, 144; Pineland, Rodney Traylor, 94.  
Tackles — Westbrook, West Hiers, 7; Patrick Mobley, 7.

Westbrook 0 3 0 0 — 3  
Pineland 0 0 1 — 7  
Westbrook — Green 20 field goal.  
Pineland — Sattley — Snow tackled in end zone.

**FALL FASHION VALUES**

Vested Stripes

This three-piece suit has earned it's place in the Fall Wardrobe.

The fabric of dacron polyester and wool guarantees comfort, wearability and good looks.

Regularly \$175  
FASHION VALUE  
**\$139.95**

115 N. Broad St.  
115 N. Broad St.

**FALL FASHION VALUES**

Vested Stripes

This three-piece suit has earned it's place in the Fall Wardrobe.

The fabric of dacron polyester and wool guarantees comfort, wearability and good looks.

Regularly \$175  
FASHION VALUE  
**\$139.95**

115 N. Broad St.  
115 N. Broad St.

**FALL FASHION VALUES**

Vested Stripes

This three-piece suit has earned it's place in the Fall Wardrobe.

The fabric of dacron polyester and wool guarantees comfort, wearability and good looks.

Regularly \$175  
FASHION VALUE  
**\$139.95**

115 N. Broad St.  
115 N. Broad St.