

# Bulldogs Trip Scrappy Bainbridge As Carney Passes For 2 TDs, 18-0

## SPORTS

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BULLDOG BENCH IS STUDY OF CONCENTRATION  
L-R: Coaches Art Williams, Joe Samrall, FB George Trull

By EARL KICKEY  
T.E. Sports Editor

Thomasville's perfect record remains intact this morning, its goal line still unblemished by an opponent's touchdown. But knowing it that way proved no easy task, say any of the 4,000 fans who spent last night at Veterans Memorial Stadium will testify.

They had come to watch their heroes and not another lousy, lousy victory, similar to earlier triumphs over Central, Crisp County and Waycross.

And why not? Wasn't this the same Bainbridge team which had neither won nor lost in three games? And had not their Bulldogs been named at the top of the Class AA poll earlier in the week?

They came to see a rout. Instead, they stayed to watch a scrambling, battling bunch of Bears who had to come back and win only three yards of scoring first, finally yielding to an awestruck Thomasville offense, 18-0.

The Bulldogs, favored by as much as 21 points in some areas did not get on the scoreboard until the dying seconds of the second period.

They led by only 6-0 at the half.

Had it not been for one of those twists of fate which always seem to plague the young and inexperienced, a team without scoring in the game, without scoring a point in 12 quarters, might have led one of Georgia's top-ranked teams at the half.

Thomasville opened the game on a familiar note, winning the toss for the fourth time in as many games.

But from the opening offensive play — when halfback Vinon Wolfe broke through to smear Carney for an eight-yard loss — it was evident that the Bulldogs were going to have their hands full.

The Bearcats stymied the powerful Thomasville offense throughout most of the first half, but halfback Charles Lane kept his team out of trouble with two booming third-down punts of 41 and 51 yards.

Both teams played in close to the vest, due to a muddy field, the result of heavy afternoon rains. But while Lane's punts were keeping Bainbridge on the side of the 50, Bearcat punter Edmond Long was having his problems. His best effort was a 20-yarder on his first attempt.

So conservative was the style of both teams, that neither registered a firstdown until quarterback Ronnie Carney's 10-yard punter gave Thomasville one with 2:09 left in the first period.

Bainbridge did not pick up until 10:58 remained in the half. By that time, the Bearcats had a very dramatic drive, which started at the Thomas 24.

Sophomore quarterback Travis Darby, a 16-yard keeper, and a senior 16-yard jump by halfback Cecil Barber, were the key plays in the first play march which reached the Thomasville 40.

Edmond Long, who had been connected with wingback Phil Bradner for 18 yards, and a first down at the Bearcat 24, before sending fullback George Trull inside back for nine more to the 15.

Then it was back into the air again, with Bradner taking the scoring pass with 4:10 left in the third period.

Again a running extra point attempt was scuffed short but the Thomasville fans breathed

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From that point on, it was all Thomasville. It took just 11 plays on a screen pass pattern, and when Carney's PAT roll-out failed, it was 18-0. Thomasville, with only 4:36 left in the game.

Lane led Bulldogs rushers with 79 yards in eight carries. Although Trull was the workhorse with a leading 11 carries for 41 yards.

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Charles Lane, before taking a fumble, also had a 10-yard run. The fumble, which stopped the young Bearcats three yards short of their first touchdown of the season, also seemed to light a spark in the Bulldogs.

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# Owens Scores As Hornets Rip Over Cubs, 27-0

By HENRY JONES, T.E. Correspondent

VIENNA—Tallback Hobby Owens, Pelham's jack-of-all-trades, led a second half comeback here last night, which pushed the Hornets 1-1 West subregion victory over the Vienna Vienna Stadium.

Owens, who just two weeks ago paced his team's upset victory over 1-A West subregion champion Central of Thomasville, was never in better form. The attack pounded backer.

Scored all four Pelham touchdowns on runs of 28, 54, 50 and 23 yards.

Carried 19 times for a net gain of 267 yards, and caught a pass for 36 more.

Scored his first four consecutive extra points, only to have one nullified on a penalty.

Punted three times for an unimpressive 23.6 average to a blocked kick which led to a second first down.

It was, in all, a splendid performance.

Yet, despite Owens' heroics, the Hornets led only 7-0 at the half. That lone fourth-down came, when after a scorching first period, Pelham took over at the Vienna 38 following a short Cub kick.

On the first play, Owens carried on the power sweep and recd 38 yards to score. Owens added the extra point with 4:27 left in the half.

Pelham received to open the third period, and returned to the 32. Owens picked up a fumble, before a Curtis Miller punt fell incomplete. Then it was Owens' turn to break through the center, on a trap he recd 54 yards to score his second touchdown, kicked the point, and Pelham increased its margin to 14-0.

Vienna failed to move and the Hornets' offense was in motion once again, this time from the 21.

Two passes failed before Owens broke loose for 19 to midfield. Again the Hornets worked the inside trap to perfection, and Owens romped the remaining 30 yards to score with 3:22 left in the half.

This was where the PAT kick which was perfect, was called back on a personal foul penalty, but Pelham still led, 20-0.

At the fourth quarter started, the Hornets drove to the Vienna 16, only to lose the ball on downs.

But Vienna could run only once plays before a fumble gave the Hornets another scoring opportunity on the second play, from the Cub. 23. Owens broke loose again, kicked his third PAT for a 27-0 lead.

The Cubs executed a shutout with less than a minute left, when Owens' punt from the 20 was blocked and recovered at the Cub.

On fourth down, a quarterback Walt Stone passed to fullback Keith Lee, who scored as the final whistle sounded.

Next week, the Hornets will be home to "Darius" Curry's team.

By DONALD C. The Douglas Lions once in each of the periods here last night to defeat city rival Mag 6, at Veterans Stadium.

The Douglas Lions scored a touchdown with 1:2 the first period, with back Booker Hall scoring the 10.

Defensive guard Simon set up the Douglas TD, when through the line in the second period to return a fumble on the 13 yard line. On the halfback Archie Greaves for the account 13. The PAT failed.

Late in the second another sterling play in the Douglas as the Lions another score, when Ed Jones intercepted a pass and scored to make it 15-0 by time.

In the second half, the Lions took the opening drive with all the 30 yards in the 10-0 lead, to be stopped by a goal line stand.

Midway through a period, Coleman, who had picked off one intercepted another, was not stopped but recd 19 yards. Donohue's third an interception of the Lions' Coach Bruce Hester for the running of Archie Greaves. East Elbert Morris and Davis, and the only interception of a pass and scored to make it 15-0 by time.

Coming in for more offense were James David Banks, Kenneth Miller, Mitchell and the Lions' star, Valdoza next Friday take on the Pineville 10-0 lead.

Donohue is now in the three games. A Macedonia 0-0.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS (PITCHING) — Jim Hunter, Asheville, batter ball for six innings at 10-0.