

Bulldogs' Adolphus Warren Hurdles Blockers, Defenders For Gain...Mike Coleman (44) Has Eyes On End Zone As He Races For Tift Touchdown

Thomasville, Tift County Battle To 7-7 Tie

By GEORGE LANSFETER
T-Reporter
TIFTON — Tift County marched 80 yards in 17 plays and scored with 3:36 remaining in the game. Carroll Cooney booted the PAT and the Blue Devils owned a 7-7 tie with Thomasville High's Bulldogs here last night.

WHY DIDN'T Tift coach Ray Dalton choose to go for two points at such a late time in the game?

"If we had missed," said Dalton, "it could have meant a loss and after last week's defeat we would have been facing the possibility of a very bad season... possibly 0-10."

"You don't like to tie ball games, but when the team

comes from behind that late in the game it's the only sensible thing to do."

Both teams had the ball twice in the final 3 1/2 minutes of the game, but failed to score as the contest ended in the 16 and 0-13 records for both teams.

The first half was dominated by the Bulldogs offensively and defensively while the Blue Devils controlled the second half.

"Our backs ran hard tonight," said Thomasville high head coach Jim Hughes. "We were able to block in the first half, but Tift closed us out in the second."

"TIFT DID a good job of holding up our receivers," added Hughes. But the Bulldogs

pressing game did show considerable improvement.

Quarterback Andy Reinhart completed six of 11 passes for 21 yards. The completions were on short aerials, but he had several long shots that were dropped by receivers.

Tift held the advantage in total offense with 204 yards (all rushing) to 140 for Thomasville. The Bulldogs secondary intercepted one pass and stopped Tift's seven attempts through the air.

Thomasville had 138 yards rushing (112 in the first half) and 21 passing. Tailback Adolphus Warren was the leading ground gainer with 73 yards in 13 carries.

Tift received the opening

YARDSTICK

	Thomasville	Tift
First Downs	111	109
Yards Rushing	138	134
Yards Passing	21	0
Total Offense	159	134
Passes	6-11	0-0
Passes by	1	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Penalties	6-113	7-102
Fouls	13	11

until Thomasville backed Tift to its own 15. A 13-yard punt by Stretch Moris was returned 10 yards by Raymond Kerbo and with 3:40 remaining in the half, the Bulldogs began to put the offense together.

A Reinhart to Allen Filmore pass failed to gain any yardage, but a flanker reverse to Filmore picked up 27 yards on the second down play.

Warren blasted off tackle for 14 yards in two plays and Daniel Mitchell's nine-yard gain put the Bulldogs at the Tift 10 with a second and one.

The first down came easy with Warren getting three. Gainsout was up the middle for three before Warren sprouted around the right end untouched

to score with 0:42 remaining. Randall Hatcher added the PAT.

The Bulldogs took the 7-0 lead into the dressing room at halftime.

Thomasville received the kickoff to begin second half. From the 34 yard with the aid of a roughing the kicker penalty for 15 yards) the Bulldogs pushed to the Tift 25 where they were faced with fourth down and one. Gainsout got the call and after the measurement, officials decided Thomasville was at least two inches short.

"We should have made the first down," said Hughes. "We just ran the play poorly."

After exchanging punts twice and moving into fourth quarter

play, Tift gained possession at its own 20 and began to drive for the TD.

MORRIS HIPPED off 15 yards on the first play and as a light rain fell on the wet grass at Tift County Stadium, the Devils were faced with a third and seven.

The halfback was tossed for a five-yard loss, but Thomasville was charged with hitting the face mask of the runner and Tift had a first down at the Thomasville 45.

Quarterback Mike Coleman took the backs into the middle of the line 12 plays later and kept the ball around left end for a 12-yard touchdown. The PAT was good and the score was tied.

Thomasville was forced to punt four plays after the kickoff, sophomore tackle Tommy Gaston tackled the Tift quarterback for a two-yard loss on a fourth-down situation to get the ball back for the Bulldogs.

But a good pass rush by Tift ended Thomasville hopes of pulling out the game.

The Bulldogs travel to Valdosta Saturday night to take on the Lowndes Vikings.

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCORES

Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score
Thomasville 7, Tift County 7		...	
Monroe 34, Central 14		...	
Valdosta 41, Dougherty 7		...	
Moultrie 22, Lowndes 6		...	
Calto 24, Ware Co. 7		...	
Manchester 46, Pitman 14		...	
Americus 14, Coch Co. 5		...	
Brooks Co. 4, Charlton Co. 0		...	
Perry 28, Mitchell Co. 6		...	
Waynes 26, Wayne Co. 3		...	
Tanner Co. 24, Wilkes Co. 6		...	
Crisp Co. 11, Salteridge 3		...	
Appling Co. 21, Dodge Co. 12		...	
Fairy Co. 7, Benbow Co. 3		...	
Irwins County 4, Berrien County 6		...	
Terrell Co. 14, Randolph Co. 6		...	
Ozark Academy 16, Johnston 6		...	
Reckman 13, Calhoun 6		...	
Harrisville Atlanta 35, Howard Atlanta 6		...	
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Valdosta Rolls On

By DALLAS LEE
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It took just nine teams to smash 429 points in a thunderous night of Georgia high school football Friday.

The Valdosta Wildcats flexed and roared again, devouring Dougherty County 47-7 in a game that allowed the Wildcats to empty the bench and use 13 different backfield personnel.

Highly touted Marietta of Baldwin 42-6, Macon County 50-0, Waynesboro buried Jenkins County 54-0 and Terrell County shelled Randolph County 54-0.

Other runaway scores: Camden County 42, Blackshear 0; Jefferson 48, Madison County

21; Treulien 50, Wheeler County 0; Montgomery County 42, Emanuel County Institute 8.

Three highly-ranked teams, however, failed to live up to their reputations in close scoring games.

Waynesville ranked No. 1 in Class A football by The Associated Press, bowed to Willis 7-6, dimming the chance for a repeat of last year's state championship performance.

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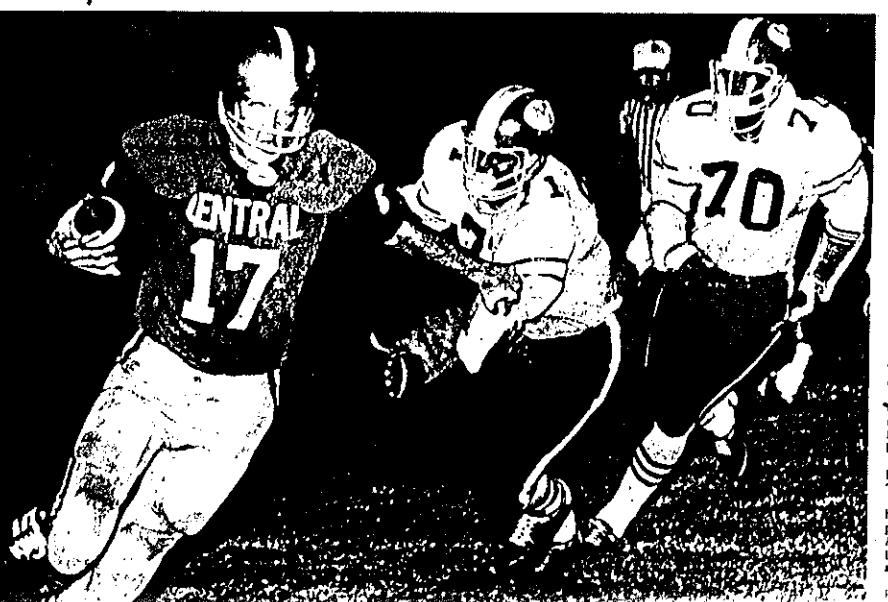
In other Class AAA play, No. 2-ranked Lagayette of Atlanta dumped Columbia of Decatur 34-14, and 9th-ranked Crisp County nailed Blairidge in a surprisingly close game, 14-3.

Crisp County may be the first team to offer Valdosta a competitive contest when they meet in Valdosta next week.

Moultrie, tied with Crisp County at the 9th-place ranking, smashed Lowndes 33-6, mostly on the pated strength of 6-foot-3, 300-pound quarterback-Ray Goff.

Goff threw for two touchdowns, ran for one, completed nine of 23 passes for 165 yards and rushed for an additional 10.

Jackson Paces Monroe's 38-14 Triumph Over Central



By EARL RICKBY
Central scored first and last at Thomas County Stadium last night.

In between, however, speedy John Jackson made a travesty of the Yellow Jackets' defensive game plan, leading Monroe of Albany to a 38-14 victory.

Jackson, a tough-cunning 170-pounder junior, scored three touchdowns and accumulated the Terrodeso share of his team's 292 yards rushing.

"WE KNEW ABOUT HIM," Cooley said after it was over. "He's one of the best backs in the region."

"He'll be liked to run up the middle — they build their defense around a lot of inside traps — so we wanted to make him do something different."

The first half of the plan worked. Cooley actually suffered most from a screen pass first quarter — and he may have been right.

Twice the Jackets drove inside Monroe's 15-yard line. Twice they failed to score.

When they did get on the board early in the second period, after recovering an Albany fumble on the 18, those two near misses loomed larger and larger.

Quarterback Danny Highsmith set up the first

YARDSTICK

	Monroe	Central
First Downs	111	109
Yards Rushing	292	134
Yards Passing	48	0
Total Offense	340	134
Passes	4-8	0-0
Passes by	1	1
Fumbles	2-11	3-40
Penalties	11	10

intercepted a Monroe pass as the game Central possession at the 33.

Highsmith lost 15 trying to lose, then got 30 back, when he was able to scramble out of trouble after his pass blocking broke down.

A seven-yard completion to Noah Swain moved the Jackets to Monroe's 18, and two running plays reached the seven before Jackson fumbled, and a Monroe recovery kept the scoreboard clean.

Still, Central managed to go ahead for the first time this season, thanks to an alert defensive play by Curtis, who recovered a Monroe fumble on the visitors' 18 on the last play of the first quarter.

A 12-yard Highsmith completion then set up the big play six-yard touchdown strike to high-back James Knowles with 10:18 left in the half.

Placekicker Pete Reem got a bad snap, and his effort was blocked, leading Central with a 10-0 lead.

ALL COOLEY could think, at that point, was that it should have been at least 13.