

# BULLDOGS POST SIXTH SHUTOUT

# Thomasville Drops Lowndes High, 17-0

**By WENDELL TIDWELL, VALDOSTA.** — When Thomasville had night they win only 17-0 in their last night against the Lowndes High Vikings with one of the Bulldogs' worst offensive showings all season.

Earlier this year, when Thomasville had a sluggish night in Albany against the Dougherty Trojans, the defense came through late in the game to give the Bulldogs a 17-0 victory. It happened again last night.

### YARDSTICK

Thomasville	Lowndes
First Downs	10 12
Yards Rushing	11 34
Yards Passing	11 34
Total Offense	22 46
Passes Int.	2 1
Fumbles Lost	2 1
Penalties	12 11
Time of Possession	32:20 31:20

But to give credit where it is due, Lowndes High did play a little defense and racked up more yards on the ground than any Bulldog opponent so far this season.

**VIKING HEAD COACH** West Thomas was obviously not listening to all of that No. 1 talk and figured, shucks, they still look like Bulldogs to him. When Thomas coached the Cairo Syrupmakers, he gave Thomasville all kinds of fits.

He didn't let up last night. Early in the game, he attacked the Bulldog highly-lauded defense with a mixture of counter plays, traps and forward old-fashioned line blocking.

His game plan caught Thomasville unaware and forced the Bulldogs' ball-carriers to sweat down their throats for a good 20 minutes of the first half.

Thomasville ran only four plays in the first quarter and only six plays in the first eight minutes of the second period. Twice during that time the Vikings made serious threats near the Bulldog goal line, pushing all the way to the five-yard line once again. The Bulldog six-yard line on another occasion.

But the Thomasville defense didn't get to be No. 1 for nothing. The Bulldogs adjusted

before half time ended and turned the game around.

**LOWNDES** had clearly dominated first half statistics. The Vikings had eight first downs and 110 total yards in the Bulldogs' first 17 minutes and 46 yards at intermission.

But the Bulldog defense rallied in the second half to hold Lowndes to minus 16 yards rushing.

Lowndes took the opening kickoff and drove to the Bulldog 17 with two first downs. The Vikings got their first break of the game when Eugene Clark and Jimmy Bowdry had a mixup on a Lowndes punt and Clark fumbled to set the Vikings up at the Bulldog 17.

Two plays later, Lowndes blasted to the Bulldog six with a first and goal. But on the next play Danny Scott recovered a fumble to end the threat.

The Bulldogs then ran their only three plays of the first quarter and then punted to midfield. A clipping penalty forced Lowndes back to the 35.

**THE VIKINGS** then rolled for five first downs and set up at the Bulldog eight with a first-and-goal. Michael Bryan, John David Peoples and Jimmy Bowdry allowed the Vikings only three yards on the next three plays as the first quarter came to a close.

On fourth down a Viking field goal attempt was very wide left. Thomasville took over at the 20, ran two plays and fumbled right back. With the ball at the Bulldog 24, Lowndes tried to run an first and second down with little success and on third-and-fourth down went to the air. Bowdry almost intercepted the first pass and two fumbles broke up the second and the Bulldogs took over at the 27.

But again Thomasville was not able to move and forced to punt to the Viking 31. Two plays later, Marvin Wilson recovered a fumble at the 37 and the game changed complexion.

Thomasville drove seven plays for their first score with 25 left in the half. William Andrews powered his way



Thomasville's Andrews Outruns Defenders To Goal Line

across from the four and Ernest Kirksey kicked the extra point.

Here the Thomasville defense stiffened and the Bulldogs got another break with an eight-yard punt by Lowndes to the Viking 31 with 1:06 left in the half.

**FOUR PLAYS** later a nine-yard pass to Andrews put Thomasville at the six with only three seconds left. Kirksey kicked a booming 24-yard field goal to give the Bulldogs 10-0 lead as time ran out.

Thomasville took the second half kickoff and appeared to get their offense rolling. Three first downs later they were at the Viking 16, thanks to a 21-yard run by Al Fann. But here David Mitchell went to the air and Kirksey again attempted a field goal which sailed wide left. The Vikings had stopped the Bulldog threat.

Thomasville came right back again after the Viking punt and once again drove to the Lowndes 13-yard line. And once again Thomasville went to the air and had their fourth down pass intercepted at the 16-yard line. Another Bulldog threat was stopped.

A spectacular 36-yard Lowndes pass on which Bowdry made a touchdown-saving, come-from-behind tackle put the Vikings at the Thomasville 18. Jim Keyton, Larry McPherson and Mike Gammons gave the Bulldogs possession at the 26 with four determined defensive efforts.

The Bulldogs drove for one first down, but got into trouble when a Mitchell pickoff by Fann missed its mark. Although no Viking ever had possession of the ball, the officials gave

Lowndes High possession when the fumble rolled out of bounds at the Bulldog 34.

**ONE FIRST DOWN** and an interference penalty later, the Vikings were again threatening at the Bulldog 17. However, Peoples and Scott had raked up the Viking quarterback Ronnie Johnson and halfback William Howell was forced to take over his duties.

Thanks to McPherson, Peoples, Andrew Hunter and Eugene Clark the Vikings got nowhere and Thomasville took over at the 13.

Leading 10-0 the Bulldogs were satisfied with running out the clock but could not get a first down and punted. With Johnson back in the

game, Lowndes went to the air. And with 26 seconds left Larry McPherson picked off a pass at the Viking 43, followed a wall of blockers and cradled over a Lowndes defender at the goal line to give the Bulldogs a last-minute touchdown just as he did against Dougherty.

Ernest Kirksey kicked the extra point to give Thomasville its seventh win of the season and sixth shutout.

The Bulldogs had spoiled the Lowndes High homecoming.

Thomasville— 0 10 0—17  
Lowndes— 0 0 0—0

Thomasville— Andrews, 4 yard run (Kirksey kick)  
Kirksey 25 yard field goal  
McPherson 43 yard run with intercept (Kirksey kick).

## Football Scores

REGION IAAA			
W	L	T	Overall
Thomasville	4	0	7-0
Valdosta	1	0	1-0
Warner	1	0	1-0
Albany	1	0	1-0
Dougherty	1	0	1-0
Tift County	1	0	1-0
Lowndes	1	0	1-0
Chipp County	0	0	0-0
Bainbridge	0	0	0-0

  

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REGION IAA—West			
W	L	T	Overall
Americus	4	0	7-0
Central	2	0	5-0
Madison	1	0	1-0
Westover	1	0	1-0
Early County	1	0	1-0
Way County	0	0	0-0
Carroll	0	0	0-0

  

REGION IAA—East			
W	L	T	Overall
Camden County	4	0	7-0
Palmetto	1	0	1-0
Camden County	1	0	1-0
Way County	1	0	1-0
Appling County	0	0	0-0

  

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# Mistakes Hurt Pelham; Randolph Rolls, 14-0

**By EARL KICKEY, PELHAM.** — Pelham's Hornets dug themselves into an early hole with offensive mistakes here last night, and never did get out, as Randolph County scored twice in the second quarter and made it stand up for a 14-0 victory at Hefner Stadium.

The Hornets lost three fumbles and had three passes intercepted, to take the luster off a solid performance by their defensive unit which had stopped Randolph County in the shadow of the Pelham goal line, only to see the offense give the ball back on costly turnovers.

Pelham's first mistake—a fumbled snap from center by

### YARDSTICK

Randolph Co.	Pelham
First Downs	4 5
Yards Rushing	40 33
Yards Passing	11 33
Total Offense	51 66
Passes Int.	3 3
Fumbles Lost	3 3
Penalties	5:10 5:10

Pelham back to the seven, and disaster struck again three plays later when fullback Don Nazworth fumbled and the Vikings recovered at Pelham's 13.

Four plays later, tailback Tim Daniels took it over from the two-yard line, and with seven minutes to play in the half, Rodney Jackson's PAT kick made it 7-0.

Following the kick, Pelham faced first and 10 from its own 29 when Trammell—who suffered from poor pass protection all night—was forced to hurry his throw into the arms of Viking defender Jackson, who returned it all the way to Pelham's three-yard

line.

Two plays later, Daniels went to again—this time from the one—and Jackson's kick gave Randolph County a 14-0 lead with 5:51 to play in the half.

Sill far from ready to fold, Pelham then put together its finest offensive effort of the night, driving from its 34 to Randolph County's three-yard line in 17 plays.

Trammell, an effective, accurate passer on those rare occasions when his teammates gave him time to find receivers, was brilliant in that march, hitting four straight passes for 44 yards.

His first completion, an 11-yarder to Nazworth, was a crucial third down play which kept the drive alive. The third was good for 24 yards to tight end Frederick Davis. The fourth was caught by split end Benny Riggs, just three yards from paydirt, as the half ended.

Trammell was five of eight as a passer in the first half, for 38 yards, but Randolph County's pass rush became more of a problem as the game wore on, and Trammell finished five for 15, with three interceptions.

The Hornets actually controlled the ball for most of the second half, but kept getting in their own way with fumbles, interceptions, costly penalties and poor pass blocking which kept Trammell being driven for 35 yards in losses on attempted pass plays in the second half.

Perhaps the most damaging of several 15-yard walk-offs against the Hornets which came at the worst possible times, wiped out a Trammell-to-Riggs punt play which would have put Pelham on Randolph County's seven-yard line with a first and goal early in the fourth period. As it was, the line of scrimmage was moved back to the Viking 33, where Trammell was thrown for a nine-yard loss, killing the drive.

Even as his team suffered its seventh straight defeat without a win, senior tailback Charlie



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Also pictured: Ronnie Spradlin, our 14th agent, who was not employed until May and therefore not eligible for the award; Office Manager Irene Owens, Sales Managers William Prince and Kenneth Rentz, District Manager Charley Beene, C.L.U. and wearing out Lucky 13, secretary Helen Reynolds.

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# England's Field Goal Stops Syrupmakers, 3-0

**QUITMAN.** — Andy England booted a 24-yard field goal that was the only points in the game as the Brooks County Trojans triumphed, 3-0, over the Cairn

### YARDSTICK

Cairn	Brooks
First Downs	9 13
Yards Rushing	10 100
Yards Passing	11 59
Total Offense	21 159
Passes Int.	11 29
Fumbles Lost	0 0
Penalties	4:11 4:12
Time of Possession	18 20

Syrupmakers here last night. It was a battle between two Region IAA-West teams that have sustained numerous injuries over the course of the season.

The Trojans are now 35 overall, including three victories in a row. The Syrupmakers are 2-5 Cairn was its first two games and then began to fall.

Syrupmakers had 187 yards in total offense in only 19 first downs, but couldn't get the ball across the end stripes.

Cairn's deepest penetration was to the Brooks 25-yard line. Brooks held Cairn's offense with 16 remaining in the third quarter. Algie Jefferson, Charles Goster and William Smith moved the ball to the Cairn 14, where the drive stalled. England then booted the field goal.

# Houston Shatters Hurricanes, 30-7

**MIAMI (AP).** — Fourteenth-ranked Houston opened up Miami's defense on the second half passing off quarterback D.C. Nobles Friday night and rolled to a 30-7 football victory after shattering a 7-0 deadlock with two third period touchdowns in 21 seconds.

Running back Rocky Cherry caught a deflected Sables pass for an eight yard touchdown to snap the tie and Miami's George Ingram fumbled the ensuing kickoff at his 21 and the Cougars' Tommy Kaiser recovered.

Nobles threw a 20-yard pass to split end Byron Willingham in the second quarter.

Houston held without a first down for the first 20 minutes, scored five plays later on a Nobles keeper.

Miami, now 1-2, tied the game on the second play of the second half when quarterback Ed Carter connected on a 71-yard pass play to freshman Phil August. August caught the ball

and ran 20 yards to the end zone.