

# PACKERS ELIMINATED

# Thomasville Takes Step Closer, 14-9

By WENDELL TIDWELL  
If there is any doubt where the best high school football in Georgia is played, let the rest of the state come to Region 1AAA and find out for themselves.

YARDSTICK	
Thomasville - Moultrie	
First Downs	12-11
Yards Rushed	22-37
Yards Passing	46-25
Total Offense	68-62
Turnovers	1-1
Penalties	10-11
Fumbles Lost	2-2
Time of Possession	34:45-33:15

In all likelihood it will be Thomasville again this year that represents the region in the state playoffs, but it could just have easily been Moultrie or Dougherty — any one of the three would have given the rest of the state fits.

It was just about as close a game as you can see. Thomasville won the first downs, 12-11; Moultrie took the rushing honors, 22-37; and "The Bulldogs" outplayed the Packers, 40-25.

The real story of the game, statistically, is found in the second-half stats where Thomasville held Moultrie to only 29 yards rushing and 25 passing.

ALL COACHES agreed that the Thomasville defense played one of its most consistent ball games. The only man on the performance was 70-yard run by Virgil Seay early in the game which gave Moultrie the lead, 6-0.

The Bulldog defense came up with four big plays in the second half to give the offense an opportunity to score the final and winner touchdown. The first lead came early in the third quarter after Thomasville fumbled the opening half kickoff at the Bulldog nine-yard line.

Thomasville pushed the Park back to the 11 yard line and held on for life as Moultrie completed a fourth-down pass to speedster Virgil Seay.

Three Bulldogs crashed into Seay as he attempted to cross the goal line and sloped him less than one foot short. Later in the third period, the Bulldogs again found Moultrie driving inside their 30-yard line, but Thomasville once again halted the drive and the Packers had to settle for a field goal.

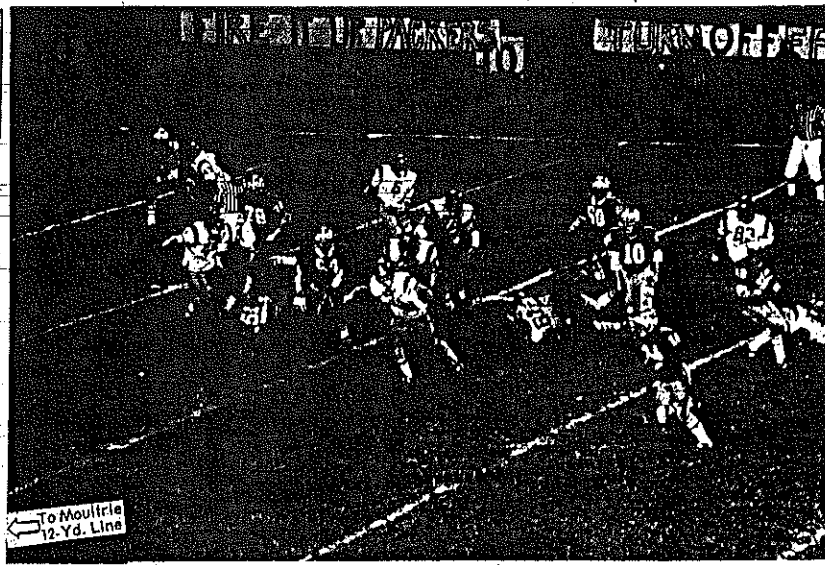
THOMASVILLE put together a last-quarter drive and held on defensively to defeat the Moultrie Packers, 14-9 and gain the driver's seat in Region 1AAA.

Should Thomasville defeat Lowndes (2-7) next week in Valdosta, the Bulldogs will win their second straight Region Championship and will become host team for the first state playoff game against either Groves of Savannah or Wayne County of Region 1AA.

For Moultrie the defeat was not bitter. The Packers gave it all they had for four quarters and came up only five points shy. Coach Bud Willis said he could not have asked another ounce of effort from his players.

For Thomasville, the victory was sweet — after suffering early in the game and returning back to pull it out at the end. The Bulldogs are once again convinced that they can win the big ones.

The statistics show that it



Thomasville's Clifford Kerbo En Route To Key First Down In Final Quarter

Bulldog offensive game. In the first half, it was Kerbo who took a razzle-dazzle handoff from William Andrews and hit Bobby Maxwell all alone near the goal line for the first TD. Then on the final touchdown drive, it was Kerbo who picked up ten yards on a fourth-and-five situation to keep the Bulldogs hopes alive.

Andrews scored his third touchdown of the season on a two-yard run, which he set up himself on a determined nine-yard run after Kerbo got the first down.

The senior fullback gained 107 yards in 22 carries to put his season rushing total at 1,222 yards.

Moultrie got on the scoreboard — first after Thomasville's first drive was halted by a fumble on an attempted pitch. Seay raced 70 yards, but the extra-point kick failed.

An interception killed the Moultrie attempt and the Bulldogs ended up with a lead at their own 47.

The first two times Thomasville had the ball on offense the Bulldogs turned the ball over on a fumble and a pass interception. The third time the Bulldogs had the ball, Moultrie held and Thomasville punted.

But late in the second period, Thomasville drove 53 yards for their first touchdown, with the help of a 35 yard penalty against Moultrie for a late hit.

THREE PLAYS later, Thomasville punted and Moultrie drove toward their field goal. Dennis Eldridge kicked the three pointer from 29 yards out to make it, 9-7.

As the fourth quarter began, the Bulldogs again punted and Moultrie drove for their first down before the miscue on the attempted punt.

In 12 plays, Thomasville drove 54 yards to score the winning touchdown. Andrews drove over from the two and

THE BULLDOGS fumbled the second-half kickoff and punted the next two times they got the ball, before they drove in the fourth quarter for their final TD.

Thomasville got the ball only one more time in the game and tried to run the clock out.

Clifford Kerbo made two big offensive plays to pace the

offensive and defensive strikers. Thus, head coach Joe Smith will be starting new players at 11 positions.

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**Sports Line**  
By George Lassiter  
T-E Sports Editor

## Super Game!

What makes a heck of a football game? "Fill the stands, pass, run, hit," said a jubilant Thomasville High head coach Jim Hughes after his Bulldogs whipped Moultrie, 14-9, at Veterans Memorial Stadium last night.

"Put a great crowd in the bleachers, play a great ball game and that's what it is all about," said Hughes. "You need a pro game to our fans or find better entertainment anywhere like you saw on the football field tonight."

The Bulldogs were down early in the football game, 6-0, went back on top 7-6 by halftime, but late in the third quarter THIS was down again 9-7.

It was a low snap on a punt attempt... probably Moultrie's only mistake of the night. And it turned out to be a big break for the Bulldogs.

If he had punted the ball, Thomasville would have had to drive 110 or 90 yards in the final four minutes.

## Seminoles Finally Triumph

MIAMI (AP)—Florida State snapped the nation's longest collegiate football losing streak at 20 games Friday night as Leon Bright and Jeff Leggett ran for touchdowns and Joe Goldsmith scored on a 54-yard pass play for a stunning 21-14 upset of the University of Miami.

Freshman Bright broke off right tackle for 14 yards and a first-quarter touchdown.

Senior tight end Goldsmith caught a 25-yard pass from quarterback Steve Matheson and raced 23 yards to the end zone in the opening seconds of the second period.

Sophomore Leggett's one-yard plunge, after his 13-yard run to Miami's one in the fourth quarter was the decisive touchdown.

The Hurricanes got their scores on long fourth-quarter pass plays.

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## Tremendous THS Effort

He continued, "Without the film, it is hard to tell who made the big plays."

THS' William Andrews Races For Goal Line In 4th Quarter

# Crippled Brookwood Plays Here Tonight

By GEORGE LASSITER  
T-E Sports Editor

The Brookwood Warriors will be playing without the equivalent of 11 starters tonight as they battle Josey Christian of Dublin in the finale of the season.

Game time is 8 p.m. at Warrior Stadium.

The Warriors, now 7-13 for the season, are crippled by knee and ankle injuries and Josey is absent in the same condition.

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"Josey has an injury problem also," said Smith. "I think the players we will be starting tonight will be capable of doing an excellent job. I don't think these starters we have missing will hurt this week."

He continued, "It's going to have some effect, but we want these starters to be ready for next week and the State playoffs."

Offensively, the Warriors will start Bob DeGette at center, Ken LeGette and Scott Lyle at guards, Mike Hamler and Frank Veale at tackles, Robert Hughes and Robert Horn at ends.

Rick Lutz will continue to run the Warriors offensive attack at quarterback, Ben Jones will be at tailback, Joe Turner at fullback and Harris Strickland at flanker.

Defensively, the ends will be Lyle and Bubba Allen, tackles Ken LeGette and Veale, middle guard Bob

## HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

REGION 1AAA			
Team	W	L	T
Thomasville	11	1	0
Moultrie	10	2	0
Albany	7	3	0
Waynesboro	6	4	0
Waynesboro	5	5	0
Waynesboro	4	6	0
Waynesboro	3	7	0
Waynesboro	2	8	0
Waynesboro	1	9	0
Waynesboro	0	10	0

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS			
Team	Score	Opponent	Score
Thomasville	14	Moultrie	9
Crisp County	26	Tift County	9
Blairsville	15	Lanoka	8
Douglas	21	Waynesboro	8
Waynesboro	10	Waynesboro	10

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE			
Team	Opponent	Time	Location
Thomasville	at Lowndes	7:00	at Tift County
Crisp County	at Albany	7:00	(Saturday night)
Waynesboro	at Moultrie	7:00	at Moultrie
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REGION 1AA WEST			
Team	W	L	T
Central	10	0	0
Waynesboro	9	1	0
Waynesboro	8	2	0
Waynesboro	7	3	0
Waynesboro	6	4	0
Waynesboro	5	5	0
Waynesboro	4	6	0
Waynesboro	3	7	0
Waynesboro	2	8	0
Waynesboro	1	9	0
Waynesboro	0	10	0

REGION 1AA EAST			
Team	W	L	T
Waynesboro	10	1	0
Waynesboro	9	2	0
Waynesboro	8	3	0
Waynesboro	7	4	0
Waynesboro	6	5	0
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Waynesboro	10	Waynesboro	5
Waynesboro	9	Waynesboro	4
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REGION 1A			
Team	W	L	T
Waynesboro	10	1	0
Waynesboro	9	2	0
Waynesboro	8	3	0
Waynesboro	7	4	0
Waynesboro	6	5	0
Waynesboro	5	6	0
Waynesboro	4	7	0
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