

# Strong fourth quarter lifts Bulldogs past Indians, 30-13

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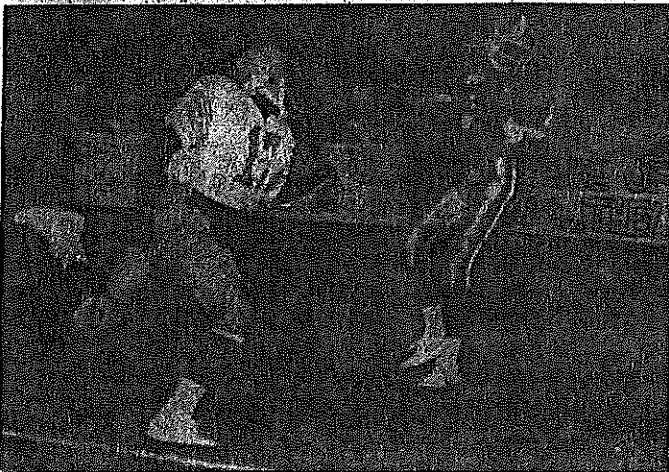
All week long, Coach Mike Hodges emphasized that his third-ranked Thomasville Bulldogs would have to play four quarters of football to defeat the No. 10 Albany Indians in their Region I-AAA matchup.

That prediction seemed quite accurate with about three minutes left in the game. Albany had just scored to cut Thomasville's lead to 16-13 and had forced the Bulldogs to punt without making a first down on their ensuing possession. But Jerome Williams got off a booming 42-yard punt, and the Bulldogs swarmed the returner back on the Albany 15-yard line.

Two plays later, Mark Futch intercepted a pass which ultimately led to a 14-yard scoring run by Shawn Austin, and on Albany's next play from scrimmage, Williams himself picked off a pass before Futch scooped for a 24-yard touchdown run to nail down a 30-13 Thomasville victory. The Bulldogs raised their record to 4-0 on the season while Albany dropped to 2-1.

"We felt like we had to sell our kids on the fact that we had to play four quarters of football against a team like Albany," Hodges stated after the win. "They have a great bunch of athletes up there, and Coach Danny Williams has done a heck of a job of preparing that team and coaching them. They gave us a pretty hard time, but I've got to give our players a lot of credit. They played as hard as any bunch I've had here at Thomasville."

Albany showed the moderate crowd early on that they had come to play on this hot, muggy night. Thomasville took the opening kick-off and fumbled the football away on its first play from scrimmage. Albany quickly drove 22 yards in



Thomasville's Jerome Williams catches second quarter touchdown pass from Charles Bosstick.

four plays with quarterback Kevin Williams sneaking over from the one for the score and a 7-0 lead. Thomasville came right back with a 5-play, 61-yard drive to even the score 7-7 as James Williams scored from three yards out. The home team later took possession after an Albany punt early in the second quarter and drove 62 yards on 13 plays, scoring on Charles Bosstick's 19-yard pass to Williams deep in the right corner of the end zone. The extra point kick was wide left to leave the Bulldogs with a

13-7 lead.

They increased 8 to 16-7 on Futch's 19-yard field goal just before halftime. It had been set up when a misplaying Alex Mack had sacked the Albany quarterback and forced a fumble which Austin recovered.

The third quarter saw two Bulldog thrusts into Albany territory come up empty. They reached the 35-yard line and the 25-yard line, but the Indian defense stiffened both times to repel the onslaught.

"We just couldn't get anything going inside, and that forced us to hit the corners," Hodges said. "Then we had a couple of fumbles which hurt us. But I'll tell you, Albany has a great set of linebackers, and whenever you try to run it up in there in the middle on them, you'd better have your helmet snapped on tight, because they'll flat hit you."

Combined with the Bulldogs' first two possessions in the fourth quarter, the Indian defense held Thomasville off the scoreboard on the Bulldogs' first four possessions of the second half. And prior to the fourth one, Albany had driven 45 yards in just six plays with Williams again sneaking over from the one to make it a 16-13 game. Fullback Michael Thornton lined up to his billing on that drive, carrying straight up the middle four times for seven, 14, three, and 10 yards.

But after being held at their own 33 on the Bulldogs' next possession, Williams unleashed a high, booming spiral which carried 42 yards forcing Albany's Walt Fay to catch it over his shoulder at his own 25-yard line. His momentum carried him 10 more yards towards his own end zone before Mike

Jones and Austin knocked him down at the 15.

Futch's subsequent interception provided an insurance touchdown before Williams' third gave them lying on the cake. Incidentally, both of the defenders crossed the goal line with their intercepts, but both were called back due to clipping penalties.

Bosstick led all rushers with 85 yards on 18 carries and completed six of nine passes for 95 yards. Austin contributed 54 yards on 13 carries while Futch clipped in 50 yards on just three carries. Jerome Williams tallied 77 yards on four catches.

For Albany, Thornton compiled 75 yards on 18 carries.

### Yardstick

Albany	7	0	0	6-13
Thomasville	7	0	0	14-30

**SCORING PLAYS**

Albany—Kevin Williams 1 run (Kenrick Zachary)

Thomasville—James Williams 9 run (Mark Futch kick)

Thomasville—James Williams 19 pass from Charles Bosstick (kick failed)

Thomasville—Mark Futch 16 FG

Albany—Kevin Williams 1 run (kick failed)

Thomasville—Shawn Austin 14 run (kick failed)

Thomasville—Mark Futch 2 run (kick failed) 4-700

	Att	Yds
First downs	9	37
Rushing yards	30-111	41-227
Passing yards	30	85
Plays	51	63
Yards	328.7	241.0
Fumbles lost	2	5.3
Penalties/yards	5-53	7-63

**INDIVIDUAL LEADERS**

Rushing—Albany, Rayford Kirby 2-22; Michael Thornton 12-75; Walt Fay 2-0; Thomasville, Bosstick 18-85; Mark Futch 3-50; James Williams 6-15; Mike Jones 4-18; Shawn Austin 1-34.

Receiving—Albany, Kevin Williams 3-12-2-30; Thomasville, Bosstick 6-9-0-5.

Blocking—Albany, Faben Williams 1-52; Michael Flood 1-51; Walt Fay 1-50; Chucky Robinson 1-4; Thomasville, Jerome Williams 4-77; Mike Jones 1-9; Shawn Austin 1-9.

# Central overcomes Dougherty, 30-14

ALBANY — Hugh Mills Stadium was the site as the Central Yellow Jackets did battle with the Dougherty Trojans on a hot and muggy night in Albany.

Charlie Greene's Yellow Jackets had to claw tooth and nail to escape with a hard fought 30-14 victory over a very scrappy Trojan squad. Once again, this week as in weeks past, the Jackets came out of the starting blocks in fine shape. After an 8-yard kickoff return by Tommy Rainie, Central set up shop at their own 24-yard line. On first down, senior fullback Steve Fleming, who had 10 carries for 87 yards and two touchdowns, gained five yards off right tackle to the 29.

Junior quarterback Brett Manning, 17-14-0, 88 yards, one touchdown, then connected with wideout Tommy Rainie for 12 more to the Central 41.

After a Dougherty offside moved the ball to the Central 46, Fleming was at it again, sweeping the left end for 24 to the Dougherty 30. On first down, Manning showed his running prowess, picking up 21 more to give the Jackets first and goal at the Trojans 9-yard line. This is where the drive would end. Three plays later on fourth and goal at the 9, Ken Corner booted a 27-yard field goal to give Central a 3-0 lead at the 8:53 mark of the first quarter.

Dougherty's wing T defense failed to get on track with a 1-33 left to the Central 47, wingback Eric Pate went 33 yards to the Central 14 on a trap to the left side of the line. Two plays later on first and goal at the 2, the Jacket defense, paired by senior linebacker Cedric Small and defensive end David Taylor, refused to buy into the Trojan scrumming chances and pushing the challengers back to the 5.

When it appeared Dougherty would settle for a field goal, the anxious Yellow Jacket defense jumped off sides. Facing 4th and goal at the Central 3, the Trojan head coach Mitch Harrington decided to gamble. The gamble paid off, giving Dougherty a 7-3 lead with 5:31 to go in the half as Gordon stored from three yards out.

With a little less than three minutes left in the second quarter, it seemed apparent Dougherty would take the lead into the locker room at the half, but fate was not kind to the Trojans, when on 2nd- and 8 at their own 28, Central defensive back Santana Bryant came up with a Trojan fumble. Quarterback Brett Manning went to work with only 2:14 left in the half. The Jackets, riding on Manning's strong left arm, marched 37 yards in 7 plays to retake the lead 10-7.

On 2nd-and-8 at the Dougherty 35, Manning tried to bring for 15 to the Trojan 20. On third down, he connected with junior receiver Ken Corner for 10 more to the Dougherty 10. Two plays later Corner outstretched two defenders to haul in Manning's 8-yard pass to cap the drive.

"I thought Brett Manning, Ken Corner and Phil Jones really played well for us tonight," said head coach Charlie Green. "We really threw the ball well tonight. Corner made two great catches, and Jones really blocked well."

On the first play from scrimmage in the second half, Central defensive lineman Tyrone Samuels forced a Trojan fumble which was recovered by linebacker Cedric Small at the Dougherty 19.

One snap later, senior running back Joe Christopher sped around right end and down the sidelines for 19 yards and another Jacket touchdown to give Central a 16-7 cushion.

To Dougherty's credit, they wouldn't fold. With 8:36 left in the

third quarter, Trojan Jack-of-all-trades Johnny Gordon binned off right tackle, cut back against the grain, and outran the Jacket defense for 67 yards and a Trojan touchdown to cut the lead to 16-14.

Central would return score. The Jackets, aided by a mugging of the kicker penalty, proceeded to reel off a 14-play, 80-yard drive with Fleming going over from three yards out. The senior fullback was the work horse on the drive, gaining 45 yards on 7 carries to stake Central to a 22-14 lead.

The Trojans came right back, moving from their own 16 to the Central 39 before Samuels once again forced a Dougherty fumble which junior linebacker Eddie Myrick returned for 12 yards to the Trojan 30.

A 22-yard Ken Corner reception set the Jackets up with first and goal at the Dougherty 6. Two plays later, Fleming would finish the drive with a 2-yard plunge at the 8:59 mark of the fourth quarter. After Manning's two point conversion, Central had an insurmountable 30-14 lead, and for all intents and purposes, this game was over.

"Tonight, we played good at times and bad at times," stated Green. "We need to get more consistent and play with more intensity, although we played with it a lot at times tonight."

Central, now 2-2, is at home next week against No. 1 ranked Chss AAA Worth County.

### Yardstick

Central	3	7	2	8-30
Dougherty	7	7	0	14-30

**SCORING PLAYS**

Central—Ken Corner 27 FG

Dougherty—Johnny Gordon 2 run (Dennis Odum kick)

Central—Corner 8 pass from Brett Manning (Cedric Small)

Central—Joe Christopher 18 run (Dennis Odum kick)

Dougherty—Gordon 87 run (Dennis Odum kick)

Central—Steve Fleming 1 run (kick failed)

Central—Fleming 2 run (Manning 1 run)

	Att	Yds
First downs	14	71
Rushing yards	173	236
Passing yards	0	20
Plays	71-40	31-100
Punts	7-34	2-41
Fumbles lost	3-23	2-13
Penalties/yards	6-62	8-56

**INDIVIDUAL LEADERS**

Rushing—Central, Fleming 18-87; Steve Fleming 8-23; Dougherty, Gordon 29-152; James Evans 7-15; Eric Pate 6-36.

Passing—Central, Manning 6-40-0-0; Michael Lewis 3-0; Gordon 0-0-0-0.

Receiving—Central, Johnny Rainie 3-18; Corner 1-12; Phil Jones 1-8; Dougherty, Gordon 1-8; Michael Walker 1-1.

## Southwest Georgia romps over Ravenwood

MEIGS — Southwest Georgia Academy of Danacus romped over the Ravenwood Raiders 42-14 here Friday night, carrying a 20-9 score into the locker room at halftime.

The Raiders managed to come back with six points in the third period and 13 in the final quarter but were unable to overtake the high scoring visiting team. Russ Hamphreys scored all three of the home team touchdowns on 32-, 41-, and 75 yard runs, accounting for 206 yards of the team's total rushing.

### Yardstick

Southwest Georgia	14	15	7	6-42
Ravenwood	0	0	0	13-27

**SCORING PLAYS**

Southwest — Henry Duke 3 run (Duke kick)

Southwest — Todd Feltz 20 run (Duke kick)

Southwest — Mitch Vann 1 run (kick failed)

Southwest — Duke 3 run (Duke kick failed)

Southwest — Kevin Johnson 8 run (kick failed)

Southwest — Heath Fleming 18 run (Duke kick)

	Att	Yds
First downs	10	5
Rushing yards	241	75
Passing yards	23	15
Plays	13-0	31-0
Fumbles lost	3-10	2-10
Penalties/yards	4-45	4-42

**INDIVIDUAL LEADERS**

Rushing — Southwest, Henry Duke 12-40; Ravenwood — Todd Feltz 20 run (Duke kick)

## Warriors wallop Riverview, 35-21

Riverview was able to add a mauling touchdown and a two-point conversion late in the quarter for the final score. Tyler Lee was able to rush for 11 yards on 16 carries to lead the

	Att	Yds
First downs	21	7
Rushing yards	21	0
Passing yards	0	21

**SCORING PLAYS**

Riverview — Tommy Cook 8 run (Tommy Cook kick)

Riverview — Ryan Taylor 14 pass from Ryan Taylor (Tommy Cook kick)



Cornerback Jerome Williams forces this fumble which teammate Artrell Austin recovered.

## East Germans flex muscle at Olympics

SEGIU, South Korea (AP) — Swimmer Kirstin Otto of East Germany won her fourth gold medal Friday at the Seoul Olympics where a shot putter from Texas, A.C. and Matt Bondwire were the only Americans at an Eastern bloc party.

Otto won the 100-meter butterfly

ly in Olympic record time, teammate Uwe Dassler set a world record in capturing the men's 400 freestyle, and Ulf Thunemann wrestled the shot put title from American Ronny Darries with his last throw of the day.

"We're doing well as a team, not as individuals," Otto said. "We

fought together, and we're going home together."

In all, the East Germans won three gold, three silver and three bronze, giving them nine gold and 28 total medals, five less than the Soviets and 13 more than the United States.

In fact, the Americans needed the gold by Blondi's 400 freestyle relay team late in the day to keep from dropping into a medals tie with Bulgaria. The medal was Blondi's third gold and fifth overall.

"It was maybe an off night for us," Blondi said, "but we've got some great days coming up at the end of the meet."

Blondi needs two more medals, and probably will get them, to become only the second man to win seven medals at a single Summer Games. Mark Spitz won seven swimming medals in 1972, all gold. Blondi's remaining needs are the 50-meter freestyle Saturday evening and 400-meter relay weekday

Sunday.

Friday was the first day of track and field competition at the Games, and Saturday afternoon's 10-second showdown between Carl Lewis and Ben Johnson of Canada in the 100 meters promised another American medal, maybe gold. Mavy Slaney, America's best middle distance runner but an Olympic distance survivor, a nightmare flashback.

Someone clipped her heel near the finish and she fell back to 1984" when she fell and ruined her duel with Zola Budd at Los Angeles. Still, she qualified fourth in her heat for the 3,000 on Sunday.

"It was a little bit scary," Slaney said, "I just made me think of L.A. for a second there."

Lewis, who is trying to duplicate his four gold medal slam of 1984, had the fastest time of the day in qualifying for the 100 — 9.19.

## Pelham gets first win

PELHAM — Reginald Alexander led the Pelham Hornets to a 27-12 win over D.F. Douglass to record their first win of the season in Region I-A action in Pelham, Friday night.

Although it was not a sub-region game for the Hornets, the victory was a morale booster for Pelham after losing their first three games to larger AA schools.

Alexander paced the Hornets with 187 yards on 20 carries, and scored the opening touchdown on a 14-yard scamper, with 8:23 remaining in the first quarter. Joey Melton was true on the PAT.

Pelham's quarterback, John Mack Butler was only 2-7 passing but both completions went for touchdowns to Cephas Hawkins. The final loss with 4:37 remaining in the match sealed the win. Junior running back Neris Crumley also added in for a three

yard touchdown run during the second quarter.

Next Friday the Hornets travel to Rechele to face the Wilcox County Patriots.

## Cougars upend Pathway Christian of Savannah, 27-8

DIXIE — The Westbrook Cougars defeated Pathway Christian of Savannah 27-8 here Friday night, scoring on two touchdown runs by Conway Bennett and one each by Jimmy Holmes and Andy Walker.

Pathway's only score came late in the second quarter on a 5-yard run by Jim Brown.

Westbrook freshman Chad Seruggala led the defense with a total of 11 tackles.

	Att	Yds
First downs	0	0
Rushing yards	0	7
Passing yards	0	0

## Warriors wallop Riverview, 35-21

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ALBANY — Some times an offense in football takes a little while to get warmed up and feel out the defense to figure out what the opposition is going to do.

Such was not the case for the

back Randy Cooper had Devon Tucker for 69 yard scoring aerial, and Shane Reits scooped up a fumble and galloped 50 yards for the points.

Dennizzo came up with some hard-nosed hits for the Warriors.

Bye was able to add a mauling touchdown and a two-point conversion late in the quarter for the final score. Tyler Lee was able to rush for 11 yards on 16 carries to lead the

Warriors.