

Bainbridge Becomes 9th Victim For VHS

By MIKE CHASON
Miller Shealy is ready to hand the Region 1-AAAA championship trophy to the Valdosta High School football team.

"I definitely think they'll win the region," the Bainbridge coach said after a 28-0 victory over the Bears.

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the toughest football region in the state would probably agree with Shealy's assessment.

Not since Wright Batemore's final year as head coach in 1971 has a Valdosta team reeled off nine consecutive victories without a defeat. Not since 1969 has a VHS squad recorded six shutouts.

But Valdosta Coach Nick Hyder deftly evades any question about comparing

captain, made his presence known with six individual tackles against the Bears.

"Our defense played real good today," VHS senior quarterback John Lastinger said of the unit which has allowed only 21 points all season and featured five

Lastinger and his gold-helmeted comrades on the VHS offense scored at least once in every quarter. Junior halfback Ernest King bolted into the end zone on three occasions on runs of six, four and 16 yards.

Lastinger scored on a 9-yard run in the third period and fullback William Gaskin and Bobby Johnson posted a couple of sixes between them.

Gaskin barged to paydirt from 3 yards out in the second quarter after keying the 54-yard TD drive with a 41-yard run through the heart of the Bainbridge defense.

Like a well-aimed pile-driver, Johnson crashed over the goal line on a 29-yard score with 7:44 showing on the clock in the fourth quarter.

David Reeves kicked six straight extra points. Despite the lopsided score, Lastinger termed his performance as "kinda' flat."

"We got a couple of breaks, and that helped us," the senior signal-caller, who was being eyed by University of Florida assistant coach Steve Spurrier in the pressbox.

"The offensive line blocked good," Billy Harvey, who alternated with Bubba "Pomby" Hardin at left offensive guard, credited

Takes No Credit

For the second time in three weeks, Ernest King put three touchdowns on the board for the Valdosta High School Wildcats.

But the junior halfback still isn't taking any of the credit.

"Just like I told you last time, I didn't have nothing to do with it," King said after the Wildcats trampled Bainbridge 42-0 here Friday night.

"It was all the offensive line, the best offensive region. King led Valdosta's 256-yard rushing attack with 63 yards in 11 carries. He scored his touchdowns on runs of six, four and 16 yards.

"We still have never had

King Scores Three TDs

Ernest King ready to do what he is capable of doing."

Valdosta Coach Nick Hyder probably saw a little more playing time than usual in such a one-sided game because Valdosta has a B-team game today at 5 p.m. against Central of Thomasville.

Georgia High School Association rules say a player can not play in two games in a week. Hyder said he held back 40 boys off the varsity for the B-team contest.

"We got two touchdowns out of the younger unit," Hyder said. "We're going to play our younger boys but we're not going to tell them not to score."

Although the second team



Valdosta Quarterback John Lastinger Wards Off Hard-Charging Bearcat Defender

togetherness" with the success of the VHS line, often touted as the best in the league.

"We're just more together this year," Harvey said. "We have some seniors on the line who have given us more leadership. But Bainbridge came at us pretty tough. We kind of broke down at first."

Valdosta gave Bainbridge a first down by jumping offside the first two times Bearcat quarterback Kenneth Biggles stepped up to his center and began a herky-ryer snap count.

"Their snap count was the only thing that surprised us," Hyder said. "Other than that, our scouting report had them down pretty good. Our

coaches did a good job of keeping the youngsters' minds on football this week.

"There were a lot of things that went on that took our minds off football."

Homecoming festivities had to be one of those things but the pre-game homecoming ceremonies and recognition of the seniors seemed to have about as much effect on the game as the weather.

which was perfect. Bainbridge, now 4-5 overall, had only 138 yards in total offense and mounted only one serious lineering threat. That third quarter drive to the Valdosta 21-yard line ended when Caesar picked off a Biggles' pass and

returned it 27 yards.

Defensive end James Harris also latched on to a Biggles' aerial when the junior quarterback had his arm hit while in the throwing motion and sent up a baby lame duck in the second quarter.

Harris caught it at the Bainbridge 7-yard line. King chided up one of his touchdowns two plays later.

Valdosta closes out regular season play next Saturday in Albany against Dougherty. Bainbridge hosts Westover (Albany) Friday.

The Wildcats begin postseason play off competition Nov. 10.

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LHS Defense Shines

By MIKE HAGOOD
CORDELE — The Lowndes Vikings shut out the Crisp County offense and generated 19 second quarter points to record a 19-0 high school football victory here Friday night.

Now 7-2 overall, Lowndes hosts Thomasville in Valdosta Friday for the VARSITY

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Region 1-AAAA (South) championship. The Viking defense held Region 1-AAAA leading rusher, Eddie Ford, in check for three quarters. Many will say as goes Ford, so goes Crisp County. This dog proved true Friday. At halftime Ford had accumulated 11 yards in 14 carries.

Linebacker Ronnie Adkins of Lowndes said, "A field goal was just trying to gain tackle. We couldn't key on any one back. It had to be our best game of the year."

"We did great. We're playing up trying to get ready for the playoffs. We gave some teams to get some revenge on," said middle guard Adam Reese.

Defensive tackle Joey Pedrick felt "it was out best night since 710n in the spring." Crisp County Coach Ferrell Huggins said "it was the game of the defense. It was a superb defensive effort by Lowndes County."

Lowndes Coach Joe Wilson said, "It was a good game. The Vikings did a good job of stopping the Crisp offense. The defense didn't get uptight. They stayed right in there."

The Vikings had two early opportunities to score, but they were halted at the Crisp goal each time.

Crisp punt returner Buford Shivers fumbled. Jeff Stokes punt, and Cam Parker recovered for Lowndes at the Cougars' 15-yard line. The Vikings could only gain nine yards in four plays as the Cougars' defense rose to the occasion early in the game.

Crisp took over at its four-yard line. On its next possession, Lowndes took the ball 39 yards to the Crisp 19-yard line, but was stopped by the Crisp defense once again.

Other Cougars took over again, but the dam finally broke as Ford was hit hard in the end zone. He coughed up a fumble on Crisp's third offensive play of the game.

Ronnie Adkins recovered at the Crisp 12-yard line and it took Lowndes only one play to score. Robin McElroy scored the first of his two touchdowns on the 12-yard run at 10:15 in the second.

The Viking defense would hear of an attempt by the Cougars to get back into the game. Linebackers Adkins and Terry Cooper, led an effort to shut out the Vikings back to their own 36-yard line.

It only took the Vikings two

yards. Wilson said that the Cougars' inability to throw allowed his cornerbacks to play closer to the line and take part in the gang tackling that was the course of the game.

The Vikings' effort looked even better when it considered the starting tackles Keith Hitchcock and Wayne Wright did not play. Safety Ronnie Maaburn did not see action as well.

Defensive coordinator Brad Almon said, "His line played like they did at the first of the year. Adkins and the other linebackers (Cooper) did well and those little ole ends did the job keeping Ford from getting out saying.

Pedrick said that the defensive line got good penetration on the line and Ford said, "It's real good, but we were ready for him."

Lowndes' second touchdown came with 3:32 left in the first half.

Cedric Jones made a brilliant punt return at the score. He danced down the left sideline and scored, but he was not ready to step out at the seven-yard line. On fourth and goal at the line, McElroy took the ball in for the touchdown.

Lowndes got the ball again in the quarter when Cedric Jones made a fair catch on the Muleswhite punt at the Lowndes 49-yard line. An illegal block penalty put the Vikings back to their own 36-yard line.

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Aggressive Viking Defense Swarms Over Crisp County Running Back Buford Shivers

Clarke Central Tops Stephens

By The Associated Press
"Gladator Dewain Harden scored for 115 yards, 59 of them in a decisive first half, to lead 10th-ranked UCLA to an easy 24-14 victory over Arizona Friday night.

The triumph enabled UCLA to remain unbeaten in Pacific-10 conference play. The Bruins are 5-0 in league action and 7-1 overall. Arizona dropped to 1-2 in the Pac-10 and 3-4 on the season.

UCLA scored all of its points in the first half. Arizona's only touchdowns came in the final period. Brown, who carried 21 times in the game, sparked the Bruins' 76-yard, 10-play

Clarke Central, ranked No. 10 in the AP poll, blanked Hart County 20-0 and won the 8 AAAA North subregion championship. Stephens County will also represent the subregion in playoffs. In other games Friday, Americus whipped Jones County 20-0, Athens Academy

beat Banks County 21-0, Bleckley County shut out East Laurens 20-0, Buford defeated Hart County 20-6, Cedar Shoals downed Peachtree 17-7 and Clayton beat Southeast Bulloch 34-6.

After a scoreless first half, the Gladiators drove 39 yards in five plays for their first touchdown. Harden carried the ball all five times, getting 35 yards the first play and plunging over from the three for the score.

Harden scored again in the fourth on a 15-yard run, and quarterback More scored on a 13-yard keeper.

Valdosta romped over Bainbridge 42-0, with junior halfback Ernest King scoring three touchdowns on runs of six, four and 16 yards. Fullbacks William Gaskin and Bobby Johnson and quarterback John Lastinger also ran for touchdowns.

Hogansville scored five of its points in the second quarter. UCLA's Jerry Robinson recovered at the Wildcats' 8-yard line and quarterback Rick Bashore ran, from the third two plays later.

the Rebels fumbled the ball on a fourth down inside Crisp County's 20-yard line with six minutes remaining.

R. E. Lee Coach Tommy Perdue said "A field goal was just trying to gain tackle. We couldn't key on any one back. It had to be our best game of the year."

Ware County quarterback Timmy McCray threw 216 yards and scored three touchdowns and threw for another TD, as the Gators whipped Crisp 24-6.

In other games, Commerce beat Duluth 31-0, Cartersville bombed Elawah 62-0, Dalton defeated Lafayette 14-6, East Rome slaughtered Harston County 61-0, Emanuel County defeated Hart County 20-0, Hepthab surprised Glenn Hills 14-7 and Jackson upset

Many Persons 14-13. Clapped Chamblee 24-0, Lincoln County shut out Aquinas 30-0, Lowndes beat Crisp Co. 19-0, Marietta downed Rowell 27-6, Perry beat Dodge County 12-6, Warner Roberts thrashed Jackson 34-0 and West Point edged Brookstone 7-0.

Atlanta (AP) — The National Basketball Association admits that it forward George McGinnis of the Denver Nuggets had been fined \$200 for confronting a fan in the stands following a game in Atlanta.

Against Kentucky UGA Faces Freshman QB

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Freshman quarterback Larry McCrimmon, terrific in his first game in Mississippi two weeks ago and statistically mediocre in last week's 21-0 loss to Louisiana State, will start in the Kentucky starting lineup for Saturday night's game at Lexington.

Mike Deaton, who began the season as the No. 1 signal caller, is sidelined with a shoulder injury. Coach Frank Curci says he will sink or swim with McCrimmon until he's in the first period. But the junior is not out of the picture.

The ideal situation is to have an established, undisciplined team leader at Kentucky. That is a luxury Kentucky can not afford this year, Curci said. "I hate to say this, but it's a case of indecision," he said. "You need a situation where everybody on the team knows that he's the guy, period. But quarterbacks like that are not easy to find."

Kentucky is struggling 42-31, seemingly unable to mount a sustained offensive drive, but Curci is not ready to lay the blame on his quarterbacks. There also have been some defensive lapses.

Up front, the defensive unit is as "strong as anybody in the Southeast," but opposing offenses have been successful in attacking Kentucky's line.

"We're using a lot of draws and screens to keep our runs down," Curci said. "That's a good game plan on their part."

Of course, you can look at it that way," he said. "Are they (opponents) that much better, or are we that much worse?"

Another dramatic contrast between this year's team and last year's 10-1 squad can be found in turnover. The Wildcats lost only 18 times this year, compared to only 20 turnovers all last year.

"That's one of the things that makes a team great," Curci said. "They don't make mistakes. We've been really good at stopping turnovers this season. You can't do that and win."