

'Cats, Bears Are Co-Champions

# Valdosta, Griffin Tie For State AAAA Title

VALDOSTA, Ga. (AP) — Quarterback Jeff Ector's touchdown on a run around end from the 7 capped a 54-yard drive, and Griffin and Valdosta tied 7-7 to share the Georgia high school football Class AAAA championship.

After it was all over Saturday night, Griffin Coach Lloyd Bohannon said he wasn't disappointed, but he would have rather won.

"It's a lot better than a loss," he said. "When it gets this far, you are pleased with a tie, but we sure as heck would have liked to have won."

The championship must be shared because the Georgia High School Association rules have no provision for overtime periods in championship

games. In other high school games during the weekend, Westminster won the Class AAA title with a 17-0 sweep over Dalton; East Rome successfully defended its Class AA title with a 25-9 victory over Claxton, and Buford defeated Charlton County 7-6 for the Class A championship.

It was Bohannon's first year as Griffin's coach. When he got to the locker room with his squad after the game, he closed the door and shouted: "I just want to ask you guys one question. How does it feel to be state champions?"

In Valdosta's locker room, cornerback Bubba Skelton said even last year's loss to Clarke Central didn't hurt him as

much as the tie with Griffin.

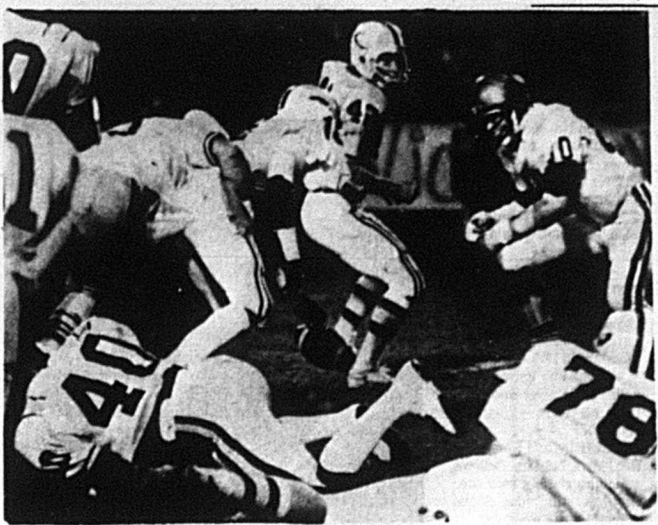
That was because this year he was a senior, he said.

"I wasn't a senior last year and it didn't feel so much. But this year ... there's nothing left now."

Valdosta's touchdown in the first period came when Griffin fumbled on its own 42. Quarterback John Bond sneaked in from the 1 after he threw three passes for 38 yards.

Griffin scored in the fourth period when the Bears took a punt on their 46 and drove in on the force of Ricky Williams' running.

A 65-yard punt return by Irvin Roe that would have been a winning touchdown for Valdosta was called back because of a clipping penalty.



SCRAMBLE IS ON FOR LOOSE BALL AFTER FUMBLE BY GRIFFIN Valdosta's Wildcats (Dark Helmets) Converge To Recover Bobble

## Graham Captures Mexico Golf Title

MEXICO CITY (AP) — "The 10th hole may have been turning point," Australia's David Graham said after winning the \$210,000 Mexico Cup golf tournament. "I made an excellent save at 10 with a chip shot within four feet, and the I went on to birdie 11."

Graham carded a blistering 5-under-par 67 Sunday for a 72-hole score of 273 and a one-stroke victory over 49-year-old veteran Don January. Graham picked up \$40,000 for his first victory since the 1977 Australian Open, and January received \$20,000.

January had started the day with a three-stroke lead over the 32-year-old Australian. But Graham started his final round with two birdies and then shot into the lead on the seventh hole after he birdied and

January bogied. January's bogey on the 18th hole after hitting into a sandtrap ended the neck-and-neck battle he had waged with Graham. The score was tied seven times before January faltered on the final green, missing a 5-foot putt to save par after a brilliant shot out of the trap.

Bobby Wadkins turned in a strong 4-under-par 68 for a 276, 12 under par, and good for third place prize money of \$10,000. "I played as well as I could," Wadkins said, "but just had too many close calls — all day long in fact."

Tsuneyuki Nakajima, 24, of Japan, carded a 3-under-par 69 and wound up the tournament in fourth with a 10-under 278. He won \$8,500 for his efforts.

### Tournament Scores

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The final scores and winnings Sunday in the \$210,000 Mexico Cup Golf Tournament over the par-72, 72-hole Club de Golf Mexico course.	
David Graham, \$40,000	66-71-67-273
Don January, \$20,000	68-64-71-274
Bobby Wadkins, \$10,000	70-70-68-278
Tsuneyuki Nakajima, \$8,500	68-72-69-278
Leonard Thompson, \$7,000	70-70-69-279
Juan Rodriguez, \$5,500	69-72-67-282
Lon Hinkle, \$4,700	72-68-74-283
Vic Regalado, \$3,850	72-68-74-284
Toru Nakamura, \$3,250	73-72-70-285
Bill Kratzer, \$3,250	72-67-71-285
John Schroeder, \$3,250	71-67-67-285
Bob Byman, \$3,250	68-74-76-285
Tony Cerda, \$2,625	72-72-68-286
Greg Norman, \$2,625	73-74-68-286
Lindy Miller, \$2,750	72-70-73-287
Ernesto Acosta, \$2,625	76-71-71-288
Trinidad Reyes, \$2,625	73-70-75-288
Howard Clark, \$2,625	73-73-73-288
Bill Casper, \$2,625	71-70-75-288
Bob Gilzer, \$2,500	75-72-70-289
Mark Hayes, \$2,500	73-73-70-289
Lee Trevino, \$2,500	73-73-69-289
Barry Jaekel, \$2,425	73-73-70-290
Ken Brown, \$2,425	75-71-72-290
Ronnie Casares, \$2,425	76-70-68-290
Jack Nicklaus, \$2,337	75-72-75-292
Margarita Martinz, \$2,337	77-69-75-292
Bob Murphy, \$2,337	77-69-75-292
John Ball, \$2,337	75-71-70-293
Ed Wyman, \$2,225	75-76-70-294
Don Bies, \$2,225	75-76-70-294
Carlos Perez, \$2,225	75-76-70-294
Wayne Grady, \$2,130	74-72-75-294
Enrique Sereno, \$2,135	74-72-75-294
Arnold Solinas, \$2,135	74-72-75-294
Russel Fischer, \$2,070	74-73-73-296
Rafael Alarcon, \$2,070	74-73-73-296
Mauricio Adams, \$2,105	74-73-73-296
Mario Torres, \$2,090	74-73-73-296
Roberto Lobia, \$2,090	74-73-73-296
Rafael Alarcon, \$2,090	74-73-73-296
Miguel Hernandez, \$2,075	74-73-73-296
Hector Fuentes, \$2,075	74-73-73-296
Enrique Miller, \$2,075	74-73-73-296
Juan Brito, \$2,060	74-73-73-296
Nathaniel Crosby, \$2,050	74-73-73-296
Antonio Cerda, \$2,050	74-73-73-296
Guillermo Margolis, \$2,050	74-73-73-296
Mauricio Adams, \$2,050	74-73-73-296
Robert Ross, \$2,040	74-73-73-296
Sven Tumba, \$2,040	74-73-73-296
Juan Estrada, \$2,040	74-73-73-296
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## SCOREBOARD San Diego Trade Pays Off Again

By The Associated Press

American Conference		Eastern Conference	
W	L	W	L
New England	11-4	Washington	19-9
Y. Miami	10-5	Philadelphia	14-9
N.Y. Jets	7-8	New Jersey	17-11
Baltimore	5-10	New York	12-14
Buffalo	4-11	Boston	17-34

Central Division

W	L	W	L
Pittsburgh	12-2	Atlanta	13-13
Houston	10-5	Houston	12-12
Cleveland	8-7	San Antonio	12-13
Cincinnati	11-4	Detroit	10-15
West		New Orleans	10-18
Denver	10-5	Cleveland	9-18
Seattle	8-7	Denver	14-13
Seattle	8-7	San Diego	15-15
San Diego	7-0	San Diego	15-15
Oakland	8-7	Chicago	10-16
Kansas City	4-11	Chicago	11-20

National Conference

W	L	W	L
Dallas	11-4	Indianapolis	19-9
Washington	8-7	Seattle	19-9
Philadelphia	7-8	Los Angeles	19-9
N.Y. Giants	6-9	Phoenix	19-10
St. Louis	5-10	Golden State	15-12
Central		Portland	13-14
Minnesota	1-1	San Diego	12-18
Green Bay	6-6	San Diego	12-18
Atlanta	6-6	San Diego	12-18
Chicago	6-9	San Diego	12-18
Tampa Bay	5-10	San Diego	12-18

By The Associated Press

Lloyd Free continues to pay dividends on San Diego's future investment.

The explosive guard, who came to the Clippers from Philadelphia just before the start of the season in exchange for a 1984 first-round draft choice, scored 28 points Sunday night, including two free throws with nine seconds to play that gave San Diego a 107-106 National Basketball Association victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Free said he welcomed the pressure as he stepped to the foul line with 11 seconds down by one.

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh 13, Baltimore 13	Detroit 45, Minnesota 14
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Sunday's Games

New England 26, Buffalo 24	Dallas 31, Philadelphia 13	Cleveland 27, New York Jets 24	OT
New York Giants 17, St. Louis 9	Atlanta 26, Washington 17	Chicago 16, Green Bay 0	
Houston 17, New Orleans 12	Denver 24, Kansas City 3	Minnesota 23, Oakland 4	
San Francisco 21, Oakland 10	San Francisco 27, Seattle 16	San Diego 107, Milwaukee 106	
Los Angeles 11, 3	Los Angeles 88, Atlanta 84	Seattle 112, San Antonio 99	
Washington 101, Phoenix 98	Cleveland 115, Philadelphia 107	Houston 17, Portland 110	
Kansas City 132, Detroit 108	Denver 113, Milwaukee 103	Golden State 96, Atlanta 84	
San Diego 107, Milwaukee 106	Los Angeles 88, Atlanta 84	Seattle 112, San Antonio 99	

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

San Diego at New York	Detroit at Cleveland	Phoenix at Milwaukee
Indiana at New Orleans	Golden State at Chicago	Boston at Houston
San Antonio at Denver	Los Angeles at Portland	

College Basketball

Sunday's College Basketball Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST		SOUTH		MIDWEST	
Boston Col.	78	New Hampshire 45			
Hampton inst.	88	M. E. Shore 74			
Las Vegas 99	Dubuque 82				
Portland 92	Portland 92				
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Saturday's College Basketball Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST		SOUTH		MIDWEST	
LaVell 62	LaVell 62				
Brown 67	Forham 64				

## 'Cats' Hyder: Tie Is Better Than Losing

By RAY WILLET  
T-E Sports Editor

VALDOSTA — For the first time this football season, Valdosta's Wildcats had all they could handle Saturday night — and possibly more.

Trouble was, the "ghost" who supposedly inhabits Valdosta's Cleveland Field to play all sorts of tricks on visiting teams, could not decide which team he supported.

To be sure, he was on the Wildcat's side during the first quarter of play.

That imperceptible gentleman "caused" an early fumble by the visiting Griffin Bears, and the Wildcats quickly converted it to their only touchdown of the game.

But from this point the "ghost" seemed to be a blacksmith's anvil on the Wildcats' back.

Dropped passes, interceptions, fumbles, needless penalties. You name it, the Wildcats made every mistake in the book as they hung on to tie Griffin, 7-7 becoming state AAAA co-champions.

And how did Valdosta head coach Nick Hyder feel about sharing the state title with Griffin.

"It may be a bit awkward," Hyder said at midfield soon after the final whistle. "But it sure beats losing."

Hyder would not endorse Alabama coach Bear Bryant's opinion of games ending in ties, saying it was like "kissing your sister — not much of a thrill."

"I never had a sister, so I've never had that feeling," Hyder said with a laugh.

Hyder paid Thomasville's Bulldogs a nice compliment, saying the Bulldogs were on a par with this year's co-champions.

"But Griffin had a terrific amount of team speed," Hyder added.

Hyder refused to use the cold weather as an excuse for the dropped passes and fumbles — "They had to play in it, too," he said.

And the 15-yard penalty that killed what would have been the game-winning touchdown by the Wildcats was also taken in stride by Hyder.

"It's a good rule," the Valdosta head coach said, referring to the prohibition against blocking below the waist on punt and kickoff returns.

"It helps to prevent injuries, although I did not personally see the violation the flag was thrown for."

Most Valdosta fans felt the presence of injured quarterback John Lastinger would have meant the difference between victory and defeat for the Wildcats.

But not Hyder, who also took the loss of Lastinger with a touch of class.

"All football teams have to live with injuries," he noted. "I'm sure Griffin had a few players hurt."

Legendary Valdosta former head coach Wright Bazemore had similar experience with state championship games which ended all tie — a 26-26 deadlock with Athens in 1969.

"Yeh, I had one," Bazemore said. "Everyone left the stadium with a bad taste in their mouth since there was no winner."

"I don't understand why we don't have some sort of method to settle state championship games if we are all to have methods of settling any tied games at all," Bazemore added, giving the impression he agreed with Bear Bryant's feeling on knotted-score title games.

And to which most Valdosta fans would add a hearty "amen."

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