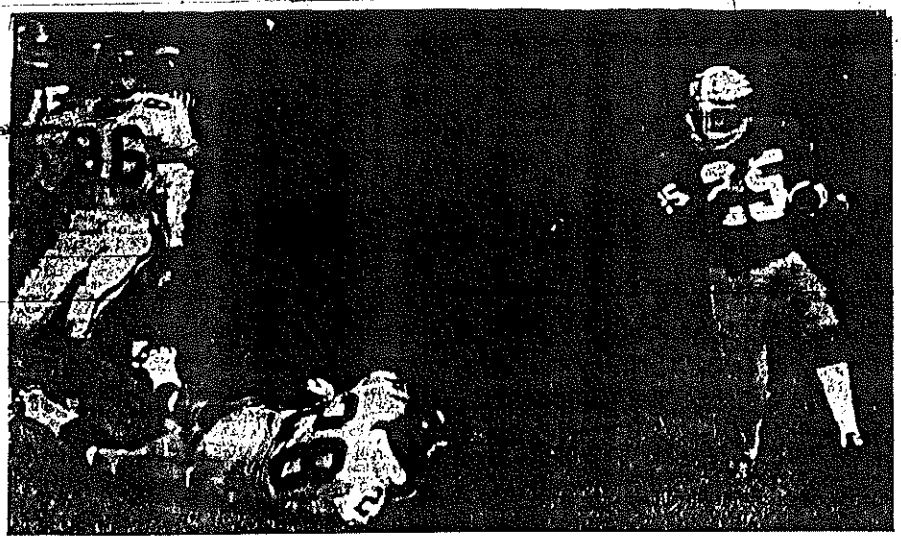

Staff Photo—Ray West

Unknown Thomasville Blocker Cuts Down Defender As Johnny Williams (25) Looks For Running Room

Staff Photo—Ray West

'Dogs Raymond Kerbo Attempts To Tackle Tift's Meade Rankin (25)

Staff Photo—Ray West

'Dogs Adolphus Warren (22) Goes Down

LAST-SECOND TD BEATS TIFT

Bulldogs Make Great Comeback, 16-14

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T-E Sports Editor

"You talk and think about the boys coming back in a ball game and tonight they just reached out and got the little something extra it takes."

So spoke Thomasville High head coach Jim Hughes as the Bulldogs' Big Red Offensive Machine recovered from numerous mistakes and pushed across the winning touchdown with just five seconds remaining in the game.

The extra point boot by Randall Hatcher gave Hughes and the Bulldogs their first Region IAAA victory ever while defeating Tift, 16-14.

"It was a great team effort," said Joe Peeples, the Bulldogs tri-captain who caught the winning touchdown pass.

"WE DON'T have any hot-dogs or individuals on this team," said quarterback David Lamb as he left a office of happy Thomasville coaches.

With 1:16 remaining in the game Thomasville drove 51 yards in seven plays and scored with five seconds left on the clock. Lamb hit Peeples for the touchdown.

From the Bulldogs 46-yard line Peeples boomed a punt 40 yards to the Tift nine.

Reginald Wilkerson made a key tackle on third down and forced the Blue Devils to give up the ball.

After a 40-yard punt Thomasville put the ball in play at its own 19 yard stripe.

Lamb hit Kavoukiis with two quick passes for 13 yards in 14 seconds.

With 62 seconds remaining in the game Thomasville used the old flea-flicker with Bill Stubbs catching a pass from Lamb and pitching off to Adolphus Warren for 11 yards.

At the Tift 27, Lamb dashed for 12 yards and with 33 seconds left tossed a quick incomplete pass to stop the clock.

WARREN picked up five to the Tift 10 and the clock kept running as Thomasville quickly lined up. The ball was snapped ... 18, 17, 16 .....

Lamb dropped back, Peeples ran down field and cut to the middle ... 8, 7, 6 ... Lamb fired the ball into a crowd of Tift defenders and Peeples held on one step inside the end zone and the Bulldogs had made another great comeback to win.

Peeples was a big example of the Bulldogs desire to win the game. After catching the pass he collapsed on the field with cramps and teammates had to help Peeples up and off the field.

The tremendous heat and humid weather last night caused several of the players on both teams to have cramps.

An onside kick and one Tift pass ran the clock out as the overflow crowd left Veterans Memorial Stadium still buzzing about the Bulldogs fantastic effort.

"I think the players knew we fought," added Hughes. "It was a heck of a comeback. They showed a lot of courage and determination. It paid off and we're real happy."

The Bulldogs controlled the game from statistical standpoint.

Thomasville had 310 yards total offense to 144 for Tift.

THOMASVILLE ran 78 plays to 61 for Tift. The Bulldogs had 276 yards rushing and 34 passing (all the passing yardage came in the final 1:16 of the game).

Tift had 85 yards rushing and in the first half's and 58 yards passing (all in the first half).

The Thomasville defense held Tift to only 47 yards total offense in the second half, but the Blue Devils did the damage in the first half with 14 points.

But, the Bulldogs defense got down to business in the second half and with the help of Pessoto punting, kept Tift in the hole.

And the offense wanted to share the glory and rolled up two touchdowns to add to a first half [illegible].

Thomasville mounted a 46-yard drive in the first quarter only to have a pass intercepted in the Tift 20 by linebacker Joe [illegible].

Avoine returned the ball to the Bulldog 42 and it took the Blue Devils only six plays to score.

BEHIND THE deadly passing of **Stretch Morris to halfback Mike Coleman the Tift** offense **picked up 38 yards passing** for **five Coleman scored from the** [illegible]

Rex Henderson added the point and Tift led 7-0 with [illegible] remaining in the first [illegible].

[illegible] McClure returned the kick 41 yards to the Bulldog [illegible].

Thomasville was forced to punt. Johnny Williams and Bill Stubbs led a host of Bulldog tackers to grab Meade Rankin [illegible] yards.

A fumble by Warren gave the Tift [illegible] on the Bulldog [illegible].

Raymond Kerbo fumbled the ball at the 50 and the Blue Devils began taking advantage of another Thomasville mistake.

The quick hit pass moved the Blue Devils to the Thomasville 6. After short gains by the 'Dogs Morris rolled to the left and found Andrew Foster open in the end zone for the TD.

Henderson again booted the ball through for the PAT and Tift led 14-2.

Thomasville drove to the Tift 15 with 2:19 remaining in the first half and two incomplete passes stopped the Bulldogs.

Three plays later Thomasville recovered a fumble at the Tift 21. Warren picked up 16 on a sweep and two yards to the Tift five-off tackle.

THE DEVILS held for three downs to again halt the Bulldogs.

It was a punting duel between Peeples and Morris in the third quarter. Peeples had five punts in the game for a 41.2 average while Morris booted six for a 37.7 mark.

A fumble by Warren gave the Tift [illegible] on the Bulldog 35. On the third play Nick Kavoukiis intercepted the ball and ran back to the 14.

Two runs for 21 yards by Johnny Williams and a seven yard pass by Lamb moved the Bulldogs to the 42.

Lamb ran a quarterback sneaker up the middle, broke a tackle at the 50 and completely fell over Tift's best defensive back at the 40 before romping the remainder of the way untouched for the first Thomasville touchdown in the game.

Lamb's run was the most fantastic play of the night, noted Hughes. He [illegible] everybody.

Lamb finished the game with 134 yards on 24 carries. Warren had 89 yards on 16 carries and Williams 14 on seven attempts.

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YARDSTICK

	Tift	Thomasville
First Downs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yds. Rushing	85	276
Yds. Passing	[illegible]	34
Total Offense	[illegible]	310
Passes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Passes Int. by	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fumbles Lost	[illegible]	[illegible]
Punts	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penalties	11	55

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCORES

Thomasville 16, Tift 14
Monroe of Albany 16, Central of Thomasville 8
Brooks Co. 55, Cleveland Co. 2
Cairo 7, Ware Co. 6
Irwin Co. 6, Brooks Co. 0
Moultrie 28, Lowndes 6
Pembroke 7, Grigg Co. 6
Turner Co. 14, Wilcox 13
Cook Co. 31, Americus 15
Jeff Davis 44, Bacon Co. 0
Manchester 29, Pelham 0
Early Co. 32, Seminole Co. 0
Waycross 8, Jesup 0
Rockmart 7, Cedartown 0
Jackson 15, Harris Co. 0
Mt. Cattle. Tann. 13, Monroe Area 12
Newnan 29, Newton Co. 11
North Fulton 28, Sprayberry 14
Fullcrine 7, Campbell of Smyrna 0
Roswell 42, Wills 0
South Cobb 21, Douglass Co. 0
Tucker 20, Stockbridge 0
North Springs 24, Ridgeview 13
Wheeler 19, Chattahooga 7
Decatur Co. 28, Fayette Co. 0
Valdosta Central 46, Bainbrid 1
Appleyard 14, Bassmaar 0
Hightower Co. 28, Banks Co. 8
Jefferson 14, Madison Co. 0
Lanier 19, Clayton 0
Warner Robins 4, Southwest Macon 7
Morgan Co. 19, Montevallo 7
Statesboro 20, Dublin 0
Parrish 2032 M. De Soto 7
Appling Co. 13, Dodge Co. 6
Jones Co. 32, Wilkinson 0
Putnam 3, Lincolnton 0
Vidalia 29, Swainsboro 0
Hawkinsville 12, Cochran 4
Trustron 28, Wheeler Co. 0
Franklin Co. 12, Winder-Barrow 7
Eastbridge 14, Pine 7
Cherokee 18, Pickens Co. 6
Gainesville 29, Pace 0
Druid 13, College Park 0
S. J. Bullock 13, Screven 12
Lakeshore 27, Woodward Academy 0
Augusta Lanier 31, Augusta Prep 0
Aiken Co. 26, Augusta Butler 0
Augusta Glenn Hills 28, Evans 0
Harlem 29, August Westside 14
Augusta Aquinas 7, Mester 6
Warren Co. 31, Johnson Co. 7
Lincoln Co. 7, Greenville 14 Montgomery Co. Ala. 0
Green Co. 28, Georgia Military, 12
Louisville 27, Wadley 0
Wrens 10, Sparta 0
Hephzibah 41, Hancock Central 0
Commerce 7, Hart Co. 6
Columbia 7, Hardaway 4
Stonegate 24, Peachtree 0
Brookwood 6, Campbell of Fairburn 0
Fulton 26, Grady 0
Stephenson 15, Stone Mountain 0
Lithonia 19, Columbia 18
Tucker 13, Towers 8
Lithonia 20, Southwest De Kalb 19
N. E. Lee 14, Forest Park 7

Vikings Beat Bears, 31-30

CHICAGO (AP) — Gary Cuozzo is a No. 1 quarterback and he proved it decisively Friday night when he came off the bench to lead the Minnesota Vikings to a dramatic 31-30 victory over the Chicago Bears in a National Football League exhibition game.

Cuozzo, a former backup man for Johnny Unitas at Baltimore who has been given the reins of Minnesota while Joe Kapp holds out, moved the Vikings from a 17-16 lead in the fourth quarter to four taking a rest.

The Bears took advantage of the move when Bear quarterback Bobby Joe Green placed a kick on the Viking 2-yard line and substitute quarterback Bob Lee fumbled.

The Bears recovered, took it in for a touchdown and three plays later took the lead in 24 when Bennie McRae intercepted a Lee pass and raced for a touchdown with about five minutes to play.

Cuozzo came off the bench and kept pounding at the Bear defenses until he broke down with a 10-yard, game-winning touchdown pass to Clint Jones with five seconds left to play.

MARVIN GOAR
... Scores TD

Cairo Wins Season Opener On Ware Mistakes, 7-6

WAYCROSS — Nobody seemed to win the Cairo-Ware County game in the first [illegible] or that's the way it seemed for a while.

The Syrupmakers finally managed to capitalize on one of the many fumbles in the game and finished with an season opening victory over Ware County's Gators, 7-6, here [illegible].

It was complete chaos for the [illegible] plays.

On the first play from scrimmage Ware County fumbled and Cairo recovered at the Ware 41.

The next play Cairo fumbled and Ware recovered at the [illegible] of the Syrupmakers.

Another play, another fumble. This time the Syrupmakers has possession at mid field.

Cairo didn't have sticky fingers and dropped the ball again on the next play and Ware had the ball at the Cairo 39.

Finally, Ware gained a yard before a second down play caused another fumble and the Syrupmakers Marvin Goar recovered at the Ware 45 yard [illegible].

YARDSTICK

	Cairo	Ware
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Both sides [illegible] plays on the second half. But the [illegible] Cairo drove to the Ware [illegible] in the third quarter and [illegible] for the entire [illegible] quarter.

The game was the opener for coach Bob McCaslin's Syrupmakers.

The Syrupmakers are in the Area [illegible] of AA while the Gators are in the Five.

Cairo moved from Class A to AA [illegible] while Ware County dropped from AAA to AA.

The Gators are [illegible] for their [illegible] 19-0 victory over Black Jack [illegible] Black Jack [illegible] Ware [illegible] Cairo [illegible] a 13-13 total offense margin.

Quarterback Freddie Thomas [illegible] for Cairo [illegible] 65 yards.

[illegible] and Bob [illegible] and Ware County [illegible].

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CENTRAL FAILS TO COMPLETE CRUCIAL PLAYS

Monroe Drops 'Bombs' To Defeat Yellow Jackets, 16-8

ALBANY — Coach Tom Fivesash's Central High School Yellow Jackets suffered a 16-8 defeat to Monroe High's Tornadoes, at Mills Memorial Stadium here last night, in a heart-breaker for the Thomas County eleven.

A. J. Hopkins guided Central [illegible] quarter [illegible] complete only one pass for four yards.

TORNADOES QB Earl Spencer tossed a 23-yard pass to end Frank Lucas for Monroe's first touchdown against the tough Central defense, on the second play of the second quarter.

[illegible] for a two-point conversion and an 8-0 lead.

Both units' defenses got stingy and didn't allow opposing offenses a first down during the remainder of the second quarter.

After halftime, at which the Marching Yellow Jacket Band performed and was well received, [illegible] shifted as he found nothing but daylight for 62 yards.

Montrose Sellers, Myron Jackson stopped the Central signal caller on a fast dutch tackle at the Tornadoes ones and time.

Hopkins then dropped his head and drove in for paydirt on the next play.

Battle action occurred in the remainder of the third period, as the teams seemed to be heading for a tied ball game.

CENTRAL mounted a drive in the fourth quarter on it, 28 which moved to the Monroe 28 yard stripe. A 15-yard Joint by Hopkins and a 15-yard Tornadoes [illegible] the drive.

Spencer unveiled a 22-yard aerial bomb to end Emmanuel Clemons for the touchdown. Hopkins and Jackson again drove in for the two-point conversion.

After the kickoff, Central [illegible] only two [illegible] the game ended.

Defensively for the Yellow Jackets [illegible] Robert Williams [illegible] Clemons for the touchdown. The boot for the PAT was wide.

YARDSTICK

	Central	Monroe
First Downs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yds. Rushing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yds. Passing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total Offense	[illegible]	[illegible]
Passes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Passes Int. by	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fumbles Lost	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penalties	[illegible]	[illegible]