It has been to years since the Central Yellow Jackets played for a region championable in toolball. But the third-ranked Jackets will do it once again after a hard-fought 13-6 victory over Appling County at Thomas County Stadium Friday night.

Central will now host cross-county rival Thomasville for the Region I-AAA championship Nov. 23. The winner will travel to face the Region 2-AAA winner in the first round of the Class AAA state playoffs.

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The Jackets won the game on a pair of touchdowns passes from Charliw Ward to Tommy Raing, the first covering 17 yards and the second 50.

"He (Raing) did a great toph." Central coach Charlie Greene said after the game. "Teams are looking at Steve Garland and leaving Tommy. It is hard todouble cover both of them."

Garland also caught two passes, one for 43 yards to sel up Central's first touchdown in the third quarter. "The team did a good by and I'm proud of them," Greene said.

After a scoreless first half in which both teams Jumbled away golden scoring opportunities, Central made the first drive of the second half. Kelth Christopher, who led Central wilh 84 yards on to carries, returned the kickoff 45 yards to the Appling County 49.

Keening the half strictly on the

Reeping the hall strictly on the ground, the Jackets moved to the Appling County 15, where a flirtd-down pass (ell incomplete. Andy Baker, who had missed a 33-yard field goal attempt on the last play of the first half, was just short on a 32-yard attempt with #155 left in the third quarter.

The Pirates, who ended the season at 65, meled on these first downs to the

65, picked up three first downs to the Central 42 before Dana Gadsden fumbled and Freddie Guyton recovered for the Jackets.
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It was one of five turnovers by Appling County.
While they were unable to cash-in on two Pirates furnbles in the first half, the Jackets did take advantage of this one.
After a short run, Ward, who had been only in 7 in the first half, folfed a soft pass just over the outstretched urms on the Pirate defender into Gurland's bands. Garland raced 43 yards to the Pirates 12-yard line.
Following a seramble went nowhere.
Ward found Raing behind the seconday in the left corner of the end cone for the first score of the game with 3:50 left in the third quarter. Baker's PAT was wide, Icaving Central with a 6 9 lead.

As the learns seem to do with turnivers. Applink Courly answered Central s score with one of its own. Chip Holmes, who had a 61-yard run in the first quarter, broke up the middle of the Central defense and outran everyone to the end zone with 1-07 left in the ther learners. e third quarter

The Pirates were unable to take the lead, however, as Randy Simpson missed the PAT, leaving the game tied

Werrior Stadium,
The Brookwood Warriors (eli 13-6 to the Thomas Jefferson Jaguars in the semifinals of the GISA Class AA state

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Both coaches thought the teams were the two best in the state.

"It should have been the state chompionship parme," anid Jones "It's a shame one of us had to lose so early "It's going to hurt bud because we had so many seniors. It's because of these seniors this year that we won the state championship last vert."

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only six plays The first four plays ended in a point to

Brookwood The second time the Jaguars got the ball they fumbled on the second play.

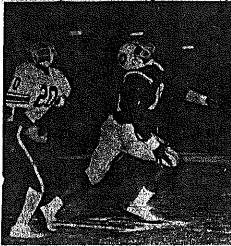
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Central's Tommy Raing (19) and Appling County's Michael Jones look for pass during Friday night's game Photo Michael

Thanks to two sacks and a holding penalty, the Pirates were able to build the Jackets inside their own 20 on the

the Jacketa Inside their own 20 on the next possession.

Punting from inside the 5, Ward bounced a \$2-yarder lo give the Central defense some hreathing room.

The Jackets held and forced a Stacy Lewis point, which traveled only 19 yards to midfield.

On the first play, Baing, who had single coverage, get behind the cornerback and hauted in Ward's nerial for a 5-yard scoring pass with the 18 left in the game. Baker's PAT gave Central in 13-6 advantage.

66 advantage. The Pirates drove the Central 40 on their next possession before Corry Brown's third inferception of the season

ended the drive.

The two teams traded punts with Central taking over on its 28 with 3:51

remaining.
The Jackets almost made a critical

The Jackels almost made a critical mistake, fumbling a handoff and allowing Oliver Kinsey to recover for Appling County only 32 yards away from a tying score. But after picking up five yards, the Prates returned the Javor, fumbling back to the Jackets with Charles Reddick recovering at the 27 with 2.22 left in the game. With no mistakes, the Jackets picked up four first downs and run the clock mit.

nit.
"I think we did what we needed to
do?" Greene said. "The defense played
extremely well and gave us some
turnovers, but we didn't take advantage.

"It seeined one of those games where "It seemed one of those games where one team would furnible, then the other would furn around and fumble right back, or one team would make a fug play and the other would turn around and make a big play."

The first 24 minutes was full of both

yard line in Thomas Jefferson territory. By new, however, the Jaguars' defense had awakened to begin a slow

process of attrition on the Brookwood offense.

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On the second play of the game,
Hulmes took a pitch and went 61 yards
to the Central 13, But three plays later. quarlerback Patrick Sellers fumbled and Robert Fletcher recovered for the

Jackets.
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On the Pirates aext series, Sellers made a poor pitch and Henry Adams, who started in place of the injured George Cooper, recovered.

After the two teams traded punts, Central munited its first drive of the game, moving out to midfield on a pair of first downs.

On the first play of the second quarter, Christopher broke through the middle and raced 42 yards before Tray Stone came up from behind and stripped him, recovering at the 8. Following a Pirate pant, the Jackets drove to the Appling County 15 before the second library.

The teams traded punts until the end of the ball, when Ward connected with Garland for 26 yards to the Appling

County 26.

On the last play of the second quarter,
Baker was short on a 43-yard field goal

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Dogs explode in second half, win 19-7

What started out as a little sizzle turned into a full acale explosion. Not the kind where people are injured and killed, there was not even a loud bang. The only sounds to be heard were the cheering of Bulldog lans and players, and a lind.

The thud was a hollow sound, the sound of hearts breaking, that came from the Bainbridge side of the fteld as the Thomasville Bulldogs rolled by the Bainbridge Bearcuts 19-7 at Veteran's Memorial Stadium in Region t-AAA playoff action.

Memorial Station in region cream-playoff action.

The victory earns Thomasville the right to face cross-county rival Central for the region championship and a borth, in the state playoffs. The game will be held at Thomas County Stadium Nov.

Alter being stymied in the first half, the Bulldogs launched a ground game hal bit quick and did deadly damage to the Bracrast's playoff hopes.

"It was war not there. Bainbridge did n great job, they are quick, physical and play good-clean ball," said the elated Thomasville coach, Mike Hodges. After being limited to 52 yards rushing on 17 carries, and only 16 yards passing in the tirst hall, the Bulldog offense broke losse for 183 yards on 15 attempts in the decisive final half.

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After being shutout in the first half. Thomasville showed they could strike from anywhere on the field Quarterback Shuwa Jones scored on a 57 yard. Janut and Alphonso Ellis on rous in 75 and 12 yards.

We fold our people to be patient and don't panic at halftime, Just keep executing and doing the things we had found to get us here. Hordges stated 1900 field position and a hustling Bainbridge defense had much to do with the poor affective output in the first half. Thomasville dath't cross-midfield in the opening half, and its five possessions, started from their own 25, 20, 20, 16, and 28 Each resulted in punts as the Ballddong had no turnovers for the as the Bulldogs had no turnovers for the

as the Bulldogs had no turnovers for the entire game.

Meanwhite, Bainbridge was enjoying excellent field position. Starting from their 2s, 18, 4 and the Thomaswille 4s and 47 yard lines in the first half.

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But the Thomaswille 4s and for yard lines in the first half. Under the same and equal to the task, holding the Bearests to 55 fold yards, three first downs and zero points in the half.

"Our defense did a super job in the first half, turning away thanbridge. We played good defense all night with the exception of the long drive in the thrift.

exception of the long drive in the third quarter," Hodges said
Failed apportunities and penalties
were also the undoing of the Beareats

Three times after large gains, the plays hree times after large gains, the plays ere called back. Throughout the first half both teams supped punts, five each, with Bain-idge gaining a slight advantage each

time
But the two times Bainbridge territory, the Thomasville defense shoved them back for a set yardage of



Thomasville's Leon Donald (34) and the rest of the defense swarm on Bainbridge running back Larry Cosby Photos Greening

carries.

So after a Bainbridge punt, Janes So after a Bainbridge punt, Janes Inset Ellis as a decoy on the Bulldogs first passession of the second half. Thomasville took control at its own 43. Ellis picked up two yards. Again, where Ellis went, so went the Bain-bridge defense.

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On the next play Jones executed two

On the next play Jones executed two fakes to perfection. The first to Ellis up the middle, but Jones pulled the hall away and kept around the left side for an option play. A fake pitchout to the trailing back, and Jones was off to be end zone.

The S7-yard fouchdown run, fellowed by Danny Smith's kick put the Bulldags ahead 7-0 with 7-14 left in the third quarter.

But Bainbridge came right back following the ciscuing kickoff. Starting from their 20, the Beatrasts toked impressive on a 15 play, 29-yard drive to the the score at 7-7 with \$1 seconds left in the quarter.

tie the score of 7.7 with 43 seconds left in the quarter.

Larry Cosby danced in from feuryards out for the touchdown.

Thomasville struck quickly again after taking control following the kickoff at the Thomasville 28.

Ellis electrified the ecowd with a dayting 52 yard touchdown scamper. After being but at the threadsecrimmage, he bounced off three wouldbe tacklers and Eddie Coleman threw a beautiful block at multi-dd to spring Ellis.

Smith was wide with the kick, but Thomasville led 13-7 with two seconds left in the third.

Coleman hauled in a Bainbridge ount

minus-12 on six plays.

after the Bearcats next possession at Ellis, the region's leading rusher, the Thomasville 20 and followed a wall Edit, the region's leading rusher, the Thornawille 20 and followed a wail showed how be can be effective even of blockers into the endane, but it was when he's not carrying for the Bullfogs. Tuked he stepped out-of-bounds at the Fol-the night, Ellis led all runners habitings. So, Last week against with 161 yards on 19 carriers. But the Albany, Coleman had two pant returns bearcal's seemed to be keying on him (or touchdowns called back because of in the first half and held him to 43 on 11 penalties.

Pive plays was all it took for the Dogs to move it in from there. Ellis carried four times for 39 yards during the drive

and a touchdown on a sweep around the left side, when Ellis put a move on the Bearcat cornerback at the 7, that completely through the cornerback of balance. The try for Iwo-points failed but Thomasville [ed 19-7 with 7.29] remaining in the game

Any threat of a Bainbridge comebacy was ended when Joe Harris picked off his sixth pass of the senson at mid-field on the Bearcats next series to securi the win for the Bulblogs

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Westbrook falls to Baker

HAWKINSVILLE. The Weathriek Coupars came up about in their bid to make the GISA Class. A state channibuship contest, falling 21:20 to Bakerphere Priday injeht.

The Cougars, who end their season with no 9-4 record, had 50 and 20-6 lendabut were unable to hold them.

Floyd Rothrock gave Westbrook its 6-0 lead with 3-39 left in the first unarter. The two-point pans attempt failed.

July Ruberts answered for Baker with the first of his three toxoldowns with 8:37 left in the first half. The run for two points failed, leaving the game tied 6-6. With just under four minutes left uithe half, Rothrock scored for the second time on n-yard run. Mike Miller added the PAT for a 13-6 lead.

Westbrook struck again before the half ended on Cliff Waldrep's 11-yard run. Miller's PAT gave the Cougars a 20 6 lead at the intermission. Roberts scored twice in the third quarter for Baker. The first louedrowing came on a 7-yard scamper with 5-48-16ft. Baker completed a two-point pages 25 for the back of the 20 M. to cut the lead to 20-14

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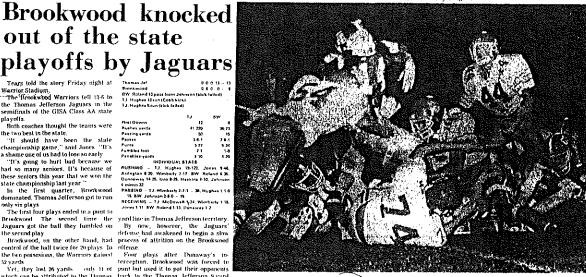
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Thomas Jefferson's Clint Smith (51) makes tackle on Brookwood's Tom Johnson

ferson 13-yazd fine.

Jerson 13-yard line. Brookwood seared when Mark Roband took in pass with 48 seconds left in the quarter for the Best touchdown of the game. After the second half kirkoff, it seemed as if the rules were reversed.

30-yard line. A 40-yard drive put them 13 yards from the good.

Hughes ran the 13 yards at 7.51 of the fourth, quarter for the first Thomas Jefferson touchdown of the evening.

Tell Cobb kicked the extra point notifies the Lagrans ahead late in the

On fourth-and-8 from the Brookwood 26-yard line, Highes ran for 11 yards breaking through three Brookwood tacklers in the process.

At first-and-goal from the Brookwood

5, after an 11 yard advance in three

Jefferson defense. The other 15 were fost to penalties.

After the ball had changed from Horokwood was able to penetrate to thomas Jefferson 19 yard line. On the hack to Thomas Jefferson 19 yard line to the hack to Thomas Jefferson hands, they are uncomplete pass as the quarter ended secretary.

Thomas Jefferson had a shaky Jefferson, seeing an progress was being pessession foundation in the total secretary.