



THOMASVILLE — Logan Lewis (left), Pine Park Fire Department fire chief in Grady County, and Billy Joe Lewis (right), Barnett's Creek Fire Department fire chief in Thomas County, present Cairo High School Principal Wayne Tootle with the Bucket Trophy as winner of the annual Cairo-Thomas County Central football game. Tootle accepted the trophy in memory of former Cairo football coach West Thomas, who died last week while on vacation. (Dayton P. Strickland/Staff)

Victory brightens 'sad day' in Cairo

By IRA SCHOFFEL
Times-Enterprise

Victory for Cairo High on Friday meant more than just another notch in the win column.

It was a ray of light on an otherwise dreary day.

Earlier Friday, most of Cairo first learned that former football coach and athletic director West Harris Thomas had died. Thomas, who literally built the Syrupmakers' program, passed away while vacationing this week in North Carolina.

Current CHS coach Ralph Jones played under Thomas when he was in high school, but he didn't make the death a rallying cry for his players.

"It just gave us a warm effect on a sad day for all Syrupmakers," Jones said.

Upset

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Guyton connected with Joe Burns on a 36-yard pass to the Syrupmakers' 14-yard line, but Burns fumbled at the end of that play.

But perhaps the most damaging miscue came late in the third quarter. After marching to Cairo's 11, Guyton was intercepted by defensive back Arthur Anderson at the 2.

It was on the Syrupmakers' next drive that they scored. "Cairo didn't turn the ball over — that's the difference in the game," Pitcher said. "They took care of the football. They got down there two times and scored three points. We got down there four times and scored zero."

Although Scott struggled against a tough Central defense — he gained 32 yards on 10 carries — teammate Kellervick Green made the difference. Green ran for 80 yards, including a 41-yarder that set up the winning field goal.

With the win, Cairo takes firm command of the region race. The "Makers are 7-0, 4-0 in the region, while TCCHS falls to 5-2, 3-1.

CAIRO 3, TCCHS 0
CAIRO 0 0 0 3-3
TCO 0 0 0 0-0

CHS — J. Michael Williams
33 field goals

TEAM STATISTICS
CHS TCCHS
9 First downs 9
42-172 Rushing-yds 34-97
12-54 Passing-yds 87
27-2 Comp-Att-Int 7-13-2
6-41 Punt-Avg 9-38
2-1 Fumbles-lost 5-3

TCCHS-CHS

Pass the bucket

Not only did Cairo take the upper hand in the Region 1-AAA race with its victory, the Syrupmakers also walked off with a pretty nifty bucket.

Yes, a bucket. As part of a new tradition, the winner of the annual Cairo-TCCHS game will receive a water bucket from the Pine Park Fire Department of Grady County and the Barnett's Creek Fire Department of Thomas County.

Each year, the score will be inscribed on the bucket, and the winner will keep it until the follow-

ing year's game.

Playing by the rules

The Yellow Jackets lost the game, but they did improve in one area that has been a major concern of head coach Ed Pitcher for some time.

TCCHS, which has committed more penalties than any team in Region 1-AAA, was flagged just four times for 30 yards Friday.

Cairo, meanwhile, was penalized nine times for 57 yards.

Breaking the streak

Winning at Thomas County Central was a new feeling for many Cairo High players.

The Syrupmakers lost at TCCHS during the regular season and the playoffs last year.

Miscues again doom Pelham in 19-12 loss

Staff Reports

In the first half of their game Friday at Seminole County, the Pelham Hornets were a defensive machine.

They held Seminole to 12 yards rushing, 13 yards passing and just one first down. But the scoreboard told a different story. Seminole built a 12-6 halftime lead by capitalizing on Pelham's mistakes on special teams.

The poor special-teams play began early for Pelham. The Hornets allowed Seminole to return the opening kickoff to the PHS 9-yard line.

Nine yards later, the Hornets were down, 6-0. "In the first half, we had two breakdowns on special teams, and you just can't do that against a team like Seminole," Pelham head coach Glenn Stewart said. "The defensive played well, but our offense couldn't get it going."

SEMINOLE CO. 19
PELHAM 12

S.C. 8 6 7 0-19
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PHS — Fred Fencher 54 run
(kick failed)

PHS — Rod Thomas 3 run
(kick failed)

TEAM STATISTICS

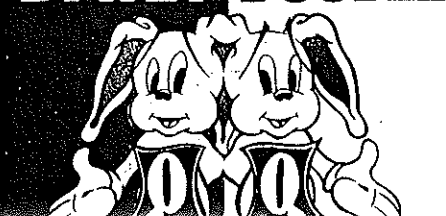
Pelham's offense did get going eventually.

Senior Fred Fencher put the Hornets on the board in the second quarter with a 54-yard touchdown run. He finished with 120 yards on 13 carries.

Quarterback Rod Thomas finished the scoring for PHS with a 3-yard run in the fourth. The Hornets play host to Stewart-Quilman next week.

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DAILY DOUBLE



Warriors

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score.

"Well, one of my goals was to gain 1,000 yards or more this season," Horne said. "I did it thanks to the offensive line's blocking and the defense keeping the offense and myself on the field."

On their next possession, Rehberg spotted Huber for a 17-yard touchdown.

The Warriors' defense gave Rehberg and Co. another opportunity after Glenn Kirkland intercepted Crusaders quarterback Ashley Lewis with 1:09 left in the half.

Rehberg marched the Warriors downfield and capped off the drive with a 39-yard touchdown pass to

BROOKWOOD '61

ROBERT TOOMBS 16

B 14 21 7 19-61
RT 0 0 8 8-18

B — Anton Huber 65 pass from Shane Rehberg (Hal Hayes kick)

B — Chris Godwin 17 run (Hayes kick)

B — Forrest Horne 11 run (Hayes kick)

B — Huber 17 pass from Rehberg (Hayes kick)

B — Huber 30 pass from Rehberg (Hayes kick)

B — Mose Bracey 5 pass from Rehberg (Hayes kick)

RT — Corey Craft 6 pass from Ashley Lewis (Wesley Horton run)

B — Leon Barfield 20 pass from Horne (kick failed)

B — Caleb Brown 10 run (kick failed)

RT — Heath Barnes 50 pass from Lewis (Horton run)

B — Justin Horne 1 run (Hayes kick)

B 13 First downs 13

29-271 Rushing-yds 20-85

173 Passing yards 208

9-13 Comp-Att-Int 19-29-4

2-31 Punt-avg 3-27

0-0 Fumbles-lost 1-1

6-42 Penalties-yds 2-20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — B: F. Horne 13-132, Godwin 5-60, Barfield 1-18, Huber 1-0, Brown 3-22, J. Horne 5-28, B.J. Cross 1-11; RT: Horton 10-55, Andy Gibbs 5-14, Ashley Lewis 3-10, Heath Barnes 2-6.

Passing — B: Rehberg 8-12-0 151, F. Horne 1-1-0 22; RT: Lewis 19-29-4 208.

Receiving — B: Huber 3-112, Bracey 2-16, J. Horne 1-6; Bill Harrell 1-1, Phillip Parker 1-17, Barfield 1-22; RT: Craft 5-73; Derek Williams 2-38; Wesley Horton 2-5, Andy Gibbs 1-0, Jason Barry 1-10, Heath Barnes 3-62, Jeffrey Payen 3-10, Wesley Gay 2-10.

Huber, making the score 35-0.

The Warriors picked up where they left off after the half. Rehberg threw his last pass of the night to Mose Bracey for a 5-yard touchdown on the first drive of the third quarter. Kirkland, a sophomore, replaced Rehberg at quarterback.

The Crusaders finally hit paydirt against a somewhat relaxed Warriors defense with a 6-yard touchdown pass from Lewis to wideout Corey Craft.

With another chance to score before the fourth quarter, Lewis threw his second interception to Kirkland on the last play of the quarter.

Forrest Horne, who finished the game with 132 rushing yards, also tried his hand at passing and hit Leon Barfield for a 20-yard touchdown pass to open the fourth quarter.

With time running out on the Crusaders, Barfield picked off Lewis' third interception, setting up another touchdown for the Warriors.

This time Caleb Brown would do the honors from 10 yards out with less than six minutes remaining.

Forest Park got an 11-yard touchdown run from Telly Clark in the second overtime period to squeak by Griffin

Friday night, 27-20.

Griffin had fought back from a 20-0 deficit, and nearly won the game in regulation with a field goal. But Forest Park's Charlton Warren blocked Matt East's kick, forcing the overtime.

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THS

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effort."

Thompson said the Bulldogs hope this win can carry over to success in the coming weeks.

"We're fired up now, we hope we can build on this win and carry the momentum over into next week," he said. "We're fighting like Bulldogs, we don't want a losing season."

Next week Thomasville High will play host to the Worth County Rams in a region match-up.

THS 41
ALBANY 7

THS 0 21 6 14-41
AHS 0 0 0 7-7

THS — Daymar King 25 run (Kevin Thompson kick)

THS — King 6 run (Thompson kick)

THS — Coroy Rollins 10 interception return (Thompson kick)

THS — Richard Tillman fumble recovery (kick failed)

THS — Thompson 9 run (Thompson kick)

AHS — Derrick Collier 46 pass from Foy Shemwell (Pat Cuff kick)

THS — Richard Green 56 run (Thompson kick)

THS — AHS

13 First downs 8

42-288 Rushing-yds 17-56

22 Passing yards 187

2-6-1 Comp-Att-Int 12-29-3

3-38 Punt-avg 5-27

3-1 Fumbles-lost 4-2

10-98 Penalties-yds 10-60

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — THS: Richard Green 11-114, Daymar King 10-87, Kevin Thompson 8-45, Jimmy Smith 9-29, Chris Thigpen 2-11, Melvin Clark 2-2; AHS: M. James 6-12, Zack Knighton 1-9, Carey Simmons 1-4, Terry Stallings 1-20, Foy Shemwell 8-56.

Passing — THS: Thompson 2-6-1 22; AHS: Shemwell 11-28-3 187; James 1-0-0.

Receiving — THS: Clark 1-12, Travis Smith 1-10; AHS: Collier 2-78, Cuff 2-70, Knighton 2-16; James 3-16, Jermaine Brantley 1-0, Phillip Sledge 2-3.

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