

## SIDELINES

### Sports In Brief

#### Hawks lose exhibition game to Nuggets

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Bryant Siltb scored 21 points to lead Denver to a 113-105 win over Atlanta Saturday night in an NBA exhibition game at the Jacksonville Coliseum.

Siltb scored eight points down the stretch and Randy Wooda hit back-to-back 3-pointers with just over two minutes to play as Denver held off Atlanta.

The Hawks were able to cut the lead to four with a minute to play, but got no closer. After trailing 57-56 at the half, the Nuggets' running game got in gear.

Denver coach Bernie Bickerstaff opened the second half with Jalen Rose and Robert Jackson in the backcourt, and the duo — with help from three blocked shots by all-star center Dikembe Mutombo — outfrustrated the Hawks the rest of the way.

Denver rookie Antonio McDyess, the second overall pick in the June draft, started in place of Tom Hammonds at forward and contributed 16 points working against veteran Grant Long and rookie Alan Henderson.

#### Valdosta State romps

VALDOSTA, Ga. (AP) — Lance Funderburk completed 38 of 52 passes for 428 yards and three touchdowns Saturday as Valdosta State crushed St. Ambrose 41-0.

Funderburk scored on a 3-yard run on the Blazers' first possession, completing a 62-yard, 10-play drive. He also scored on a quarterback sneak and completed a 2-yard touchdown pass to Keith Cooksey, helping Valdosta State (4-3) build a 27-0 lead at halftime.

St. Ambrose (2-4) reached the Valdosta State 11-yard line after an interception in the third period, but the drive stalled there.

#### Three seniors tied for lead at Gold Rush

RANCHO MURIETA, Calif. (AP) — Lee Trevino, Chi Chi Rodriguez and Don Bies forged a three-way tie Saturday to take the second-round lead in the \$700,000 Raley's Senior Gold Rush golf tournament.

Trevino used a different method than Rodriguez and Bies to earn a 7-under-par 137 total.

Trevino birdied the first three holes, four of the first five, and five of the first eight.

### Sports Lists!

#### ONE-DAY ADULT ADMISSION CHARGES TO 7 HALLS OF FAME

1. Baseball Hall of Fame - \$9
2. Pro Football Hall of Fame - \$7
3. Pro Basketball Hall of Fame - \$8
4. Pro Hockey Hall of Fame - \$8.75
5. Soccer Hall of Fame - \$4
6. Int'l Tennis Hall of Fame - \$6
7. Bowling Hall of Fame - \$5-x

x-includes four frames of bowling

Source: World Features Synchrotec

### TV Highlights

- 1 p.m. NFL: 49ers at Colts Fox
- 4 p.m. Gymnastics: World Championships ABC
- 4 p.m. NFL: Dolphins at Redskins NBC
- 4 p.m. NFL: Cowboys at

# Jackets sting THS again



Thomas County Central senior receiver Charles Reese works his way through the THS defense for his second touchdown reception Friday night. (Dayton P. Strickland/Staff)

## Central scores biggest win in series history, 45-7

By IRA SCHOFFEL  
Times-Enterprise

Thomasville High's defensive strategy worked to perfection Friday night against No. 1 Thomas County Central — and the Bulldogs still suffered their worst defeat in series history.

In an all-out effort to slow the Yellow Jackets' powerful rushing game, THS repeatedly crowded its entire defense within 5 or 7 yards of the ball. And in response, TCCHS produced one of its best passing efforts of the Ed Pilcher era.

Jackets' quarterback Paul Guyton, who may be the best running quarterback in Region 1-3A, showed he can be an effective passer when needed. He threw for 197 yards and two touchdowns in leading TCCHS past the Bulldogs, 45-7.

"When they're going to roll the dice up there like that, they're going to get burned sometimes," Pilcher said of the Bulldogs' defense. "And we burned 'em a couple times. That was the difference in the game. We threw and caught it a little bit, and that's all we had to do. We didn't have to do it a bunch, just a little bit."

The 38-point margin of victory was the Jackets' largest in series history — their previous best was 28 points, which came last season. Central's 45 points also was a series record; the Jackets had scored 35 points twice in the mid-1980s.

The biggest beneficiary of Thomasville's risky defensive plan was TCCHS receiver Charles Reese. A senior, Reese caught four passes for 137 yards. Two of the receptions went for touchdowns — and both were equally devastating.

Already leading 17-0 late in the second quarter, Guyton hit Reese on a quick slant across the middle, and Reese juked two THS defenders on his way for a 41-yard score as the first half ended.

Then late in the third quarter, Guyton and Reese connected on a short out pattern that Reese turned into a 68-yard score. That touchdown gave TCCHS its final margin of victory. Although it was the shorter of the two, Pilcher said Reese's first touchdown was the most important.

"I think the touchdown pass right before the half broke their back," Pilcher said. "They were still in the halfgame before that. They did what they thought they had to do to win the ballgame, and that's make us throw. But we can throw it a little bit when we have to."

The Yellow Jackets (6-0, 3-0 in the region) were effective rushing the ball as well. Sophomore halfback Joe Burns blistered the Bulldogs for 116 yards on 12 carries, including touchdown runs of 33, 10 and 3 yards.

Burns and backfield mate Jabar Dunbar also seemed to benefit from

Please see TCCHS, page 3C

## 'Firing blanks,' THS outgunned

### Bulldogs' Johnson praises Jacket offense

By CAL POWELL  
Times-Enterprise

The perennial gambler, Thomasville High coach Jack Johnson prides himself on spotting the other team's weaknesses. And while he may "know when to hold 'em and know when to fold 'em" better than Kenny Rogers himself, Friday night against Thomas County Central, his team couldn't do either.

"We couldn't block them, they were quicker than we were," Johnson said. "When they got on

offense, I've said all along they are the best offensive team in the state, bar none. Very few times I'm right, but tonight I was right. I felt like we were out there shooting guns without any bullets, firing blanks. I would hate to see a team better than they were tonight."

Johnson said his defensive scheme, which had everything wearing red and gold near the line of scrimmage, was the correct one for the Yellow Jackets' run-happy veer offense.

"The scheme we had tonight was a good scheme," Johnson said. "But you've got to make a perfect play every time they run that veer, because something's going to happen. If you take the wrong man or miss a tackle, and we missed a lot of

tackles, a big play is going to occur."

While the Bulldogs managed to temporarily slow down the Yellow Jackets' region-leading rushing game, TCCHS proved it can take to the air if need be. The Yellow Jackets scored on passes of 41 and 68 yards, both from Paul Guyton to Charles Reese, and had several near misses.

"They took away what we like to do, but we're not hardheaded," Thomas County Central coach Ed Pilcher said. "We're not going to keep running for a yard or two every play. If you play everybody within 5 yards of the ball, eventually you're going to get burned. All we had to do was throw and catch a little bit."

Please see GAMBLE, page 3C



Thomasville High's LaMichael Doss puts a hit on TCCHS halfback Joe Burns. (Dayton P. Strickland/Staff)



## Braves sweep into World Series 4-0

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves are back in the World Series, this time with a sweep not a struggle.

The Braves advanced for the third time in five years by beating the Cincinnati Reds 6-0 Saturday night, completing the first sweep in the National League championship series since 1962.

With strong pitching and key hits, including three-run homers in three games, the Braves made it look easy.

"Well, there's nothing better than winning. And a sweep — I don't think either team anticipated that. We got timely hitting each

off. We might bring in some guys from our instructional league team to play some intrasquad games," Cox said.

Aside from starting pitcher Pete Schourek, the Reds didn't put up much of a fight in their last game under manager Davey Johnson, who will be replaced by Ray Knight next season. Cincinnati struck out 10 more times and hit into another three double plays.

"That's just a fine ballclub they have over there. Their pitching was outstanding. We scored only five runs in four games, and it's remarkable they could do that to an offense like ours," Johnson said.

Perhaps it's because this Braves team is considered the best of the '90s.

Atlanta trailed only once in the four games, won twice in its last at-

