BULLDOGS BOW TO VALDOSTA WILDCATS 24-0

STROM AND YOUNG LEAD CATS TO FOUR TOUCHDOWNS OVER A LIGHTER THOMASVILLE ELEVEN

Power, Speed and Deception of Whirlwind Attack Routs Bulldogs in Annual Battle Before Large Holiday Crowd In Valdosta. — Bulldogs Lack Old Time Fire.

HURST MAKES GALLANT FIGHT FOR T. H. S.

Alert Valdosta Secondary Stops Canine Passing Attack In Critical Moments and Wildcats Make Use of Their Own Aerial Game to Cross the Goal Line.

By ALBERT HILEY, JR.

A whirlwind gathered itself together on Cleveland field in Valdosta yesterday afternoon and whirling with devastating force, swept Thomasville High's Bulldogs aside and wrecked their victory hopes in the year's annual Armistice Day gridiron classic. The whirlwind was made up of a squad of orange and black jersied Valdosta Wildcats and in the vortex of the whirl were two great linemen, Davis and Martin, and two hard-driving backs, Strom and Young. Striking with speed, power and deception the hurricane swept across the grid four times to subjugate the Bulldogs beneath four touchdowns and a score of 24 to 0.

Starting when the game was less than two minutes old, the strong wind began to blow. Twice in that first period it whistled through the red jersied Bulldogs and then subsided to come back strong again late in the third period and once more in the final quarter.

It was a large crowd of more than a thousand fans that sat in the stands to watch the Wildcats score the most decisive victory over Thomasville since 1926. But the crowd was smaller than the usual gathering at the annual Armistice Day battle.

The Bulldogs failed to make the slightest threat of a score. Lacking a really able ball carrier, the Hornet team had almost no offensive drive against the heavier Wildcats and save for a forward passing attack which was always baffled at critical moments by the alert Valdosta secondary, the Canines gained little ground. By virtue of those passes, a number of which were completed out of nighty, many tries, the Thomasville gridiron managed to margin of difference in first downs and yardage gained.

Cats Pass The

Stealing some of the Bulldogs' own thunder, the Wildcats of Coach Bobby Hooks scored one touchdown on a pass and paved the way for another score by that same method of attack. Parker to Strom was the deadly aerial combination of the Valdostans.

And Young Drives

The Cats wasted little time in scoring as the seemingly stage-struck and bewildered Bulldogs as the game got under way. After the Bulldogs had received the kick-off and failed to gain, Strom took Chastain's punt and ran it back to Valdosta's 44 yard line. And from that point the Felines employed a deceptive line attack to march straight down the field to a score. The far heavier Wildcat forwards opened wide holes in the Thomasville line as the backs, Young and Strom, drove through on plays that were somewhat delayed smashes in which two backs handled the ball. Many of them went to the weak side of the line, deceiving the Canines. Young was the guy with the power in that first drive, driving through the Bulldogs for 12 yards on one play and then on a 19 yard dashing run that started through left guard to crossed the goal line for the first touchdown. Parker missed the try for extra point as he did every attempt during the game and the Cats were out in front 6 to 0.

They employed their aerial attack to place the ball in a scoring position again in that hectic first period. Parker flipped a pass to Strom from Thomasville's 36 yard mark. Strom took it on the 20 and went down to the 9 yard line before he was halted. And from there the fast stepping Mister Strom sailed on across for a touchdown, the second oak.

Strom left the game in the second period and during that quarter the Bulldogs battled the Cats on more even terms and held them scoreless.

The Bulldogs came back with a little more drive to start the second half but it was cut short and the Cats started a counter attack.

The men of Hooks went down to Thomasville's 18 yard stripe and then Parker flipped a pass across the goal line to Strom who gathered it safely into his arms for the third tally.

Young flashes 35 yards

That last score came with a dazzling suddenness as the whirlwind lashed out again. After taking the ball on a punt at Thomasville's 35 yard line, Young, that hard running fullback went storming back down the field in one mad rush of 35 yards to cross the goal line behind excellent interference. And that was the scoring for the day.

There were four outstanding men on that field of play yesterday afternoon. Two were backs, Strom and Young of Valdosta. Those two ball carriers displayed dazzling speed and hard driving that made them very, very hard to stop. Martin at left end for the Cats and Captain Davis, the gigantic right tackle looked to be as good a lineman as your correspondent has seen this season.

A Guy Named Hurst

But there was one Thomasville lineman who is deserving of all praise for his defensive performances and he is Roy Hurst, Bulldog guard. Hurst was making tackle after tackle yesterday and led the fight of the lighter Thomasville forward wall. Drake at center and Hooper Young at end also turned in creditable performances.

Five Lacking

While all credit must be given the Wildcats for having an overlight football team which far outclassed the Red and Black eleven, the truth must be told that the Bulldogs seemed to lack the old time fire and spirit in their play yesterday. They had occasional moments when all of them would battle as Hurst was doing every moment. But they seemed to be stage struck or something. I dunno. They lost to a better team yesterday but they lost by a wider margin than they might have had they been scrapping as they did against Tifton and Bainbridge. While we intend no criticism upon those boys who battle out on the gridiron, they were just a wee bit disappointing in their play yesterday. That game wasn't one of the traditional Thomasville-Valdosta games. It was just a football game between Thomasville and Valdosta.

Of course, it is a time point to be decided—whether the Cats were very, very good yesterday or the Bulldogs a little off in their play. It was a combination of both. The Valdostans would have defeated the Bulldogs anyhow yesterday.

Callaway, Letchas, Land, Cook and Hudson performed very well at their line positions yesterday though not brilliantly. Vaughan and Wade Chastain turned in nice defensive games except for a few lapses when passes got by them. Offensively they couldn't do much. Zalumas was trying an awful lot of passes and many of them were batted or intercepted by the Cats who were also reaching out for them. Crawford replaced Land for a while in the battle and looked to be a better guard with his superior weight. Little Pierce went in for Thomason at halfback late in the game and proved to be the most able ball carrier of the Red and Black as he reeled off two first downs with dazzling speed.

The statistics of the game show that the Cats made a total of 15 first downs to 11 for the Bulldogs, most of Thomasville first downs coming on forward passes. The Bulldogs only clicked up one first down in the first half, the remainder coming in the last semester. The yardage gained shows the Cats leading by 327 yards to 208. The Bulldogs tried a total of 24 aerial passes, eight were completed for a total gain of 71 yards. The Cats attempted 11 passes and completed 4 of them for a total yardage of 64 and one touchdown. Wade Chastain and Vaughan were slightly outkicking their opposing punter, Parker.

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Deale	C	Shannon
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Referee Bowyer; Umpire Beck; and Head Lineman Hawkins.

First Period

Captain Davis of the Cats won the coin toss and elected to kick. The Bulldogs defended the east goal.

Chastain kicked off to Thomason who took the ball on his 20 yard line and returned to his 37 where C. O'Neil downed him.

It was old Wade Chastain on the first play and he swept around left end for 3 yards before Strom tackled him. Vaughan returned the favor for 3 yards when Strom met him. Chastain then let fly a punt and kicked to Strom who returned nicely from his 24 yard line to the 44 out of bounds.

The Hurricane Strikes

Valdosta's ball on own 44. Strom picked up a yard on a tackle, and then Young, Young, Valdosta's fullback on a split buck found a hole at left tackle and drove for 4 yards before Vaughan halted him down. The Bulldogs took time out and Thomason substituted for Junie Chastain who was hurt. Then Young hammered through for 2 yards. He left tackle again and drove his way for 19 yards down to Thomasville's 21 yard stripe. It looked like a touchdown and it was. Hurst halted Strom for just a yard at left guard, and Gibbens then picked up 2 more at right tackle, stopped by Chastain. Cats were ready to be halted however, and on a deceptive delayed play Young found a hole at left guard and sneaked through it, jooking and squirming his way until he had crossed the Bulldogs' goal line for a touchdown. Parker missed his try for the extra point and the Cats were out in front by 6 to 0.

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They heard off again and Nilen booted the ball deep into the Wade Chastain end returned it 14 yards out of bounds on Thomasville's 40 yard line.

Thomasville's ball on own 41. Thomason got 2 at left tackle, stopped by Young. Young tackled Vaughan for no gain. Chastain circled left end for 4, downed by Martin. Chastain went back to kick. He was rushed and went out of bounds for a loss of 10 yards but this was called back and the Cats penalized. But it was back to Strom who returned a fine punt from Valdosta's 31 to the 41 yard stripe, a nice little bit of work.

Valdosta's ball on own 41. The speedy Strom got that sailing away from Thomasville's 17 yard line, but the play was called back and the Cats penalized for clipping from the rear. The penalty placed Valdosta back to their 30 yard line. Gibbens was stopped for no gain. Young lunged away. Young could get but 2 when Vaughan and Hurst met him at left tackle. Strom passed to O'Neil but Vaughan hurled it down. It was time to punt and so Parker kicked to Thomasville's 11 yard mark where the ball was on Thomas's 40.

Thomasville's ball on own 31. On a fake punt Chastain sailed away at right end for 4 yards. Thomason cut in at left end for 4 yards. Then Chastain went back to punt and kicked to Strom, who took it on Valdosta's 37 yard line and Hook's yards on an attempted return, when he was run out of bounds.

Another March

Valdosta's ball on own 37. Mister Strom, that subtle chap, slipped away at right end for 11 yards and a first down, being to Valdosta's 47 yard marker. Gibbens received chalks for 3, stopped by Letchas, and Young for 2 at left tackle, tackled by Deale. The Wildcats decided to take to the air, standing Thomasville's thunder, and Parker passed to Martin who dashed out and a first down to Thomasville's 17 yard line where Thomason tackled Gibbens down. Parker stepped out of bounds for 3 yard gain. Crawford replaced Land for a while and looked to be a better guard with his superior weight. Little Pierce went in for Thomason at halfback late in the game and proved to be the most able ball carrier of the Red and Black as he reeled off two first downs with dazzling speed.

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