Bulldogs Defeat Quitman In Grid' Opener, 20-0

THOMASVILLE BULLDOGS FLASH SPEEDY RUNNING ATTACK TO WIN OPENING FOOTBALL TEST HERE 20-0

73-Yard Drive Nets First Score In Opening Period. Letchas Races 46 Yards For Second Touchdown, and Quitman Fumble Leads to 3rd Score on Pirates

By ALBERT RILEY, JR.

Thomasville's Bulldogs unleashed a set of fast, shifty little ball carriers here last night to score once in each of the first three periods and defeat Quitman's Pirates, 20-0, in the 1938 gridiron opener for both clubs. It was the first defeat the Buccaneers suffered since [illegible]

Showing promise as a team not quite in the top-flight of S. G. F. A. competitors yet good enough to provide trouble for most of their rivals, the Bulldogs looked good in flashes on offense and alternately good and bad on defense. Contrary to expectations, the Bulldogs' aerial attack did not click and was not used to a great extent, but it was a smooth, fast breaking running attack that accounted for their scoring.

Scoring early after kicking off to Quitman and forcing a punt, the Thomasville gridders turned on the [illegible] with an unbroken drive of 73 yards to get their first touchdown. Starting from their own 27 [illegible] line with Gus Letchas sparking the attack, the Bulldogs swept down the field with Hugh Inman, [illegible] Vann aiding in the ball [illegible] and Vann carrying the [illegible] scoring, the first [illegible] marked against the [illegible] two years.

Races 46 Yards

[illegible] Letchas, who gave [illegible] their second touchdown [illegible] second period with a [illegible] burst of speed and [illegible] as he broke off [illegible], cut back to the left [illegible] the Quitman secondary [illegible] yards for a touchdown. [illegible] score came late in the [illegible] after Fred Clarke [illegible] had dived on a [illegible] at the Pirates' 13-[illegible] five plays the red [illegible] had converted that [illegible] touchdown, Letchas [illegible] guard for the [illegible] the 3-yard line.

[illegible] lineman on the [illegible] Thomasville during the [illegible] of the last half, the [illegible] tried them on more even [illegible] in the first semester, [illegible] final quarter was score[illegible]

[illegible] for the game give the [illegible] a total of 14 first downs [illegible] up with a running attack, while the Buccaneers [illegible] Ralph Qualles managed to [illegible] 6 first downs, two with the [illegible] passes and one with the aid [illegible] penalty.

[illegible] Pirates presented a husky, [illegible] line-up of experienced [illegible] against Coach J. K. Harper's new Bulldog outfit, and as [illegible] on this page yesterday, Quitman lads were no set-ups [illegible] they did fall to launch a [illegible] threat against the Thomasville goal line.

[illegible] brunt of their offensive was borne by Denny Groover, hard running triple-threat [illegible] who did the passing [illegible] off some nice kicks during [illegible]. Leading their defensive play was Hunter, a hefty [illegible] and Captain Padgette who [illegible] Quitman right flank [illegible] time and time again he [illegible] two and three blockers [illegible] Bulldog ball carrier or [illegible] inside.

150-Pound Guard

[illegible] the game features was [illegible] aggressive play on the [illegible] line of a plucky little [illegible] substitute guard, Clifford Harbour. On defense he knifed through the blue-clad forward [illegible] many occasions and proved [illegible] annoying to the Pirate [illegible]

[illegible] of several hundred fans [illegible] to see the season's opener [illegible] encounter. Pleasing to them [illegible] Bulldog victory and the neat [illegible] of the red-jerseyed Thomasville [illegible] and the parading and [illegible] the T. H. S. Band in the [illegible] appearance of the 1938 unit. [illegible] was the gridiron layout, [illegible] stadium, an uncomfortable [illegible] for the spectators, more [illegible] of whom had to either [illegible] the sidelines or else sit [illegible] groups in the grandstand [illegible] from the field and [illegible] play at a disconcerting [illegible]

First Period

[illegible] Padgette of Quitman won [illegible]

chas got 9 more yards and on that fake pass he got a first down to the Quitman 10. Inman showed the ball to the 5-yard stripe and Tommy Vann knifed through for a touchdown. Letchas place-kicked the extra point, putting Thomasville in the lead, 7-0.

After receiving the kick-off again the Pirates with a Groover to Pankoke forward pass got a first down at their own 47 but the Bulldogs forced a punt, Groover booting it out of bounds at Thomasville's 15 in a nice kick.

Behind some nice blocking, Inman sailed around left end for 24 yards on the next play, getting by every one but Groover the safety man. It was one of the few occasions in which the Bullpups were able to circle Padgette's end. Letchas got a first down at midfield and Fred Clarke sneaked through right guard, cut to the left and eluded all Pirates save Groover in a dash to the Quitman 20 as the quarter ended with the Bulldogs leading, 7-0.

Second Period

On the second play of the second quarter the Bulldogs' second goal-ward drive was checked when there was a fumble, Groover recovering for Quitman on the Pirates' 24.

After Jack Setterich and Langdon Flowers on the Bulldog line had smeared three plays for Quitman, Groover punted to Clarke who made a fair catch of the short kick on Quitman's 46.

Letchas Runs

On the very next play, this Gus Letchas slid off right tackle in a quick breaking play, cut to the left behind the Quitman line, reversing his field and getting into the clear, outrunning all pursuers to traverse those 46 yards for a touchdown. It was a run reminiscent of some of those of thus turned on a few years back by Gus' older brother, Charlie.

Letchas missed the try for extra point and the Bulldogs led, 13-0.

Taking the kick-off again, the Pirates with a combined ground and aerial attack and the aid of a penalty rolled up two first downs to the Thomasville 30-yard stripe with Groover leading the drive. Billy Harris in for Setterich at center for Thomasville, stopped the Pirates' surge, however, by intercepting one of Groover's aerials and the Bulldogs got another first down at about midfield as the half ended with the score, Thomasville 13, Quitman 0.

Third Period

Quitman received the kick-off to start the second half and starting from their 30 the Pirates got a first down when Groover passed 16 yards to Pankoke to Quitman's 48. A punt was forced, however, and Vann nigged it back 17 yards to the Thomasville 47. In three plays, Charlie Dixon, substitute back, and Gus Letchas swept down the field for a first down at the Quitman 25 but passes fell incomplete and Dixon was nailed for a loss by Saunders. And the Pirates stopped the push, taking the ball on downs at their 10.

Three plays later, however, the Pirates, trying to run the ball out of danger lost it when Groover fumbled, Clarke and Setterich recovering for Thomasville at the Quitman 15.

Vann cut in at left end for 7 yards. Hunter stopped one play but Letchas got a first down at 5-yard line. Clarke knifed through right guard for 3 yards and Letchas went over the same place for a touchdown, kicking the extra point to make the score 20-0.

Fourth Period

The final quarter was scoreless, Quitman taking the kick-off again but having to punt a 13-yard dash [illegible]

Cairo Routs Camilla, 38-0; Bainbridge Wins, 12-7

CAIRO FLASHES SURPRISING STRENGTH

Play of Syrup-Makers' Line Features 38-0 Win Over Panthers

By ARNOLD PAULK

Cairo, Ga., Sept. 24—Surprising even the most optimistic of their following, Coach John Herndon's Cairo High Syrup Makers out-did themselves here last night and displayed mid-season form to overpower a scrappy Camilla eleven 38 to 0 before a large crowd.

Dedicating their new Syrup Bowl, the Syrup Makers, with their big line opening gaping holes for Hall Cain, Barrineau, Barwick, and Dollar to march through, rendered the Panthers helpless in a slashing attack that netted them six touchdowns and two extra points before the final whistle blew. Only in the second period did they fail to score. With the Cairo subs in the game, the Panthers threatened to score when Sheffield, Camilla back, recovered a Cairo fumble on the Syrup Makers 15 yard line, late in the period. However, the varsity returned in time to keep their goal line intact.

Score Early

Hard on the heels of the opening whistle the Syrup Makers scored. Taking Weaver's punt on his own 45 yard line, Hall, behind excellent blocking, raced down to the Panther's 25 yard line before being brought down. Cain went over tackle for 8 yards. Cain made it first down on the Camilla 10 yard line, Barrineau fumbled but recovered for a gain of a yard. Hall hit the line for five more yards and Cain went through a hole to score. An end around failed to get the point. The second score came a few minutes later. After Barwick had made it first down on the Camilla 47, Cain cut off tackle for thirty yards and then ran seventeen more behind fine blocking to chalk up the second marker. Gene Barwick hit the center of the line for the point.

O. B. Cassels led the march for the third score in opening minutes of the third quarter. On an end around, Cassels sped from his own 40 yard line down to the Panthers twenty. His interference was perfect. From there Barrineau went through another hole for the remaining distance. Try for point failed. Then the Panthers tightened up and the Syrup Makers lost the ball several times on downs. Macey was outstanding for the Panthers at this time.

After an exchange of punts in the final period the Syrup Makers settled down and soon scored again. Taking the ball on Camilla's 45 yard line, Hall threw a pass that was knocked into the air and Thomas, hefty Cairo tackle snagged it for a four yard gain. Cain made it first down at the 35. A pass Hall to [illegible] was good for 15 yards. And then Hall, on a reverse, passed to Barrineau, who scored standing up. Hall's drop kick hit the cross bar and fell inside.

After taking Cairo's kickoff, which was short, an attempted pass by the Panthers was intercepted [illegible]

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and Dick Mitchell at the guards. Setterich at center was steady as was Billy Harris, his understudy. Johns saw guard duty, the stocky, promising lad, getting his first game experience. The ball carrying was satisfactory, the blocking alternately good and spotty and the pass defense none too alert with Vann, Clarke, Inman and Letchas composing the starting backfield in the absence of Jack Chastain, regular fullback, and Marion Palin, halfback. Backfield substitutes included Thames, Zalumas and others.

One of the game's amusing features was the nonchalant appearance of a friendly tail-wagging bird dog that went onto the field at one [illegible]

Albany, Brunswick, Moultrie, Valdosta, Waycross Winners

SGFA FAVORITES WIN OPENING CONTESTS

Braves Wallop Eagles, 45-0, Packers Take Americus—Valdosta Wins Handily

Albany's Indians and Brunswick's Glynn Academy Terrors, two of title favorites in the S. G. F. A. rolled up impressive 45-0 victories over their opening day opponents yesterday as the 1938 football season got under way in south Georgia.

The Braves, paced by Fred Farris, walloped Sylvester, 45-0, as the Terrors of the coast crushed a conference foe, Douglas, by a similar score.

Meanwhile, another highly regarded S. G. F. A. tea, the Waycross Red Raiders, had much more trouble in their initial combat, being held to two touchdowns as they defeated little Lyons, 12-0.

Moultrie's Packers, 1937 champions of the S. G. F. A., launched their title defense with a 13-0 win over a light but fast conference foe, the Americus Panthers. The Packers turned on the power when needed.

Valdosta's Wildcats, led by Brooker Blanton, routed Jasper, Fla., 31-0, while Thomasville's Bulldogs defeated Quitman, 20-0. Cairo's Syrup Makers were impressive in a 38-0 win over Camilla.

The Bainbridge Bearcats scored in the first and last quarters, defeating Chipley, Fla., 12-7. Pelham remained idle until next week as did Jesup and some other south Georgia teams.

There were no upsets in the first days' firing as the S. G. F. A. forces swung into action, all favorites winning.

BLANTON LEADS VALDOSTA CATS TO 31-0 VICTORY

Valdosta, Ga., Sept. 24. (AP)—Valdosta high school Wildcats, meeting a Jasper, Fla., eleven here last night, romped to a 31-0 score over their opponents as Coach Hooks used 32 men in playing the game. The Valdostans were led in scoring by big Brooker Blanton who racked up two of the touchdowns.

All Valdosta counters came in the first three quarters of the game. The Jasper team, led by J. Scaff, threatened to score in the final period when Coach Hooks had second and third string men on the line, but Blanton, who returned to the battle, stopped him at the goal line.

A large crowd attended the season opener.

MOULTRIE PACKERS TURN ON POWER TO DEFEAT AMERICUS, 13-0

Moultrie, Ga., Sept. 24. (AP)—Moultrie's husky Packers opened defense of their South Georgia Football Association title here last night with a 13 to 0 victory over a light but speedy Americus eleven.

The Packers unleashed two of their famous "power drives" to score both touchdowns in the first half. The first touchdown came late in the first quarter when Carlton dived over from the one-yard-line after a sustained march of 69 yards. The second came midway in the second period as Tucker ran five yards through tackle to culminate a 50-yard drive.

Moultrie ran up 23 first downs against two for Americus, and both of the Panthers' first downs came in the third period.

FARRIS PACES ALBANY TRIBE IN 45-0 WIN OVER SYLVESTER TEAM

Albany, Ga., Sept. 24. (AP)—With Fred Farris, 1936 and 1937 substitute halfback featured in his [illegible]

HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

By N. Y. B.

War may have been started ere this gets to your home but it will not be surprising after all of the doubt and rumor that have been on the air and in the air for many hours. Folks did not realize, some of them at least, how close to war Europe was until Chamberlain decided not to do everything Hitler requested or demanded or even commanded. The Czechs are mobilized and that means war nine times out of ten.

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It is a pitiable sight to see the world forced into war but it may be said that every possible avenue of escape has been tried by England and by France, especially the former. Chamberlain having gone even too far for some of his countrymen in appeasing Hitler and the German hordes. The next step in the drama will be vital or it will merely be a forerunner of another annexation to be demanded by Hitler, who hopes to eliminate France from the European situation.

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The football season was pried open last night at the stadium when the Bulldogs won handily from an alert and well-coached Quitman crew. The Thomasville boys are a fine looking set of lads in their uniforms and their appearance makes all this "weak and puny" stuff sound silly. Those lads are in the making a formidable team and there is no use rubbing it out, also they may not hope to win all of their games against some of the powerhouses in the conference.

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The new seating arrangement is not liked by many and others do not care. The view from the grandstand to see liking to watch the closeup of the plays is very unsatisfactory. It will be necessary to build more bleachers of the temporary type, such as were used in the baseball wars. A line filling up the south side of the gridiron and running half way up the north line would handle about a thousand people. The residue could sit in the stands and get a fair view of the field.

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The Gainesville team won again from Albany last night—The City Hall bond election will come up Tuesday and your vote counts—We hope Alabama wins against the Trojans this afternoon — Thomasville friends feel that the Krewsons at Magnolia are safe after the storm, or we would have heard—Ever notice that echo at the stadium, especially when the drums roll and the horns toot?—Who isn't pulling for Greenberg to get five more home runs in the nine games left?—The interest in the bond election is growing and will grind if the opposition gets hefty enough.

• SPORTS • ROUNDUP

By EDDIE BRIETZ

New York, Sept. 24 (AP)—Louisiana State does things in style. They've just bought a snappy four-seater airplane for their football scouts—National League President Ford Frick is just out with his annual statement: "Don't sell the National League short"—haw!—The Long Island University basketball team which has been barnstorming in Puerto Rico made such a hit down there that several of the lads have been offered permanent jobs—Personal note to Capt. F. A. March, West Point: We will be at your beefsteak dinner with bells on.

Budding sports editors might [illegible]

G-MEN NEED BUT ONE MORE WIN IN SERIES

Gainesville Boosts Lead Over Albany Travelers With 6-1 Win Last Night

Gainesville, Fla., Sept. 24 (AP)—Gainesville of the Florida State League needed only one game today to win its inter-series warfare with Albany of the Georgia-Florida loop.

The Floridians defeated the Travelers, 1938 champions of the Georgia-Florida circuit, 6 to 1 last night to take a three to one game lead in the post season series.

The teams play the fifth game of the series here Sunday. If a sixth game is necessary, it will be played in Albany.

A four-run rally in the third stanza and the six-hit hurling of Pierce Corley, Gainesville ace, featured the G-Men's third victory. Corley struck out eight batsmen and walked only one.

Jack Devincenzi, champion hitter of the Florida State circuit, hit two home runs and a single to lead the Gainesville attack.

Keane singled and Joratz tripled to make Albany's lone run in the sixth. Rampola and Bess pitched for Albany, giving up seven hits.

Football Results

By The Associated Press

Valdosta 31, Jasper, Fla. 0.
Moultrie 13, Americus 0.
Brunswick 45, Douglas 0.
Waycross 12, Lyons 0.
Thomasville 20, Quitman 0.
Waycross 12, Lyons 0.
Commercial High (Atlanta) 12, Lanier (Macon) 6.
Benedictine (Savannah) 0, Jordan High (Columbus) 0 (tie).
Monroe Aggies 6, Boys High (Atlanta) 6, (tie).
G. M. A. 32, Russell High 7.
Newnan High 34, Fulton High 0.
Marist (Atlanta) 7, North Fulton High 0.
R. E. Lee High (Thomaston) 40, Gray High 7.

AUBURN TIGERS WIN OPENING TEST, 14-0

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 24 (AP)—Auburn, first Southeastern Conference team to go into action in the new gridiron season, was safely past the initial hurdle of a tough schedule today.

The Tigers played hard, straight football to defeat Birmingham-Southern 14 to 0 last night, and Coach Jack Meagher was not forced to uncover anything startling in the process.

However, Charley Haynsworth, Auburn's No. 2 fullback, turned in a sparkling performance, gaining a total of 109 yards against 100 for the whole Birmingham-Southern backfield.

MOBILE WINS FINAL S-E LOOP SERIES FROM SELMA, ALA.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 24 (AP)—The Mobile Shippers, playoff winners in the Southeastern League, took a breathing spell today before tackling Macon of the South Atlantic [illegible]

BAINBRIDGE CATS TRIM CHIPLEY BY 12-7

Ward In 50-Yard Scoring Dash—Bearcats Tally In First and Last Periods

By LUTHER BRYANT

Bainbridge, Ga., Sept. 24.—The Bearcats of Bainbridge scored their second victory of this new football season last night, turning back Chipley, Fla., 12-7.

A drive which began from their 28-yard line late in the first quarter gave the Cats their first touchdown early in the second period. An end run dash of 50 yards by Ward scored Bainbridge's second touchdown early in the fourth quarter. Chipley scored with an aerial attack in the last minute of play.

The Cats paraded onto Centennial Field last night in new purple and gold jersies and pants, the new uniforms looking flashy under the floodlights as a large crowd of fans assembled to cheer the home team on to a victory.

First Period

Punt exchanges followed the opening kick-off as the two teams sparred for openings and then the Cats unleashed a drive from their 28-yard line. Ward picked up eleven yards and a first down on two thrusts through center and guard. Aided by Patterson, Ward picked up 14 yards and another first down on reverses. Aerial attempts proved unsuccessful so Ward broke through right guard on a beautiful run of 30 yards deep into Chipley territory as the quarter ended.

Second Period

On the first play of the second quarter, Ward crossed the goal line, fumbled and recovered for a touchdown. The try for point was missed.

Punt exchanges followed the next kick-off with both teams drawing penalties for roughing and offside. Late in the period a Chipley air attack threatened but to no avail.

Third Period

There was a continuance of the nip and tuck battle during the third quarter with neither team threatening and Belote, replacing Ward, intercepting a Chipley pass for Bainbridge.

Fourth Period

Early in the fourth quarter, Coper of Chipley carried the ball for 23 yards on two end runs. A fumble nullified the surge, however, and Ward went back into the game for Bainbridge, and promptly set sail around left end for 50 yards and the Cats' second touchdown. Again the try for point was missed but the Bainbridge margin of 12 points was safer than 6.

Starting from midfield, the Floridians turned on an aerial offensive in the closing moments of the game and a beautiful pass, Cooper to Williams, netted them a touchdown, a Williams to Cooper pass then scoring the extra point.

Starting Lineup

Bainbridge		Chipley
Flowers	LE	O. Cox
Jennings	LT	C. Cox
Priest	LG	W. D. Griffin
Shirley	C	T. L. Griffin
A. Lane	RG	Thurman
J. Lane	RT	Shumaker
Harrell	RE	Boles
Rollins	QB	Kirkland
Patterson	RH	E. Cooper
Lovett	FB	Williams

Referee: Cliett; Umpire, Tenge; Lineman, Varner.

COLLEGE TEAMS OPEN GRID CAMPAIGN

Alabama-U. S. C. Battle Tops Nation's Slate On Opening Day

By HUGH S. FULLERTON, JR.

New York, Sept. 24 (AP)—That bang resounding from coast to coast today wasn't an echo from Europe but merely the opening of the 1938 football season.

A dozen or more teams that annually rank among the best in the country were paired off. No one could predict that might happen, but about 250,000 fans were expected to be on hand for the six top attractions to find out for themselves.

The day's biggest contests and probable crowds were:

Alabama-Southern California at Los Angeles (70,000); California-St. Mary's at Berkley (60,000); Minnesota-Washington at Minneapolis (60,000); Pittsburgh-West Virginia at Pittsburgh (30,000); Illinois-Ohio University at Urbana (28,000), and Louisiana State-Mississippi at Baton Rouge (20,000).

While these took in every section there were plenty of interesting clashes to care for the overflow throngs. The west coast, for example, had Washington State-Oregon; the southwest had Texas Christian-Centenary and Oklahoma A. and M.-Arkansas, and the mid-west offered such "mid-season" games as Purdue-Detroit, Washington University (St. Louis) vs. Vanderbilt, and Kansas-Texas.

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[illegible]ENE'S CONTEST MOVES TODAY TO SCREVEN COUNTY

Sylvania, Ga., Sept. 24 [illegible] Talmadge's contest of [illegible] September 14 primary, in wh[illegible] was runner-up for the United [illegible] Senate seat of Walter F. G[illegible] moved today into Screven [illegible] for a hearing by the dem[illegible] executive committee.

This was the ninth count[illegible] consider the former governor['s] [ap]peal for a recount of the [illegible] eight others previously havi[ng] [re]jected it. The contest also ha[s] [been] filed in 24 more counties [illegible] Talmadge charged irregularit[ies] [in] the polls.

The Emanuel, Habersham, Crawford county executive [com]mittees turned down his re[quest] yesterday. Pike, Se[illegible] Oglethorpe, Meriwether and [illegible] counties took similar action [illegible] day.

Emory Thompson, chairm[an] [of] the Screven county dem[ocratic] executive committee, said h[e] received a telegram from [Tal]madge advising that the [illegible] governor would not be pres[ent] [at] the Sylvania hearing but [illegible] had not asked a continuance.

Talmadge has attended [illegible] of the hearings and was repr[esent]ed by counsel at others wh[ich] [he] could not reach personally.

Hearings of the contest were scheduled today in [illegible] county at Sparta, Greene cou[nty] [at] Greensboro, and Brooks cou[nty] [at] Quitman.

Meanwhile, announcement [illegible] official primary return[s] [illegible]

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