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T'VILLE WINS 1945 STATE "B" CROWN

BULLDOGS TROUNCE STRONG AND DETERMINED CEDARTOWN TEAM 22 TO 7 IN ALBANY YESTERDAY

By J. P. WHEELER, JR.

Recovering from a 30-yard pass and a Cedartown touchdown in the first quarter, the Thomasville Bulldogs surged ahead scoring a safety, three touchdowns and two extra points to soundly defeat a stubborn and determined Cedartown eleven by the sweet and melodious tune of 22 to 7 to become the Georgia State Class B football champions. The locals scored 9 points in the second quarter, 6 in the third, and 7 in the fourth period.

The Cedartown Bulldogs were set up for their only tally about the middle of the first quarter when a T'ville fumble was recovered on the Thomasville 40. After an eleven yard gain by Mullen, Mullen passed to Hamrick for 29 yards and the tally. Pickard converted for the point.

The Garnermen started their scoring spree when little Pee Wee Musselwhite broke through the Cedartown line to block Carter's attempted punt. The ball rolled back from the Cedartown 31 yard line over the goal and out of the end zone. Musselwhite recovered it for a safety and two points. After a reverse from Buddy DeFreitas to Jimmy Mitchell on the kickoff for 25 yards, Woodward broke through the Cedartown right tackle, outran two secondary men and put Thomasville out in front 8 to 7. DeFreitas kick was good. The second touchdown came late in the third quarter when Callahan blocked another Cedartown punt that rolled over the goal and was recovered by Watt for the score. The kick went wild. The other tally came on the Bulldogs "Old Faithful" play, a pass to Watt and a lateral to Woodward for the TD. DeFreitas kicked the point. This made the final score 22 to 7.

Although both teams were well represented, the stands were by no means crowded. The expected number of 6000 wasn't realized but approximately 4500 or 5000 people witnessed the great spectacle. It was perfect football weather, cool but not cold, and the fans remained in their seats in the great Albany stadium until the final minutes of the game.

After the game at the Chamber of Commerce banquet, the Thomasville Bulldogs received the championship trophy but that is another story on this page.

Don't get the idea it was a runaway game for the Bulldogs for it was far from that. The Cedartown eleven fought with the same zeal and determination that had enabled them to down such powerful teams as are in the N. G. F. A. It was as their coach said, "we just weren't quite good

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STATISTICS

	THS	CHS
First downs	11	10
Yds. gain rush.	227	127
Passes Att.	4	12
Passes Com.	2	6
Yds. Passing	19	80
Passes Inter.	2	1
Fumbles Rec.	0	3
No. Punts	2	4
Yds. Punt	74	60
Average Punt	37	15
Penalties	0	0

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1	2	3	4	
Cedartown	7	0	0	0	7
Thomasville	0	9	6	7	22

LINE UP

THOMASVILLE		CEDARTOWN
MITCHELL, S. capt.	LE	HAMRICK
CALLAHAN, JIMMY	LT	PHILPOT
CAPPS, JAMES	LG	BARKWELL
CHASTAIN, NORMAN	C	THOMAS
FIELDING, HENRY	RG	HARDISON
THOMAS, CARL	RT	BYRD
WATT, GUS	RE	capt. SMITH
DeFREITAS, BUDDY	QB	PICKARD
WOODWARD, BILLY	LH	MULLEN
MITCHELL, JIMMY	RH	LEE
MUSSLEWHITE, JOHN	FB	ROBERSON

SUBSTITUTIONS: T'ville—Alred, Upchurch.
Cedartown—Martin, Carter, Smith.

OFFICIALS: Holt, Robinson, Sherfield, Wilson.

T.H.S. ELEVEN AS STATE CHAMPIONS RECEIVE ALBANY HERALD TROPHY AT GIANT BANQUET LAST NIGHT

The Thomasville Bulldogs as State Champions of class B football are now the proud owners of the 1945 Albany Herald trophy which was presented to them last night at the annual Chamber of Commerce-City of Albany banquet at the new Albany Hotel. Mr. Walter Switzer, sports editor of the Herald, made the presentation to Sam Mitchell captain of the Bulldogs.

The presentation followed a gigantic meal of inch-thick steaks, French fries, beans, fruit cocktails, and good old apple pie, which was enjoyed by some 110 hungry players and fans.

The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce announced before the meeting started that anyone who started a long speech was going to get bottles thrown at them, so there were no long speeches. The meeting consisted of introductions of schoolmen, coaches, officials, women present sport writers, and last but not least, the boys for whom the banquet was given, the Bulldogs of Cedartown and Thomasville.

Sam Mitchell described the Cedartown team perfectly when after receiving the trophy he said, "We want you Cedartown boys to know that you are the cleanest ud best bunch of boys we have played against or hope to play against." Then Don Smith of the Cedartown team praised the Thomasville eleven for their fine playing and good sportsmanship and said, "although we lost we aren't mad with anybody about the game. We just weren't good enough and the best team won."

Coach Garner was praised in absentia and the Thomasville Coach Williams of Cairo was also commended for his act of sportsmanship by volunteering his

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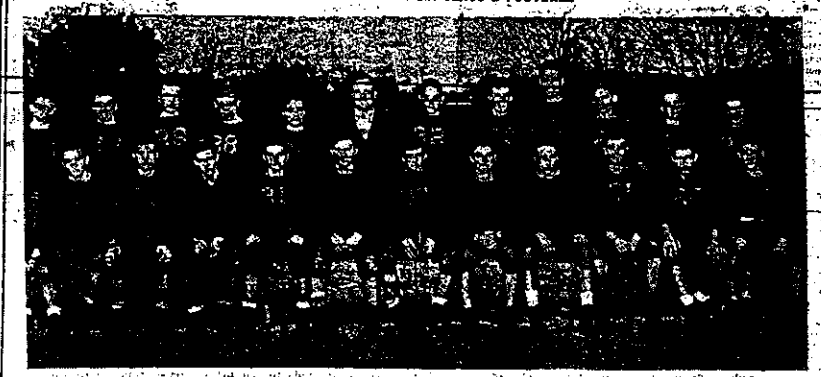
1945 CHAMPIONS OF GEORGIA CLASS B FOOTBALL



Front Row: (left to right) Jimmy Mitchell, Billy Woodward, Gus Watt, Henry Fielding, Carl Thomas, Norman Chastain, Co-captain James Capps, Jimmy Callahan, Captain Sam Mitchell, Buddy DeFreitas, John Musselwhite. Back Row: Brown Cooper, Glen Alred, Louie Jerger, Buddy Upchurch, Bobby Whiddon, Coach E. O. Garner, Forbes Davis, Billy Carter, Robby Robinson, Bobby McCrory, J.L. Dollar and Billy Williams.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.

Columbus, O., Dec. 8. (AP) — You'd hardly expect to hear people talking about golf at a baseball convention, but two of this week's visitors who brought up the subject were Jack Corbett, former ball player and club owner, and Bill Kaiser, golfing executive of a sports good firm . . . Corbett advanced the novel theory that baseball's hitters are better than they were in the good old days because they learn the golf swing. . . . "It's exactly the same," he maintained, "you just bring it up to where the ball is." . . . Kaiser predicting a great golf boom, argued that a lot of people are overlooking a good thing in not promoting the game. . . . "Think of all the industries that benefit from golf—everything from drinks to shoes to fertilizer."

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OBSERVATION POST

Baseball Commissioner Happy Chandler plans to revive the "commissioner's Dinner" at next week's major league meetings inChicago. If the big leaguers give him the same sort of brushoff he got here, Happy likely will try to feed them a big helping of crow.

SHORTS AND SHELLS

Dodger Scouts who have been looking over players on the service list bring word that Stan Rejek, who played for Montreal before the war, may make the Flatbush faithful forget there ever was such a guy as Pee-wee Reese. . . . Art Rooney, the Pittsburgh promoter, has offered Ray Robinson $20,000 to fight Charley Burley in Pittsburgh . . . So many towns wanted to break in to the Kitty League when it began reorganizing that it may wind up as two circuits.

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DOTS ALL BROTHERS

Proof that the Yankees are rapidly regaining their wartime losses was seen here this week when Tommy Henrich and Rollie Hemsley check in, both out of uniform . . . Although an important part of baseball farm operations always has been the ability to pay more than independents to acquire promising players, some of the speakers yesterday hailed the anti-bonus rule as "an absolute necessity" and as "the salvation of baseball." . . . Wonder how that will go over with some kid who has been looking forward to the dough he could get for turning pro?

MAJORS DISCUSSING CLIPPING CHANDLER'S POWERS AS CZAR

By HAROLD HARRISON

Columbus, O., Dec. 8. (AP)—Major league baseball magnates were Chicago-bound today, faced with the job of deciding whether to join the minor leagues in clipping the powers of ba eball commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler.

The minors, who ended their biggest convention in history here Chicago meeting.

The New York Giants, the Philadelphia Phillies and the Boston Braves generally were reported as ready to put out cash to strengthen their teams.

Biggest names on the sale or swap market appeared to be Jeff Heath and Ray Mack of the Cleveland Indians and Frank McCormick of the Cincinnati Reds plus a dozen of the boys who helped bring the American League pennant and the world's championship to Detroit this year.

SPORTS SHORTS

Jacksonville's inaugural Gator Bowl on New Year's Day.

The two teams played a 13-13 tie during the regular season.

Acceptance of terms by Wake Forest and South Carolina was announced last night by Charles Hilty end R. A. McCarthy, Jacksonville business men.

The Gamecocks had been prominently mentioned for a role in a proposed Tobacco Bowl at Columbia, S. C.

Auburn, Ala., Dec. 8 (AP)—The Auburn Plainsmen open their basketball season here Monday night against Mississippi State. The two teams will play again Tuesday night.

Ralph Jordan, who coached Auburn's Cagers for 10 years before getting his call to the army, said he had booked additional games with Florida. The Florida-Auburn schedule now reads:

Jan. 29-30, Florida at Auburn; Feb. 5-6, Auburn at Gainesville.

This is the way the first string outfit now looks:

Forwards—Bill Burgess, Talladega, Ala., and Paul Walther, Covington, Ga.; guards—Herbert Buller, Columbus, Ga., and Rod Lancaster, Varnsboro, N. C.; center—Bill Ray, Elba, Ala.

New York, Dec. 8 (AP)—Youthful Alexis Thompson, millionaire owner of the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League, today scotched rumors that Earle "Greasy" Neale was on his way out as coach of the team.

"He'll be with us as long as he feels like coaching," asserted Thompson who signed Neale five years ago after purchasing the Eagles.

The rumors gained strength last Sunday when the Eagles, heralded in September as the coming league champions, blew a 21-0 lead at the Polo Grounds and lost to the New York Giants, 28-21, a stunning defeat that virtually eliminated them from the race.

FORMER GEORGIA GRID STAR WINS LEGION OF MERIT FOR WAR WORK

Athens, Ga., Dec. 8 (AP)—Lt. Col. Leon Milton "Red" Leathers, former Georgia University football star, was awarded the Legion of Merit for devising a method of shipping ammunition overseas during a critical stage of the war.

The presentation was made yesterday by Lt. Col. Thomas Calloway, representing Col. George D. Darnes, commanding officer of the Atlanta Ordnance Depot.

Many friends of Leathers, who starred in football in 1928-31, were present for the ceremony, including Coach Wallace Butts and other members of the coaching staff.

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NANCY — Saving Face — By Ernie Bushmiller

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