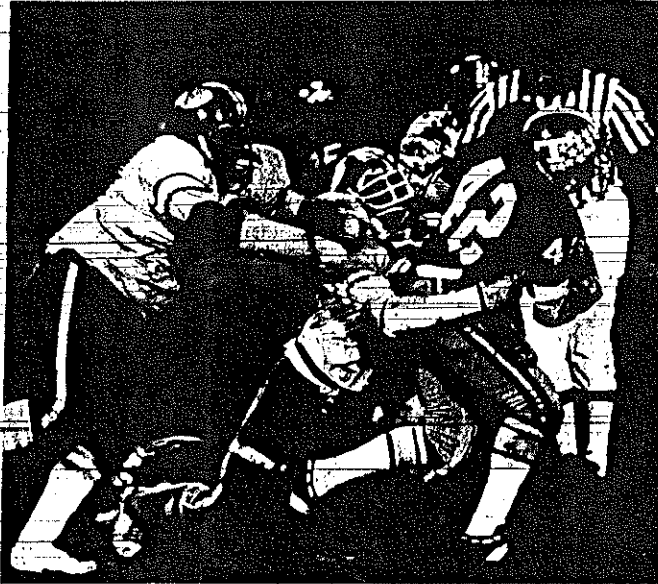


Thomasville Defeats Monroe After Shaky Start, 27-22



Roscoe Mitchell Broke This Tackle And Raced 68 Yards For TD

We Need To Control Ball More Defensive Consistency--Hughes

Thomasville High had to play defense for the final two minutes of the football game in Albany Saturday night against the Monroe Tornados.

The Bulldogs defensive unit had already responded once to the call earlier in the quarter when Monroe moved to the two-yard line.

Three lines in the game the defense came through with a super effort, but the consistency which head coach Jim Hughes is looking for in the young defensive unit is still missing.

"We were well pleased at times with the defense," said Hughes. "It was first and goal at the one and we got out of it. And in the last couple of minutes, they performed well."

The Bulldogs gave up three touchdowns for the fourth time this season. That's not the typical THS defense. Albany scored 20, Crisp County scored 21, Dougherty scored 27 and Monroe pushed across 22.

Thomasville was missing a number of tackles Saturday night as Monroe seemed to be taking advantage of the tremendous pursuit of the Bulldogs. Almost every running play had a delayed handoff which resembled a draw.

"We did not play consistent defense and that is evident by the three touchdowns we gave up," said Hughes. "We had some excellent moments where we played well, but we've got to work harder to solve our problems."

Defense wasn't the only problem in the first quarter. Fumbles led to Monroe's first touchdown and earlier had given the Tornados a chance to score.

Thomasville lost two fumbles in the first quarter. Hughes says there is no way to explain what has happened over the past two games in which the Bulldogs have coughed up the ball several times.

"We played good offense in the latter part of the first quarter until halftime," added Hughes. "Roscoe and William ran well. But we need to control the ball more as well as score."

Roscoe Mitchell had been playing part time because of a nagging injury to an ankle. Hughes said Mitchell disregarded the pain and got back on the productive side of the ledger for the Bulldogs with a 68-yard TD run.

By WENDELL THOMPSON, ALBANY -- Going into the 1974 football season, Thomasville High expected to field a defensive squad which would be more vulnerable than its AAA Championship team of 1973.

Therefore, the Bulldogs hoped to depend on a ball-control game from its offensive team to take the pressure from the young defensive squad.

WARDSICK	
First Downs	11 11
Yards Rushed	114 119
Yards Gained	211 224
Total Offense	315 324
Turnovers	8 13
Punts	2-28 4-43
Penalties	1-15 1-20

And now that Thomasville's defense has been weakened by leg injuries, it has become even more important for the offense to keep the ball away from the opponents.

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William Andrews (32) Pulls Defender Into End Zone

This Friday night in their final regular season home game, Thomasville faces tough Monroe's 20-17. The Bulldogs scored three touchdowns on defense -- real touchdowns -- Friday night and came away with the opinion that Monroe will field probably the best defensive team that Thomasville has faced this year.

"We will not be able to throw the ball down and beat Monroe," Hughes said. "They are good on defense -- real good. We will have to play a great game to beat them."

THE HULLDOG offense had a good night Saturday in spite of the four turnovers. Thomasville rolled up 314 yards rushing against Monroe. The Bulldogs threw only two passes, including a 45-yard score by Mitchell.

At Pann picked up 65 yards in 11 carries for Thomasville. William Andrews rolled up 146 yards in 20 carries and scored three touchdowns on runs of 41, five and one yard.

Andrews now has 1,121 yards rushing and 22 touchdowns this season. If now has 3,318 career yards rushing.

Thomasville won the toss and elected to fumble the opening kickoff. Monroe set up at the Bulldog 35 and drove inside the 20.

But two defensive plays by Andrew Hunter and Mike Hancey halted the threat at the 15. It was the first of three times during the game that Thomasville stopped Monroe inside the 20.

Thomasville took the next kickoff and drove 69 yards in only four plays. Andrews gained all 69 yards on three carries.

Andrews started off tackle and eluded the final-monroe defender to roll 41 yards for the 17 touchdown.

It was Monroe that fumbled the ball at the 15. Thomasville's Andrews again got all 28 yards in three carries.

Andrews followed downfield blocks by Cleo Anderson and Al Pann for the 20-yard touchdown.

The Bulldog defense held the next Monroe drive and Thomasville drove for two first downs before punting. Monroe for two first downs and punted back.

Mitchell gained eight yards and Pann got seven before Jack Cannady's pass was intercepted by Monroe at the 50 yard line.

Monroe took seven plays to drive in for the score to make it 14-17 with 2:14 left in the half. But on the first play after the kickoff, Mitchell boomed off tackle and raced 68 yards unopposed to put Thomasville back on top, 25-17.

Sports Line

By George Lassiter
T-E Sports Editor

The Bulldogs take on the Moultrie Packers Friday night at Veterans Memorial Stadium. Thomasville can clinch at least a tie for the league title with a victory.

Wheeler Keeps Rolling As No. 1 Football Team

By The Associated Press -- It is obvious that Wheeler High School's football team is trying to shake off its two-year-old role as a runner-up.

The Wildcats finished second to Thomasville in last year's state championship football game, losing 40-35 in a wild contest.

That ended last week, however, following Dougherty's 27-20 upset of Thomasville, and Wheeler moved into the No. 1 spot in Class AAA.

Evidence that Wheeler enjoys its top billing came Friday night when the Wildcats, behind sparkling Ed Guthrie, outclassed Sprayberry 41-7.

Here is a complete list of how the top 10 teams in the three major high school football classifications in Georgia fared this weekend:

1. Wheeler (9-0) beat Sprayberry 41-7
2. Columbus (8-0) beat Spencer 40-0
3. Warner Brothers (8-0) beat Kendrick 21-15
4. Thomasville (17-1) beat Monroe-Albany 27-22
5. Richmond Academy (8-1) beat Jones 34-7
6. Groves (9-0) beat Brunswick 42-7
7. Lakeview (7-1) beat Briarcliff 61-0
8. Henderson (7-1) was idle
9. Macon Central (6-2-1) lost to Laney 21-20
10. Griffin (8-1) beat Morrow 34-6

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Rams, 49ers Clash In Rivalry Tonight

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -- The National Football League, with a shortage of tight division races, offers what has become a traditional mismatch: the Los Angeles Rams vs. the San Francisco 49ers -- for tonight's national television audience.

are convinced their team is joined in the series. This will be the 50th Rams-49ers regular season meeting, and the Rams lead 30-17-2. Even while winning division titles, the Rams managed to lose three straight seasons (1971-73), the Rams managed to lose three straight seasons (1971-73), the Rams managed to lose three straight seasons (1971-73).

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