

Bulldogs conquer No. 1-ranked Worth, 21-10

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SYLVESTER — Going into Friday night's game against top-ranked Worth County High, Thomasville High Football Coach Mike Hodges said that if nothing else, the contest would show him what kind of defense he had.

Judging by the Bulldogs' 21-10 victory over the Rams, Hodges' defense is good enough to take his team as far as it wants to go.

The Bulldogs played an inspired game on defense, repeatedly stifling the three college prospects in the Rams' backfield. Linebacker Danny Smith is emerged as an imposing force in the middle. Ends Eric Curry and Gary Simmons gave sterling performances.

And defensive backs Tyrone Williams, Mark Fulch, and Shawn Austin swarmed around the ball in a gang-tackling effort.

Just as the Rams started a last-ditch drive to overcome Thomasville's 13-10 lead, with 4:50 left, another hero emerged.

Junior safetyman Michael Jones, the brother of the Bulldogs' star quarterback Shawn and a player in his first year of high school football, stifled the threat. Worth's quarterback, Kevin Proctor, threw long down the middle from just beyond his own 20, and with the huge home crowd going wild, Jones raced back, leaped high in the air, and snagged the overthrown aerial. Then using several blocks by his defensive

teammates, he returned the ball all the way back to the Worth County 13-yard line.

Not only did the interception put a halt to the potential Ram drive, it set up the Bulldog offense for a short touchdown drive, which they accomplished, but after some problems. Thomasville weathered three illegal procedure penalties and a quarterback sack before Eddie Coleman scored a phenomenal touchdown from 16 yards out, diving from the three, over two defenders and turning a three-quarter somersault before landing in the end zone to secure the victory.

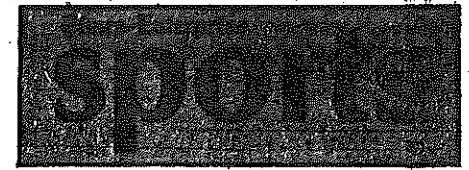
In fact, to the untrained eye, it may have seemed that Coleman was a one-man team Friday night in Sylvester.

The diminutive running back scored all three touchdowns in the 21-10 victory. Midway through the first quarter from the Ram 46-yard line, he slipped out of the backfield down the left side as the quarterback, Jones, retreated to his right before firing down the left side. Coleman caught the ball all alone at the 20 and walked into the end zone. Danny Smith's extra point gave the visitors a 7-0 lead.

Then at the beginning of the second quarter, Smith scratched the scoreboard with 1:17 left before halftime after putting together a 73-yard, 13-yard drive. Thirty of those yards came on a pass that the receiver had to retreat upfield for. The key play came on 3rd and 2 at the Bulldog 11. Fullback Calvin King ran off tackle left but was met by a wall of gangling Thomasville defenders. As he was going down for a loss, King desperately interlarded the ball back across the field in Proctor who then gained enough yardage for the first down. Halfback Benny Nelson later scored on a 1-yard plunge. But the Bulldogs still led 13-7 at the half.

Worth's only score in the second half came after a Thomasville fumble gave the Rams field position at the Bulldogs' 40-yard line. They drove down to the 12 where, on fourth-and-4, Proctor kicked a 26-yard field goal to make it 13-10 halftime.

On the Rams' next possession, having to punt again.



Williams saved a touchdown when King broke a long run up the middle and cut down the left sideline. Worth made three more first downs and were Please see Bulldogs, Page 2B

YARDSTICK

	THS	Worth
First downs	11	6
Running yards	176	100
Passing yards	81	24
Total yards	257	124
Plays	6-10	4-12
Interceptions	4	2
Fumbles lost	1	0
Punts	4-30	1-30
Puntouts	7-41	1-30

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Thomasville	7	0	0	4	21
Worth	0	0	0	10	10

SCORING PLAY

THS — Eddie Coleman 16 pass from Shawn Jones (Shawn Jones kick)	
THS — Calvin King 1 run (Benny Nelson kick)	
WC — Benny Nelson 1 run (Kevin Proctor kick)	
WC — Proctor 26 FG	
THS — Coleman 16 run (Kevin Nelson punt)	



Cairo's Charlie Hand (53) Leads Running Back Alfredo Addison (33) Around Right End

Cairo clobbers Brooks, 35-14

CAIRO — Cairo's Sympromakers evened their season record to 1-1 as they soundly defeated Brooks County's Trojans, 35-14, here Friday night in a non-region football contest.

On the "Makers first possession after kicking off to the Trojans, quarterback Darren Moore hit Darren Jones for a 30 yard pass for their first score, with Moore passing in Drew David for the two-point conversion.

Cairo's defense stopped the Trojans again to give the Sympromakers' good field position at midfield. The "Makers then drove down to the two yard line where Moore ran in on a quarterback keeper. Parrish David's kick was good.

In the second quarter Charlie Bowdrey went into the end zone with a two-yard run, capping a 51 yard drive in six plays. Parrish David's kick was good again.

With 1:54 left in first half, Brooks County traveled 60 yards with quarterback Fred Watts going in for the

YARDSTICK

	Brooks	Cairo
First downs	10	17
Running yards	81	170
Passing yards	106	163
Total yards	187	333
Plays	9-10	13-20
Interceptions	0	1
Fumbles lost	4	0
Punts	6-22	3-30
Puntouts	7-41	8-35

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Brooks County	0	0	0	14	14
Cairo	15	7	6	7	35

SCORING PLAYS

Cairo — Steve Jones 10 pass from Darren Moore (David kick)	
Cairo — Moore 30 run (David kick)	
Brooks — Bowdrey 3 run (David kick)	
Brooks — Watts 3 run (Lambert pass)	
Cairo — Garland 10 run (David kick)	
Cairo — Garland 10 run (David kick)	
Brooks — Watts 3 pass from Paul Jones (David kick)	
Final 3 yards to score, and Watts passed to Tim Lambert for the two point play. The halftime score had Cairo leading, 22-4.	
Cairo managed one score early in the	

third quarter, taking the kickoff and moving 67 yards in nine plays. Herman Garland went the final 6 yards to score but David's kick was wide.

The Sympromakers final score came in the fourth quarter as Garland took it in from the 3 yard line after a 91 yard drive. Parrish David was again on target for the extra point.

The Trojans' come back and went 74 yards in 7 plays with quarterback Jerry Paige connecting with Fred Watts on a eight yard pass for the TD. The run for the extra point failed.

Coach Tim Helms was pleased with the Sympromakers' excellent defensive efforts, and offensive unit's consistent performance.

"This was a good team win," said Helms, "and it was great to be able to play everyone, including all three quarterbacks — Michael Jordan, Jody Green and Moore."

The Sympromakers travel to Gordette next week to meet Crisp County.

From Staff Reports

MOULTON — The Central High Yellow Jackets jumped out to a 17-0 lead over the Colquitt County Packers and then held on to gain a 17-14 victory over their record to 1-0 for the season.

Quarterback Charlie Ward scored the first touchdown on a 9-yard run and then passed 13 yards to Steve Garland for the second touchdown of the first quarter. Andy Barker kicked both extra points and added a 24-yard field goal with six seconds left in the clock in the first half to take a 17-0 lead into the locker room at intermission.

The Packers came back to score with six seconds left in the third quarter on a 7-yard run by Bernard Howard and added another touchdown with just under 10 minutes to play when Marcus Ponder returned an interception 58 yards for a score.

"We moved the ball fairly well on offense, and I feel like our defense played pretty well throughout the ballgame, but those turnovers serve to even things out," Central coach Charlie Greene said. "We're just looking forward to an open week coming up so we

can get some folks over some injuries."

The Yellow Jackets suffered three interceptions and lost three fumbles while the Packers had but two turnovers. Central got 77 yards on 16 carries from Keith Christopher and tallied 203 yards rushing to just 48 for Colquitt County. Ward completed 10 of 19 passes on the night for 106 yards and the one touchdown. Garland caught six of those for 74 yards while Tommy Rainsiege snagged three for 77 yards.

Ward's 9-yard scoring run capped off a 7-play, 62-yard drive early in the first quarter. Garland's touchdown came on a crucial 4th-and-9 play which ended a 41-yard, 10-play drive.

And besides the six turnovers, the Yellow Jackets were guilty of drawing penalty penalties for a total of 65 yards.

Following the loss to Thomasville and now to Central, the Packers now drop to 1-2 on the year and have not begun play in Region I-AAAA yet.

Quarterback Ben Higgins completed

but seven of 21 passes for the Packers, and a multitude of runners could manage but 40 yards on a total of 23 carries.

YARDSTICK

	CHS	CC
First downs	34	7
Running yards	203	48
Passing yards	106	74
Total yards	309	122
Plays	10-19	7-17
Interceptions	3	1
Fumbles lost	3	1
Punts	3-48	6-38
Puntouts	4-38	4-40

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Central	17	0	0	17	17
Colquitt Co	0	0	7	7	14

SCORING PLAYS

CHS — Charlie Ward 1 run (Andy Barker kick)	
CHS — Steve Garland 13 pass from Ward (Barker kick)	
CHS — Barker 24 FG	
CC — Bernard Ponder 58 run (Chad Fitzgerald kick)	
CC — Marcus Ponder 66 interception return (Ponder kick)	

Pelham easily whips Randolph-Clay, 49-10

Pelham — Pelham speedster Gary Blines gathered in the opening kickoff from Randolph-Southern here Friday night, and raced 85 yards for a lightning quick touchdown before the crowd had settled comfortably in their seats.

The extra point try failed, but the ball from the blue was all the points the Hornets needed in easily subdue the visitors, 49-0, in the non-region football contest.

Blines romp to the end zone set the tone of the entire game as the Hornets scored in every quarter, taking a 21-0 lead to the dressing rooms at halftime and pouring on 20 more points in the final two quarters.

The Hornets simply outclassed the visitors from Cuthbert, dominating the line of scrimmage on both sides of the football. So complete was Pelham's domination the Hornets did not find it necessary to punt the ball a single time during the entire night.

Cliff Willis put the Hornets on the scoreboard again with 57 seconds left in the opening period, taking a 31-yard pass from quarterback David White for the score — but the PAT kick failed again.

With the second quarter barely under way, the Hornets scored again. This time Bruce Allen sacked the Randolph quarterback in the end zone for a safety, before Phillip Moore zipped in with 20 left in the period with 40 yards out for another Pelham TD.

John Godwin's kick was true, giving the Hornets their comfortable 21-0 halftime bulge.

Only 2:53 remained in the third period

YARDSTICK

	Ran Clay	Pelham
First downs	11	11
Running yards	80	273
Passing yards	23	0
Total yards	103	273
Plays	4-29	7-14
Interceptions	0	2
Fumbles lost	1	2
Punts	4-22	0-0
Puntouts	3-16	0-0

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Randolph-Clay	0	0	0	0	0
Pelham	12	9	17	11	49

SCORING PLAYS

Pel — Blines 85 run (Kick failed)	
Pel — White 31 pass from White (Kick failed)	
Pel — Allen sacked quarterback in end zone for safety (Kick failed)	
Pel — Moore 20 run (Kick failed)	
Pel — Burroughs 2 run (Kick failed)	
Pel — Hawkins 18 run (Kick failed)	
when White barreled in from four yards out for the next Pelham score, and Godwin again split the uprights for the PAT.	

Bernard Burroughs crashed in from the 2-yard line with 7:32 left in the final period for the Hornets' fifth touchdown of the night, and Godwin's kick was again good for the point after.

The final Pelham score came with 5:04 left in the game as Cheaps Hawkins scampered 15 yards for the TD. Godwin's string of successful PATs came to an end, however, giving the Hornets their final 41-0 margin.

The victory improved Pelham's record to 2-1 for the season, and the Hornets will travel to Donaldsonville next Friday to face Seminoles County in their first region contest of the year.

Brookwood gets mileage out of line

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The Brookwood School has foisted a football team which has rolled to a 1-0 record thus far in the 1987 season. Much of that success can be attributed to a triple option rushing offense which has averaged 272 yards per game on the ground.

In the Warriors' opening game, four different runners gained more than 100 yards apiece. In last week's 28-0 victory over Ravenwood, three different ballcarriers picked up at least 60 yards.

The Warriors are obviously getting an excellent line surge off the ball, and that fact is made more remarkable when it is pointed out that every one of Brookwood's starting offensive linemen from 1986 have departed.

"We are extremely young on the offensive line, and we don't have anyone starting now who played last year," Warrior Coach Boone Jones explained. "Up to this point, our line has performed very well this year. They're good about carrying out their assignments, and they really get after 'em. Even when they miss a block, they get downfield and try to hit somebody else. That aggressiveness is what we really like to have in our offensive linemen."

Brookwood has defeated Westbrook 40-0, Valwood 27-12, and won by the 25-0 margin. All are Class A schools. "It's good to win these games, but being a Class AA school with a larger student body, we're supposed to win those," Jones continued. "We'll find out just how good we are in the next three weeks when we face three Class AAA schools."

But you can bet that the young Warrior line will be in there plugging away.

Right tackle Shannon Whitman and tight end John O'Leary are the only seniors among the starters while the top two reserves, Wilson Brum and Max



Brookwood Line Coach David Grooms Gives Instructions To His Troops

to be agile enough to block the linebackers and to block downfield," Jones said. "Shannon's real good at executing those blocks."

"John is probably blocking better now than any tight end we've ever had here. He has consistently graded out at over 90 percent. And looking back over the last three games, a lot of our big plays have come when we run right up behind him. He's also got real good hands catching the ball, and we'll be looking to him more and more in the coming weeks."

"Shannon and John both provide us with a lot of leadership also, and that's important because we do have so many young guys on the line."

The two most youthful are center Nym Smith (200 pounds) and left tackle Ron Harrell (170), both sophomores

ball real well and excels at drive blocking the noseguard head up on him. "If Ben stays on the weight program and gets stronger, he ought to be one of the best football players we've ever had at Brookwood. He's one of those youngsters that loves the game, loves to practice, and isn't afraid of hard work."

The Warrior guards are both juniors. Neither Jerry Cox, the 160-pound right guard, nor Halsey Breshers (170 pounds) on the left side are exactly behemoths on the order of Paul Flunty or Hulk Hogan. But Jones points out that in the triple option offense, huge offensive linemen can pick up a house are not needed.

"For what we need them to perform, our linemen don't need to weigh more than 180 pounds or so. They do a lot of

they both trap block real well. They also do a good job blocking on our bootleg passes."

"Our guards are also important in establishing that fullback bell play which every triple option offense depends on. If the defense slows down our fullback, our offense is limited in what we're able to do. So we count on our guards to give us a good performance every time out."

Jones left his highest praise for the brains of the outfit.

"I should have said this right off. I wouldn't trade my line coach for any line coach in the state, public school or private school. David Grooms is a major reason for our success. He's been a part of our program for eight years now, and he just does an outstanding job, and the contributions he makes are invaluable."

Recreation department hires tennis instructor

The Thomasville Parks & Recreation Department has made a concerted effort to provide the most expert instruction in the game of tennis available for Thomasville and Thomas County.

International Tennis Academy in Bradenton, Fla. for two years and also at Alex Mayer's Camp in Hackettstown, New Jersey for two years. This past summer he spent as an instructor at Florida State's tennis camp.

Van Hargrave was the New Jersey state champion in the 16-and-under division