

Austin, Bulldogs subdue upstart Tornadoes, 24-0

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Monroe's Tornadoes blew into and out of town Friday night, but barely raised a breeze as Thomasville's defense destroyed the visitors, 24-0, at Veterans Memorial Stadium in the Region I-AAA West opener for both squads.

The Bulldog defense blocked a Sterling McClain punt which he picked up and ran for 21 yards to net the Tornadoes their only first down of the first half. Monroe's offense was otherwise non-existent.

Thomasville's second drive of the opening quarter saw the Bulldogs drive 67 yards in 11 plays using four punts and 30 seconds of the clock for their first score. Quarterback Charles Bostick kept the ball out of the wilderness and kept into the end zone with 16 seconds remaining in the opening stanza. Jerome Williams' PAT was good and Thomasville had an early 7-0 lead.

The big play of the drive was a



30-yard pass from Bostick to Jerome Williams, but the play was partially negated by a clipping penalty that left the Bulldogs with a 17-yard gain. Penalties plagued the Bulldogs most of the night, but head coach Mike Hodges attributed the penalties to the intense play of his charges.

The Dogs wasted little time scoring in the second quarter. Arrell Auvil blindfolded Monroe's quarterback Darryl Mingo in the end zone for a safety and the Bulldogs had increased their advantage to 9-0 with 10:52 left in the first half.

Thomasville took over and used 14 plays on the next possession to move to the Tornado 30, but following two penalties and four incomplete passes, Jerome Williams got off a long punt that flared on the Tornado two-yard line.

The green and gold Monroe offense could not move the pylon past the five-yard line after three plays, and when McClain dropped into punt formation, the Bulldogs swarmed in to block the punt. After the ball was knocked down and bounced around the end zone line, McClain picked it up and raced 21 yards for the Tornado

only first down of the half.

Three more plays could only muster six yards, and McClain was in punt formation again. This time Alex Mash blocked his punt around the 21-yard line and Austin picked it up and galloped into the end zone untouched. Bostick completed a pass to Curry for the two-point conversion and Thomasville held a commanding 17-0 lead with 1:22 left in the first half.

Thomasville's final score came with 3:55 left in the third quarter when Allen Williams belted through the middle of the Tornado defense for an 11-yard touchdown that capped a five play 30-yard drive. Jerome Williams' PAT made the final score 24-0.

Monroe had their most productive drive of the night in the fourth quarter as they moved from their own 37 down to the Thomasville two-yard line in 12 plays. The Tornadoes actually had four chances at scoring from inside the 10, but failed to convert on fourth-and-goal from the two when Mingo was nailed by Leonard Christian with a vicious hit at the line of scrimmage.

Allen Williams had another good rushing night as he carried the ball for 92 yards in 16 tries. Curry added 49 yards on six carries and Renardo Thomas picked up 14 yards on two attempts.

The Bulldogs added up 220 total yards to Monroe's 106. The Bostick to Jerome Williams passing attack failed to generate the yardage it has in the past, but the completion of 30 yards was picture perfect except for the clipping penalty.

The victory gives the 5-1 Bulldogs a 1-0 mark in sub region play, while Monroe slips to 0-1. Thomasville will host Lee County Friday night in a homecoming contest.

Yardstick

Thomasville	24	0	0	0
Monroe	0	0	0	0

SCORING PLAYS

Thomasville—Bostick 4 run (J. Williams kick)	7:00	
Thomasville—Austin 21 run (Bostick pass to Curry)	10:52	
Thomasville—A. Williams 11 run (J. Williams kick)	13:55	
Monroe	17:22	
First downs	24	11
Rushes-yards	26	34-181
Passing yards	44	39
Passes	4-11-0	2-11-1
Punts	8-2	4-21
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	5-40	8-67

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing—Thomasville, A. Williams 16-92; Curry 4-49; Monroe, Curley 12-28; McClain 1-21.
Passing—Thomasville, Bostick 2-11-1-39; Monroe, Mingo 2-6-0-21.
Receiving—Thomasville, J. Williams 1-28; Monroe, McClain 1-14.

Rams nip Syrupmakers, 8-7

From Staff Reporters

CAIRO — In a game thought by many to be an offensive showcase, it turned out to be just the opposite as defense was the name of this game.

With 31 seconds remaining in the first period, Worth County scored a touchdown and added a two-point conversion after being given a reprieve when a Cairo penalty negated a botched Ram PAT. This second chance propelled the No. 2 ranked Rams in a hard-fought 8-7 victory over the Syrupmakers Friday in the



Ralph Jones Drew David

Jody Green took a lateral and fired a 26-yard touchdown pass to quarterback Drew David. When Michael Sanders added the extra point, Ralph Jones' homestanding Syrupmakers had an early 7-0 advantage.

Reluctant to die, Worth County rallied right back with fullback Robert Toomer pulling the Rams to within a point at 7-6 on a four-yard run. Worth County's first PAT sailed wide to the right, but a Cairo off-sides penalty gave the Rams new life. This time Worth County would not miss, as Toomer ran in the two-point conversion. It would turn out to be the margin of victory.

The hard-hitting Syrupmaker defense limited the explosive Worth County offense to a mere 106 total yards in offense — 62 rushing and 104 passing. They also held the region's top rusher, Toomer, to a mere 71 yards on 25 carries.

Cairo, meanwhile, churned out 152 yards on the ground with Raymond Taylor gaining 73.

The 3-4 Syrupmakers are open next week before traveling to take on the Central Yellow Jackets the following Friday.



Syrup Bowl. Cairo struck first when split end

Yardstick

Worth Co.	8	0	0	0
Cairo	7	0	0	0

SCORING PLAYS

Cairo—Drew David 28 pass from Jody Green (Michael Sanders kick)	7:00	
Worth County—Robert Toomer 4 run (Toomer PAT)	10:52	
Worth Co.	13:55	
First downs	10	11
Rushes-yards	62	152
Passing yards	104	32
Passes	8-14-0	2-11-1
Punts	7-37	6-30
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	3-20	7-51

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing—Worth Co.—Robert Toomer 25-71; Cairo, Raymond Taylor 12-73; Herman Garland 12-32.
Passing—Worth Co.—Kawellis Lewis 8-14-0; Cairo, Jody Green 2-8.
Receiving—Worth Co.—Toomer 2-38.

Pelham mauls Macon County

From Staff Reporters

PELHAM — The Hornet juggernaut appears to be hitting full stride as Gene Cooksey's crew recorded



Stacey Frazier Gene Cooksey

der. This senior seaback rushed the ball five times for 110 yards and two touchdowns. He scored on runs of 10 and 92 yards to stake Pelham to a 13-0 halftime lead.

The Hornets exploited for 28 second-half points to move to 1-0 in sub-region play.

The hard-hitting Pelham defense is beginning to make a habit of shutting out opponents as they have now recorded their second shutout in the last 10 quarters. Anchoring this group has been the play of Stacey Frazier, who recorded 16 tackles to lead the Hornet defense.

The Hornets will be on the road next week in Edison to battle Calhoun County.

their fourth straight victory with a 41-0 pasting of the Macon County Bulldogs in Region I-A South play Friday night.

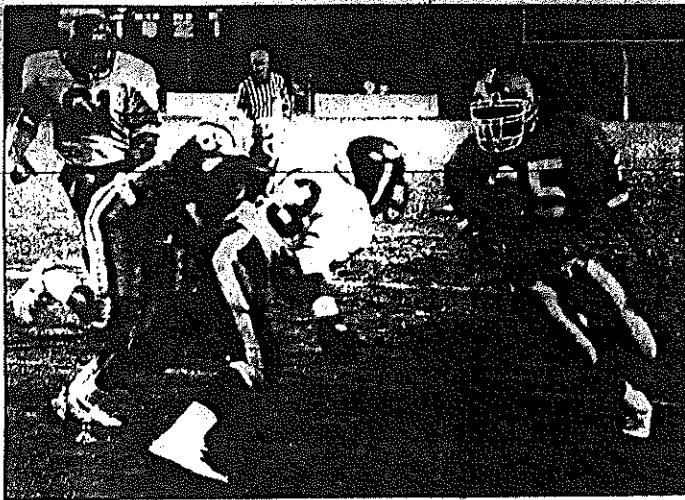
Speardending the Pelham ground assault, which churned out 296 yards, was fullback Reginald Alexan-

Yardstick

Macon County	0	0	0	0
Pelham	13	13	41	

SCORING PLAYS

Pelham—Reginald Alexander 10 run (Gene Alex kick)	7:00	
Pelham—Alexander 82 run (kick failed)	10:52	
Pelham—Bernard Burroughs 4 run (pass failed)	13:55	
Pelham—Norris Cumbley 14 run (Alex kick)	16:58	
Pelham—Kaneeth Jones 24 pass from Charles Wimbey	19:58	
Pelham—Alexander 66 run (Alex pass to Kaneeth Jones)	22:58	
First downs	12	12
Rushes-yards	153	106
Passing yards	32	68
Passes	8-21	3-4-0
Punts	2-28	1-29
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	6-30	3-40



Bulldog halfback Mathis Curry (right) fights for yardage as Brian Barnes blocks a Monroe defender.

Patriots surprise Jackets in sub-region clash, 22-13

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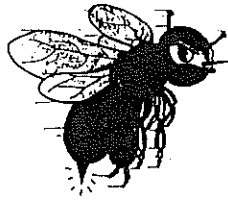
The Westover Patriots erupted for 22 first-half points and held on to defeat the Central Yellow Jackets, 22-13, in Region I-AAA East sub-region play Friday night at Hugh Mills Stadium. With the loss, Central has experienced in less than a week the high of upsetting the top-ranked team in Class AAA and the low of dropping their opening sub-region battle.

The 3-3 Patriots wasted little time in showing they came to play. Using a no-huddle offense in the entire first half, Westover's Houston veer offense chiseled their way through the Jacket defense for 217 total yards. The Westover ground assault, which churned out 124 yards in the first half, was paced by Marcel Gardner's 106 yards. This speedy back would finish with a game high 145 yards. Not to be outdone, quarterback Stan Davis threw for 93 of his 101 total yards to lead the Patriots' passing attack.

The Westover offense got on track on their second possession of the first quarter. With Gardner running for 49 yards and Davis passing for an additional 16, the Patriots marched 63



Tommy Ringo Brett Manning



yards in 10 plays to draw first blood. The scoring march was capped off on an 11-yard scoring run by Gardner. Using a bit of trickery, Westover capitalized with a two-point conversion when wide receiver Chris Hall took an option pitch and rammed into the end zone to make the score 8-0 with 3:56 to go in the quarter.

As well as the Patriots were playing in the opening half, the Jackets were just the opposite. Offensively, Central could only muster 94 yards total offense — 58 rushing, 36 passing.

The white-clad Jacket offense finally began to show signs of coming to life in their opening possession of the second quarter. After moving the pylon from the 20 to their own 18-yard line, disaster struck when Westover fullback Ken Savage stepped in front of an errant Yellow Jacket pass and returned it to the Central 37.

It didn't take the opportunistic Patriots long to capitalize on this golden opportunity. Three plays later Gardner had his second touchdown of the night. This one came from 24 yards out as the quarter Patriots had a surprising 14-0 lead.

Facing an uphill battle, Charlie Greene's 2-5 Jackets started the next drive on their own 30 yard line. In what appeared to be a character builder, Central marched 70 yards in 13 plays to slice the Westover lead to 14-0. Pressing this offensive surge was the calm leadership of quarterback Brett Manning. This senior passed for 18 yards and ran for an additional 33 more, including two crucial fourth down and short conversions to keep the drive alive.

The march was capped off when fullback Tommy Binger battered off left tackle for five yards and a touchdown with 1:01 remaining in the half.

Nobody ever said the new-look Patriots would be conservative on offense. With the tide of the game shifting into Central's corner, Davis launched a bomb down the right sideline that without Allen Wilcox raced under for a 72-yard scoring strike with only 15 seconds left before intermission. This score would prove to be too much for the scrappy Jackets to overcome, as the Patriots went into half time with a 22-6 lead.

Faced with the unenviable task of having to overcome a 16 point deficit, the Jacket offense was basically relegated to filling the air with whistles in the final half. Manning, who completed 15 of 38 passes, threw for a game-high 174 yards — 139 of which came in the final two quarters.

With Manning's left arm in constant motion, the Jackets got right back into the game by marching 83 yards in nine plays to cut the Patriots' lead to 22-13. On the drive, the sixth punter quarterbacked his first of seven passes for 78 yards, including a 24-yard touchdown pass to Ringo, who carried defenders with him the final five yards.

This would be as close as the Jackets would come, as their final hopes died when Quincy Washington picked off a Central pass at the Westover two with only 1:43 showing on the clock.

With the loss, the Jackets fell to 1-1 in the sub-region, while Westover improves to 2-0. While the loss severely damages Central's chances at post season play, it does not necessarily eliminate them. Central will try to get back on the winning track at home Friday against the Albany Indians.

Yardstick

Central	0	6	7	0-13
Westover	0	6	7	0-27

SCORING PLAYS

Westover—Marcel Gardner 11 run (Chris Hall kick)	7:00	
Westover—Gardner 28 run (kick failed)	10:52	
Central—Tommy Ringo 5 run (kick failed)	13:55	
Westover—Allen Wilcox 72 pass from Stan Davis (Adam Carroll pass from Quincy Washington)	16:58	
Central—Stan Davis 24 pass from Brett Manning (Kevin James kick)	19:58	
First downs	14	10
Rushes-yards	24-64	42-109
Passing yards	174	101
Passes	15-38-2	8-7-1
Punts	5-32	5-33
Fumbles-lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-yards	7-48	13-114

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing—Central—Manning 8-74; Range 10-21; Smith 4-8; Connor 1-6; Felton 1-3; Westover, Gardner 16-145; Washington 1-39; Kenyon 8-14; Davis 6-1.
Passing—Central—Manning 15-38-2-174; Westover, Davis 8-17-1-174.
Receiving—Central—Stanville 4-31; Connor 2-88; Range 3-41; Robert 1-18; Westover, Hall 2-14; Wilcox 1-72; Washington 1-7.

Giants-A's are centerstage in Bay Bridge World Series

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Now the Super Bowl players know how the Super Bowl players feel before the big game.

"It's been a lot of sitting around, doing nothing," Will Clark said. "Let's get on with it."

Finally, after the longest layoff ever between the playoffs and World Series, it's going to start at twilight, San Francisco's Oakland in Game 1 Saturday at 5:35 p.m. EDT.

"We've had four days off. The A's had one more. That's a lot of time," Giants manager Roger Craig said Friday during another of the daily work outs that have filled his days. "It's more time than I would've liked."

The Athletics and Giants are just paying the price for being so good. Each team has the playoffs in five games — the Athletics' National League Series



Kevin Mitchell Robby Thompson

coach Dave Duncan said. "There's no reason to be concerned because it's basically the same for both teams."

The delay has helped the Giants' injuries heal. But it also has given them more time to get in trouble.

Kevin Mitchell carried a six-inning

"Things happen," Mitchell said. "You just got to keep your head up. Now I know what Jose (Cano) has to go through."

Cano, the A's sometimes run inverted slugger, has kept a low profile recently. No fan cars or last quotes, just a bit of "Sier-oid's" chanting in Toronto.

The Athletics were healthy when they finished off the Blue Jays on Sunday. The Giants were banged up when they eliminated Chicago on Monday.

"It gave us a chance to get some people away from," Craig said. "Don Robinson will be able to start Game 3, last week, he couldn't go more than a couple of innings."

Robinson threw 75 pitches Friday in the Giants' only simulated game this week. Robinson, pitcher Mike

