

Sports on TV

Monday, Sept. 4
7 p.m. — Tennis, U.S. Open

8 p.m. — NCAA football, Tech at Navy, SportSouth
9 p.m. — NCAA football, Duke at Baylor, ESPN
10 p.m. — NCAA football, Duke at North Carolina, ABC
11 p.m. — MLB, Cardinals at Braves, FOX49
12 p.m. — NCAA football, Duke at Michigan, ABC
1 p.m. — NCAA football, Duke at Kentucky, Sport South
2 p.m. — NCAA football, Duke at Miami, WCTV
3 p.m. — NCAA football, Duke at Colorado State, South
4 p.m. — MLB, Braves at Braves, TBS
5 p.m. — NCAA football, Duke at North Carolina, ESPN

Sports briefs

Thomas College wins season opener

The Thomas College men's soccer team opened the 1999 season with an impressive 3-1 victory over Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla. on Thursday. Travis Mann, Luke Wooster, and Adrian Mitchell scored goals for the Night Hawks. The next game for Thomas College is today when they host Hart College at home.

Football registration

YMCA ends soon

YMCA football registration ends at noon Saturday. Registration is at the YMCA gym. The cost is \$35 plus helmet and pads (\$13). The leagues are Junior 12 and under, midgot 10 and under, and senior-olds must weigh less than 270 pounds, 9-year-olds must weigh less than 130 pounds and flag 7 and under. Participants are encouraged to arrive early to avoid long lines.

— Staff Reports

Defeated Ravens beat Giants, 28-24

BALTIMORE (AP) — Third-year quarterback Stoney Case threw a 37-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Stokley as time expired, and the Baltimore Ravens concluded an unbeaten season by beating the New York Giants 28-24 Friday. The Giants lost the game and started starting running back Corey Brown, who amassed 1,063 rushing yards last year, sustained a ligament in his left knee while being gang-tackled by New York's third offensive lineman of the game. Case went 12-for-20 for 196 yards and two scores for the Ravens (4-0), who have yet to lose under new coach Brian Billick.

Giants backup quarterback Kerry Collins played the final three quarters and went 12-for-21 for 166 yards and a touchdown that gave the Giants a 24-21 lead with 18:50 left.

San Francisco tops Pittsburgh, 12-2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jeff Kent hit his eighth career grand slam as the San Francisco Giants stretched their winning streak to seven games by beating the Pittsburgh Pirates 12-2.

THIS shocks Early County

Bulldogs stun fourth-ranked Bobcats, 16-0

By COREY CLARK
Times-Enterprise

BLAKELY — The Thomasville Bulldogs made a statement Friday night. The statement came in the dominating form of their 16-0 pounding of the No. 4 Early

County Bobcats in Blakely. Senior quarterback Antonio Ivey moved the THIS offense with ease and poise, while the Bulldogs defense did nothing short of play spectacular football. They held the Bobcats to 40 total yards rushing on 23 carries, and the Bobcat offense was so stifled that they never crossed midfield. Not once. "I knew we were going to play good defensively," THIS head coach Jack Johnson said. "On Tuesday and Wednesday, (our offense) couldn't do anything to them. And we put some pretty good players on defense."

Pretty good players who played great Friday night. The Bulldogs made it evident very early that this was not the same defense Early County manhandled a year ago for almost 450 yards rushing. On the first possession of the game, the Bobcats could only muster two yards on two runs and a pass and were forced to punt the football. After a 32-yard punt, Thomasville took over on its 43-yard line. Eight plays later, the Bulldog offense had turned their first drive of the season into a scoring one.

Senior Letywan Anderson rumbled in from five yards out to put the Bulldogs up 7-0. Ivey was responsible for two big plays during the 57-yard march. On third and 18 from the Bulldog 47, the quarterback connected with O.J. Walden for a 14-yard completion. Three plays later, Ivey kept the ball in a bootleg and sprinted 18 yards for a first down at the Early County five to set up the Anderson touchdown. The Bulldogs completely controlled both sides of the football in the first half.

On offense, Thomasville racked up a total of 150 yards, including 107 yards rushing. But even more impressive was the play of the Bulldog defense. Out of the first 10 rushing attempts, Early County had six of them lost yardage and two more were for no gain. The entire first half, the Bobcats managed only 51 total yards and one first down. After the half changed in the second half. The Bulldogs continued to move the ball, the Bobcats

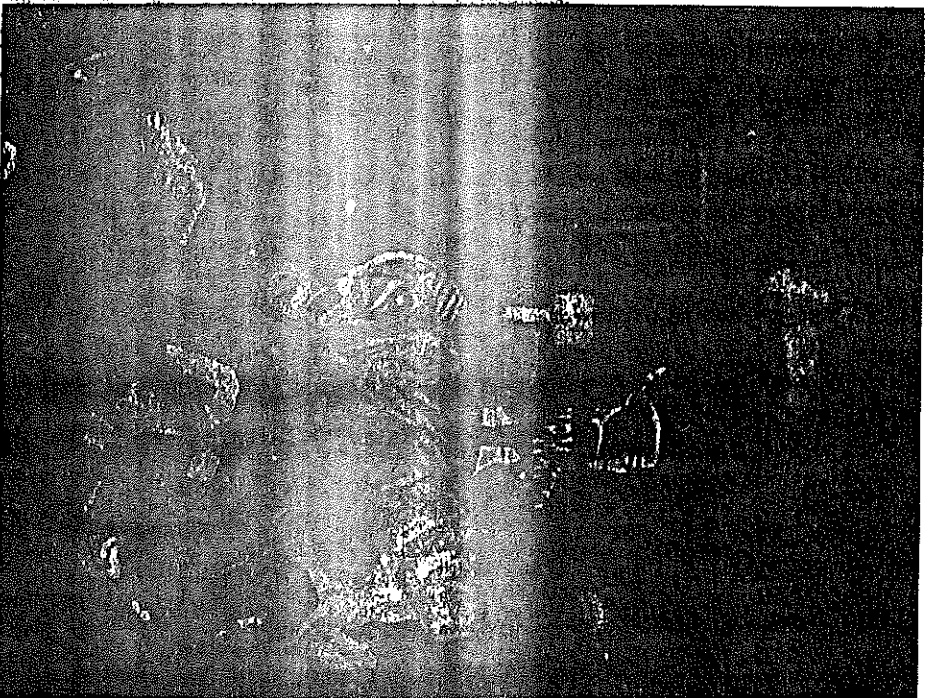
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Cairo wakes up, puts Salem to sleep

After slow start, No. 1 Makers romp, 43-7

By IRA SCHOFFEL
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THOMASVILLE — The Cairo Syrupmakers didn't make head coach Mike Hodges happy during Friday night's 43-7 pasting of visiting Salem High, but it's doubtful any of the Syrupmakers' faithful left disappointed. After a sluggish and often sloppy first half, the No. 1-ranked Syrupmakers overwhelmed the Semholes with a combination of speed, power and a 140-pound sparkplug named Roderick Frazier. In the second half alone, Frazier had a 33-yard touchdown reception, a 30-yard punt return that set up a touchdown and a 40-plus yard kick return that set up another TD. Frazier had two other punt returns for touchdowns that were called back due to penalties.



Kim DeWess/Times-Enterprise Cairo High quarterback Hensell Bearden sneaks across the goal line for the first of his two rushing touchdowns Friday night.

"We're making too many mental mistakes," Hodges said. "We made too many in the jamboree, and we made too many in the first half tonight. We're not good enough to overcome all the mental mistakes and missed assignments we're having." But Cairo was plenty good enough to handle Salem. The Syrupmakers rambled for 135 yards rushing on 31 carries, and they completed nine-of-12 passes for 145 more. And even though he was the most electrifying, Frazier was far from the only Cairo player to have an impact in the second half. Running back Roger James had three carries for 42 yards on one drive, capped off by a nine-yard touchdown run.

His partner in the backfield, Derald Hardy, accounted for 46 yards receiving and rushing in the second half, including a 21-yard touchdown reception. Quarterback Hensell Bearden completed all three of his second-half passes for 63 yards and two touchdowns. He also had a seven-yard scoring run — his second rushing touchdown of the night. "We had a little bit of a

revival at halftime," Hodges said. "I was pleased that the kids woke back up and played better in the second half." Despite the offensive heroics, Cairo's defense was the real difference in the second half. The Syrupmakers completely shut down Salem's misdirection offense, which had given them some trouble in the first half. After halftime, Salem gained just 16 yards on the ground and

20 yards in the air. The Syrupmakers had too many big plays on defense to mention, but the biggest highlights came from senior safety Alphonso Hopkins and senior defensive end Jeffery Green. Hopkins intercepted a Salem pass on the second play of the second half and returned it 28 yards for a touchdown. And Green sacked Salem quarterback Billy Buckner for a safety.

Though the second-half surge was nice, Hodges said his team's sluggish first-half play would have doomed them against a Region 1-AAA opponent. "We've got a chance to be a competitive football team," Hodges said. "But the players just need to realize what it's going to take to get there." To contact managing editor Ira Schoffel, call 728-3400, ext. 206.

New running back carries Valdosta past Westside, 27-7

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and zone. Senior cornerback Jason Williams came up big for the Cats with three

Brookwood rolls

