



Grand Finale

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Lexington Drops Conference Title To Albemarle

Wilson Tallies on Intercepted Pass
The Lexington Yellow Jackets completed their conference schedule November 22 by falling before the attack of the Albemarle Bulldogs 13-7 at Holt-Moffitt Field.

One of the largest crowds ever to witness a football game in Lexington saw the Bulldogs take the conference title away from a stubborn Lexington eleven. Albemarle, which has one of the strongest teams in the state, found the Lexington line hard to penetrate. Lexington played a fine defensive game, but its running and passing attack failed, and the local team scored only one touchdown when Wilson intercepted a pass.

A pep parade was staged before the game and everyone was enthusiastic with hopes of a conference title. Spirit ran high with both school and city fans.

Early in the first quarter of the game Albemarle took the ball and scored after Gibson and Thompson had gained 52 yards in several plays. Some feared the Bulldogs might massacre the Yellow Jackets after seeing this comparatively easy score, but the Yellow Jackets soon came to roost and did not want to be moved. Williams, Lexington's tailback, was injured and was unable to play for the rest of the game. Late in the second period Wilson intercepted a pass and buzzed 64 yards for Lexington's only score. The half ended with Lexington leading 7-6.

Neither team scored in the third quarter, but in the fourth Lefler tossed a short pass to Morris who went 30 yards down the side lines for Albemarle's last score. With this touchdown Albemarle became the South Piedmont Champions of 1946. The Yellow Jacket line played well, and Gibson did some fine running to pick up most of the yardage.

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Football Review

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After several years the Yellow Jackets finally came to life and showed what they could do. The Lexington High Football Team of 1946 has had a very successful season, having played in the finals of the South Piedmont Conference and being defeated only three times during the season. The Yellow Jackets ended up in third place in the conference, with Albemarle and Asheboro over them. Their record this season is six wins, two ties and three defeats.

The team has played a fine defensive game all season with only 67 points having been scored on them. At times the offense has slowed down; but most of the time the team went strong, with a total of 160 points against their opponents.

The first game of the season was one of the toughest. Lexington battled Salisbury to a scoreless tie. Asheboro came next and was a strong team, but fell before the Yellow Jackets 20 to 0. Children's Home, last year's conference champions, played a hard game and neither team was able to score. Lexington first tasted defeat when High Point managed to score 14 points to the Yellow Jackets' 7. Although Lexington came out on the short end of the score, she matched the Bisons play for play throughout the game. After this the Jackets buzzed easily over Barium Springs 25 to 0 and Monroe 46 to 0. Reidsville proved to be a rugged team but were trampled 19 to 0 by the local boys. Thomasville and Concord were both beaten by the same score, 12 to 7, and paved the way for the Albemarle game. The conference title was at stake, and the Bulldogs got a firm grip on the Yellow Jackets to crop the title 13 to 7. Henderson was able to gain a 26 to 12 score over Lexington in a post-season game to end the '46 season.

Paul Williams, "Chub" Wilson, Jimmy Johnson, Hubert Olive, and Stuart Brown are the only seniors on the squad, while the remainder will return for another year. Those returning are Pete Clark, Bensy Walser, Charles Price, Bill Blalock, Johnny Newell, "Stinky" Gibson, and Bill Eanes.

Lexington Downs Ancient Rivals, Thomasville, 12-7

The Lexington High eleven traveled to Finch Field in Thomasville to defeat the Bulldogs by a score of 12-7, Friday night, November 8. This game brought the Jackets out undefeated in the South Piedmont Conference up to date with Concord and Albemarle left to play.

Lexington received the oval in the start, and being unable to promote a successful drive, punted to the Bulldogs, who drove deep into Lexington territory aided by a fifteen yard penalty. "Tinker" Williams intercepted a Thomasville pass on his own 15 and ran it up to his 27. On the next play Gibson broke loose on an off-tackle play and ran the ball 5 yards for the first score. The conversion failed.

As the second period opened, Thomasville took to the air with the final pass going to Baity for the score. McCrary kicked the extra point. Lexington, taking the oval after the score, started a slashing offense which carried them to the Thomasville 30. With Eanes passing to Brown, in the end zone, Lexington made another score.

In the last half both teams ran up yardage but neither was able to score. Lexington and Thomasville both threatened in the last quarter.

The game ended with Lexington being the victor by a score of 12-7.

A large crowd of local fans accompanied the team over and furnished approximately as many visitors as the town of Thomasville produced for their home game.

Lexington Defeats Concord, 12-7

Lexington HI defeated Concord with some brilliant passing being displayed at the local stadium on Friday night, November 15. Eanes tossed the pigskin to Brown, Taylor, Gibson, and Cook in the final period, which brought the Jackets out victorious over the visiting Spiders.

In the first period the Lexington team stopped the Concord attacks and were unable to score.

Concord took the ball in the second and drove to mid-field and then to the half-yard line, where the Jackets held them till the half time was called.

Concord, receiving in the second half, was stopped deep in their own territory. Being unable to make a first down, Walser blocked the Spider's punt, when Newell latched on the oval and went over for a first score.

The try for the extra point failed. In the latter part of this period Benfield intercepted a Jacket pass on the visitor's 30 yard line. Concord aided by Miller's pass to Wade of 35 yards, drove to Jackets' one-yard line. Mabry drove over for the score. Mabry also ran the conversion and it was good.

With less than five minutes to play Lexington started their touchdown drive. From their own twenty-eight Eanes passed to Brown, Gibson and Taylor to the Concord ten, where Eanes passed to Cook, who went over for the final score.

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Lexington Drops Final Game of Season To Henderson

For the final game of the season the Lexington gridders traveled to Henderson on Thanksgiving afternoon and met a 26-12 defeat at the High School Stadium. The Lexington Squad spent the night in the Henderson gym and were given many pleasing social courtesies.

In the final portion of the first period Lexington had driven to the Henderson 12. In the opening of the second period Bill Cook went around left end for the first score. Eanes converted, but it was no good. Henderson brought the ball back with much vigor, and Allen tossed the pigskin 50 yards to Shepard, who went over for the score. Allen drop-kicked the extra point. Gibson, carrying the oval for the Jackets, stepped forty yards to set up the final score for the Jackets. McCrary carrying the ball went over for the score with a few minutes left in the first half. Eanes' kick hit the inside of the goal post. Henderson failed to gain after the kick, and Lexington took possession of the ball. Eanes' pass was intercepted by Dixon and then in the next play Allen passed to Williams for 34 yards and the tying score.

Neither team was able to score in the third, but early in the fourth Roberson went to the Lexington four, and then took the ball over. Lexington lost yardage after the kick and lost the ball on downs on their own four-yard line. On their last down, Allen drove over for the score, and then tossed the oval to Williams for the extra point, making the final score 26-12.

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