



### Muddy Battle Ends in Tie

George Walton Academy and Flint River Academy battled to a 14-14 tie at Woodbury Friday night in the mud. Jim Evans (42) carried

the ball around left end behind the blocking of Tony Groves (12), Brad Bradley (7) and Zelmo Peters (76). (Photo by S & S Studio, Monroe).

## GWA-Flint River in 14-14 Tie

(Special To The News)

The George Walton Academy Bulldogs traveled to Woodbury Friday to play the Flint River Wildcats. The homecoming game for the Wildcats was played under extremely adverse weather conditions which affected both teams in the 14 - 14 tie game.

The first quarter was all defense as neither team could score. The Bulldogs had one drive to the Flint River 10 yard line but a fumble ended the drive. The first quarter ended 0 - 0.

Midway of the second quarter the Wildcats drove to the Bulldog 2 yard line and on third down they fumbled into the end zone. Jimmy Rexrode recovered ball for 6 points. The two point conversion was successful when Bill Wilkinson passed to end Jim Keith. The half-time score was 8 - 0 in favor of the Wildcats.

With 7:31 on the clock in the 3rd period, the Wildcats faced a punting situation at the GWA 45 yard line. Todd Whitsitt blocked the kick and junior tackle Phil Breedlove picked the ball up. Thanks to a block by Randy Henderson, Breedlove traveled the 45 yards to the end zone for the

successful and the score remained 8 - 6 Wildcats. With 4 minutes left in the 3rd quarter, Bill Wilkinson passed to Bud Dennis for a 50 yard touchdown play. The extra point attempt was blocked and the score was 14 - 6.

With a little over six minutes left in the game, Flint River had a 3rd down and 2 at the Bulldog 2 yard line. On a quarterback option play, the quarterback was trapped in the

backfield and attempted a pass to his left end. Senior end Todd Whitsitt picked the pass off and traveled 98 yards for a touchdown. QB Bradley carried the ball off left tackle for 2 points to make the final score 14 - 14.

The Bulldog defense was led by linebacker Keith Henderson who had 24 tackles. Jim Evans and Jon Dial each had 20 tackles.

GWA's record is now 5 - 2 - 1. Coach Ronald Bradley's Bulldogs travel to Elberton next Friday night to play Samuel Elbert

Academy.

#### Bulldog Award Winners For The Week

Lineman of the Week - Todd Whitsitt - Receives a steak dinner  
 Covington Bonanza Back of the Week - Keith Henderson - Receives a Steak dinner  
 Covington Bonanza Player of the Week - Phil Breedlove - Receives game ball  
 Miss Spirit - Jeannie Morris and Lisa West - Receive a charm and Monroe Dairy Queen Treat.

# Evans Run Paces 8-6 GWA Win

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George Walton Academy traveled to Sandersville Friday night to take on the talented Brentwood football

team. The GWA Bulldogs left there with their third straight win. Midway of the first quarter the

Bulldogs faced a second down and seven at their own 24-yard line. Sophomore running back Jim Evans slanted off-tackle, made a good fake on the corner back and traveled 76 yards to the end zone. Tony Groves ran for the two-point conversion that made the score 8-0.

Due to outstanding defense by both teams, the score remained 8-0 at halftime.

Seven minutes into the third quarter Daryl Davis scored on a 20-yard pass from quarterback Keith Holmes. The conversion pass failed and at the end of the third quarter the Bulldogs led 8-6.

With a little over four minutes left in the game, Brad Bradley's 50 yard punt rolled out of bounds at the War Eagle 11-yard line. Brentwood drove the ball down the GWA 11-yard line, where two plays resulted in a loss of five yards. On third down, defensive back Tony Groves intercepted a pass to end the War Eagle hopes.

The Bulldog defense held Brentwood to 148 yards total offense. David McKissick had 20 tackles, and Todd Whitsitt and Jim Evans each had 15 tackles. Tackle Jon Dial recovered a fumble which was his fourth fumble recovery of the season.

Jim Evan's 76-yard touchdown was his fifth TD of the season. It was his third touchdown of 65 yards or more.

The Bulldogs play Rutledge Academy next Friday night in Rutledge.

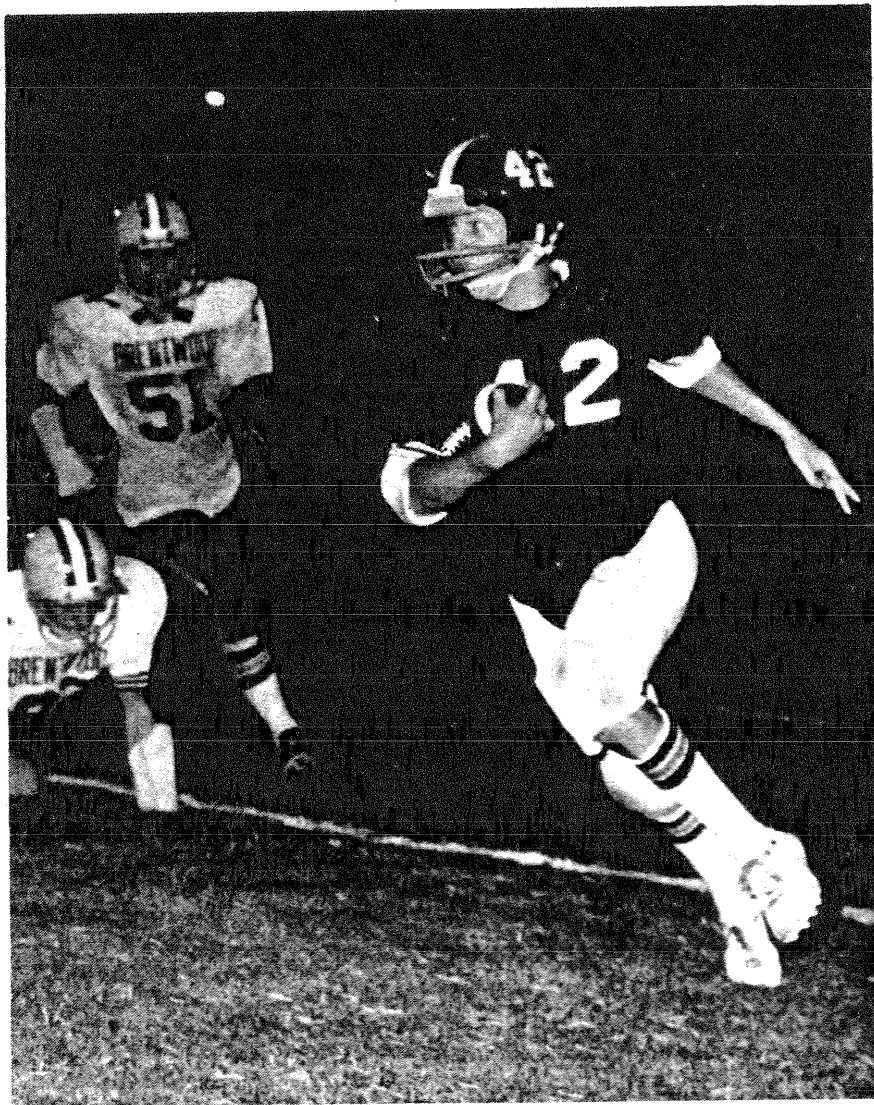
## GWA-Brentwood Award Winners

Lineman of the Week — Conner Gray — receives Covington Bonanza Steak dinner.

Back of the Week — Jim Evans — receives Covington Bonanza Steak dinner.

Player of the Week — David McKissick — receives game ball.

"Miss Spirit" Award — Jane McKissick.



## Evans' Run Wins Game

Jim Evans (42) of Covington, a halfback for the George Walton Academy team, Monroe, scored his team's only TD Friday night to beat the Brentwood team of Sandersville, 8-6. Evans' run was a 76-yard scamper.

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# Whitsitt's Thefts Leads

(Special to The News)

The George Walton Academy Bulldogs ended their first varsity football season with a 34-8 win over Rutledge Academy. The win gave the Bulldogs a 6-3-1 season in which all the games were played on the road.

The GWA boys scored 3:29 into the first quarter when Todd Whitsitt picked up a fumble and returned it 20 yards for the touchdown. Tony Groves ran off tackle on the 2-point conversion to make the score 8-0.

Late in the first quarter Whitsitt, playing his first season of football, intercepted a pass at the Raider 38 yard line. On second down and six, Brad Bradley passed to end Randy Henderson for 34 yards and a TD. Jim Evans run off tackle for the conversion made the score 16-0 in favor of the Bulldogs.

Early in the 2nd quarter Whitsitt recovered a fumble at the Rutledge 42-yard line. Four plays later Groves ran 25 yards for a touchdown. The pass for the extra point was not successful and the score remained 22-0.

GWA had a 52-yard drive later in the quarter with Evans scoring from the 2-yard line. Again, the pass for the conversion was incomplete. At the half the Bulldogs led 28-0.

Four minutes into the 3rd quarter William Parks scored from the 2-yard line for the Raiders' only touchdown. Ken Lewis passed to Ronnie Bowden for the 2-point conversion to make the score 28-8.

The last score of the game came with 4:41 left in the third quarter when Jim Evans ran 18 yards for the touchdown. The conversion was not successful and the third quarter score of 34-8 was still on the board at the end of the game.

The Bulldog offense was led by Groves' 110 yards in 19 carries, and Evans' 101 yards in 13 carries. Randy Henderson had 38 yards on two pass receptions.

The defense was led by Whitsitt who had two fumble recoveries, an intercepted pass, and 12 tackles. Linebacker Keith Henderson had 19 tackles and Evans had 17 tackles. It was the last game of their career for senior ends Randy Henderson and Todd Whitsitt, and tackle Jon Dial.

The final record of 6-3-1 was most impressive in that all GWA games were on the road this season. Next season Coach Ronald Bradley's Bulldogs will play their games in a new stadium that is to be constructed prior to the 1976 season.

## GWA Win

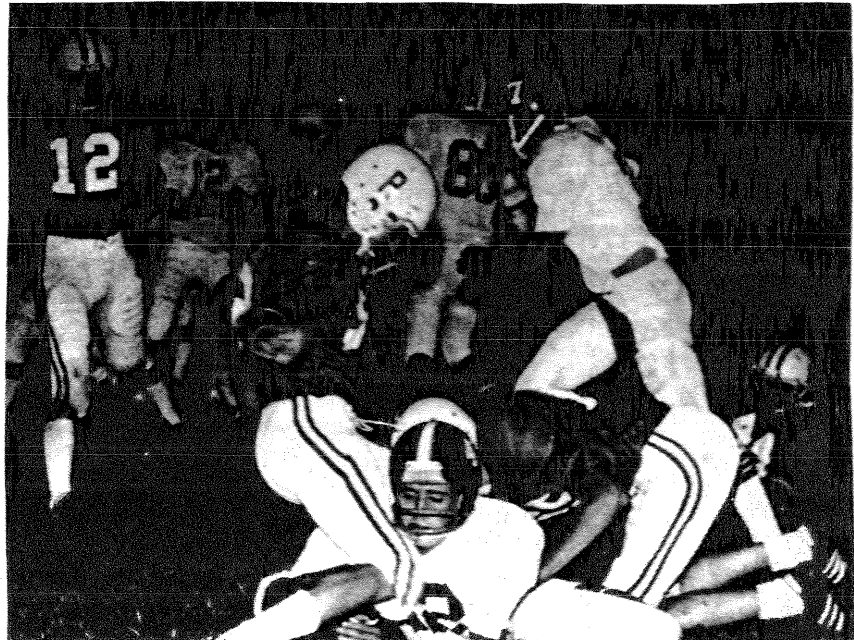
### GWA Award Winners

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Back of the Week - Tony Groves - receives Covington Bonanza Steak Dinner

Player of the Week - Conner Gray - receives game ball

Miss Spirit - Vera Johnson and Maria Morris - receives Monroe Dairy Queen Treat and charm.



Good Defense By GWA Bulldogs

George Walton Academy's Bulldogs ended the season with a 6-3-1 record. Friday night they trampled the Rutledge Academy team 34-8. GWA's defense had an important role in the win. Jim Evans (42), received some help from teammates Brad Bradley (7), Randy Henderson (80) and Tony Grives (12) on this play. (Special Photo)

# Bulldogs Honored

Dec 1975

## At Banquet

By Robin Wyatt  
Sports Editor

In early August, Todd Whitsitt happened to examine the field he was practicing football on at George Walton Academy and noticed that there were no goalposts. He asked Coach Ron Bradley about this singular omission for a football field. Well, the coach had already noticed the absence and had inquired about it. Not one to gloss over the facts, Coach Bradley told Todd straight out that the team had not been expected to score enough to need to

practice kicking. Someone was wrong.

They did score. They scored 200 points, enough to win six games and tie another while only losing three in their first year of varsity competition.

But the GWA athletic staff did not know that back in August. The Bulldogs felt that their major objective would be to play 10 games. In August, the team was down to nine players, hardly enough to play a full season. Their facilities were crude to say the least. Coach Bradley jokingly commented that they only showered on the days it rained. They had to travel to every game. But things began to look up and the situation is bright for next year.

The team picked up such players as Randy Henderson.

Henderson a basketball star, happened to be talking to the coach during the time the team was down to nine players. He told Bradley that he had not planned to play football but it looked like GWA needed him. Henderson now holds the record for the most interceptions by a GWA player in one game, three against Barnesville.

George Walton Academy now can boast of their new dressing rooms complete with showers and is looking forward to playing their games at home next year. The dressing rooms have individual cubicles, carpet, and a music system. GWA plans to have a stadium and football field complete by next season. Because all their games were away this year the Bulldogs are expecting to have their opponents come to them.

All this came to light at their Football Fans Appreciation Banquet, Thursday, December 11. The banquet was held at the GWA cafeteria and was the occasion of reflection on the season and recognition to those who participated.

Coach Bradley thanked those who had helped out the program through their volunteer efforts. Especially thanked was Luke Huff, president of the Booster Club. He was presented with a special trophy that signified how tall he stood in the eyes of the athletic department. And that is very tall.

The highlight of the evening was the surprise presentation to Coach Bradley and his wife and Coach and Mrs. Jay Milligan. GWA considered this gift long and thoughtfully and they came up with the perfect gift, a round trip to the Cotton Bowl. The trip includes flight tickets, game tickets, and reservations at the Statler Hilton. They will leave December 31 and return January 3.

Bradley will value his other gift as highly. His players presented him with a bench to go in his office. A plaque signifying their appreciation will be placed on it. A plaque was also presented Coach Milligan.

Headmaster David Wills, who was presented a letter jacket, made the presentation of the Most Valuable Player award. Todd Whitsitt, one of only three seniors, was elected by his teammates for this honor. Whitsitt had 13 receptions for 282 yards, scored seven touchdowns, had 29 tackles and 78 assists, intercepted three passes, returning one for 98 yards, and five fumble recoveries including one returned 20 yards for a touchdown. He also returned a blocked punt 63 yards. Whitsitt holds nine of the individual records set in

GWA's first varsity season. His performance is more remarkable when it is considered that he had not played football before on the high school level.

Best Offensive Player went to Jim Evans. Coach Jay Milligan made the presentation to this outstanding sophomore. For the season he rushed for 677 yards for a 5.2 average and led the team scoring with nine touchdowns and three two point conversions for a total of 60 points.

The team voted for two players to be named Best Defensive Player. The award went to David McKissick and Keith Henderson. Despite a hampering injury late in the year, McKissick averaged 13.2 tackles and assists for the season. Against John Hancock, he had 10 individual tackles and was in on 18 more. Keith Henderson averaged 14.7 tackles and had two interceptions, one returned for a touchdown.

The Best Effort award was presented to freshman Zelmo Peters. It was said at the presentation that Peters would be able to hunt bears with a stick by the time he is a senior. The young man stands 5'7" and weighs 180 pounds. As a freshman, he was in on 96 assists and was named Lineman of the week for the Beechwood Academy.

The Most Improved Award went to sophomore Connor Gray. Gray's statistics do not stand out because he did nothing wrong. He plays a position that is only noticed when he makes a mistake, center. Gray played it well and Coach Bradley is looking forward to having him back.

One he will not have back is Randy Henderson. Henderson could have won several of the playing awards with his impressive statistics. However, he was already receiving two honors, one for his scholarship and the other for his sportsmanship. He received the Golden Helmet award for best academic average and the Sportsmanship award.

The varsity players received letter jackets bearing the new GWA block letter and a football emblem to be pinned to the letter. The younger players who were ineligible received a plaque in honor of the effort they had put out in practice to help the team.

Statisticians Bee Carrollton, Tammy Harrison, and Pam McDonald received awards in appreciation of their service. Manager Bobby Cole was also honored.

Faye Thompson presented awards to cheerleaders Pam Briscoe, Cindy Dwyer, Cheryl Hearn, Mary Huff, Mignonne Jackson, Vera Johnson, Jane McKissick, Jeanie Morris, Maria Morris, Vicki Robison, Laura Watson, and Lisa



*JIM EVANS named best offense.*



*RANDY HENDERSON received two awards.*

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## GWA Coaches Given Bowl Trip

George Walton Academy football coaches were given a four-day trip to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas by the football team, cheerleaders and fans. From left: Coach and Mrs. Jay Milligan, Coach and

Mrs. Ronald Bradley and Gib Gray, athletic committee chairman. The coaches are holding the tickets presented them.



ZELMO PETERS



DAVID McKISSICK and Keith Henderson share defensive honors.



TODD WHITSITT receives MVP award and handshake from the Headmaster.



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